

Surge in migration pushes population past 41 million

Number of temporary residents rose in first quarter as Ottawa seeks to rein in growth

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The number of temporary residents in Canada swelled to 2.8 million in the first quarter, underscoring the challenge facing a federal government that is looking to restrict migration to the country.

Temporary residents – a group that includes international students, people here on work permits and asylum claimants – now comprise 6.8 per cent of the total population, up from 3.5 per cent two years ago, Statistics Canada reported on Wednesday.

Over all, the population grew by roughly 243,000 or 0.6 per cent during the first quarter, bringing the total to more than 41 million.

Canada is experiencing some of its fastest population growth in decades, fuelled almost entirely by immigration. The number of temporary residents has more than doubled over the past two years, raising concerns about Canada's ability to welcome so many people, particularly in housing markets with low supply.

Several polls indicate that a rising share of Canadians – who are largely supportive of strong immigration – think the recent

intake has been excessive, tying it to various economic troubles.

Now, the federal government is trying to curtail migration. In March, Ottawa announced that it would reduce temporary residents to 5 per cent of the total population over the next three years, setting targets on this group for the first time. The plans will be outlined in the fall, alongside the usual targets for permanent resident admissions. The growth of temporary residents is “far beyond what Canada has been able to absorb,” Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said at a news conference in April.

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Canada lists Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards as terrorist group

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Canada is designating the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, a branch of the Iranian armed forces, as a terrorist organization under this country's Criminal Code, Public Safety Minister Dominic LeBlanc announced.

This will affect the IRGC's ability to raise funds or own property and financial assets in Canada and will restrict entry into the country by those who have served in the organization.

Thousands of senior Iranian government officials are now banned from entering the country and those already inside Canada may be investigated and removed, Mr. LeBlanc said.

“This action sends a strong message that Canada will use all of the tools at its disposal to combat the terrorist entity of the IRGC,” Mr. LeBlanc said.

“The Iranian regime has consistently displayed disregard for human rights both inside and outside of Iran, as well as a willingness to destabilize the international rules-based order. Our government will ensure that there is no immunity for Iran's unlawful actions and its support of terrorism.”

■ **IRGC, A6**

Extreme heat linked to 668 excess deaths over 20 years, Statscan finds

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There were nearly 700 excess deaths linked to extreme heat events in Canada's largest cities in the first two decades of this century, according to a new Statistics Canada report released as much of Central and Eastern Canada sweats through the first major heat wave of the year.

Statscan analyzed deaths from non-accidental, cardiovascular and respiratory causes in a dozen major cities over 21 years and concluded that the risk of dying rose during scorching periods in most of them, particularly for senior citizens.

Montreal and Toronto experienced the most substantial mortality impact related to extreme heat, possibly because the two metropolises have higher proportions of renters than most other cities, and renters are less likely to have air conditioning, the report noted.

Vancouver and Surrey, B.C., had the fewest extreme heat events during the study period, but among the highest relative risk of excess deaths when temperatures soared.

“The thinking here goes that if you live in a place that has lots of extreme heat events that are pretty common every summer, then maybe you're acclimatized physiologically to the heat. Maybe you have adaptation resources in place, like air conditioning,” said Matthew Quick, a Statscan research analyst and author of the new study. “Whereas if extreme heat events are less common, then you don't necessarily have those characteristics.”

The report includes data from 2000 to 2020, before the deadly heat dome that killed 619 people in British Columbia in June of 2021.

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UNITED STATES



CELEBRATING FREEDOM

Participants in the Juneteenth People's Parade pose at the Lincoln Memorial steps in Washington on Wednesday. The federal holiday marks the day the last enslaved Black Americans learned they had been freed. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

Nigel Farage draws inspiration from Preston Manning in bid to overtake Conservatives in U.K. election

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Nigel Farage strode across the small stage to the thumping sound of Eminem's *Without Me* as spotlights swirled, fireworks flared and the crowd cheered.

The 800-seat Princes Theatre in Clacton-on-Sea, on England's southeast coast, was nearly full on a balmy Tuesday evening, and some supporters had waited in line for an hour to see their political hero.

“I just like him,” said Amanda Woods, who left work early to hear him speak. “He just says how it is.”

For the next hour, Mr. Farage regaled the

audience with his usual mix of self-deprecating humour and dire warnings about how excess immigration was ruining the country.

“I believe today the biggest single problem this country faces is the population explosion,” he told the crowd. “And I put it to you that our quality of life has diminished for every single one of us as a result of this population explosion.”

Mr. Farage, 60, has been a political agitator for nearly 30 years and famously led the charge to pull Britain out of the European Union. Now he's shaking up the current election campaign and posing a serious threat to the ruling Conservatives when voters head to the polls on July 4.

Until a couple of weeks ago, Mr. Farage

had been largely a fringe figure during elections, and none of his political parties – he's led three – had ever gained much traction with voters. He quit front-line politics in 2020 after Britain formally left the EU and turned his attention to broadcasting, taking on big banks and championing Donald Trump.

When Prime Minister Rishi Sunak called an early election last month, Mr. Farage initially said he wouldn't run. He changed his mind a few days later and took over the helm of Reform UK, a party he co-founded three years ago. He also announced plans to run in Clacton, a riding that overwhelmingly supported Brexit in the 2016 referendum on Britain's EU membership.

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VICTORIA BECOMES QUEEN

From a slip of girl to a po-faced matron in widow's weeds, Alexandrina Victoria reigned for 63 years. Born in 1819, four years after Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo, Victoria was fifth in line of succession and only became Queen because her father died when she was a baby and his three older brothers all expired without legitimate heirs. Yet her rule was unprecedented. She presided over a

burgeoning Industrial Revolution and the acceleration of British hegemony in a vast military, economic and social empire stretching over five continents – where it could truly be said the sun never set. That world was smashed to bits in the trenches of northern France and Flanders in the First World War, but the Victorian Age had already begun to decline by the old Queen's death in 1901. SANDRA MARTIN (2013)

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Federally funded contraceptives, diabetes medications to be available by April, 2025

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Federally funded contraceptive and diabetes medications will be made available to Canadians by April next year, the Health Minister says, marking the first time Ottawa has set a timeline for the launch of a national pharmacare program.

In February, Mark Holland put forward the Pharmacare Act, and the House of Commons passed the legislation on June 3. The bill is now in the Senate, where a committee will study it before holding a final vote that is expected this fall.

"My objective is to see every province, every territory – by April 1 of next year – see these drugs flowing. That's my goal," Mr. Holland said Wednesday on Parliament Hill.

The bill was the result of protracted talks between the federal NDP and the Liberals. Pharmacare is a key part of the supply-and-confidence agreement between the two parties.

The legislation says the minister may – if an agreement has been reached to do so – make payments to a province or territory in order to increase any existing public pharmacare coverage, as well as to provide "universal single-payer" coverage for specific prescription drugs and related products intended for contraception or the treatment of diabetes.

Senator Kim Pate, a member of the Independent Senators Group, is urging her chamber to pass the bill as an "urgent priority" and deliver on a long-awaited pharmacare program.

Mr. Holland said officials are discussing how to create agreements and to ensure deals can be signed immediately after the bill becomes law to allow for drugs to be rolled out.



The federal budget allots \$121-million for a national pharmacare program next year, which ramps up to \$358-million in 2026-27 and then \$477-million the following year. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP House Leader Peter Julian, said his party believes summer is the time to put all conditions in place to move ahead once the bill becomes law. He said lives could be saved with pharmacare.

The federal budget tabled in April, though, shows that the Liberals were only expecting the majority of the spending in the pharmacare program to roll out in 2026, rather than 2025.

The budget only allots \$121-million for the program next year. In 2026-27, that ramps up to \$358-million, followed by \$477-million for each of the two subsequent years.

Prince Edward Island's Department of Health and Wellness said Wednesday that it is interested in taking part in the national pharmacare program, while Nova Scotia said it is still seeking additional information. Saskatchewan's Health Ministry said it looks forward to understanding if and how a pharmacare program could enhance existing drug benefits.

Alberta Health Minister Adriana LaGrange said her province wants to work with Ottawa to en-

hance its existing program that already covers drugs including contraceptive medications and different diabetes drugs. Quebec says it will exercise its right to withdraw from the pharmacare plan.

Hannah Jensen, a spokesperson for Ontario Health Minister Sylvia Jones, said the province looks forward to further conversations with Ottawa.

B.C. Health Minister Adrian Dix said in an interview that his province has all of the information it needs, that it has teams in place and that "we're ready to go the second the federal government wants to come to the table." Last year, the province had become the first to cover prescription contraception.

Emily Coutts, a spokesperson for Manitoba Health Minister Uzoma Asagwara, said the province is keen to see details of the federal program but plans to move ahead "regardless of a federal timeline." The Manitoba government had announced a universal birth-control program last fall.

Abusing contract system is unacceptable: PM

Trudeau's remark comes after Poilievre asks whether he would co-operate with the RCMP investigation into federal contracting

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said allegations of abuse in federal contracting are unacceptable after the RCMP revealed this week that it has many criminal investigations under way into government procurement.

RCMP Commissioner Mike Duheme and Deputy Commissioner Mark Flynn told a parliamentary

committee earlier this week that more than half a dozen investigations are looking into federal contracting.

The RCMP leadership said one investigation is focused on contracting related to the government's ArriveCan app for cross-border travellers. However, the force declined to list all of the other investigations, saying that doing so could put at risk the integrity of that police work.

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre raised the comments Wednesday in Question Period.

"Will the Prime Minister promise to personally co-operate with this criminal investigation so that Canadians can know where their money went?" he asked.

"This situation is obviously unacceptable, which is why authorities are looking into the procurement process," Mr. Trudeau re-

plied. "Anyone who took advantage of our COVID responses to save Canadian lives should face consequences. All federal contracts with these companies have been suspended as the investigations continue."

The RCMP did not say which individuals or companies are under investigation. However, the police did say in April that they searched the Ottawa-area home of Kristian Firth, managing partner of GCStrategies, the two-person company that was the primary contractor on ArriveCan.

Auditor-General Karen Hogan's February report on ArriveCan said about \$59.5-million was spent on outside contractors to build and maintain the app, with \$19.1-million going to GCStrategies, a figure the company disputes.

The federal government an-

nounced earlier this year that it has suspended all federal contracts with GCStrategies, as well as two other contractors that worked on ArriveCan, Dalian Enterprises and Coradix Technology Consulting.

Beyond ArriveCan, federal records show the three companies combined have received hundreds of federal contracts worth more than \$1-billion over the past 13 years.

Ms. Hogan's report also expressed concern with the lack of documentation around how the Canada Border Services Agency selected GCStrategies for ArriveCan and a larger contract that followed.

The report said GCStrategies was directly involved in setting narrow terms for a \$25-million contract it ultimately won.

While the contract was award-

ed through a competitive process, GCStrategies was the only company to submit a proposal.

"Some of the requirements or eligibility criteria were extremely narrow, which likely prevented competition," the Auditor-General's report said.

After Mr. Firth declined to answer committee questions about that finding in the report, the House of Commons took the highly unusual step in April of calling him to the bar of the House of Commons to be found in contempt of Parliament. He was also asked questions by MPs in the Commons chamber, including to comment on the report's finding.

Mr. Firth told the House of Commons that he put forward three suggestions during the process and said he does not believe he placed himself in a conflict of interest.



Volunteers drop off water at a Toronto respite site on Wednesday as the city experiences a heat wave. In the first two decades of this century, Toronto and Montreal saw the most substantial mortality impact related to extreme heat, according to a new Statistics Canada report. COLE BURSTON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

How the East is handling the heat

ERIC ANDREW-GEE

It felt like 45 C in parts of Canada on Wednesday as a punishing heat wave continued to roll across Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces.

Authorities are warning residents to take precautions and offering extra services to soften the impact of soaring temperatures that are expected to last until Friday.

New studies have illustrated the deadly toll of extreme heat in Canadian cities, especially Toronto and Montreal, where hundreds have died in recent years because of high temperatures.

Environment Canada says daytime highs are expected to hit 30 C to 35 C, with the humidex making it feel closer to 45 C in some areas. Overnight temperatures are expected to stay above 20 C until Friday night.

Toronto and Ottawa have both extended hours at certain outdoor pools until Thursday. In Montreal, public buildings, including libraries and cultural centres, are also open longer than usual to provide escape from the heat. The city has also opened many outdoor swimming pools early in response to the heat wave.

Quebec's Health Department is recommending people spend at least two hours a day in an air-conditioned space, take at least one cool shower or bath a day, and limit physical activity.

Environment Canada is also reminding people to check on loved ones, especially those who are disabled, mentally ill or living alone.

Such a severe heat wave is rare this early in June, the agency said in a briefing for reporters on Wednesday. The heat wave has already broken some temperature records, and could break more. In Montreal, for example, the highest recorded June temperature is 35 C, a record set in 1964. On Wednesday, the city was expected to reach 34 C.

A retirement home in a Montreal suburb was without power for air conditioning on Wednesday morning because of scheduled maintenance by the provincial utility, a situation that caused "anxiety" among staff and residents.

Hydro-Québec spokesperson Jonathan Laporte said the network maintenance in Pointe-Claire, Que., could not be postponed without risking longer-term outages. That left 1,600 clients without power from about 7 a.m. to just after 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Mr. Laporte said the utility contacted Chartwell Le Wellesley, the retirement home, on Monday to co-ordinate the planned outage. Hydro-Québec delivered a generator to the home Wednesday morning to use in case the outage lasted longer than expected and mobilized extra staff to ensure the work happened faster, Mr. Laporte added.

A new study from Quebec's national research centre shows that high temperatures in Quebec are associated with 470 deaths, 225 hospitalizations and 36,000 emergency-room visits each summer.

"I think that this really provides a solid argument to say that we need to put measures in place to reduce this burden, which is going to be greater and greater," said the study's main author, Jérémie Boudreault, with Institut national de la recherche scientifique.

A new Statistics Canada report, meanwhile, concludes that extreme heat events caused 700 excess deaths in the country's biggest cities in the first two decades of this century. The toll was steepest in Toronto and Montreal, possibly because they have more renters who may not have air conditioning.

With reports from Kelly Grant and The Canadian Press

Deaths: Statscan report may be underestimating heat-related mortality, B.C. official says

■ FROM A1

Stepping back to examine national averages over a two-decade time horizon produced some counterintuitive results. Statscan found that the average longer-term impact of extreme heat events on mortality was "considerably smaller than those previously estimated from analyses of single events."

One possible explanation, the report noted, is that earlier studies focused on catastrophic heat waves that were known to be quite deadly, whereas the new analysis looked at all extreme heat events in a 21-year period, some of which caused little or no excess mortality.

Sarah Henderson, the scientific director of Environmental Health Services at the BC Centre for Disease Control, said she is concerned the Statscan report may be underestimating heat-related mortality.

She pointed out that limiting the analysis to non-accidental deaths excludes cases where heatstroke was explicitly listed as the cause of death. Those deaths are considered accidental in the Canadian Vital Statistics death database, which Statscan main-

tains and used in the new analysis.

"This study confirms that there is an increase in non-accidental mortality on hot days and that is not surprising," Dr. Henderson said. "I think the conclusion that the increase might not be as large as we expect it to be needs to be questioned."

Figuring out when to attribute deaths to extreme heat is a challenge because those who die during heat waves often have multiple underlying illnesses that contribute to their deaths.

The code that denotes a death caused solely by excessive natural heat is rarely used, according to previous research by Dr. Henderson and her colleagues. One of their papers notes that, according to Canadian national vital statistics data, an average of only 16 deaths a year are coded that way.

Different approaches to classifying and counting heat-related deaths can yield different estimates. For example, Quebec researchers published a separate study on Wednesday estimating that heat is linked to 470 deaths and 225 hospital admissions in that province alone every summer.

The Statscan report examined death data from the 12 Canadian cities with populations greater than 500,000 in the 2021 census: Toronto; Montreal; Calgary; Ottawa; Edmonton; Winnipeg; Mississauga; Vancouver; Brampton, Ont.; Hamilton; Surrey, B.C.; and Quebec City.

It concluded that, across all the cities, there were approximately 668 excess non-accidental deaths, including 115 excess cardiovascular deaths and 114 excess respiratory deaths during periods that met the Environment Canada definition for an extreme heat event - which differs from place to place.

Regardless of how deaths are attributed, doctors agree that high temperatures pose serious health risks, particularly to the elderly, the very young and people with certain chronic diseases.

"We need to take temperature seriously," said Anna Gunz, a pediatrician, associate professor at Western University and medical director of the Children's Environmental Health Clinic of Ontario. "We need to make sure that we are finding ways to keep cool at a population level and finding ways to make sure that there's equity in terms of cooling."

Hundreds die from high temperatures during Muslim pilgrimage, reports say

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Hundreds of visitors have died during the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca amid scorching heat, according to press reports and foreign ministries.

At least 550 people have died on hajj, diplomats told French outlet Agence France-Presse (AFP) on Tuesday. Citing two Arab diplomats, AFP reported that 323 of the dead were Egyptians, most of whom perished owing to heat-related illness.

Reuters was not able to immediately verify those numbers.

Stampedes, tent fires and other accidents have caused hundreds of deaths during hajj to Saudi Arabia in the past 30 years. The pilgrimage began on Friday. Saudi state TV said temperatures rose on Monday as high as 51.8 C in the shade at the Grand Mosque in Mecca.

A 2024 study by the Journal of Travel and Medicine found that



A member of the Saudi forces helps a man suffering from the heat on Sunday in Mina, near Mecca, during the Muslim pilgrimage of hajj. FADEL SENNA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

rising global temperatures may outpace strategies to deal with the heat. A 2019 study by Geophysical Research Letters said that as temperatures rise in arid

Saudi Arabia owing to climate change, pilgrims performing hajj will face "extreme danger."

Thirty-five Tunisian citizens have died during the hajj, Tun-

sian news agency Tunis Afrique Presse said on Tuesday.

Many of those deaths were owing to extreme heat, family members said on social media, as other families continued to search for missing relatives in Saudi hospitals.

The Jordanian Foreign Ministry said it had issued 41 burial permits for Jordanian pilgrims on Tuesday. Earlier, the ministry said at least six Jordanian citizens died of heat stroke during the hajj.

Eleven Iranians have died and 24 were hospitalized during the pilgrimage, Iranian state news outlet IRINN said on Tuesday without giving the causes of death.

Three Senegalese citizens also died during hajj, Agence de Presse Sénégalaise said on Monday.

Indonesian Health Ministry data showed on Tuesday that 144 Indonesian citizens died during the pilgrimage. The data did not specify if any of the deaths were

because of heat stroke.

The hajj is an annual pilgrimage that millions of Muslims make to Mecca to perform religious rites as taught by the Prophet Muhammad to his followers 14 centuries ago.

A Saudi health official, speaking to Reuters on Monday, before many of the reports of deaths were issued, said that authorities had not noticed any unusual fatalities among Muslim pilgrims amid the extremely high temperatures.

The ministry had so far treated more than 2,700 pilgrims who suffered from heat-related illness, he added.

Hajj, one of the largest mass gatherings in the world, is a once-in-a-lifetime duty for able-bodied Muslims who can afford it. It ended on Wednesday.

More than 1.8 million pilgrims were expected to take part this year, according to the Saudi General Authority for Statistics.

REUTERS

Russia and North Korea sign defence deal

Partnership includes a vow of mutual aid if either country faces 'aggression'

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Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un signed an agreement Wednesday that pledges mutual aid if either country faces "aggression," a strategic pact that comes as both face escalating standoffs with the West.

Details of the deal were not immediately clear, but it could mark the strongest connection between Moscow and Pyongyang since the end of the Cold War. Both leaders described it as a major upgrade of their relations, covering security, trade, investment, cultural and humanitarian ties.

The summit came as Mr. Putin visited North Korea for the first time in 24 years and the U.S. and its allies expressed growing concerns over a possible arms arrangement in which Pyongyang provides Moscow with badly needed munitions for its war in Ukraine, in exchange for economic assistance and technology transfers that could enhance the threat posed by Mr. Kim's nuclear weapons and missile program.

Mr. Kim said the two countries had a "fiery friendship," and that the deal was their "strongest ever treaty," putting the relationship at the level of an alliance. He

vowed full support for Russia's war in Ukraine.

Mr. Putin called it a "breakthrough document" reflecting shared desires to move relations to a higher level.

North Korea and the former Soviet Union signed a treaty in 1961 that experts say necessitated Moscow's military intervention if the North came under attack. The deal was discarded after the collapse of the USSR, replaced by one in 2000 that offered weaker security assurances. It wasn't immediately clear if the new deal provides a similar level of protection as the 1961 treaty.

Mr. Kim met Mr. Putin at the airport, where the two shook hands, hugged twice and rode together in a limousine. The huge motorcade rolled through the capital's brightly lit streets, where buildings were decorated with giant Russian flags and portraits of Putin.

After spending the night at a state guest house, Mr. Putin was welcomed Wednesday morning in a ceremony at the city's main square, filled with what appeared to be tens of thousands of spectators, including children with balloons and people in coordinated T-shirts of the red, white and blue national colours of both countries. Crowds lining the streets chanted "Welcome Putin," and waved flowers and flags.

Mr. Putin and Mr. Kim saluted an honour guard and walked across a red carpet. Mr. Kim introduced key members of his leadership, including Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui, top aide

and ruling party secretary Jo Yong Won and the leader's powerful sister, Kim Yo Jong.

At their talks, Mr. Putin thanked Mr. Kim for North Korea's support in Ukraine, part of what he said was a "fight against the imperialist hegemonic policies of the U.S. and its satellites against the Russian Federation."

What kind of support was pledged in the agreement was not spelled out. Explanations of the agreement by Mr. Putin and Mr. Kim did not specify what the "mutual assistance" would be in the event of aggression against either country — troops, materiel or some other kind of support.

North Korea is under heavy UN Security Council sanctions over its weapons program, while Russia also faces sanctions by the U.S. and its Western partners over its invasion of Ukraine.

U.S. and South Korean officials accuse the North of providing Russia with artillery, missiles and other military equipment for use in Ukraine, possibly in return for key military technologies and aid. On Tuesday, a U.S. State Department spokesman said that in recent months, Washington has seen North Korea "unlawfully transfer dozens of ballistic missiles and over 11,000 containers of munitions to aid Russia's war effort."

Both Pyongyang and Moscow deny accusations of weapons transfers, which would violate multiple UN Security Council sanctions that Russia previously endorsed.

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PUTIN ARRIVES IN VIETNAM FOR STATE VISIT

Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in Vietnam early on Thursday for talks with the country's Communist leaders on the final stop of his two-nation tour of Asia after concluding a defence pact with North Korea.

Mr. Putin's aircraft touched down at Hanoi's airport, where he was met on a red carpet by Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Tran Hong Ha and top party diplomat Le Hoai Trung.

In an opinion piece timed for his visit, Mr. Putin applauded the Southeast Asian Communist-ruled country for supporting "a pragmatic way to solve the crisis" in Ukraine.

Vietnam, which officially pursues a neutral foreign policy it calls "bamboo diplomacy" in its relations with world powers, has abstained from condemning Russia's attack on Ukraine, a stance that Western countries view as too close to the Kremlin.

As well as praising Vietnam for its "balanced" stance on the Ukraine war, Mr. Putin listed progress on payments, energy and trade between the countries in the article published in Vietnam's Communist Party newspaper Nhan Dan.

Although both North Korea and Russia face international isolation, Vietnam has built careful alliances with the United States and the European Union.

"President Putin's visit to

North Korea and Vietnam is to demonstrate that Western attempts to isolate Russia are not working and that Russia has partners in Asia," said Carl Thayer, an expert on Vietnam security at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra.

Russia was hit with U.S.-led Western sanctions after it invaded Ukraine in February, 2022, in what Moscow calls a "special military operation." In March, 2023, the Hague-based International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Mr. Putin over alleged war crimes in Ukraine, charges he denies.

Neither Vietnam nor Russia are members of the ICC.

The Southeast Asian country will be the third nation Mr. Putin has visited, after China and North Korea, since he was sworn in for a fifth term in May.

Vietnam has been gearing up for a full state welcome for Mr. Putin, his first visit since 2017 and his fifth in total.

Mr. Putin is due to meet Communist Party leader Nguyen Phu Trong, state President To Lam and Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh. Mr. Putin will also attend wreath laying ceremonies, including at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, housing the embalmed corpse of Vietnam's founding leader.

REUTERS



Palestinians run from bombardment in Rafah on Wednesday. BASHAR TALEB/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Israeli tanks push deeper into Rafah, backed by warplanes, drones

NIDAL AL-MUGHRABI CAIRO

Israeli tanks backed by warplanes and drones advanced deeper into the western part of the Gaza Strip city of Rafah on Wednesday, killing eight people, according to residents and Palestinian medics.

Residents said the tanks moved into five neighbourhoods after midnight. Heavy shelling and gunfire hit the tents of displaced families in the Al-Mawasi area, further to the west of the coastal enclave, they said.

Some eight months into the war, there has been no sign of let-up in the fighting as efforts by international mediators, backed by the United States, have failed to persuade Israel and Hamas to agree to a ceasefire.

Twelve Palestinians were also killed in an Israeli strike that hit a group of citizens and merchants in the south of the Gaza Strip, medical sources told Reuters on Wednesday.

The people were hit as they waited for convoys of aid trucks carrying goods through the Kerem Shalom crossing in Salahuddin Road northeast of Rafah, the sources added.

Israeli forces have laid waste to much of Gaza and seized most of the Palestinian territory but have yet to achieve Israel's stated goal of wiping out Hamas and freeing Israeli hostages.

Medics and Hamas media said eight Palestinians were killed in Al-Mawasi and many families fled north in panic. They did not identify the fatalities, and the Israeli military said it was looking into the report.

Residents said Israeli army forces blew up several homes in western Rafah, which had

sheltered over half of Gaza's 2.3 million people before last month, when Israel began its ground offensive and forced most of the population to head northward.

Some United Nations and Palestinian figures put those who remained at under 100,000 people.

"Another night of horror in Rafah. They opened fire from planes, drones and tanks on the western areas to cover for their invasion," said one Rafah resident, who asked not to be named.

An Israeli commander briefing military correspondents in Rafah on Tuesday named two more locations there — Shaboura and Tel Al-Sultan — where the army planned to take on Hamas fighters.

The Israeli military remained in control of the border between Rafah and Egypt. Footage circulated on social media showed the Rafah crossing, the only window for most of Gaza's population with the outside world, was destroyed, buildings burnt, and Israeli tanks positioned there with the flag of Israel flying over some places. The Israeli military said aid into Gaza had not been impeded by the damage.

Further north, Israel sent a column of tanks back into the Zeitoun neighbourhood in Gaza City, and residents reported heavy fire from tanks and warplanes but also sounds of gun battles with Hamas-led fighters.

In another Gaza City suburb, Sheikh Radwan, an Israeli air strike on a house killed four Palestinians, including a child, medics said. A total of 20 people were killed across Gaza.

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NATO SECRETARY-GENERAL URGES CANADA TO MEET DEFENCE SPENDING TARGET

OTTAWA NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg is urging Canada to meet the alliance's defence spending target, while acknowledging it's tough for politicians to prioritize defence over social services.

He says meeting the 2-per-cent target is important for the collective security of NATO in a world that is more dangerous owing to war in the Middle East and Russia's continuing invasion of Ukraine.

Mr. Stoltenberg says he knows it's not easy

for politicians to meet targets, but it's important for all allies to increase spending right now.

Earlier Wednesday, Defence Minister Bill Blair told reporters he believes Canada will meet the target even though the government has not presented a plan to do so.

Numbers released by NATO this week show Canada is expected to spend 1.37 per cent of its gross domestic product on defence this year.

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U of T lawyers tell court encampment restricts liberty and expression

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Lawyers for the University of Toronto argued in court that the pro-Palestinian encampment on its campus is a clear case of trespassing that restricts the liberty and expression of others and should be dismantled.

In a hearing before Ontario Superior Court Justice Markus Koehnen Wednesday, they laid out the case for a judicial order that would authorize police to evict the protesters.

The university has tried unsuccessfully to negotiate an end to the protest, which began on May 2, when protesters erected tents on the school's King's College Circle, part of a wave of encampments that swept across North American campuses in response to the war in Gaza.

On Wednesday, the university said negotiations with protesters had resumed after a period of impasse. Encampment leaders made an offer to resolve the dispute by dropping the third of their three demands, which are that the university disclose where its money is invested, divest from companies connected to the Israeli military and break ties with certain Israeli universities.

Breaking academic ties has been a sticking point for U of T's administration because it would infringe on principles of openness and academic freedom. The university did not immediately accept the offer, but said it had responded with a counterproposal.

"We continue to pursue these parallel paths of dialogue and legal action," University of Toronto president Meric Gertler said in a statement. "Our goal is still to secure a peaceful conclusion that returns Front Campus to the entire community and protects the rights of all community members to express themselves on the widest range of issues."

Speaking in court Wednesday, lawyer Monique Jilesen, acting on behalf of U of T, argued that the main issue for the court is whether the encampment is lawful. She said the university is the property owner of King's College Circle, where the protest is located, and that the protesters, who arrived in the middle of the night, had been warned that erecting tents on campus is not permitted. The university issued a trespass notice late last month.

She said protesters have established an entry gate that is monitored 24 hours a day. They screen visitors, set out expectations for their conduct and restrict access to certain times of day, usually no earlier than 11 a.m. She said some of the protesters' statements

leave the impression that those who hold different views on Israel and the Palestinians would not be permitted to enter.

The encampment limits speech, she argued, which the university cannot tolerate.

"The respondents are standing at the gate and saying 'Why are you here?'" Ms. Jilesen said. "They are taking control of the property."

Ms. Jilesen asked what would happen to those who just wanted to have breakfast on the front campus, which sent a ripple of laughter through the public gallery. She said she didn't intend it to be funny.

She added that the university is suffering reputational harm from its association with the protest, citing complaints from members of the community who said they were made to feel uncomfortable by anti-Israel slogans they encountered, either on signs or graffiti.

Some of the protest organizers, speaking outside of court, said the claims made by the university's lawyers could not be tied to the encampment and amounted to hearsay.

Lawyers for members of the encampment named in the university's application will present their case on Thursday. Their argument is expected to focus on the right to free expression and protest.

Lawyers for U of T relied heavily in their arguments on a case that involved the Occupy movement in 2011. The case, known as *Batty v. City of Toronto*, examined free-expression rights in the context of an encampment. In that case, the judge ruled that the city's trespass notice did violate the protesters' expression rights, but the infringement was justified as a reasonable limit prescribed by law.

"We are hopeful that the court realizes our right to freedom of expression and our right to protest and sides with us," said Sara Rasikh, a graduate student and spokesperson for the encampment.

Ms. Rasikh defended the choice of an encampment as a protest tactic, saying it has captured the university's attention in a way that previous protests did not.

"This encampment has proven to be a very powerful tactic and a successful one," Ms. Rasikh said. "For the first time in U of T's history, they're not only negotiating with us, they are uttering the word Palestine."

In a message to campus, Dr. Gertler said the university, by taking the encampment case to court and seeking police assistance, is trying to preserve the right to protest and debate for its entire community.

Migration: Ottawa is targeting the admission of 485,000 permanent residents in 2024

FROM A1

“We want to get those numbers down,” Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said.

Population growth is set to slow dramatically as the government pursues its objective. Several economists have forecast that annual growth will decelerate to less than 1 per cent – down from 3.2 per cent in 2023.

There are tentative signs that growth is peaking.

Canada registered a net gain of nearly 132,000 temporary residents in the first quarter, higher than the increase in the same period a year earlier. However, this paled in comparison with the increase (about 313,000) in the third quarter of 2023. Temporary migration tends to be highly seasonal, with a stronger number of arrivals in the fall, when many school programs start.

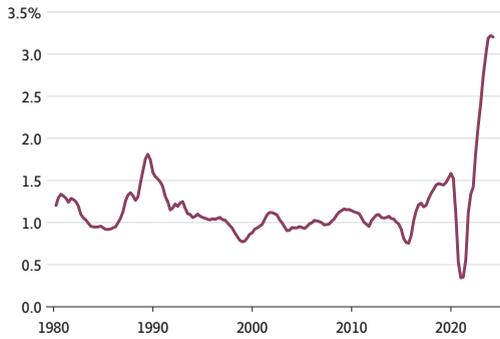
This year is likely to be different, however. The federal government is sharply reducing the number of study visas that it approves this year, and a cap will be set for 2025 as well. Ottawa is also limiting work visas for spouses of international students, among other changes focused on higher education.

Immigration Minister Marc Miller has likened some postsecondary institutions to “puppy mills” that churn out degrees to high-paying international students, many of whom aspire to settle permanently in the country.

Canada has increasingly moved to a two-step immigration system, wherein people first work or study on temporary permits, then seek permanent residency. This TR-to-PR transition is one way in which the federal government can reduce the pool of temporary residents. Ottawa is targeting the admission of 485,000 permanent residents this year, which rises to 500,000 annually in 2025 and 2026.

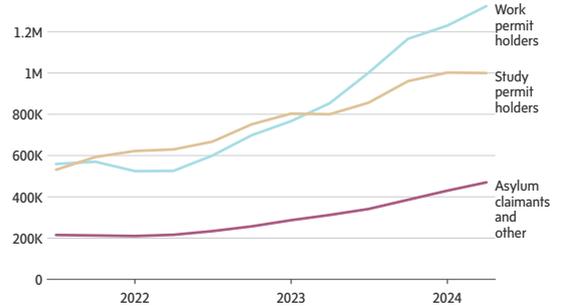
Mikal Skuterud, a professor at the University of Waterloo, said the federal government has made several decisions that favoured the selection of immi-

Population growth in Canada
Annual percentage change, by quarter



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Temporary residents in Canada
By quarter



Note: ‘Other’ is mostly family members living with permit holders. Study permit holders include those who hold both study and work visas. Work permit holders are those solely with work visas.
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Canada registered a net gain of nearly 132,000 temporary residents in the first quarter of 2024, higher than the increase in the same period a year earlier. TODD KOROL/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

grants who, in previous years, would have struggled to gain entry.

For example, Ottawa is inviting thousands of people to apply for permanent residency because of their French-language abilities,

and some of those individuals have scores that usually would not have sufficed. (The Express Entry system for skilled immigration assigns a score to each candidate, based on various attributes, such as age, education and

language abilities.)

“Economic immigrant selection increasingly looks to migrants like a lottery,” Prof. Skuterud said.

“The ticket in the lottery is a temporary permit. So that’s at-

tracting huge numbers, and until they fix that and return to a selection system for economic immigrants that’s transparent and predictable, they’re going to struggle with this [non-permanent resident] population.”

As of the first quarter, there were one million temporary residents who held study visas, or both study and work permits, according to Wednesday’s report. This amounts to an increase of nearly 60 per cent over two years.

The number of temporary residents who only hold work permits exceeds 1.3 million, an increase of 152 per cent over two years. Many of these individuals are former international students who obtained postgraduate work permits.

Still, the federal government has made it easier for Canadian companies to hire foreign workers in various ways. For example, employers in most industries can now hire up to 20 per cent of their staff through the low-wage stream of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program, up from a previous 10-per-cent cap.

Statscan noted in Wednesday’s report that Alberta registered a net interprovincial gain of residents – more people moved to Alberta from other provinces than vice versa – for the 11th consecutive quarter. Ontario and B.C. made the largest contributions to Alberta’s inflow.

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Liberal MP criticizes party over salmon farming plan

Backbencher says ending open-net farms in B.C. betrays rural and Indigenous stakeholders

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The heated dispute over open-net salmon farms in B.C. waters has caused a political rift, with Liberal backbencher Wayne Long accusing his own party of betraying rural and Indigenous stakeholders.

The MP for St. John-Rothesay in New Brunswick was responding to Ottawa's announcement on Wednesday that it is working on a transition plan to end open-net salmon farming in British Columbia within five years.

Mr. Long said in a statement that Ottawa's decision "confirms our government has sided with well-funded environmental groups and has chosen urban politics, vote pandering and seats over rural and Indigenous communities whose future and livelihood depends on responsible aquaculture growth."

Ottawa had promised in the 2019 election campaign to phase out open-net salmon farms by 2025, but on Wednesday, the government said industry, First Nations and communities needed time to make the change.

"To facilitate a successful transition, we know it's important to



Staff work at a salmon farm near Blacks Harbour in New Brunswick, the home province of MP Wayne Long. ROBERT F. BUKATY/ASSOCIATED PRESS

give everyone the time they need to adapt to this new reality," federal Fisheries Minister Diane LeBouthillier said in Ottawa. She promised a draft plan by July 31 to help the industry through the changes she is imposing and a final plan in 2025.

Environmental groups and some First Nations have lobbied to shut open-net salmon farms because of the risks they pose to wild salmon stocks, while producers have defended the operations as economic lifelines for some communities and a source of high-quality food. In Vancouver, federal Natural Resources Minister Jonathan Wilkinson acknowledged scientific and social disagreements about the impact of open-net salmon farms, but

said the wild fish are in such dire straits that the government needs to take a precautionary approach.

"Given the dramatic declines we have been seeing in wild salmon runs and the existential threat this poses to the future of this species, the federal government agrees it is important for authorities to act on the basis of the precautionary principle — which means we must address all potential causes of the dramatic declines we are seeing," Mr. Wilkinson said. Industry groups criticized the decision.

"Salmon farming in B.C. has been a vital sector contributing significantly to Canada's economy and food security," Brian Kingzett, executive director of the BC Salmon Farmers

Association, said in a statement.

"However, the political conditions on the licences increase the uncertainty for aquaculture in B.C. and Canada."

Licensing for salmon farms on the east coast falls under provincial jurisdiction while Ottawa issues licences for salmon farms in B.C.

Timothy Kennedy, president and chief executive of the Canadian Aquaculture Industry Alliance, in a statement called the federal plan unrealistic, saying transferring the sector to closed containment by 2029 is "logistically impossible."

The draft transition plan will focus on how to support affected First Nations, workers and communities, Ms. LeBouthillier said, adding that when current open-net salmon licences expire on June 30, licence holders will have the option to apply for five-year licences.

Those licences would include new conditions designed to protect wild salmon, including improved management of sea lice, a pest that can latch on to migrating salmon, the minister said.

Nine-year licences will be available to companies that commit to a fully-closed containment system.

There are 85 marine finfish licences in B.C. that will expire on June 30. DFO received renewal requests for 66 of those licences, 63 of which are for salmon. The other three are for sablefish, said

Carolyn Svonkin, press secretary to Mr. Wilkinson.

The B.C. government urged Ottawa to work closely with affected stakeholders to steer them through the consequences of the new policy.

"The federal government needs to work directly with impacted communities and workers on next steps, and they must make sure First Nations have a direct role in determining what the transition looks like in their territories," Nathan Cullen, the B.C. Water, Land and Resources Stewardship Minister, said in a statement.

The Coalition of First Nations for Finfish Stewardship, which has been pushing for a gradual transition that would keep open-net operations open, said Ottawa's plan falls short.

Spokesman Dallas Smith cited the sector's economic impact in remote communities, saying "a family-supporting job in First Nation communities is like four jobs anywhere else."

Bob Chamberlin, chair of the First Nation Wild Salmon Alliance, said the majority of First Nations in the province support the phase-out of open-net operations, calling Ottawa's decision a substantial step toward economic reconciliation.

NDP fisheries critic Lisa Marie Barron said, in a statement, that British Columbians have been waiting for years for a plan on dealing with open-net farms.

Farage: Supporters spread broadly, so party could get lots of votes but elect few MPs

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Since then Reform's support has steadily climbed in most opinion polls, and some surveys have put the party neck and neck with Mr. Sunak's Tories.

Mr. Farage has tapped into the country's deep dissatisfaction with the Conservatives, who have been in power for 14 years, and a growing discontent with establishment parties. While both Reform and the Conservatives trail the Labour Party, which has a 20-point lead in the polls, Mr. Farage believes that within five years Reform will replace the Conservatives as the country's main opposition.

He's drawn inspiration from Preston Manning and the Reform Party of Canada, which helped usher out the Progressive Conservatives in the 1990s. The PCs were decimated in the 1993 election as disaffected Tory voters flocked to Reform in the West and the newly formed Bloc Québécois in the East. The PCs fell from 157 seats to just two, while Reform soared from one seat to 52 and the BQ won 54.

"I met Preston a few years ago and I watched what they did," Mr. Farage told reporters after Tuesday's rally. He even rebranded his former Brexit Party as Reform UK "thinking very much of our Canadian cousins."

Canada's Reformers "didn't waver," he added. "They didn't listen to the criticism, and in the end they sort of reverse took over



Reform UK Leader Nigel Farage has drawn inspiration for his own party from the Reform Party of Canada, which helped usher out the Progressive Conservatives in the 1990s. DAN KITWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

the old Conservative Party. They are the model."

The comparison to Canada wasn't lost on Tracy Neill, a long-time Conservative in Clacton who is fed up with the Tories and plans to vote Reform. She knew all about Canada's Reform Party and hopes Mr. Farage will have similar success in supplanting Britain's Conservatives.

"We need a good shake-up," she said as she waited for an autograph from Mr. Farage. The

Conservatives "are just not listening to people like me, and I believe we are the majority."

Mr. Farage still faces many challenges. He's failed to win a seat in Parliament seven times, and Clacton's incumbent MP, Conservative Giles Watling, won 72 per cent of the vote in the last election, in 2019.

Reform's policies, which include strict limits on immigration, slashing foreign aid, steep tax cuts and scrapping programs

to reduce carbon emissions, have also faced criticism from analysts who say they are unworkable.

And unlike Mr. Manning's Reform Party, which had a base of supporters in Western Canada, Reform UK's supporters are spread across the country. That means the party will likely win a substantial number of votes but fail to elect many MPs.

"The threat that Reform poses in the U.K. is less parliamentary and more just in terms of the

Conservatives' voter base," said Tim Bale, a professor of politics at Queen Mary University of London.

Dr. Bale said it's possible Mr. Farage could eventually merge Reform with the Conservatives and become the party's leader. "There are polls which indicate that members of the Conservative Party will actually welcome him as their leader."

Rob Ford, a professor of political science at the University of Manchester, doubts Reform UK will win more than a handful of seats. "So the main net effect of Farage's presence in this campaign on the House of Commons that follows will not be to destroy the Conservatives and replace them with Reform UK. It will just be to destroy the Conservatives."

Dr. Ford noted that the Tories could make a comeback in the next election without Mr. Farage, given the volatile nature of British politics. He pointed out that Labour fell to its lowest seat total since 1935 in the last election, and polling shows it's expected to win a massive majority on July 4.

Whatever happens across the country on voting day, Peter Harris is confident Mr. Farage will win Clacton. Mr. Harris is a local councillor who quit the Conservative Party last fall and is now helping run Mr. Farage's campaign in the riding.

"Who better to represent this district than Mr. Brexit himself?" he asked.

IRGC: Liberals had previously resisted calls for terrorist designation

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The Liberal government had for years resisted calls to label the guard corps a terrorist organization.

In 2023, then-justice minister David Lametti argued that military service in Iran is mandatory, so designating the IRGC as a terrorist entity could target innocent people, not just its leaders.

But in January, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had said that the Canadian government was looking at ways to "responsibly" apply the designation. His comments were made on the fourth anniversary of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps shooting down commercial flight Ukraine

International Airlines Flight 752, killing all 176 people on board, including about 55 Canadians and 30 permanent residents.

The U.S. designated the IRGC a terrorist organization in 2019. Canada's Senate passed a non-binding motion in 2018 calling on the government to do the same, building on a similar resolution passed that year by the House of Commons.

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre, whose party had been urging the terrorist designation for years, accused Mr. Trudeau of timing the measure to coincide with a closely watched Toronto by-election set for June 24. The Liberals are trying to retain the stronghold riding of Toronto-St. Paul's, despite badly trailing the Conservatives nationally in the polls.

Results from the 2021 census indicate that 15 per cent of the riding's population identify as Jewish.

The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) immediately welcomed Ottawa's action on the IRGC Wednesday. President Shimon Koffler Fogel said "the Canadian Jewish community has persistently called for this decisive action against the IRGC, recognizing its role in promoting violence and instability globally, including through its support for terrorist groups targeting Jews" and others.

"It took a by-election for the Prime Minister to change his mind," Mr. Poilievre said during Question Period in the House of Commons.

Mr. LeBlanc, pressed by reporters to explain the timing of this announcement, said the government was acting on advice from security and intelligence services including the RCMP and CSIS and "strong and compelling evidence" presented to cabinet.

"The decision to list an organization under Canada's Criminal Code as a terrorist entity isn't made because of comments on Twitter, or Question Period," he said.

Former NDP leader Tom Mulcair disputed this, telling CTV he thinks the IRGC designation is about the Toronto by-election. He argued that the riding's Jewish population is unhappy with the recent Liberal record on Israel and Gaza.

"It's transparently clear that the Liberals are reacting more to what they are getting on the doorstep than to anything the RCMP or CSIS told them," Mr. Mulcair said.

Israel's ambassador to Canada, Iddo Moed, also lauded Ottawa's move, saying in a statement that it sends a clear message to Iran that its terror activities in both the Middle East and around the world will not be tolerated.

" Hamas's horrific attack on

Oct. 7 and the ongoing attacks by Hezbollah on Israel's northern border communities are directed and supported by IRGC as part of Iran's destructive campaign in the region," he said.

Conservative foreign-affairs critic Michael Chong and deputy leader Melissa Lantsman said Canada's delay in designating the Revolutionary Guard as terrorists has allowed the group to "fundraise, recruit and operate in Canada," including harassing and terrorizing countless Iranian-Canadians who fled to this country to escape the Iranian regime.

Iranian-Canadian lawyer Ram Joubin said members of his community have so far counted 700 individuals linked to the Iranian regime who live in Canada or have some sort of immigration status in this country. This count includes more than just IRGC members.

Last fall, a bipartisan group of U.S. members of Congress pressed Canada to designate the IRGC as a terrorist entity, citing Iran's alleged involvement in the funding, training and support of the Oct. 7 attack on Israel by Hamas militants.

In a letter sent to the Prime Minister last December, 14 members of the House of Representatives said the guard corps is "ideologically committed to destroying Israel and undermining U.S.-

Canadian security interests in the Middle East and around the world."

Thomas Juneau, a professor at the University of Ottawa's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, said the problem facing Canada is current or former IRGC officers, or their proxies, coming to this country to park their financial assets and conduct transnational repression of Iranian activists — trying to shut down their criticism of Tehran.

He called Wednesday's announcement a politically expedient measure driven by domestic political considerations, explaining that members of the Iranian-Canadian community had been pushing for this.

But Prof. Juneau said, in his opinion, that the designation wasn't the smartest way to tackle the problem posed by the IRGC in Canada. He said Canada's national-security and intelligence agencies are "completely overstretched" right now without the resources or capability of tackling all the threats this country faces. Asking them to track down officers in Canada and their assets is "adding a significant burden to their plate."

Instead, Prof. Juneau said, Canada should be enforcing existing sanctions against Iran and adding targeted sanctions against more individuals.

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Repairs progressing on ruptured Calgary water main

City officials now optimistic mandatory and voluntary restrictions will be lifted in time for the Stampede in July

CARRIE TAIT

Calgary expects to ease water-use restrictions in time for the city's famous 10-day celebration of cowboy culture, according to a revised timeline for repairs of a major pipe that ruptured two weeks ago.

Michael Thompson, the city's general manager of infrastructure services, said in an update Wednesday afternoon that access to water will improve by July 5, the first day of the Calgary Stampede. If the city can deliver on its revised schedule, it will eliminate a major logistical hurdle for the Stampede, which planned to proceed even if water restrictions were still in place.

Calgary's new target for lifting those restrictions indicates repairs to the Bearspaw South Feedermain, which busted June 5, are proceeding more quickly than officials expected last week.

The city has been under a combination of mandatory and voluntary water restrictions since June 6, and last Friday officials said conservation measures could be in place for three to five weeks because Calgary determined the broken pipe spotted an additional five critically damaged spots



Calgary's general manager of infrastructure services says that the city's access to water will improve by July 5, the first day of the Calgary Stampede. JUDE BROCKE/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

in need of urgent repair.

Mr. Thompson told reporters Wednesday that the city is now optimistic the restrictions will lift in early July.

"We are aiming for the low end of our original timeline of three to five weeks, which would be July the fifth," he said. "There are still many risks ahead, but every day we work through this complex repair, we become more confident in our timeline."

Mayor Jyoti Gondek said Calgary does not have an estimate on how much the repairs will cost. Coby Duerr, the acting chief for Calgary Emergency Management Agency, said officials are still working to determine whether expenses will be covered by insurance.

On June 6, Calgary asked residents to cut indoor water use by a quarter and banned outdoor watering. On June 8, Calgary said it would be five to seven days, at best, before service returned to normal.

The city extended the restrictions after a robot, sent down the drained pipe as repairs were under way, gathered data that indicated there were five more troublesome spots. Calgary has fixed the initial break and has excavated the area around the five other areas.

The city had parts on hand for three of the hot spots, and San Diego County Water Authority shipped two more pieces of pipe to Calgary.

Those two sections of steel arrived Tuesday evening, and a local contractor is in the process of sandblasting them and coating them with epoxy. That process will take about two days, the city said.

The Bearspaw South Feedermain, which connects to the Bearspaw Water Treatment Plant, normally supplies treated water to 60 per cent of the city, as well as to residents in Airdrie, Chestermere and Strathmore. With the Bearspaw line knocked out, Calgary has been relying on water treated at the older Glenmore Water Treatment Plant.

The Calgary Stampede attracts thousands of visitors to Alberta's largest city and provides a major economic boost every summer. The Stampede's chief executive officer, Joel Cowley, said Monday that the mega-festival would proceed as planned, despite the water restrictions. Organizers were prepared to truck in treated water for livestock and attendees and use non-potable water for tasks like grooming the rodeo arena, Mr. Cowley said.

Health conference moves from Calgary to Bali as organizers 'frustrated' with visa delays

FATIMA RAZA

The organizers of an international health conference that was originally scheduled to take place next year in Calgary have relocated the event to Bali because of what they say are "severe delays" in visa approvals.

The International Health Economics Association's annual congress is held every two years and typically sees more than 1,000 delegates from dozens of countries. But the IHEA says it can't take the risk of holding the 2025 event in Canada in the face of visa processing times that can take up to eight months, in addition to what the association describes as high costs.

"We've decided to withdraw the conference from Canada and to hold it in a country that has a less discriminatory visa regime," IHEA president Kara Hanson said in an interview.

"I'm enormously disappointed and really frustrated."

Dr. Hanson said the IHEA aims to bring people together from different parts of the world to collaborate and share their research.

"It really is unfair and I think it's an enormous act of self-harm on behalf of the immigration authorities in Canada to make it so difficult for people with legitimate reasons to travel across the border," she said.

Some academics in Canada say the visa issues cited by the IHEA are part of a pattern that has made it difficult for researchers to come to this country for conferences and other work.

Visa issues hampered the International AIDS Conference in Montreal in 2022, when hundreds of delegates from developing countries complained that they were unable to attend because their visa applications were rejected or stalled at a handful of Canadian missions abroad.

Isabelle Dubois, spokesperson for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, said in an e-mail that the department "successfully assists hundreds of organizers of international events" and this year alone, has seen more than 400 events registered with IRCC.

"We can confirm that IHEA registered their 2025 event and received a code to benefit from

our services, but later requested a cancellation," Ms. Dubois said. "The decision to change the event's location was made by the organizer."

She said the conference organizer met with the IRCC in May to discuss visa processing.

Ms. Dubois added that the department is working to speed up its application process, including by hiring new processing staff in 2022.

Meredith Terretta, a history professor at the University of Ottawa and principal investigator on Visa Barrier, a project that tracks visa issues for African scholars seeking to come to Canada, said there doesn't seem to be a pattern in whose applications are rejected.

Prof. Terretta said she is currently running an international research training group. She invited two professors (one from Ghana, one from Cameroon) and four PhD students (two from Ghana and two from Cameroon).

Of them all, only three of the four students got their visas. Neither of the professors got theirs.

"It makes it very difficult to arrange events or even strategize how to deal with this issue when the results are so random," she said.

Madhukar Pai, Canada Research Chair in epidemiology and global health at McGill University and associate director of the McGill International TB Centre, urged the federal government to address delays in visa decisions.

"We should also be looking at systematic biases against some regions," he said. "The African region, to me, is absolutely critical. You cannot have an anti-Africa bias in a policy right. There are amazing experts from Africa who deserve a chance to come here to study and work."

Dr. Pai said he still recalls the disappointment of being denied a visa into the United States as a student in the 1990s, when he was set to attend a summer program at John Hopkins University.

He lined up for hours outside a U.S. consulate in India only to have his application rejected after an interview that he said took no more than 30 seconds.

"I went home crying. It took me days to recover from that trauma and I still think about it," he said.

SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY DIES AFTER BEING HIT BY SCHOOL BUS IN ONTARIO, POLICE SAY

VAUGHAN, ONT. Police say a six-year-old boy has died after being hit by a school bus in Vaughan, Ont.

York Regional Police say they responded to the community of Kleinburg just before 8 a.m. Wednesday for reports of a child being struck by a school bus.

They say the six-year-old boy suffered fatal injuries and died at the scene.

Police say the bus driver remained at the scene and is co-operating with investigators.

They say the school bus was picking up children for school at the time, but police did not immediately know how many kids had been on board.

Police say they are asking anyone in the area with security or dashcam video to provide it to investigators as they look into what happened.

Vaughan Mayor Steven Del Duca says the city is in mourning following the boy's tragic death.

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Refugees from a variety of countries and all walks of life were asked what parts of Warsaw, Poland, reminded them of home

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Award-winning photojournalist and Globe and Mail contributor Anna Liminowicz has been covering the war in Ukraine and the ensuing refugee crisis since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion.

This spring the UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, asked her to come up with a concept for World Refugee Day on June 20. She proposed a novel idea.

Ms. Liminowicz is from Poland, where almost a million refugees now live – most from Ukraine, but also many from countries in Central Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

She posed a simple question: "What's the place that reminds you of home?"

"The focus of much of my work is around identity, loss, home and what builds us up," Ms. Liminowicz says. "Home is always with you. Wherever you go and whatever you face in exile, you are constantly searching for a place that brings back memories of where you came from."

"This is the place" is a unique collaboration with UNHCR, involving portraits, text, and handwritten notes. The refugees profiled come from a variety of countries and all walks of life. But they each had somewhere special in Warsaw that made them feel like home.

It's almost never a place where they sleep. It's a metaphor of home: a church where they find solace, a park that gives them peace of mind, a riverbank reminding them of the beloved beaches of their childhood, or something as simple as a bicycle that offers a sense of freedom.

This is how refugees try to tame their reality – by befriending it, embracing it and finding somewhere that gives them strength and a chance to renew.

Some of the stories are tender, some are sad, some are common, and some are extraordinary. But each one is deeply personal.

Khedi, 53, from Grozny, Chechnya

2,490 km and 11 years away from home

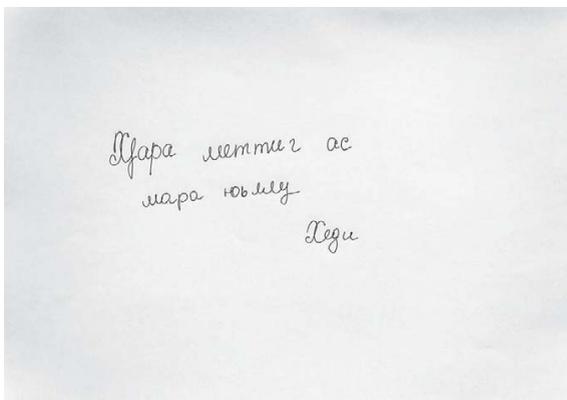
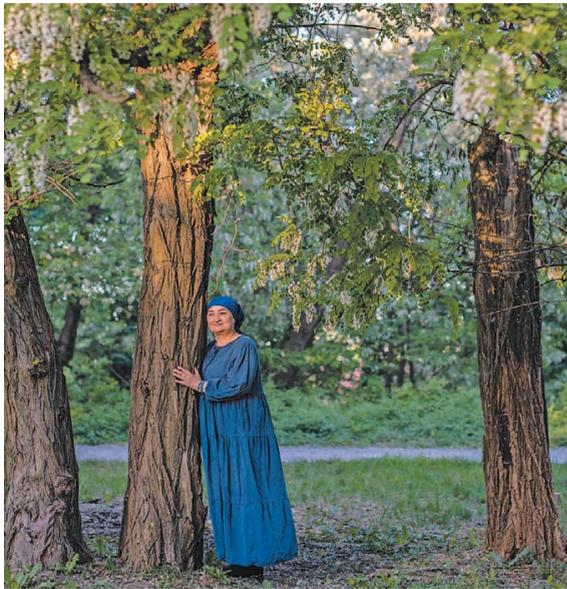
"This is the place I can hug."

In 2002, Khedi's husband was kidnapped in Chechnya, a contested Russian republic that for years has fought for independence. Ten months later, Khedi found what remained of him. "Even today I struggle to believe that one can kill an innocent man. I was shocked, but I wanted to stay. I never wanted to become a refugee, but when they took my daughter, I realized that this no longer was a safe place. I had to flee," Khedi says adding that her daughter is now safe and living abroad.

In Gdansk, Khedi founded Women of Passage, a foundation that became part of Gdansk's Council of Migrants and Refugees. In 2021, Khedi moved to Warsaw to run Kuchnia Konflikty (Conflict Kitchen), a small but very popular bistro bar employing refugees.

Khedi regularly visits a small park on a street in Warsaw named in honour of Paweł Adamowicz, the mayor of Gdansk who was assassinated in 2018. "When I first met him, as a member of the Council of Migrants and Refugees in Gdansk, he asked us what we needed. 'We simply need to live a normal life,' I replied. He helped us a lot. His death was a great loss. I come here to remember him. I come here when I am sad," Khedi says.

Although she spent most of her life in Grozny, and now she is living in Warsaw, it's Gdansk that she thinks of as her hometown.



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Sasha, 39, from Belarus

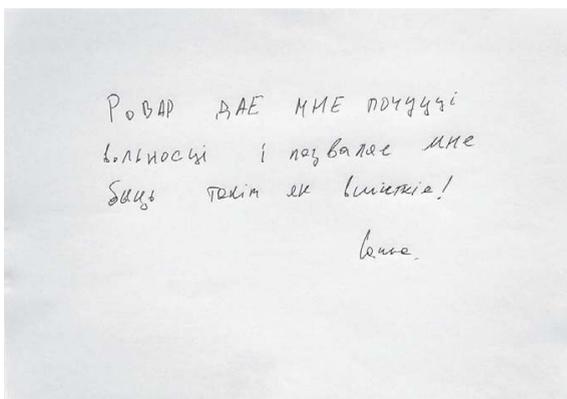
468 km and two years away from home

"My bike gives me a sense of freedom and allows me to be like everyone else."

Sasha has always been very active. Even after having a motorbike accident 12 years ago, he refused to accept the idea that his disability meant limits to his freedom. So he built a hand-powered tricycle with enough space for a tent. Then he started a video blog and rode 3,700 kilometres from Minsk in Belarus to Porto in Portugal.

"In my wheelchair, I am just someone with a disability; while on my bike, I am myself. I can go wherever I want," he says. Sasha is not only a cyclist, but also an up-and-coming entrepreneur. In Warsaw, he runs a small coffee shop, Café Inclusive Barista, he opened with friends who also refuse to accept their disabilities as a limit.

Sasha was forced to flee Belarus because of his political views.



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Bernardo, right, and his wife Joaquina found peace in a Pentecostal church on their first day in Poland.

Bernardo, 56, from Angola

10,895 km and 27 years away from home

"After 10 years of separation from my family, when we first came to this church I found equilibrium, peace and happiness. This is just what you need at home."

When Bernardo arrived in Poland in 1997, he was recognized as a refugee. In Angola he had been an air-force pilot, but – as he puts it – understood he needed to change his life. Ten years elapsed between him leaving his wife and two sons, and their reunion in his new homeland. It was, for him, a very difficult time.

On their first day in Poland, Joaquina asked him to take her to the Pentecostal church, where she felt most at home. "When we sat there, I realized my life just brightened up."

After 27 years in exile, Bernardo no longer feels like a stranger in Poland. "This is my home now. I even told my wife that if I die, I want to be buried here," he says. "If I go to another city, I instantly start missing Warsaw. The city has become my place."



Natalia opened a music school in Warsaw in order to help her son overcome the stress Ukraine's war.

Natalia, 46, from Ukraine

1,263 km and two years away from home

"This is where my son came back to life."

Natalia is sitting at her 16-year-old son Kolya's desk in a music school in Marki, a suburb near Warsaw. The school is her own.

Natalia fled from Kharkiv, Ukraine, just after the full-scale war began on Feb. 24, 2022. After arriving in Poland, mother and son suffered from depression, but Kolya struggled more. He had trouble adapting to the new reality, and could not understand why he had to leave his life and his friends in Kharkiv.

To help her son and herself overcome the stress, Natalia opened a music school for Ukrainian children similar to the one she ran in Kharkiv. She even ordered desks from Ukraine to help her son feel at home. For Kolya this was a life-changer: surrounded by other children from Ukraine, he regained his hope and peace of mind. "And I regained my son," Natalia says.



Jacqueline, left, and Sempheo Calvin's careers ended abruptly over renting to LGBTQ residents in Tanzania.

Jacqueline, 31, and Sempheo Calvin, 32, from Tanzania

10,481 km and two years away from home

"Cooking here reminds me of my childhood and my family in Tanzania because we had a small house and when I would wake up, I would see my mother in the kitchen," Sempheo Calvin writes. "Our hotel kitchen reminds me of the time I cooked for my two children. They had to stay in Tanzania," Jacqueline writes.

Sempheo Calvin and Jacqueline came to Poland from Tanzania. He was a TV presenter, and she was an actor. Their careers ended abruptly when he received threats because he rented a flat to LGBTQ people. Out of fear of imprisonment, he decided to flee and she came with him.

They did not have time to arrange all the documents, so they could not take her son, 11, and her daughter, 10. The children stayed with Jacqueline's family, but she is still in contact with them.

Thanks to a friend, Sempheo Calvin and Jacqueline are now staying in a hotel. They have a bedroom, a bathroom and a small kitchenette at their disposal. And it's the kitchenette that brings back good memories of Tanzania, even though they do not want to return there. They miss their family, but hope they will be reunited.

Jacqueline is currently six months pregnant with twins and the couple is eagerly awaiting the birth of Dion and Dior. "For us this is a new beginning," Sempheo Calvin says.

EDITORIAL

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

Only Trudeau can clear the air in Ottawa

From the start, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has displayed an alarming lack of urgency about revelations that foreign states meddled in the 2019 and 2021 federal elections.

His government kept credible evidence of the meddling from the public, only commenting on it after *The Globe and Mail* reported on its existence in early 2023. He tried to calm the waters by launching an investigation that was compromised from the start, and only buckled to calls for a proper public inquiry after that fell apart.

And it wasn't until last month, just weeks before the House rises for the summer, that the Liberals introduced legislation to criminalize and counter election interference - even though the Canadian Security Intelligence Service first warned them of the problem in 2019.

Given all that foot-dragging, it would be absurd for Mr. Trudeau to now try to claim the high ground in the fight against foreign interference. And yet that is what he is doing in the wake of this month's release of a heavily redacted report from the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians that says there are parliamentarians who are co-operating with foreign governments.

This week and last, Mr. Trudeau has been boasting that his government created NSICOP in 2017 over the objections of the Conservative opposition, suggesting that the Liberals care more about this stuff.

But the Conservatives objected to NSICOP because it is a parliamentary committee that answers only to the Prime Minister's Office, with members and a chair chosen by Mr. Trudeau, and whose reports are vetted and redacted by the PMO prior to their release.

And while Mr. Trudeau boasts of creating the committee, NSICOP itself says in its latest annual report that his government has repeatedly ignored its recommendations on ways to prevent foreign meddling, and regularly withholds relevant information from it.

Those concerns take on a new dimension now that NSICOP's unredacted report - first delivered to Mr. Trudeau in March - has identified parliamentarians that it says are collaborating with foreign actors.

Worse yet, Mr. Trudeau is now questioning the committee's competence in assessing intelligence, even though he asked for the report, and said at the time that the committee was "well placed" to look into foreign election meddling.

The smoke screens don't stop there. After NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh read the unredacted report and said it confirms "criminal activity" by some parliamentarians, but added he was relieved there were no members of his caucus to worry about, Mr. Trudeau responded that, "I would be wary of any party leader drawing any sort of conclusion like that."

Mr. Trudeau has also criticized Pierre Poilievre for not reading the unredacted version of the report, suggesting that the Conservative Leader would rather just not know.

But Mr. Poilievre says he won't read the unredacted report because the conditions of the top-secret security clearance required to do so would handcuff what he as leader of the Official Opposition could say. Thomas Mulcair, the leader of the NDP when it was the official opposition from 2012 to 2015, said last week he would have taken the same position.

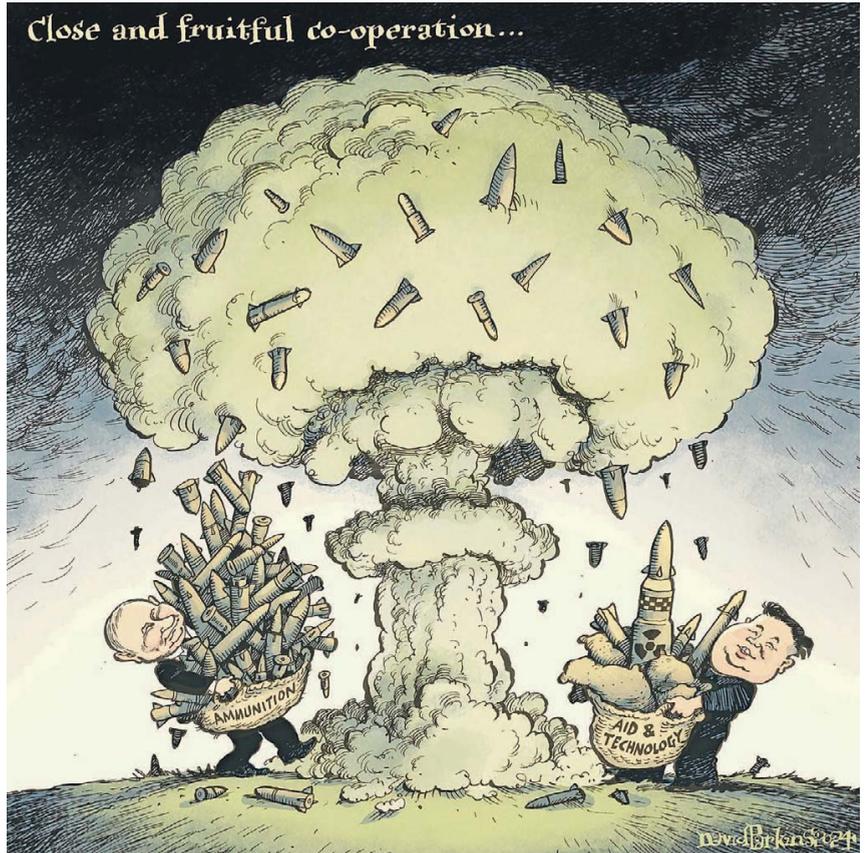
Mr. Poilievre is furthermore correct when he says that, if the government thinks someone in his caucus is a threat to Canada, CSIS agents are perfectly able to brief him on it.

Why is Mr. Trudeau suddenly attacking NSICOP? And why, too, does he feel it necessary to make sure that MPs in every party remain under a cloud of suspicion?

On Monday, Mr. Trudeau said he is glad that the foreign interference inquiry led by Justice Marie-Josée Hogue has now agreed to examine the allegations in the report. But that, too, is a dodge. The inquiry has no power to name names or make any classified information public on its own, or to come to a conclusion about criminal liability.

Only one person can legally reveal the names involved, and that is the Prime Minister. He has the power to make classified information public: he did it last year when he told Parliament that there was credible evidence that India was behind the assassination of Canadian citizen in Canada.

We'll say it again: the government should blow away its smoke screens, name names in Parliament, let those facing allegations defend themselves there, and clear the air for Canadians.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FRIEND OF MINE

Re "Warship's visit to Cuba was intended to deter Russia, says minister" (June 18): Someone in the Defence Minister's office maintains that Cuba is not an "ally" of Canada.

That may be true in a narrow definition of the term.

Revolutionary Cuba is certainly a good friend of Ottawa, as 65 years of interrupted diplomatic relations can attest. This bilateral relationship allows Canada to regularly tout a trade surplus, is home to significant Canadian direct investment and displays an outstanding people-to-people dynamic.

Moreover, Canada courted Cuba in the early 1990s when Havana was on the United Nations Security Council and the Gulf War was about to break out. More recently, Canada tried to use its "good offices" to get Cuba to distance itself from Nicolás Maduro's Venezuela.

And I haven't even mentioned Cuba's value in underscoring an "independent" Canadian foreign policy.

I don't know, but Cuba sounds like a friendly ally to me.

■ **Peter McKenna**
Professor, department of political science, University of Prince Edward Island; Charlottetown

BAD SPIN

Re "When Glencore spins off Teck's dirty coal, it also spins off the cleanup to taxpayers" (June 18): And so it goes, 'twas ever thus: If a huge liability occurs after a period of lengthy profit, spin the operation off into a shell company that is likely to go bankrupt at cleanup time.

Who did we think was going to be liable? A supply of naïve voters seems ever available when the pro-business right wing keeps coming back to power, probably next election.

Historians call this a pattern. I'm tempted to call it a sickness.

■ **Ronald Kelly** Surrey, B.C.

ON MAID

Re "Family sues after B.C. Catholic hospital denies MAID request on religious grounds" (June 18): It is tragic to see the suffering of one's child, or anyone, in the final stages of their life. My heart goes out to the family.

I suspected years ago, when medical assistance in death was first debated, that the lack of unanimity in the medical community would be a given, and it was. Not so much now.

But for some individuals and institutions, it remains a bridge too far.

Should a doctor, on moral or religious grounds, lose their medical licence or be heavily fined if they do not wish to participate? I

do not believe the Charter compels an individual or institution to go against their freedom of conscience or religion. I suspect a serious breakdown in communication or misunderstanding is to blame for this family's terrible trauma.

Perhaps, as a society, the challenge is a pharmaceutical one and need not become a final moral imperative.

■ **Joan McNamee** Kamloops

ON ANTISEMITISM

Re "As B.C. prepares to teach Holocaust curriculum, concerns arise over divisions in teachers' union" (June 15): If BC Teachers Against Antisemitism genuinely believe that "Zionism is simply the right to self-determination in our Indigenous homeland," when are its members going to contact the nearest B.C. First Nation and give up their private property? Or do they think that white European settlers are the only ones who have a "right of return" to their homelands?

It appears to me that Zionists have no problem enjoying stolen lands from Indigenous folk here in North America, but are quick to defend Israel's right to seize lands from others.

■ **Craig Charbonneau Fontaine**
Sagkeeng First Nation, Man.

Re "Stop hate" (Letters, June 15): A letter-writer decries anti-Jewish hate in Canadian society, but then proceeds to oppose one of the most powerful tools to combat it.

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of antisemitism, which has been adopted by multiple provinces and dozens of countries, including Canada, recognizes that in today's environment, anti-Jewish sentiment often masquerades as being "anti-Zionist."

The IHRA definition is non-binding, but offers an important - nay, essential - understanding that overt Jew-hatred, even today, remains impolite in modern Canadian society, and the same sentiments can fester while cloaking themselves in respectable "anti-Zionist" rhetoric.

The IHRA definition, if adopted and used as a guidepost, can help decision-makers see through the clever rhetoric often used by antisemites and see them for who they are.

■ **Mike Fegelman**
Executive director, HonestReporting Canada; Toronto

DIFFERENT IDENTITIES

Re "The LGBTQ community has Pride, but it also has prejudice" (June 17): Every gay man of colour has likely experienced firsthand the irony of the LGBTQ community.

"It's just a preference," they

would say. "I'm not being racist." How can we expect to receive equality and acceptance when we can't even offer these values to ourselves?

■ **Ernest Lam** Toronto

NEXT GENERATION

Re "What managers are getting wrong about early career Gen Z talent" (Report on Business, June 18): Gen X are apathetic. Teenagers can't write any more. Gen Z are addicted to technology. Boomers are out of touch. Millennials are entitled.

Clichés are convenient ways of confirming our biases by putting people in boxes. I find them lazy and harmful.

Every group has incredible diversity to it.

■ **Peter Shier** Toronto

OLD AS TIME

Re "Washington State tribe gets approval for grey whale hunt" (June 14): While of course the Makah Tribe and their traditions should be respected, their right to hunt whales should be weighed against a whale's right to live, the right of most of us to treasure and protect their lives and the right of society to impose animal welfare standards, which it seems unlikely the traditional hunt can meet.

The Makah can let their traditions evolve, which would mean finding a different way to celebrate or commemorate their history of hunting whales.

■ **Karen Dawn**
Founder and director, DawnWatch; Santa Barbara, Calif.

The world has been fighting to save whales from extinction for decades. So to see a hunt proposed is simply inconceivable to me.

What are we fighting for exactly? Numbers sufficient so we can safely hunt them again? Will a population ever be big enough to make killing a mother in front of her calf okay? The calf's fate is also sealed, as they need a mother for protection and to teach them how to navigate the waters that whales have called home for millions of years.

Does knowing there are 19,200 Eastern North Pacific grey whales make any of this acceptable? I say no, it doesn't.

Thank you for giving voice to the Animal Welfare Institute's stance that whale hunts cannot be done humanely, and should therefore not be done at all.

■ **Jennifer Dunn** Chatsworth, Ont.

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OPINION

What's there to fear about Pierre Poilievre?

A new book about the Conservative Leader reveals a career politician whose vanities and convictions led him to populism

LAWRENCE MARTIN

OPINION



Canada has never had a federal Conservative or Liberal leader who fit the term “career politician” more precisely than Pierre Poilievre. He was consumed by politics as a kid and has done nothing except politics ever since. A well-rounded man, he is not.

In his book, *Pierre Poilievre: A Political Life*, right-side journalist Andrew Lawton traces the leader's first political meetings to his early teens, when his mother took him to pro-life events in Calgary. Even before he graduated from high school he was working in the office of Reform Party MP Art

Hanger, hauling in \$600 a month.

Jason Kenney was among those mesmerized by young Pierre's precocious political skills. As a nerdy young lad, he studied the dictionary of all things, and learned to deploy words against opponents like a rapier. That talent has helped him become the most potent Opposition Leader since John George Diefenbaker.

Just as Mr. Poilievre came early to politics, he came quickly to a firm set of beliefs. He was, writes Mr. Lawton, “ideological to his core.” The anti-establishment brand of conservatism attracted him and he's ridden that wave. The party Mr. Poilievre now leads might well be called the Populist Conservatives.

It's doubtful that in this, the first in-depth portrait of the heavy favourite to become Canada's next prime minister, Mr. Poilievre will be overjoyed by being portrayed as so ideological. It was anticipated that Mr. Lawton would write a highly laudatory biography, but a puff piece it is not. It's a competent, not very opinionated account, which – while frequently giving Mr. Poilievre the benefit of the doubt – doesn't shortchange

his critics.

Unfortunately, the biography has many gaps. Incredibly, for example, there is not even one mention – and this will no doubt please Mr. Poilievre – of the populist conservative leader next door, Donald Trump.

What does come across well is the impressive set of political skills that Mr. Poilievre brings to the table: the smarts, the imagination, the grassroots appeal, the command of the language, and the campaigning skills which saw him utterly rout the estimable Jean Charest in the leadership race.

Though he's viewed as callous, Mr. Lawton writes that there's a sensitive side to him. He and his wife, Anaïda – who has terrific political skills herself – have an autistic child. It is the likely reason cited by Mr. Lawton for his backing away at the last minute from challenging for the Conservative leadership in 2020. He decided that too much care was needed at home.

Lifelong politicians are knocked because they have an even greater tendency than others to prioritize what's good for

scoring political points over what's good for the country. The era of brutal partisanship we're in now will only escalate should Mr. Poilievre come to power.

The portrait by Mr. Lawton, a former Ontario Progressive Conservative candidate who admitted to struggling periodically with mental illness, will not do much to ease the concerns of those who fear the Poilievre populism will translate to the kind of authoritarian-style government that such politicking has brought on in varying degrees in other countries.

The Conservative Leader checks off a lot of boxes for populist demagogues. He attacks the mainstream media, he traffics in conspiracy theories, demeans democratic institutions, appeals to the lowest common denominator, and relentlessly attacks elites. Throw in a hefty dose of apparent narcissism, and it's quite a list.

Mr. Lawton reports that it was John Baird, a party star in Stephen Harper's government, who gave Mr. Poilievre the nickname Skippy – which Mr. Poilievre hated, because it made him sound superficial. Though superficial he is not, had the Trudeau Liberals been

smart they would have tried to make the moniker stick.

In the vanity sweepstakes, Mr. Poilievre would get a lot of competition from Mr. Trudeau. In his engaging and even-handed book on the Prime Minister, *The Prince*, journalist Stephen Maher argues that narcissism is likely the reason Mr. Trudeau wants to try to cling to power. He appears to believe that only he can ward off the threat that Skippy poses. To believe that – especially when there are many other Liberals who share his values and who aren't nearly as loathed – requires a hefty degree of hubris.

Mr. Trudeau is right to cite the major threat to progressivism that Mr. Poilievre represents. Mr. Lawton's book makes note of how Mr. Harper disappointed many right-wing followers with his caution. He governed via incrementalism.

A Poilievre government, Mr. Lawton argues, won't be as restrained. His hardline ways have been bred in the bone since his teens.

He's a lifelong-conviction politician, not a wavering one: “He'll be aggressive.”

Calgary's community needs the Stampede. The show must go on

KELLY CRYDERMAN

OPINION



CALGARY

In June, 2013, large swaths of downtown Calgary were swamped with massive flood waters – and the Stampede grounds were not spared. Everything, from the horse barns up to the grandstand, was covered in silty brown water. But once the river receded, a force of 900 workers was marshalled for cleanup and rebuilding. The rodeo and exhibition, by an extraordinary feat of logistics, still went ahead two weeks later.

Crucially, Stampede organizers promised then-mayor Naheed Nenshi that their cleanup would put no more strain on the city, which was struggling to deal with ruined homes and 80,000 displaced residents.

This summer, the Stampede is again vowing to go on – despite a massive break in Calgary's main water artery that has led to a shutdown, cutting supplies in half and putting the whole city under voluntary and mandatory water restrictions. The Stampede begins on July 5, but repairs could go on for weeks after that. “Come hell or high water,” was the slogan in 2013. This year, “Come hell or no water” is circulating.

This might not be as big a disaster as the 2013 floods were. But this time, it's hard to be confident there will be no broader stress due to the Stampede, given that city officials have warned the taps could actually run dry.

Still, there was really no ques-



Crowds walk through the 2017 Calgary Stampede. The rodeo's CEO has said the exhibition will do whatever it can to offset the use of city water, given officials have warned taps could run dry. JEFF MCINTOSH/CP

tion the show would go on. There would certainly be a massive economic hit if the Stampede didn't happen, with at least \$300-million in tourist dollars riding on it. The city's hotels and restaurants all count on being busy at this critical time.

Stampede chief executive Joel Cowley has said the exhibition will do whatever it can to offset the use of city water – including trucking it in for the 1,000 animals on site each day, and for the humans, too.

The city says many people get out of Dodge during the busy Stampede period – which acts as a counterweight to the influx of

tens of thousands of visitors – and that water use doesn't necessarily spike.

The critics of the Stampede – who oppose the use of animals for entertainment, and the substantial influence its leaders hold over the city – don't need much nudging to point out the risk of this gambit. There's no guarantee visitors will follow guidelines asking them not to flush or shower too much. A heat dome could hit. Many Calgarians have come to accept letting their outdoor plants die and the mountains of dirty laundry pile up. But some will see the Stampede proceeding as a signal the water

crunch isn't really that dire. The city and the Stampede will have to do a lot of work to explain why this isn't the case.

On the other hand, that oversized sway of the Stampede also means there's a strong motivation to have the repairs done quickly, perhaps even ahead of schedule.

For many people outside the city, it's hard to understand Calgarians' attachment to the Stampede and the way it takes over even beyond the fairgrounds, with parties, free pancake breakfasts and cowboy cosplay. The massive buy-in is scary, but spectacular. The event also provides a

cultural touchstone for the thousands of newcomers – many of them interprovincial migrants but most from overseas – arriving in the city each month.

The Stampede is even part of my family story, in that it figured prominently in my grandpa's childhood.

At the age of 12, he was allowed to leave the cloistered world of the family farm to accompany a large team of Percheron horses to the 1925 Stampede. He rode his “best mare” Fanny behind his uncle's chuckwagon 140 kilometres from Bassano to Calgary, where he slept next to the Mewata Armoury each night, and feasted on roasted buffalo during the day. He hung out with the other cowboys and learned how to lasso. Through his parents' divorce, his time as a flight instructor in the Second World War, and his decades as a teacher, he never forgot those coming-of-age days the Stampede gave him.

Ninety-five years later, the Stampede was cancelled because of the pandemic. In 2021, one year after that, only a pared-back line of floats was allowed for the Stampede's parade day. There were no crowds. The event was staged for the cameras, as we were living through another ugly COVID-19 variant. Still, standing on the media sidelines, I was grateful for each horse rider and marching band that passed by. We were getting some version of normalcy – something to mark tradition.

Here we are, in the midst of disaster again, both near and far. The Stampede is fun and frivolous, but it brings us together for a shared experience. And many of us need that right now.

McGill's pro-Palestinian encampment's curriculum has no place on campus

KONRAD YAKABUSKI

OPINION



MONTREAL

Hundreds gathered in Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall this week to watch a debate that would be impossible to hold on your average Canadian university campus these days. The four debaters – two on each side – argued passionately and persuasively over whether anti-Zionism constitutes antisemitism.

Unlike on most campuses, where Jewish students now feel unsafe, the audience at Monday's Munk Debate was stacked with pro-Israel sympathizers. Before the debate, fully 61 per cent agreed that opposition to a Jewish state is a form of antisemitism. After the debate, fully two-thirds agreed.

Regardless of where you stand, the debate showed that there is still room for respectful discussion between conscientious adults on one of the most polariz-

ing issues of our polarized times. Unfortunately, that is not the case on most campuses.

The pro-Palestinian encampments that continue unchecked on several Canadian campuses are hardly shining examples of free and open discussion. Likening them to this generation's Vietnam or anti-apartheid protests is a stretch. Too many of their participants have demonstrated a disturbing willingness to ignore or tolerate terrorism and antisemitism in the name of “resistance” to an “oppressor” state.

“Zionism exists at every level of the Canadian government and our institutions, and we are here to fight Zionism wherever it is,” one speaker at the Gaza Solidarity Encampment on the McGill University campus in Montreal told fellow protesters in early May. The same speaker called McGill “an institution that funds the genocide of the Palestinian people.”

On Tuesday, as the occupation entered its eighth week, McGill president Deep Saini withdrew an offer of amnesty for students participating in the encampment that included a commitment by

the university to review its investments in weapons manufacturers. The McGill chapter of Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR) had dismissed the offer as “laughable” and called for an “immediate reallocation of funds from unethical companies to ethical ones.”

Let you get the impression that the McGill protesters are just peaceniks in keffiyehs, consider the “revolutionary” youth summer program that the McGill chapter of SPHR launched this week at the encampment. An Instagram post touting the program included a 1970 photo of Palestinian Liberation Organization fighters, most with their faces covered and two of whom are holding assault rifles.

“We pledge to educate the youth of Montreal and redefine McGill's ‘elite’ institutional [sic] legacy by transforming [sic] its space into one of revolutionary education,” the post said. “The daily schedule will include physical activity, Arabic language instruction, cultural crafts, political discussions, historical and revolutionary lessons.”

According to B'nai Brith Cana-

da, SPHR-McGill's original sign-up sheet referred to a class on the Axis of Resistance – the Iran-led, anti-Israel alliance that includes Hamas and Hezbollah, both of which are on Canada's list of designated terrorist entities, and Yemen's Houthi rebel group, which could soon be on it. The current sign-up sheet refers to this Friday's session as being on “Present-day resistance.”

“Is McGill going to allow its campus to be used to brainwash youths into thinking that terrorism is acceptable?” B'nai Brith's Quebec director Henry Topas asked.

Suffice it to say, the aim of these “classes” does not appear to be educational. The curriculum seems to have been designed by militants so steeped in anti-Israel ideology that they are unable to see anything wrong with posting an image of armed PLO fighters to promote their classes.

“It should go without saying that imagery evoking violence is not a tool of peaceful expression or assembly,” Mr. Saini said this week. “This worrying escalation is emblematic of the tensions on campuses across North America,

where we have seen many incidents that go well beyond what universities are equipped to manage on their own.”

Mr. Saini has taken heat for not taking more forceful action to dismantle the encampment, which is a blight on the McGill campus and Montreal's downtown. McGill has twice applied for an emergency court injunction to end the encampment and was both times denied. And Montreal police have refused to intervene without a court order.

A spokesperson for the Service de Police de la Ville de Montréal did say it has opened an investigation into SPHR-McGill's post – though he added it could not be considered hate speech because it does not target a specific group. “It's clear that when we look at it, it's in very bad taste,” he said. “It's the kind of thing that makes the population insecure.”

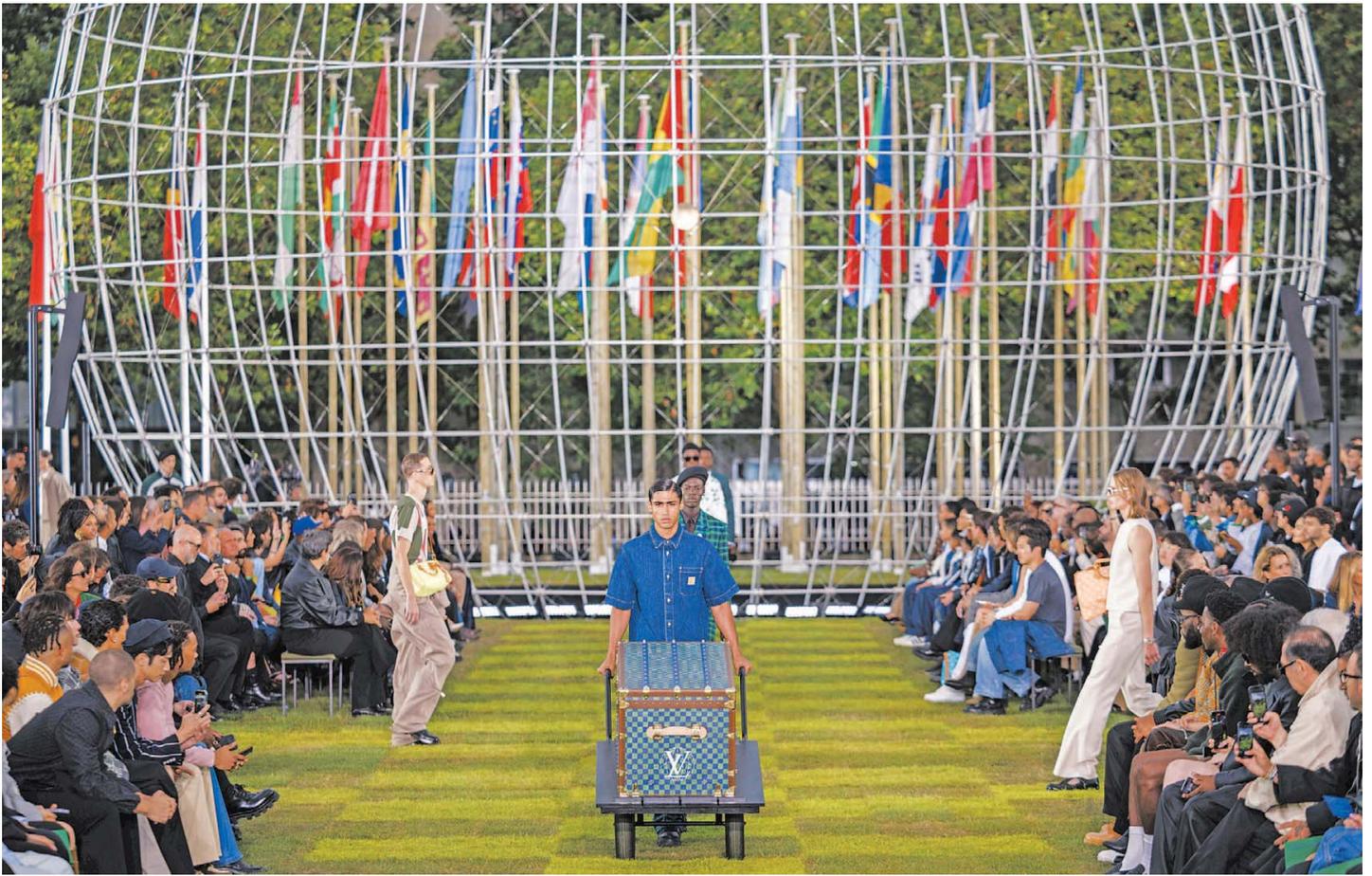
Montreal MP Anthony Housefather was less indulgent, saying on X: “This is incitement. This is glorification of violence. This is hate.”

Whatever it is, it has no place on any Canadian university campus.



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A model wears a creation for the spring/summer collection in Paris on Tuesday. The line by the U.S. designer Pharrell Williams for Louis Vuitton prominently features checks in shades of green, blue and black and draws inspiration from Air Afrique luggage. VIANNEY LE CAER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pharrell Williams's Louis Vuitton show celebrates diversity

Musician and designer takes inspiration from the upcoming Summer Olympics in a star-studded men's wear showcase in Paris

THOMAS ADAMSON PARIS

With just over a month before the Paris Olympics, Louis Vuitton celebrated the beauty of humans and their skin in a star-studded men's wear showcase at the headquarters of UN cultural agency UNESCO in Paris. Models wearing garb in all the hues of human flesh paraded around a giant globe on grass patterned in Vuitton's signature Da-

mier check, creating a visual symphony of diversity.

Here are some highlights of spring 2025 shows:

VUITTON'S HUMAN

"It was an homage to human beings," said men's wear designer Pharrell Williams, who name-checked the Summer Olympics, for a show that felt like a journey across continents against a backdrop of the Eiffel Tower and a giant shell globe. "It went from black to dark brown to brown to light brown to beige, a little bit of grey ... and then finally to white," the singer-turned-couturier said of the spring display.

The spectacular collection prominently featured checks in shades of green, blue and black, drawing inspiration from the de-

signs of Air Afrique luggage. The airline, which operated from the 1960s for decades, has become a symbol of diasporic creativity, according to Vuitton. With contributions from creatives like Lamine Diaoune and Djiby Kebe, Williams infused the collection with a sense of global unity.

Inspired by the UN cultural headquarters populated with ambassadors, Williams explored various archetypes. The diplomat was featured in deep, rich tones of 1970s-inflected tailoring. The explorer appeared in sturdy yet stylish outerwear, including utility jackets and vests. The dandy, another key figure, strutted down the Damier-check grass runway in jackets and coats adorned with rhinestones and pearl embroidery.

Set against a dramatic sky, with

shifting clouds and fluttering world flags, the collection's progression of colours mirrored the diversity of the models, moving from darker to lighter tones in multicultural harmony. This theme extended to the garments, which included pixelated python skin patterns and world maps centered on Africa. A reinterpretation of the Damier pattern featured pale brown checks with multicoloured accents. Soccer ball leather designs paid tribute to the world's favourite sport.

The show, which was neat and saleable, blended complexity with apparent simplicity – amid the richness of the diaspora.

Enamel maps were embedded in buttons, and the LV logo appeared subtly embossed on materials. Intricate details like black-on-black embroidery and crystal and pearl accents added layers of sophistication. Elsewhere, vintage-inspired designs in soft leather had oversized monogram patterns and aged leather trims.

fused with unexpected, haphazard touches and flashes of eye-popping blue created a melting pot feel. It was like a theatre casting director had opened a chic dressing-up box. These elements highlighted Saunders' ability to mix tradition with modernity, a theme she consistently explores.

A blue mesh onesie and cap added an urban touch while playing on the theatricality present throughout the collection. Similarly, a satin blue foulard T-shirt shimmered beautifully with its generous proportions, emphasizing Saunders' knack for innovative use of textures and fabrics.

Netted bobble hats were a perfect archetype of the spring fare – part East London net shopping bag, part Old Master artist. This clever use of materials and accessories is a testament to Saunders' commitment to sustainability, often utilizing deadstock fabrics from platforms like Nona Source and materials from Positive Materials and Isko.

At times, Saunders seemed to align with fashion brand Loewe's latest aesthetics, yet she maintained her distinct identity through her cultural references and innovative approach to men's wear.

MYSTICAL MEETS MODERN AT UNDERCOVER

Crowns of golden thorns, sandals, and loose tunic-like jackets added a mystical quality to Undercover's spring. Designer Jun Takahashi masterfully blended high fashion with streetwear. The show, a spectacle of contrasts, felt both ancient and modern, drawing on the designer's knack for hybridization.

Loose silhouettes, distressed and deconstructed, paraded down the runway, effortlessly combining the avant-garde with the wearable. Though layered and busy, ensembles maintained a visual coherence that showcased Takahashi's meticulous approach to construction. His ability to mix familiar wardrobe staples imaginatively was on full display, from rough cotton and linens to striking prints.

Veils and lace adornments around the neck added an ethereal touch, evoking a sense of spiritual journey, while historic trains on some garments straddled both urban and Renaissance. Hoods on tracksuits, reminiscent of Mary Magdalene, yet infused with hip-hop mystique, showcased the designer's ability to draw from diverse cultural symbols.

A pleated printed skirt celebrated the passion of the non-binary, further emphasizing Takahashi's commitment to inclusivity in fashion.

Models wearing garb in all the hues of human flesh paraded around a giant globe on grass patterned in Vuitton's signature Damier check, creating a visual symphony of diversity.

Once again, the celebrity designer made the show almost more about the act of putting on a spectacle, rather than a showcase for clothes. This appears to be the zeitgeist. Among the stars applauding were Alicia Vikander and Michael Fassbender.

Speaking about the tumult of the world currently, and the prevalence of the world's flags around the UN building representing some nations at loggerheads or worse, Pharrell said that he would "never dare to think [this show] could be a reason for people to come together. But to present that notion [of peace] and to present the possibility in a poetic way, is the only thing that we can do."

BIANCA SAUNDERS' THESPIAN MELTING POT

Bianca Saunders' models trod the boards for a spring collection Wednesday that riffed on the boho thespian – all upon an old-school bricked runway.

This latest collection by the British-Jamaican designer, known for her digital-first approach and inclusive designs, showcased her signature blend of minimalism and cultural references.

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Lily Gladstone explains the history behind Fancy Dance

The movie is set for a limited theatrical release on Friday

KAITLYN HUAMANI LOS ANGELES

Lily Gladstone knows the gravity stories about what she calls the “epidemic” of missing and murdered Indigenous people have. But she also values humour in telling those stories.

In *Fancy Dance*, set for a limited theatrical release Friday and streaming release on Apple TV+ June 28, Gladstone plays Jax, who has cared for her niece, Roki, since her sister’s disappearance on the

Seneca-Cayuga reservation in Oklahoma. As the pair searches for their loved one and prepares for Roki’s upcoming powwow, they share moments of unexpected levity baked into the emotional story.

“You would be very hard pressed to find any Indigenous person in North America today that is not touched by an element of the story very personally,” Gladstone said. “We all know an MMIP [Missing and Murdered Indigenous Person]. It’s something that we all collectively kind of grieve and work to fix. We stick together and we survive through it by being funny, by finding humour in it.”

Newcomer Isabel Deroy-Olson, who stars alongside Gladstone as

Roki, said the film’s humour helps the audience get through the heavier moments of the story – which was also true for the actors.

“With all of us having a pretty similar sense of humour, we brought that behind the scenes, too, as a way to kind of lift each other up, and that’s so true in all of our communities,” she said. “We just we like to laugh with each other. Showing that both on and off screen was really important to us.”

“You have to keep joy, you have to keep laughter, and you have to keep our optimism in order to survive an ongoing genocide,” said director and co-writer Erica Tremblay.



Lily Gladstone’s latest movie, *Fancy Dance*, deals with missing and murdered Indigenous people. MATT LICARI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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From Post Malone to Billie Eilish, who will have the 2024 song of the summer?

MARIA SHERMAN NEW YORK

Since the beginning of time or, at least, pop music, only a few have earned the designation of “song of the summer.”

These are the earworms that lodge deep into the brain, pushing past genre preferences and reminding listeners: A hit is a hit. With so much variety, though, it’s getting harder to crown a single song of the summer.

So, the Associated Press is offering 2024 predictions across categories – with past winners for reference.

SONG OF THE SUMMER FOR THE CAFFEINATED: ESPRESSO, SABRINA CARPENTER

We’re a few decades removed from the Y2K era of off-kilter pop songs with nonsensical lyrics atop sunny productions. But no one told Sabrina Carpenter, whose hit *Espresso* is a shot of wake-up juice, equal parts clever and totally unserious. *Espresso* makes a one-woman argument for disco-informed radio pop’s endurance.

Past champion: *Wide Awake*, Katy Perry (2012).

COUNTRY CROSSOVER SONG OF THE SUMMER: I HAD SOME HELP, POST MALONE FEAT. MORGAN WALLEN

Before it even released, it seemed likely a Post Malone team-up with Morgan Wallen would result in a No. 1 record. *I Had Some Help* introduced Post Malone’s foray into country and, with some help indeed from the biggest name in contemporary country music, was an instant success. There’s no denying that honkytonk hook, Malone’s autotuned vibrato or the singalong chorus.

Past champion: *You’re Still the One*, Shania Twain (1998).

DISS SONG OF THE SUMMER: NOT LIKE US, KENDRICK LAMAR

Drake and Kendrick Lamar reignited a once-dormant feud earlier this year, launching diss track after diss track. None hit quite like Lamar’s ferocious *Not Like Us*, which became Lamar’s fourth No. 1 on Billboard’s Hot 100. The messaging – all West Coast fire in an “us vs. them” anthem – really works.

Past champion: *Obsessed*, Mariah Carey (2009).

VIRAL HIT OF THE SUMMER: A BAR SONG (TIPSY), SHABOOZEY

In an ideal world, every country station would play Shaboozey’s *A Bar Song (Tipsy)* once an hour, on the hour. Until then, its social media virality will have to do the trick. With its inspired interpolation of J-Kwon’s *Tipsy*, the song has all the makings of a modern classic, with an easy-to-rally-around narrative following a hardworking protagonist easing his troubles on a bar stool.

Past champion: *Trap Queen*, Fetty Wap (2015).

SONG OF THE SUMMER FOR THE YEARNERS: LUNCH, BILLIE EILISH

Lunch, from Billie Eilish’s new album, *Hit Me Hard and Soft*, is a PG-13 ode to same-sex infatuation. The once-in-a-generation performer has come a long way from the macabre humor, off-kilter beats and Invisalign slurps that made her a star. Instead, *Lunch* is a delicious, sapphic anthem.

Past champion: *Nineteen*, Teigan and Sara (2007).

CLUB SONG OF THE SUMMER: GET IT SEXYY, SEXYY RED

It’s in the title. *Sexy Red*, with her distinctive flow and quotable bars not exactly safe for work, has taken over. *Get It Sexy* is a theme song for her dominance and a confident mantra for everyone planning to hit the dance floor.

Past champion: *Lose Control*, Missy Elliott feat. Ciara & Fat Man Scoop (2005).

SONG FOR SINGLES READY TO MINGLE THIS SUMMER: BELLAKEO, PESO PLUMA FEAT. ANITTA

Take one of the biggest names in regional Mexican music, Peso Pluma, bring in one of the biggest Brazilian pop-funk stars, Anitta, and you’ve got yourself a sweaty reggaeton banger. *Bellakeo* is a song for both the club and corner store, oozing with flirtation.

Past champion: *Where the Party At*, Jagged Edge and Nelly (2001).

SONG OF THE SUMMER FROM YOUR FAVORITE ARTIST’S FAVORITE ARTIST: GOOD LUCK, BABE!, CHAPPELL ROAN

Chappell Roan has long had a knack for candor in her theatrical, cheeky songwriting, emphasized by sometimes-yodeling vocals. But she’s only recently started receiving mainstream attention for her full-throated, big-hearted queer love anthems. *Good Luck, Babe!* is a kiss-off-and-a-half – perfect for screaming along to while driving down an empty street in Roan’s native Midwest or getting ready with the girls for the drag club.

Past champion: *Signed, Sealed, Delivered I’m Yours*, Stevie Wonder (1970).

SONG OF THE SUMMER FOR PEOPLE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING BUYING A HARMONICA: PINK SKIES, ZACH BRYAN

Every song of the summer list requires a real tearjerker. Within the first few seconds of Zach Bryan’s *Pink Skies*, the acoustic guitar, harmonica, and raspy narrative will have you breaking out the tissues. “The kids are in town for a funeral,” he sings. “So pack the car and dry your eyes.” He’s an expert at writing a novel in few words, a song so good it charts without traditional support.

Past champion: *Run-Around*, Blues Traveler (1995).

SONG OF THE SUMMER THAT SHARES A TITLE WITH A FILM: MILLION DOLLAR BABY, TOMMY RICHMAN

Million Dollar Baby feels like it came out of nowhere – as so many TikTok smashes do – but its continued endurance since April is notable. Plus, it shares a title with a very famous film, and that’s always fun.

Past champion: *Breakfast at Tiffany’s*, Deep Blue Something (1995).

SWIFTIES’ SONG OF THE SUMMER: FORTNIGHT, TAYLOR SWIFT AND POST MALONE

Every summer, Taylor Swift’s fans anoint their own pick. This time around, it has to be *Fortnight* from *The Tortured Poets Department*. Enter *I love you / It’s ruining my life*, into the pantheon of Swiftisms that would make for an amazing AOL away message (R.I.P.).

Past champion: *Karma*, Taylor Swift (2023).

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My last child is about to leave home

FIRST PERSON

As she moves on to her next chapter, I lean into this visceral feeling of mixed-up emotions to make sense of all this love and loss and pride and fear, **Suzanne Scott** writes

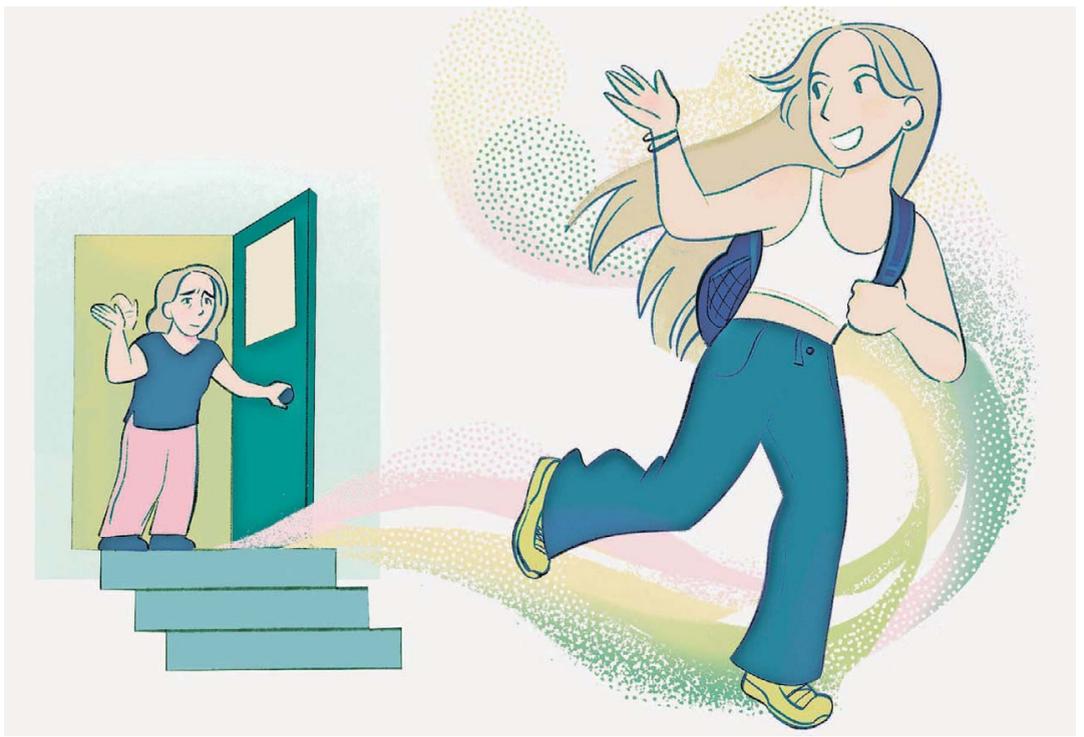
Today, I cried at the gym. Right there, in front of the mirror, while I was tackling my mid-life girth. Halfway through a set of sit-ups, I burst into tears. I failed to control the weeping that came seemingly from nowhere. I felt embarrassed. I looked to see if anyone had noticed, wiped my face and focused on the obnoxiously loud electronic dance music blasting from the speakers. "Come on, pull yourself together woman," I told myself.

Later in the day, driving my youngest child to an activity, I felt another surge of uncontrollable emotion. I concentrated on the rock ballad that played on the radio. My daughter turned up the volume and we took turns humming the familiar tune, picking out a few known phrases, singing awkwardly together when my tears returned. It was not a sudden rupture like earlier at the gym, but rather silent, slow, hot tears. They pooled in the bottom of my eyelids as I held fast to the steering wheel. I centred my breath but more tears spilled onto my cheeks and down my neck staining my shirt.

I am not known to be overly emotional. But here I was unable to contain this surge of sentiment and the fear of the finality about this phase of motherhood: My third and last child is graduating from high school and moving on to her next chapter.

I lean into this visceral feeling of mixed-up emotions to make sense of all this love and loss and pride and fear. It's a juxtaposition of wanting to grasp hold of your child forever while at the same time wanting to lift them high and encourage them to fly. I could just rationalize my emotional state with the scientific explanation of the realignment of hormones. I understand that on a cellular level, this elevated sense of emotion is textbook, but all I can think about is how this phase of life is completely overwhelming.

My identity as a mother is being reformed at the exact same time as my children are learning to move on to find new



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adventures. Blended into this emotional response is also the sense of empathy I feel for my mother who must have felt something similar when I moved out.

"Are you okay, Mum?" asked my youngest.

I cleared my throat and rubbed the tears away.

"Look at the haze! Isn't it bad today?" I say, changing the subject.

She knew I wasn't okay. I just didn't have the words to tell her how I was feeling. Without speaking, we could sense the days ticking by before she graduates from high school. What she did not know was that I was already longing for her return before she has even left, and that despite experiencing this twice before with her brother and sister, it wasn't getting any easier. Each day until she does leave, I am practising the moment when I finally have to peel away from her as she begins her new life far away at university.

I recall meeting a woman once who told

me that she had experienced postpartum elation with her third child instead of postpartum blues. That really stuck with me as I have experienced this with my youngest all these years (well, other than those trying days when she was in her terrible threes). She's our third and last child, our baby, and will be hard to let go.

Mixed into this emotional tsunami is the grief I hold for the young woman that was once me, unencumbered by self-doubt and midlife indecision. I grieve for the future I once had, for all the identities I tried on that didn't stick - the artsy girl, the nomadic hippie, the grey-suited corporate career woman, the earnest academic. All of these people are me and were me.

I lament that my once girlish figure is now muted by a magnified midsection that hides the curvature of my hips, but I also embrace the thought that midrifts have a purpose in all of this transition. The middle bits stick around, like a phantom

weight that never leaves, like that ever-present feeling of a child on our hips, of bony elbows and knees pressing into our bellies. Time is stamped on my body, a body that recalls the feeling of a little hand reaching up for mine, a clandestine hug around the waist before a safe release into the world.

I take stock of time passing and pay attention to every precious memory. These moments are both the ones we long for and are most afraid of. These feelings of love and grief grab me by the throat and split open my heart. All of this makes me burst into tears one minute and burst into song in another.

It's okay, I'll be all right, we will all be fine. I'll cry, and get back to the gym.

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Jacob Hoggard's appeal of sexual assault conviction heard by Ontario court

TORONTO

Canadian musician Jacob Hoggard's appeal of his sexual assault conviction was heard at Ontario's top court on Wednesday, as the former Hedley frontman sought a new trial.

Hoggard was sentenced to five years behind bars in October, 2022 after being found guilty of sexual assault causing bodily harm against an Ottawa woman, an offence the presiding judge called a "particularly degrading rape."

The musician was granted bail hours after being sentenced, pending his appeal in the case.

Documents filed by Hoggard's lawyers with the Court of Appeal for Ontario said he is appealing his conviction on four grounds, including that the trial judge erred by admitting the evidence of Lori Haskell, a clinical psychologist, on the neurobiology of trauma.

They also argued the trial judge wrongly permitted the Crown to argue that the expert's evidence supported the credibility of the woman Hoggard was found to have sexually assaulted.

"This arrow cuts right into the heart of the issue in this case," Gerald Chan, one of Hoggard's lawyers argued in court Wednesday.



Canadian musician Jacob Hoggard was sentenced to five years behind bars in October, 2022, after being found guilty of sexual assault causing bodily harm. ALEX LUPUL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

day. "This is not a peripheral part of the trial. This is not related to tangential pieces of evidence."

The trial judge allowed the psychologist, over the objections of the defence, to give the jury a generic "science" lesson on the neurobiology of trauma as long as she did not link the evidence to the complainants, who she did not assess, Hoggard's lawyers said in court documents.

"Dr. Haskell testified that experiencing a traumatic event can cause memory to fragment and lack coherent narrative. The relevance of this evidence, however, assumed the existence of the very

traumatic events at issue in the trial - namely, the alleged sexual assaults," they argued.

"Unless the jury assumed Hoggard was guilty, Dr. Haskell's evidence was irrelevant. It should never have been admitted."

The legal team further argued that the trial judge delivered an "impermissibly imbalanced" jury charge regarding inconsistencies in the woman's testimony compared to those in Hoggard's testimony - they argued the judge gave the jury the misimpression that the woman and Hoggard had an equal number of inconsistencies when "in reality J.B. had

more."

The Crown argued in court documents that the psychologist's evidence was properly admitted at trial, and the trial judge pared down the expert evidence on the neurobiology of trauma to the "established science" that the defence did not challenge on cross-examination.

"It was relevant not to bolster credibility but to help the jury assess counter-intuitive behaviour that may be misunderstood owing to myths and stereotypes. It was necessary because the scientific explanation behind these behaviours is beyond laypersons' ability to understand," the Crown wrote.

"Without it there was a risk the complainants' evidence would be unfairly discounted. Although not a neurobiologist, Dr. Haskell had extensive neurobiology of trauma training and teaching experience. Any potential for prejudice was addressed through paring down the evidence's scope, the opportunity for cross-examination and providing custom mid-trial and final jury instructions."

The Crown - which has asked that the appeal be dismissed - also argued that instructions to the jury on prior inconsistent statements was balanced and fair to Hoggard.

At trial, Hoggard was found guilty of sexual assault causing bodily harm against an Ottawa woman and acquitted of the same charge against a teenage fan. He was also found not guilty of sexual interference, a charge that refers to the sexual touching of someone under 16, in relation to the teen.

The Crown alleged at trial that Hoggard groped the teen after a Hedley show in Toronto in April 2016, then violently raped her in a Toronto-area hotel room later that year after she turned 16. They alleged Hoggard then violently raped the Ottawa woman in a downtown Toronto hotel in November, 2016.

Hoggard - who had pleaded not guilty to all charges - acknowledged having sex with both complainants, but denied sexually assaulting them. As a result, the case turned on the issue of consent.

The musician whose band, Hedley, rose to fame after he came in third on the reality show Canadian Idol in 2004, was charged in 2018.

The band went on an indefinite hiatus when allegations of sexual misconduct surfaced. Its last show was in Kelowna, B.C., on March 24, 2018.

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Swizz Beatz and Timbaland strike distribution deal with X for Verzuz

JONATHAN LANDRUM JR.
LOS ANGELES

Swizz Beatz and Timbaland are bringing the Verzuz series back with a new major platform for viewers to watch musicians face off in a song-against-song battle.

The legendary producers announced Wednesday that Verzuz cemented an exclusive partnership for independent distribution with the social-media site X.

Swizz Beatz said he's looking forward to the new chapter for Verzuz, which became popular during the coronavirus pandemic.

"Not only are we excited to have Verzuz on X, we're excited to help X build the biggest entertainment company in the world," he said in statement before he

thanked several X executives including owner Elon Musk for believing in their vision. "We can't wait to get back to work."

Both companies agreed on a "mutually beneficial alliance" where Swizz Beatz and Timbaland maintain full ownership and creative control, while X receives exclusive distribution rights.

Timbaland said he's thrilled to expand their viewership through X, which has more than 300 million monthly active users. Viewers will be able to watch Verzuz for free.

"Our goal has always been to bring Verzuz to the world which we can now do bigger than ever," he said.

Verzuz came to life in 2020 after a friendly competition between Swizz Beatz and Timbaland on social-media started off

to entertain homebound fans during the pandemic. But their platform eventually evolved into a place where some of music's biggest stars competed against each other in the same fashion.

The series had grown from a novel event to bridging music's past and present. It began on Instagram Live to having in-person battles in front of an audience.

Some of the most epic battles have included John Legend vs. Alicia Keys, Erykah Badu vs. Jill Scott, Gladys Knight vs. Patti LaBelle, Gucci Mane vs. Jeezy, Brandy vs. Monica and Snoop Dogg vs. DMX. An April battle between Babyface vs. Teddy Riley ended abruptly due to audio issues but was completed another night.

The series was acquired by Triller in 2021, but Swizz Beatz and Timbaland sued the social-video platform company for

breach of contract. The producers settled with Triller in 2022.

"Our platform stands at the forefront of innovation, and Verzuz defines the essence of an innovative content experience,"

said X CEO Linda Yaccarino. "As we continue to work with the most exciting voices to bring premium content to X, there is no better fit than this series."

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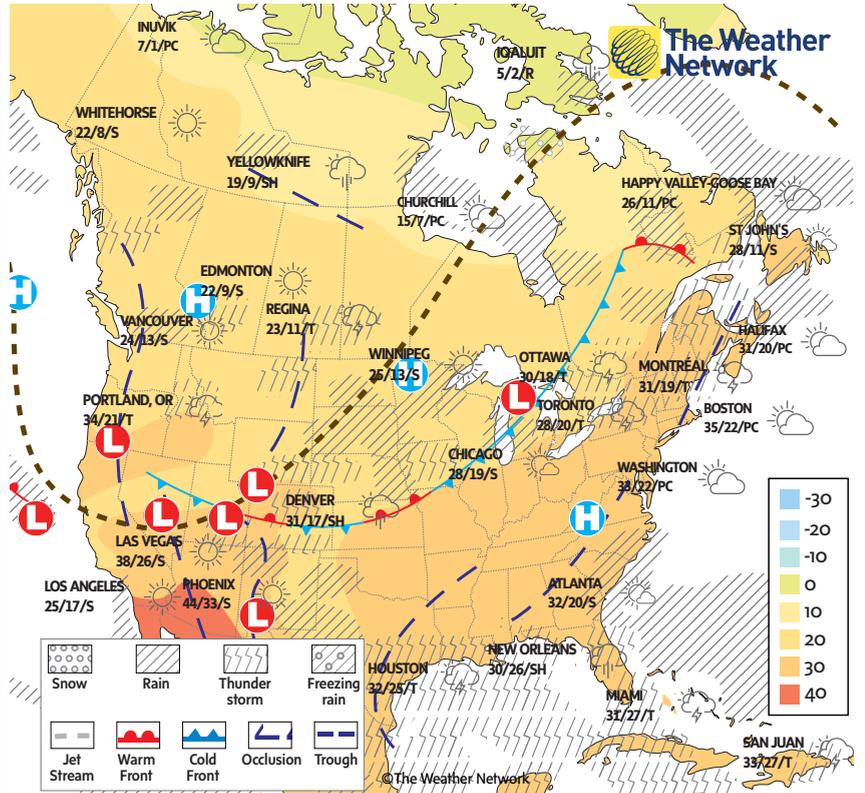
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WORLD FORECAST

	TODAY	TOMORROW	SATURDAY
AMSTERDAM	20/13 SH	20/11 SH	19/12 S
ATHENS	35/26 S	34/24 S	34/21 S
BANGKOK	35/27 T	34/27 T	32/27 T
BEIJING	37/24 PC	29/23 SH	35/23 S
BERLIN	23/16 PC	28/17 SH	23/13 SH
BRUSSELS	21/16 SH	18/12 R	19/11 SH
COPENHAGEN	18/11 S	18/15 PC	17/15 SH
FRANKFURT	24/17 PC	23/14 SH	21/13 SH
HONG KONG	30/28 T	30/28 T	30/28 T
JERUSALEM	34/22 S	33/21 S	31/20 S
LAS VEGAS	38/26 S	41/28 S	42/29 S
LONDON	21/12 S	23/13 S	21/14 SH
LOS ANGELES	25/17 S	26/19 S	26/20 S
MADRID	21/13 SH	27/16 S	30/17 PC
MIAMI	31/27 T	33/28 T	33/27 T
MOSCOW	23/13 R	22/15 S	22/12 S
NEW DELHI	41/33 T	43/34 S	45/34 S
NEW YORK	32/22 S	32/22 T	27/21 SH
NICE	27/22 SH	26/19 SH	25/19 S
ORLANDO	31/24 SH	33/25 S	33/25 T
PARIS	23/16 SH	22/15 SH	18/11 SH
PHOENIX	44/33 S	46/33 S	41/32 SH
ROME	39/24 S	37/22 S	34/19 S
SAN FRANCISCO	15/11 PC	16/12 S	16/12 S
SEOUL	35/22 S	33/22 PC	26/20 R
SINGAPORE	29/26 T	29/26 T	29/27 T
SYDNEY	15/9 S	16/9 SH	16/11 SH
TOKYO	27/21 PC	26/20 PC	27/22 PC
WASHINGTON	33/22 PC	36/25 S	37/28 S

NATIONAL FORECAST

	TODAY	TOMORROW	SATURDAY
BANFF	16/3 SH	19/3 S	18/6 S
BARRIE	27/18 T	27/19 SH	26/20 T
BRANDON	24/11 S	24/13 S	18/14 SH
CALGARY	20/5 S	21/8 T	25/10 S
CHARLOTTETOWN	30/16 T	22/14 PC	21/13 PC
CHICOUTIMI	25/13 SH	23/12 S	24/15 S
CHURCHILL	15/7 PC	16/7 PC	21/5 PC
CORNER BROOK	27/13 SH	20/9 S	18/8 S
CORNWALL	32/19 T	27/18 PC	25/20 C
EDMONTON	22/9 S	24/10 S	26/15 S
HALIFAX	31/20 PC	26/15 SH	23/14 PC
HAMILTON	31/19 T	26/19 SH	25/20 T
HUNTSVILLE	28/19 PC	27/18 PC	24/20 R
IQALUIT	6/2 RS	7/2 SH	6/2 SH
JASPER	21/4 T	22/4 S	23/9 PC
KELOWNA	25/10 S	28/12 S	27/14 C
KINGSTON	26/20 T	27/20 SH	26/22 PC
LONDON	31/21 T	29/20 T	30/24 T
MONTREAL	31/19 T	27/19 PC	25/19 C
NIAGARA FALLS	30/20 T	28/20 T	28/23 SH
NORTH BAY	26/17 PC	26/17 PC	22/18 R
OTTAWA	30/18 T	27/18 PC	24/19 SH
PRINCE GEORGE	25/9 S	27/13 S	23/12 C
PETERBOROUGH	31/20 T	28/19 SH	26/21 R
QUÉBEC	30/16 T	26/15 PC	25/16 PC
REGINA	23/11 T	23/13 T	21/11 SH
SASKATOON	21/10 SH	23/11 T	22/11 PC
SAULT STE MARIE	23/15 PC	24/17 PC	21/19 T
SAINT JOHN	28/17 T	26/15 PC	23/14 PC
SEPTÎLES	23/14 PC	19/11 S	17/11 S
ST. JOHN'S	27/11 S	15/9 SH	16/9 PC
SUDBURY	27/17 PC	27/17 PC	21/19 R
THUNDER BAY	21/9 PC	20/9 C	16/15 R
THOMPSON	22/8 S	25/10 S	25/13 S
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WHITEHORSE	22/8 S	21/12 S	18/12 SH
WINNIPEG	25/13 T	25/14 S	20/16 SH
YELLOWKNIFE	19/9 SH	20/11 SH	19/10 PC



LEGEND
Daytime high, overnight low, and conditions

CG CLOUDY	RS RAIN/SNOW
F FOG	S SUN
FR FREEZING RAIN	SN SNOW
HZ HAZE	SF SNOW FLURRIES
NA NOT AVAILABLE	SH SHOWERS
PC PARTLY CLOUDY	T THUNDERSTORMS
R RAIN	W WINDY

BRIDGE
BY STEVE BECKER
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

NORTH
♠ A Q 9 4
♥ 4 2
♦ A 8 4 3
♣ Q 8 5

WEST
♠ 8
♥ K 9 8 6 3
♦ K Q 10 7
♣ A J 2

EAST
♠ —
♥ Q 10 7
♦ J 9 6 5 2
♣ 10 9 6 4 3

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 7 6 5 3 2
♥ A J 5
♦ —
♣ K 7

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

The bidding:

West North East South
1[H] Dble 2[H] 6[S]
Opening Lead – king of diamonds.

Assume you're in six spades and West leads the king of diamonds. When dummy comes down, it looks as though you've bitten off a bit more than you can chew. You seem destined to lose a heart and a club and go down one. When you think about what got you into this predicament, you tell yourself that all you really needed was for partner to have a singleton heart, certainly a distinct possibility on the bidding. But this isn't the time to be grieving about what might have been. Instead, you should be

thinking about how to make the slam. And if you think hard enough, you realize that the slam can almost surely be made. West could hardly have opened the bidding without the ace of clubs, and if he has that card, you can't be stopped from fulfilling your assignment. Accordingly, you ruff the king of diamonds at trick one rather than take dummy's ace (if you played the ace, you'd go down one). Then, after cashing the king of spades, you lead the seven of clubs toward dummy.

This places West in an impossible position. If he goes up with the ace, you can later discard the J-5 of hearts on dummy's queen of clubs and ace of diamonds. And if instead West plays low on the club lead, you win with dummy's queen, discard the king of clubs on the ace of diamonds and later lose only a heart trick. Provided you keep your wits about you at the outset, there's no escape for West.

CHALLENGE CROSSWORD

	1	2		3		4		5		6	
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CRYPTIC CLUES

- | | |
|---|--|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 He has a job to discover the facts (10) | 2 The listener holds it in suspense (7) |
| 8 Mother has a look back for a girl (5) | 3 It takes a long time to muse (5) |
| 9 Double over and collapses (5,2) | 4 Don't accept that it ought to be thrown away (6) |
| 10 Rowdy new trio love America (7) | 5 Matter in hand may be stocks and shares (7) |
| 11 More than one ghost writer (5) | 6 They are used to water these flowers (5) |
| 12 Team the French enter late in the day (6) | 7 Everyone knows it begins with the dissolution of Crete (4,6) |
| 14 Give a slight cut (6) | 8 Drilled without progress for a noticeable period (6,4) |
| 17 Very close to being drunk (5) | 13 Baltic country resort one is at (7) |
| 19 The democratic process makes one cross (7) | 15 Topical version relating to what may be seen (7) |
| 21 It reminds men to put me first (7) | 16 About to take successful action to recover (6) |
| 22 Like books after printing and before censorship? (5) | 18 They're contested in talk about the Middle East (5) |
| 23 Very promising students of astronomy? (4,6) | 20 Appoint in a fit of pique (5) |

QUICK CLUES

- ACROSS**
- A rapid rehearsal (3-7)
 - Rouse (5)
 - Dizziness (7)
 - A harsh satire (7)
 - Make preparations for (3,2)
 - Science of light (6)
 - Excessive exertion (6)
 - Devoutly religious (5)
 - Selfless courage (7)
 - North American mountain system (7)
 - A window shade (5)
 - Eager to get started (6,2,2)
- DOWN**
- Scruffy (7)
 - Argentinian ballroom dance (5)
 - Delirious (6)
 - Strictly honourable (7)
 - Raise with tackle (5)
 - Very angry (7,3)
 - Non-speaking dramatic role (4-2,4)
 - Dismiss from armed services (7)
 - Permanent (7)
 - Selected (6)
 - Be found (5)
 - Automatically controlled machine (5)

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

				4	3	6		
4		5		1				7
	7						1	
			5	3		6		1
9		3		8	6			
	2						8	
7				5		9		4

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.

6X	2÷		8+		4-
	2÷		2÷		
2-			2-		5
					144X
5+	4-		2-		
			3-	4-	2÷
30X					1-

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 6 without repeating.
- The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.

Freebies: Fill in 3. single-box cages with the numbers in the top-left corner.

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YESTERDAY'S CRYPTIC

ACROSS: 1 At home, 4 Nitwit, 9 Allegro, 10 Level, 11 Optic, 12 Endured, 13 Pillion ride, 18 Erector, 20 Queue, 22 Slave, 23 Evictor, 24 Siesta, 25 Impair.
DOWN: 1 Amazon, 2 Holst, 3 Magical, 5 Idled, 6 Wavered, 7 Toledo, 8 Come to grief, 14 Iterate, 15 Requiem, 16 Census, 17 Terror, 19 Theft, 21 Extra.

YESTERDAY'S QUICK

ACROSS: 1 Trance, 4 Fracas, 9 Orinoco, 10 Brute, 11 Hunch, 12 Nitpick, 13 Tip the scale, 18 Cover-up, 20 Extra, 22 Tulip, 23 Run-down, 24 Huddle, 25 Apathy.
DOWN: 1 Trophy, 2 Alien, 3 Crochet, 5 Rebut, 6 Crucial, 7 Sheikh, 8 Counterpart, 14 Invalid, 15 Clean up, 16 Scotch, 17 Vainly, 19 Repel, 21 Trout.



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Fidelity Canada to launch investment dealer, recruit advisers

CLARE O'HARA
WEALTH MANAGEMENT REPORTER

One of Canada's largest asset managers is stepping into the financial advice business after receiving regulatory approval to open a full-service wealth-management dealer.

On Thursday, Fidelity Investments Canada ULC will announce the launch of Fidelity Wealth, a dual-licensed investment dealer that has been approved by the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization to sell both securities and mutual-fund investment products.

The move is a major shift for a company that primarily manages and sells more than 239 mutual funds and exchange-traded funds, and will create a new independent competitor in the Canadian market for financial advice where the big banks are dominant players. Currently, the big six banks control 63 per cent of Canada's household financial wealth, according to data by Investor Economics, an ISS Market Intelligence business.

Fidelity Wealth managing director Eugene Boakye said in an interview that the new business will be built entirely by recruiting individual advisers – predominantly people who are nearing retirement and want to transition their books of business to an independent brokerage.

■ FIDELITY, B6

WestJet cuts flights ahead of possible mechanics' strike

ERIC ATKINS
TRANSPORTATION REPORTER

WestJet Airlines is cancelling flights after the union representing 670 aircraft technicians said it could strike on Thursday night.

Calgary-based WestJet cut 53 flights on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, potentially affecting at least 6,500 customers, as it parked planes and consolidated routes ahead of the 9 p.m. ET Thursday deadline announced by the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association.

WestJet said more cuts are possible, and it is taking the steps to reduce the chances customers, crew and aircraft are stranded or abandoned at remote destinations.

"We are making every effort to re-accommodate disrupted guests," WestJet said on Wednesday.

The disruptions come on the eve of the busy summer travel season, when airplanes are full and ticket prices high. The recent failure of Lynx Air also means travellers have fewer choices.

The WestJet workers, who include maintenance engineers and other skilled trades, last week rejected a tentative agreement on a first contract with the airline with 97 per cent voting against it.

■ WESTJET, B7

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BOEING	B5
CANADIAN WESTERN BANK	B9
POWER	B2
TOYOTA MOTOR	B2

TECHNOLOGY



B.C. startup puts a fresh charge into used EV batteries

Moment Energy hopes to boost country's aging power grid

PIPPA NORMAN

An energy storage systems manufacturer is giving electric vehicle batteries a place to retire, and a second life to provide a much-needed boost to Canada's aging power grid as it struggles to keep up with soaring demand.

Moment Energy, headquartered in Coquitlam, B.C., is repurposing used EV batteries into moveable power units that are being installed across the country to support buckling infrastructure. Since the start of 2024, the company has made a series of promising deals with partners such as the Vancouver International Airport and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

In a satisfying full-circle business model, Moment Energy purchases used EV batteries from

automakers and puts them together to create larger, rechargeable energy storage systems that can be plugged into local power grids to support new EV chargers. Co-founder Sumreen Rattan said when an EV battery is replaced, it typically has around 80 per cent of its capacity left. For the heavy carbon footprint it takes to manufacture the battery, that means at least 10 years of its life are often wasted. "They're either sitting on shelves, being sent to landfills, producing toxic waste or being prematurely recycled in the best case, besides repurposing," Ms. Rattan said.

Power consumption doesn't always match power production, but with an energy storage system, the two actions can get more in sync. This can also reduce the cost and pollution associated with generating energy.

■ MOMENT, B7

Sumreen Rattan cofounded energy storage company Moment Energy with three others while working out of her parents' garage. ETHAN CAIRNS/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

Bank of Canada considered holding off interest rate cuts until July, summary shows

MARK RENDELL

The Bank of Canada's governing council considered holding off interest-rate cuts until July, but were persuaded to move earlier this month by a string of encouraging inflation reports and economic signposts suggesting that price pressures will continue easing, according to a summary of the discussions that informed the rate decision.

On June 5, the central bank cut its policy rate to 4.75 per cent from 5 per cent, the first cut in four years and the start of a long-awaited monetary policy easing cycle.

The summary of deliberations, published Wednesday, shows the bank's six-per-

son governing council, led by Governor Tiff Macklem, weighing the risks of cutting too soon against the dangers of waiting too long.

"Some members were more focused on the downside risks to inflation stemming from a weak economy and the continued effects of restrictive monetary policy. Others put more weight on the upside risks associated with persistence in wage growth and the potential for a housing market rebound," the summary says.

Ultimately, the positive trend in inflation won the day. The annual pace of Consumer Price Index inflation has been below 3 per cent since the start of the year, after running as high as 8.1 per cent in 2022. The bank targets 2-per-cent inflation. It

was 2.7 per cent in April.

"While they recognized the risk that progress could stall – as it had in the United States – there was consensus that with four consecutive months of easing in core inflation and indicators suggesting continued downward momentum, there had been sufficient progress to warrant a first cut in the policy rate," the summary said.

The document echoes Mr. Macklem's comments earlier this month that it's "reasonable" to expect further rate cuts, but that the decline in interest rates will likely be gradual.

■ BoC, B6

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Support for Toyota chair tumbles to lowest level since at least 2010

RIVER AKIRA DAVIS TOKYO

Investor support for **Toyota Motor Corp.**'s long-time leader, Akio Toyoda, sank to its lowest level since he took the helm as shareholders challenged the extent of control he exerts over the company.

According to a filing released on Wednesday, 71.9 per cent of shareholders supported renominating Mr. Toyoda as chair of Toyota's board. That met the threshold required for re-election, but it was the lowest level of support for him since at least 2010, after Mr. Toyoda's first full year as chief executive.

"In the context of corporate Japan, it's a surprising figure," Hiroataka Uchida, partner at the consultancy Arthur D. Little, said of Mr. Toyoda's renomination vote result. Shareholders want to see changes made to Toyota's governance and the level of influence Mr. Toyoda holds within the company, he said: "That has been made quite obvious."

Traditionally in Japan, board members receive nearly unanimous support from shareholders, and Mr. Toyoda, whose grandfather founded the company, has gotten an average approval of more than 96 per cent over the past decade. But that national trend has started to change in recent years, with more investors using their votes to pressure companies to enhance profitability and corporate governance.

Ahead of Toyota's shareholder meeting on Tuesday, The New York Times reported that several big investors planned to vote against Mr. Toyoda's reappointment. They questioned whether recent problems with mishandled vehicle tests might indicate broader governance issues within Toyota, including inadequate checks and balances on management.

"Toyota's shareholders have now sent a strong signal that better governance is needed at the very top of the company," said Anders Schelde, chief investment officer at AkademikerPension, a Danish fund. "We share the concerns expressed and expect the chairman to reflect on the best interest of the company when deciding his next move."

Mr. Uchida of Arthur D. Little said there is very little chance that this year's lower approval rating would lead to something as big as Mr. Toyoda stepping down. "But it may mean that he takes a step back, at least from public view," he said.

During Toyota's annual meeting at its headquarters in Toyota City, southwest of Tokyo, Mr. Toyoda defended his active role within the company. He said he would assume responsibility for addressing the problems within Toyota that led it to violate vehicle-certification tests.

Mr. Toyoda's comments reflected his enduring view of himself as a leader who, after guiding Toyota through numerous challenges during his nearly 14-year tenure at the top, continues to serve as a "rear guard," shielding the company from setbacks so that others can maintain forward momentum.

According to figures released Wednesday, 95.4 per cent of shareholders voted in favour of Koji Sato, who took over from Mr. Toyoda as chief executive officer last year. That was slightly below last year's figure, 96.8 per cent.

Toyota said in a statement that it was strengthening its governance practices and had clarified the roles and expectations of its executives and redefined how it assesses the independence of directors.

"We perceive the approval rates at this year's shareholders' meeting as candid feedback from institutional investors," Toyota said. "Moving forward, we will continue to value dialogue with our shareholders, sincerely taking their feedback to heart and addressing it."

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

Sagard Holdings launches private credit fund

Fund created in partnership with iCapital will sell to retail investors

CLARE O'HARA
WEALTH MANAGEMENT REPORTER

Power Corp. of Canada's alternative-investment arm Sagard Holdings is launching its first private credit fund for retail investors at a time when some private credit funds are struggling with elevated redemption requests and major defaults on the loans they provide.

Sagard plans to announce the launch Thursday and will sell the fund exclusively through financial advisers to accredited retail investors in a partnership with iCapital – a financial technology platform that provides advisers access to private and alternative investments.

While the new fund is the first retail private credit fund under the Sagard brand, last year the company partnered with online financial services provider Wealthsimple to subadvise on a retail private credit fund. That fund – the Wealthsimple Private Credit fund – now has more than \$200-million in assets and will continue to operate independently under the Wealthsimple banner with Sagard as a subadviser. Subadvisers are third-party money managers hired by mutual fund companies to manage an investment portfolio.

Private credit is a type of debt provided by non-bank lenders to businesses seeking to raise capital. It refers to loans that are made directly by investors to companies. Investors are attracted to private markets as they look to access higher rates of return, but the asset class comes with higher risk and often locks in funds for

longer time horizons.

Sagard managing partner and chief investment officer Adam Vigna – who is the former global head of principal credit for the Canada Pension Plan – said the two funds won't be in direct competition because Wealthsimple's clients are a different target market than the adviser channel clients Sagard will be selling through.

In addition to Wealthsimple, Sagard has also been managing private credit assets for institutional investors for more than eight years with an investment team that has worked together in private credit for the past 20 years. The global asset manager manages more than US\$25-billion in assets.

"Most of the big pension plans in Canada have been investors in Sagard's private credit product and when you look back over the last 20 years, our team has had a very successful track record managing capital for those institutions," Mr. Vigna said in an interview. "We've continued to deliver outsized returns for those different institutions and that's why we've seen so much institutional capital come into this space."

Sagard chairman and chief executive Paul Desmarais III said that over the past eight years the private credit team has served public and corporate pension plans, financial institutions, sovereign wealth funds and wealthy families. The new retail fund is aimed at accredited investors – high-net-worth individuals who typically have financial assets of at least a million dollars.

"We believe in democratizing access to alternatives," Mr. Desmarais said in a statement. "We are now going to offer these capabilities to a much broader category of accredited investors. Until recently, this kind of access has not been possible. We are starting with private credit in Canada, and

the plan is to go far beyond that."

Sagard's entrance into the retail space for private credit follows a tumultuous time for several private debt funds that found themselves in trouble after rising interest rates sparked a flurry of redemption requests from investors. Companies such as Ninepoint Partners LP and Romspen Investment Corp. have had to halt paying out any cash distributions to investors as well as shut down redemption windows for many of its funds.

However, Mr. Vigna says "not all private credit is created equal."

"What we do at Sagard is completely different from the strategy employed by some of these other firms in the Canadian market," he said. "I think that is fundamentally important to recognize."

Mr. Vigna says Sagard is focused on middle-market companies in North America that have profit under \$50-million – a market, he adds, that historically has been underserved and continues to be underserved, particularly in the United States.

"We've seen a lot of the regional banks and commercial banks pull back from the market in the U.S. so there's a lot of really attractive opportunities to place capital to work in the private credit landscape based on the strategy that we're focusing on today," he added.

The retail fund will invest in the same private deals as Sagard's institutional clients, which are composed mainly of private loans originated by Sagard and other liquid credit securities. The fund will provide loans to companies, receive interest on those loans and distribute net proceeds to investors in monthly distributions with an annual net return between 9 and 10 per cent, and offer quarterly redemption periods.

Sagard says it plans to launch additional retail products in the coming months.

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British inflation drops to 2-per-cent target for first time since 2021

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British inflation returned to its 2-per-cent target for the first time in nearly three years in May, but strong underlying price pressures all but rule out a pre-election interest rate cut.

While Prime Minister Rishi Sunak welcomed the fall in headline inflation in May, it has likely come too late to turn around his fortunes in British elections on July 4 or to prompt a Bank of England rate cut on Thursday.

Office for National Statistics data showed services price inflation, which the BoE thinks gives a better picture of medium-term inflation risks, was 5.7 per cent. That was down from 5.9 per cent in April, but higher than the 5.5 per cent economists had forecast in a Reuters poll or the 5.3 per cent predicted by the BoE last month.

Sterling rose modestly against the dollar and the euro after the data, but British government bonds underperformed as investors bet the BoE would delay following the lead of the European Central Bank, which cut rates earlier this month.

"Services CPI continues to print to the upside [which] we think removes any lingering risk that the Monetary Policy Com-

mittee might announce a cut to Bank Rate tomorrow," said Cathal Kennedy, senior UK economist at RBC Capital Markets.

The drop in annual consumer price inflation from April's 2.3-per-cent reading – in line with economists' expectations – took it to its lowest since July, 2021, and marks a sharp decline from the 41-year high of 11.1 per cent in October, 2022.

The fall has been sharper than in the euro zone or the United States, where consumer price inflation in May was 2.6 per cent and 3.3 per cent respectively, belying concerns a year ago that British inflation was proving unusually sticky.

Inflation first began to pick up in most Western economies in the second half of 2021 owing to bottlenecks from the COVID-19 pandemic, then surged after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February, 2022, caused natural gas prices to soar.

Consumer prices in Britain are up more than 20 per cent over the past three years, squeezing living standards and contributing to the unpopularity of Mr. Sunak's Conservatives, who are around 20 points behind the opposition Labour Party in opinion polls.

Mr. Sunak said that the drop in inflation since he took over from his Conservative predecessor Liz Truss – whose fiscal policy trig-

gered a surge in government borrowing costs – was evidence that his economic policies were working. "Let's not put all that progress at risk with Labour," he added in a video clip.

Labour's Rachel Reeves, who looks set to be Britain's next finance minister after the election, said re-electing the Conservatives would bring "five more years of chaos."

The BoE has said a return of inflation to its target is not enough on its own for it to start cutting interest rates.

"Rate-setters will still need to weigh the fall in headline inflation against signs that domestic price pressures, such as elevated pay growth, are proving slower to come down," said Martin Sartorius, principal economist at the Confederation of British Industry.

Most economists in a Reuters poll last week thought the central bank would start to cut rates in August from their 16-year high of 5.25 per cent, but financial markets see only a 30-per-cent chance of an August rate cut and think a first move is more likely in September or November.

Regular pay in the private sector in the three months to April grew by an annual 5.8 per cent, down only slightly from the first quarter of this year.

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Relax, the loonie will be fine

The dollar might weaken if interest rates diverge from the U.S. but it shouldn't harm the broader macroeconomy

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OPINION

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On June 5, Canada became the first G7 nation to lower interest rates, with more cuts looming on the horizon. Detractors have sounded the alarm on deviating too much from the U.S. Federal Reserve – which has not yet moved to trim rates – citing the danger of a collapsing Canadian dollar. But there is much less risk than people think, both in terms of how much the loonie's value will fall and how that fall would affect the wider economy.

Interest-rate differences influence currency exchange rates be-

cause they represent the difference in returns on holding Canadian-dollar assets versus U.S.-dollar ones. Since inflation remains persistent in the United States, the Federal Reserve is expected to continue holding rates high for the near future.

Thus, when the Bank of Canada lowers its rates and the U.S. doesn't, investors move their money away from Canadian bonds and toward U.S. Treasuries, selling Canadian dollars for U.S. ones. This sell-off is what the monetary policy hawks in Canada are worried about.

This mechanism is real, but the magnitude is overstated. Bank of Canada Governor Tiff Macklem said recently the central bank was "certainly not close" to the limit of how much it can diverge from U.S. or global rates. Historical evidence suggests the Bank of Canada can deviate up to 100 basis points (one full percentage point) away from the Federal Reserve rate without much impact on the exchange rate.

The last time we lowered rates significantly more than the Americans – in that case, by more than 200 basis points – the loonie fell about 10 per cent. This was af-

ter the Mexican peso crisis, which began at the end of 1994 after the country began posting large budget deficits. In the following years, the crisis spilled over heavily into Canada because it, too, was running deficits, and investors were wary of lending to highly indebted nations.

As a result we cut rates much more rapidly than the less-affected U.S. The spread between our interest rates reached a peak of 250 basis points, far more than we would expect under today's circumstances. Yet even then, the loonie only fell to a low of 63 US cents from 71 US cents before the crisis. That's a much higher minimum than the 50-cent low predicted by one pessimistic portfolio manager for our current situation. In other words, it takes a gargantuan spread to get a significant level of depreciation.

We also need to consider the extent to which a depreciating currency is even an issue. In our case, it isn't. Contrary to popular belief, the strength of a country's currency isn't some measure of the health of its economy at large. While it does tell us something about the macroeconomy, there is no "right" value for the loonie that is necessarily better or worse

for us. The number merely reflects supply and demand forces determined in large part by interest-rate spreads and capital outflow risk.

Thus any concerns about the Canadian dollar's falling value should be about how it affects other aspects of the economy, particularly prices and output. But a slightly weaker loonie should not have much impact on inflation, nor harm the broader macroeconomy.

When it comes to inflation, Canadians are primarily worried about how a depreciated dollar will raise import costs, and thus consumer prices. But inflation has not responded much to significant changes in the Canadian-U.S. exchange rate over the past 25 years. The National Bank of Canada estimates that even a 10-per-cent depreciation in the loonie would only add a maximum of 35 basis points to core inflation.

With more than 80 per cent of our consumption produced domestically and half of these expenses on untradable services, import prices only affect a small portion of our consumption. Moreover, even on goods that are imported, much of the final price depends on domestic services

that transport and sell the products. Thus the pass-through on to consumer prices is small.

In terms of broader economic risks, there really aren't any for the levels of depreciation we would be looking at. By making our exports cheaper for U.S. buyers and raising demand for domestically produced goods instead of foreign ones, a devalued loonie tends to expand the economy, not shrink it.

It takes a rapid sell-off of currency and subsequent bank failures to hurt output. But for that to happen, we would first observe enormous current account deficits, which measure our dependence on foreign funds. These deficits would need to be on the order of 7 per cent to 8 per cent of GDP, as was the case for Thailand in 1997 and Mexico in 1994. Canada's deficit is hovering around 0.3 per cent.

Caution in policy is helpful and there are legitimate concerns to be raised about additional rate cuts. But these have little to do with the Canadian dollar's value or tying ourselves to Federal Reserve policy. With the Canadian economy in dire straits, let's not overstate the barriers to providing relief

Do capital-gains taxes really matter that much to our economic well-being?

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OPINION

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Canadians are engaged in a lively debate about the proposed increase in capital-gains tax on individuals with more than \$250,000 a year in gains.

For companies, this increase is on all capital gains, not just those greater than \$250,000. Many people voice concerns about the potential impact of a capital-gains tax increase on investment and productivity.

But how much does this increase matter?

To pin Canada's economic well-being solely on tax policy misses the bigger picture. Economic growth and productivity gains are what will sustain Canada's prosperity, and that should be our economic goal.

If tweaking tax rates is the only policy idea we have to improve our position after a generation of low productivity, I fear we'll waste a generation of time – just as this country has done before in seeing productivity decline over the years.

To expand on this argument, we first have to dig into what problem the capital-gains tax increase is trying to solve, and how much capital-gains tax rates matter to our productivity problems.

A lot has been said about what is behind the capital-gains tax hike. But, at its heart, the premise is simple: There has long been a lack of balance between different ways of taxing corporate payments to shareholders.

Companies can move their after-tax profits into the pockets of shareholders by paying dividends, all of which are further taxed. Or companies can buy back shares, which raises the price of outstanding shares. Under the old system, when shareholders sold stock and generated capital gains, only half of those gains were taxed. The government proposes to increase that inclusion rate to two-thirds.

One aim for the capital-gains tax increase is to balance the two methods. A well-designed tax system aims for balance in taxation across these different ways of moving profits into shareholders' pockets or reinvesting them in the business. Otherwise, the tax system is interfering in corporate decisions – pushing companies to choose one capital structure over another.

We want those business decisions made on business grounds and not because one route is tax favoured. This is sensible and rational tax policy.

One question to critics concerned about the potential impact on the economy: Would the reverse, lower capital-gains tax rates, actually result in productivity gains? I'm skeptical.

Low productivity has bedevilled Canada for a generation through periods of high and low tax rates. Even if you think lower tax rates may improve productivity a bit, it's hard to see from the past 25 years of experience that personal income taxation is going to solve our productivity problem.

If fiddling with tax rates won't get us to higher productivity and better growth, then what will? Here are three ideas, all starting from the premise that we should build out from what already works.

First, we need more corporate investment to make our people and economy more productive. We know what works is to have tax incentives close to the investment decision. We should extend and expand the soon-to-expire accelerated depreciation measures that lower taxes on firms only when they invest.

Second, Canada's biggest resource is its people. We should continue to scale up our population at a sustainable pace – ensuring newcomers have access to affordable housing and the best education. With shrinking populations across Europe and Asia, being a beacon for young and ambitious newcomers is a Canadian advantage we should never stop embracing.

Finally, we need Canadian firms that can generate opportunities to flourish. Young engineers don't move to Seattle or Silicon Valley because of the tax rates; they seek opportunities to work with world-class companies building exciting products. Mobilizing more forward-looking industrial hubs in Canada requires public and private investments that work together to generate opportunity.

An example makes these ideas concrete: Consider the University of Waterloo. Billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs have flowed out of the decision to start a new university in Waterloo 67 years ago. The university wasn't launched because of low capital-gains tax rates. The university was born because regional business leaders collaborated with local and provincial governments to build on and push forward the region's historic success in manufacturing industries.

Keeping capital-gains taxes misaligned with the rest of the tax system doesn't solve our productivity problem. Instead, better growth performance requires us to focus on investment tax incentives where they matter, growing the scale and depth of the Canadian population's productive capacity, and building out hubs of industrial success.



Where forests are burned by wildfires, or recently clear-cut, water runs off unimpeded. University of British Columbia researchers found flooding is 'becoming much more common.' JASON FRANSON/CP

'You don't know what you've got till it's gone': Why nature matters to Canada's GDP

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OPINION

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Much of our Canadian identity is connected to our vast natural landscapes and abundant wildlife. What we tend to appreciate much less is how dependent we are on nature for a thriving economy.

This is to our detriment. When natural assets are degraded or destroyed, we're all on the hook for the sometimes-staggering cost. A recent report in the U.K. found that deterioration of nature could lead to a 12-per-cent loss of British GDP, a greater economic impact than COVID-19 or the 2008 financial crisis.

Consider our forests. They have a very practical role in mitigating floods, something that clearly has economic value. Where forests are burned by wildfires, or recently clear-cut, water runs off unimpeded. The result, according to University of British Columbia researchers, is that "floods that used to happen only once every 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years are all becoming much more common." Catastrophic flooding caused nearly \$700-million in insurable losses in B.C. in 2021. And the total cost of climate-related disasters in the province that year, including floods, fires and heatwaves, has been estimated at \$10-billion to \$17-billion, with much of it falling on taxpayers.

Nature provides a multitude of services we depend upon. Wetlands do the work of expensive water-treatment systems. Trees prevent soil erosion, making farms more productive. Bees pollinate crops. Biodiversity provides countless novel chemicals for medicines and consumer products. Pristine views drive real estate values and draw tourism dollars. Forests, grasslands and wetlands can mitigate climate change by sequestering CO₂. All told, according to an analysis by PwC, more than half of global GDP, or US\$58-trillion, is materially dependent on nature. In Canada, wetlands alone are estimated by Institute for Sustainable Finance researchers to contribute roughly \$225-billion an-

nually in natural services.

But little of this value appears on any balance sheet. And without pricing this information in, the costs when nature breaks down are ultimately borne by society, often disproportionately by the Indigenous people and local communities who depend most on healthy ecosystems for their livelihoods.

This breakdown is already under way. Here in Canada, we have lost 80 per cent of original wetlands in and around urban areas, and one-fifth of assessed species are at some level of risk of extinction in Canada.

Like Joni Mitchell's song says, "you don't know what you've got till it's gone." But it doesn't have to be that way. We are becoming much better equipped to assess how our dependencies and effects on nature will materialize as financial risks for businesses that will pass on to the financial system via loans, investments, insurance, etc. Similarly, nature-based opportunities are emerging, where restoring and protecting ecosystems can reduce costs, protect assets and even create new streams of revenue.

A big step forward has been the release of recommendations by the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures, which will help companies around the world to assess the materiality of risks linked to the decline of natural assets and disruption of ecosystem services. This information will be powerful for aligning capital flows with nature-positive outcomes and protecting businesses, investors and society from the harmful consequences of environmental degradation.

Indeed, regulators already require public companies to disclose their material risks, and many are now disclosing their climate-related risks, such as the impact of carbon costs on their bottom line. And TNFD is the new means for standard setters and regulators to understand and communicate these risks and opportunities.

For business leaders, now is the time to assess your relationship with nature. Canada has reaffirmed its commitment to corporate disclosures on nature with its nature strategy and supporting legislation, announced last week. As regulators are considering mandatory sustainability reporting, the early adopters will be rewarded. There is recognition that this is difficult, but necessary, and that we can't let perfect be the enemy of the good.

Nature reporting is the vital first step on a journey that will prepare our economy for the future and leave a better world behind for the generations that follow.



BYD electric cars wait to be loaded onto a ship in Suzhou, China. Beijing is lobbying against tariffs Brussels announced last week to shield the European car industry from Chinese competition. STR/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Chinese automakers seek retaliatory tariffs on EU cars

Meeting of major carmakers, organized by China's Ministry of Commerce, aims to put pressure on Europe

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Chinese automakers have urged Beijing to hike tariffs on imported European gasoline-powered cars in retaliation for Brussels' curbs on exports of Chinese-made EVs, the state-backed Global Times newspaper said on Wednesday.

In a closed-door meeting on Tuesday also attended by European car companies, China's auto industry "called on the government to adopt firm countermeasures [and] suggested that positive consideration be given to raising the provisional tariff on gasoline cars with large-displacement engines," according to the report.

The meeting, organized by China's Ministry of Commerce, was held in Beijing and attended by **Science Applications International Corp.**, BYD, BMW, Volkswagen and its Porsche division, two people with direct knowledge of the matter said.

The main aim of the meeting was to put pressure on Europe and lobby against the tariffs Brussels announced last week to shield its car industry from Chinese competition, they added.

The meeting was also attended by Mercedes-Benz AG, Stellantis NV and Renault SA, two separate sources familiar with the matter told Reuters.

The ministry did not immediately respond to a faxed request for comment. BMW, Volkswagen, Stellantis and Renault declined to comment.

A spokesperson for Mercedes-Benz said the group supports a liberal trade regime based on WTO rules.

"Against the background of globaliza-

tion and the economic interdependencies of our time, the motto for securing prosperity and peace is: dialogue and constructive co-operation. We are counting on the efforts of politicians to continue this dialogue."

Industry insiders say both Europe and China have reasons for wanting to strike a deal in the months ahead to de-escalate tensions and avoid the addition of billions of dollars in new costs for Chinese EV makers, as the EU process allows for review.

The announcement to impose tariffs could trigger talks between Brussels and Beijing that are aimed at avoiding them, said Stefan Hartung, chief executive officer of Bosch, the world's largest automotive supplier.

The European Commission said on Wednesday it was looking into the situation "with a view to discussing if a mutually agreeable solution can be found."

EU trade policy is turning increasingly protective amid concerns that China's production-focused, debt-driven development model could see the 27-member bloc flooded with cheap goods, including electric vehicles, as Chinese firms look to boost sales overseas.

The European Commission's June 12 announcement that it would impose anti-subsidy duties of up to 38.1 per cent on imported Chinese EVs from July followed a move by the United States to hike tariffs on Chinese cars in May, and opens a new front in the West's trade war with Beijing.

"Personally, I think it is unfair to start a tariff war solely on the basis of [China's] capacity utilization rate and insufficient demand for China's new energy vehicles," said Zhang Yansheng, chief re-

search fellow of the China Center for International Economic Exchanges.

"We can see that China has adopted a package of policies to solve the 'overcapacity' problem, so this year, next year, and into the next four years, China's capacity utilization will continue to rise," he added.

The Global Times first reported late last month that a Chinese government-affiliated auto research centre was suggesting China raise its import tariffs on imported gasoline sedans and sport utility vehicles with engines larger than 2.5 litres to 25 per cent, from the current rate of 15 per cent.

Chinese authorities have previously hinted at possible retaliatory measures through state media commentaries and interviews with industry figures.

Exports of passenger vehicles with engines bigger than 2.5 litres from Europe to China totalled 196,000 units in 2023, up 11 per cent year-on-year, according to data from China Passenger Car Association.

In the first four months of 2024, exports of such vehicles from Europe to China stood at 44,000 units, down 12 per cent from the same period a year ago.

EU car exports to China were worth €19.4-billion (\$28.5-billion) in 2023, while the bloc bought €9.7-billion of electric vehicles from China, according to EU statistics agency figures.

China accounts for about 30 per cent of German carmakers' sales, and Germany is by far the largest exporter of vehicles with engines of 2.5 litres or above, having shipped \$1.2-billion worth to China since the beginning of this year, Chinese customs data shows.

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GE Aerospace developing hybrid engines for jets

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GE Aerospace is developing a hybrid electric engine with the hopes it will power next-generation narrow-body jets by the middle of the next decade.

While the technology is still being tested, should GE be successful, it could produce hybrid-engine jets – like a Toyota Prius of the skies – that would go a long way toward cutting the aviation industry's carbon emissions worldwide, half of which come from single-aisle jets.

Hybrid cars are common on the roads, but decarbonizing the aerospace industry is considered much more difficult. In hybrid engines, an aircraft uses several energy sources while in flight. Airbus estimates the mix of energy sources – jet fuel or sustainable aviation fuels combined with electricity – reduces fuel consumption by up to 5 per cent compared with a standard flight.

GE Aerospace is working with NASA on a project that will embed electric motors or generators in a high-bypass turbofan to supplement power during different phases of operation, company executives said.

On Wednesday, the company said it has completed the initial tests of the hybrid components and a baseline test of the engine. It next plans to test the components and the engine together.

The global aviation industry has set a goal of net-zero emissions by 2050. But technologies such as electric and hydrogen-powered aircraft are still unproven, making decarbonization a formidable challenge for the industry, which generates about 2 per cent of global emissions.

Developing more fuel-efficient engines to cut emissions is a new challenge for the aviation industry. Environmental critics have said the industry's net-zero targets are unrealistic, and argued that the only way to reach them is to substantially reduce flying globally.

The hybrid engine program is one of several projects GE Aerospace has been pursuing to develop more fuel efficient technology.

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Families of 737 Max crash victims ask U.S. to seek fine against Boeing

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Relatives of the victims of two fatal Boeing Co. 737 Max crashes asked the Justice Department on Wednesday to seek a fine against the plane maker of up to \$24.78-billion and move forward with a criminal prosecution.

"Because Boeing's crime is the deadliest corporate crime in U.S. history, a Maximum fine of more than \$24-billion is legally justified and clearly appropriate," Paul Cassel, a lawyer representing 15 families, wrote in a letter to the Justice Department released on Wednesday.

The families said the Justice Department could potentially suspend US\$14-billion to US\$22-billion of the fine "on the condition that Boeing devote those suspended funds to an independent corporate monitor and related improvements in compliance and safety."

The Justice Department said in May it determined Boeing violated a 2021 deferred prosecution agreement that shielded the company from a criminal charge of conspiracy to commit fraud arising from fatal crashes in 2018 and 2019 that killed 346 people.

Boeing last week told the government it did not violate the agreement. Federal prosecutors have until July 7 to inform a federal judge in Texas of their plans, which could be proceeding with a criminal case or negotiating a plea deal with Boeing. The Justice Department could also extend the deferred prosecution agreement for a year.

Justice Department officials found that Boeing violated the deferred prosecution agreement after a panel blew off a new Alaska Airlines Boeing 737 Max 9 jet on Jan. 5, just two days before the 2021 agreement expired. The incident exposed continued safety and quality issues at Boeing.

Boeing and the Justice Department did not immediately comment.

The letter noted that Senator Richard Blumenthal, who chairs the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations and held a hearing with Boeing chief executive officer Dave Calhoun on Tuesday, said, "There is near overwhelming evidence in my view as a former prosecutor that prosecution should be pursued."

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AI is making it easier to target people with personalized scams, 1Password CEO says

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The head of one Canadian company fighting to bring safety to the online world says watch out for artificial intelligence because it's making hackers and scammers even better at targeting people.

Jeff Shiner, the chief executive of Toronto-based password management business 1Password, shared his worries about how much more personalized the technology is making cybersecurity threats at the Collision tech conference in Toronto on Wednesday.

"AI ... is going to be able to sit there and target you individually and say something that is particular to you or comes from somebody that you may know," Mr. Shiner said.

"It is going to have a topic that is going to resonate with you and it will be very difficult for you as a human to know whether that's true or not."

The attacks, he said, will not be like the scam e-mails many have seen from people wanting to send you 1,000 pounds of gold, if you enter login information into a link, or posing as the Canada Revenue Agency to trick you into providing banking information.

Instead, they could be more along the lines of what happened in Hong Kong earlier this year, when police in that country said they learned of a finance

worker who was duped into handing over \$25-million to fraudsters who used deepfake technology to pose as his employer's chief financial officer.

Statistics Canada data reveals the number of police-reported cybercrimes in the country reached 74,073 in 2022, up from 71,727 in 2021 and 33,893 in 2018. (Experts have long warned cybercrime is under-reported because of the stigma and embarrassment that can be associated with being duped.)

Even as individualized attacks increase, traditional threats won't go away, Mr. Shiner warned.

Identity theft, hacking and phishing, where scammers try to lure potential victims into clicking malicious links, downloading malware or sharing sensitive information by posing as legitimate organizations, will all be turbocharged, he said.

"They'll just be a lot more intelligent, and they'll be able to be done at scale in ways that haven't been done before," Mr. Shiner said.

Companies, he said, need to be on guard for these attacks and that means taking safety efforts beyond quarterly reminders to staff to not click on suspicious links.

Businesses need to give workers more tools to make it easier to identify threats and ensure the person they are speaking with is really who they say they are because AI is going to make that task

"much more difficult for a human."

But companies will also have to consider how some AI tools their staff use are posing risks of their own, Mr. Shiner said. For example, AI chatbots that many people have dabbled with could be using anything inputted into them to train their models.

"Any information you're putting out there, whether it's company confidential information, whether it's your customer data, all of that could be going out there in ways that could be used and shared," he said.

Mr. Shiner's appearance at Collision came as questions have swirled about the future of 1Password.

Many have wondered what the company will do when Apple acts on plans announced in June to introduce a new app called Passwords, which will securely store a user's login credentials, including passwords, verification codes and security alerts, in one place.

Mr. Shiner was not asked about the Passwords launch on Wednesday, but the service is expected to rival the products offered by 1Password, which raised \$744.3-million in January, 2022, in a C Series round that attracted a who's who of Hollywood. Investors included Ryan Reynolds, Scarlett Johansson, Robert Downey Jr., Matthew McConaughey and Trevor Noah, among others.

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Fidelity: Company planning 'slow and steady' recruitment of advisers

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"Truthfully, we are probably a little late to the party but we have always been patient and we take a lot of time to do our due diligence," Mr. Boakye told The Globe and Mail. "But now we are at an inflection point with more than 16,000 advisers who are looking to retire over the next decade.

"We also know there's a lot of advisers out there that haven't necessarily found the dealer or the adviser that they want to transition their business to. And so for us, we think there's an opportunity there."

Fidelity's entrance into the wealth-management industry comes at a time when adviser recruitment has become a frenzy among competitors. Larger independents such as Richardson Wealth, Wellington Altus and Canaccord Capital have been

actively competing to recruit books of business using cash and equity bonuses that can range into the millions.

However, Fidelity's recruitment will be "slow and steady," Mr. Boakye said, as the company also looks to hire wealth advisers that are strong in financial planning who will be available to take on new clients once an older adviser is ready to transition out of their business.

Fidelity Investments first entered Canada in 1987 on Black Monday. Over the years, the company has flourished among retail and institutional investors who were drawn to its actively managed funds and lineup of star portfolio managers. Today, Fidelity is ranked the second-largest asset manager in Canada, with more than \$248-billion in assets under management, surpassing most of the investment arms of the

country's largest banks.

In 2008, the company expanded its operations with the launch of Fidelity Clearing Canada – a custody, clearing and trade-settlement service that now has about \$133-billion in assets under administration, and in 2018 entered the exchange-traded-funds business.

But unlike many of its competitors in the independent space who scooped up distribution networks, Fidelity hadn't actively looked to acquire – or build – its own distribution channel of advisers. That changed a year ago as it began to plan Fidelity Wealth.

Mr. Boakye is quick to point out that Fidelity Wealth's motive is not to promote its own investment funds but rather to fill a void that the company has been hearing about persistently from investment advisers who are looking for a place to transition

out of the business.

"We're not just Fidelity agnostic, but we're product and vehicle agnostic," he added. "So whether a client wants an exchange-traded fund, an individual security or a mutual fund, we are going to figure out what's important to the client and do what is best for them."

Despite having a large shelf of proprietary products, Mr. Boakye says Fidelity will continue to be a strong advocate for product shelves that do not limit an investor's choice on where they want to invest.

In 2021, regulatory changes around know-your-product and conflict-of-interest rules led to severe unintended consequences for independent asset managers when several of Canada's largest banks halted the sale of third-party funds in their financial-planning divisions.

Although Ontario Finance Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy asked the Ontario Securities Commission to study the banks' behaviour, neither the OSC nor Mr. Bethlenfalvy have publicly revealed the outcome of the review since it was completed in 2022.

The banks' push to use their own proprietary products led to hundreds of financial planners looking to relocate their clients to brokerages that would continue to allow advisers the freedom to sell any products that were suitable for a client's portfolio.

"We are going to be very clear that we are not sending out our wholesalers to try and recruit masses of advisers from other dealers in any way shape or form," Mr. Boakye said. "Rather, we are here for the advisers who are looking to make a move and are open to having a conversation."

BoC: Financial markets anticipate at least two more rate cuts before end of the year

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The BoC's latest forecast doesn't see inflation falling to 2 per cent until next year, and Mr. Macklem has said he doesn't expect to cut rates as quickly as he raised them in 2022 and 2023.

Financial markets see at least two more rate cuts before the end of the year, and put the odds of a quarter-point rate cut on July 24 at slightly above 60 per cent, according to Refinitiv data.

"The timing of any further reductions in the policy rate would depend on incoming data and its implications for the future path of inflation," the summary said.

The Bank of Canada was the first G7 central bank to begin cutting rates. It was followed a day later by the European Central Bank, and a number of other advanced-economy central banks are expected to start easing in the coming months.

The U.S. Federal Reserve is something of an outlier. It is dealing with more stubborn in-



Bank of Canada Governor Tiff Macklem says he doesn't expect to cut rates as quickly as he raised them in 2022 and 2023. JUSTIN TANG/CP

flation and is not expected to start cutting rates until September at the earliest.

This has prompted concerns about a growing gap between

Canadian and American interest rates, which could weaken the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar and increase the price of imports.

The BoC's governing council played down that risk in their June 5 discussions: "While members agreed there are likely limits to how far monetary policy in Canada can diverge from U.S. policy, the limits were not close to being reached," the summary said.

When debating the timing of rate cuts, the governing council looked at a number of competing risks.

On the downside, a wave of mortgage renewals "could curb spending and dampen economic activity and inflation more than expected," the summary said. So far, only around half of Canadian homeowners with mortgages have renewed since interest rates started to rise in 2022. The remainder will reset over the next few years, and many could see large jumps in their monthly payments.

On the flip side, persistently strong wage growth combined with weak productivity growth could buoy inflation. And the

governing council remains wary of a rebound in real estate prices as interest rates fall, as well as geopolitical turmoil, which could push up the price of oil and disrupt supply chains.

Canada's central bankers are also watching population growth closely.

This will depend on the implementation of federal government's recently announced plans curb the growth in non-permanent residents.

"Since newcomers affect both demand and supply in the economy, members agreed that these plans would typically not have a large effect on the inflation forecast. But strong population growth could put upward pressure on shelter inflation, particularly rents," the summary said.

The bank will get several key pieces of data over the next week or so, including April retail numbers on Friday, the May inflation report next Tuesday and April GDP numbers the following Friday.

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Moment: Energy storage systems needed to support renewable power, expert says

FROM B1

Moment Energy's units are designed to charge while demand is low and provide power when stress on the grid is high. This is key if Canada wants to rely more heavily upon renewable energy sources, said Ali Hooshyar, an assistant professor in the department of electrical and computer engineering at the University of Toronto. Renewables, such as solar and wind, are intermittent, meaning they're not always available.

"We need to store that energy when it is available in some form, for example, like battery systems, and then use that power when the renewable source is not available, like overnight for solar power plants," Prof. Hooshyar said.

Canada is electrifying rapidly. The country needs to more than triple its power generation capacity to meet the federal government's net-zero emissions goal by 2050, according to a report by the Ivey Energy Policy and Management Centre at Western University. The report outlines actions that the authors deem necessary, such as building more than 23,000 kilometres of high voltage transmission lines and investing in energy storage technologies, which together will total a cost of more than \$1.1-trillion over the next 26 years.

Governments across Canada are pouring billions of dollars into



Moment Energy co-founder Sumreen Rattan says a used EV battery can have years of useful life left. ETHAN CAIRNS/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

ramping up EV production, including \$5-billion in support announced in April by Ottawa and the Ontario government for a \$15-billion Honda EV battery plant in Alliston, Ont. But as more Canadians choose to plug in instead of fuel up, provincial power grids are feeling the strain. Tens of thousands of Albertans felt the crunch in January, and then again in April, when rolling brownouts unfurled across the province owing to a shortage of electricity.

Around the same time, Moment Energy announced it had been awarded US\$6-million in tax credits from the IRS, to help it build one of the world's largest facilities dedicated to repurposing retired EV batteries for grid sup-

port. The tax credits are being given out by the U.S. government for investments in advanced energy projects, providing the project can meet certain wage and apprenticeship requirements.

The company is growing in step with North America's escalating electrification. Since Moment Energy was founded in 2020, it has grown from Ms. Rattan and her three co-founders working out of her parents' garage to a team of about 40. Together, they're collaborating with automakers such as Mercedes-Benz AG and Nissan Motor Corp., and are targeting a global battery energy storage market that is predicted to be valued at more than US\$30-billion a year by 2030.

In May, Ontario announced its procurement of 2,195 megawatts of capacity in battery storage from 10 projects in the province – which is enough to power the peak demand from 2.2 million homes. Prof. Hooshyar said he expects the recent focus on the technology by governments as a way to decarbonize power systems will help expedite that technology's growth and affordability.

A pilot project in Ottawa is testing what's possible with Moment Energy's energy storage units to support residential EV chargers. Shawn Conkwright, a director at the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), the not-for-profit Ontario Crown corporation that operates the province's electricity market, said the project is being supported by the IESO's Grid Innovation Fund to learn more about how energy storage systems can support the local power grid as more EV charging stations plug in and increase demand.

"If you think about vehicles connecting into Hydro Ottawa's grid, depending on when and where they're charging, that could be a very big draw on their system," Mr. Conkwright said.

Ms. Rattan said the Vancouver International Airport will have one of Moment Energy's largest storage units installed by January, 2025, where it will store 240 kilowatts of power – the capacity of about seven EV batteries. At max-

imum power, the unit will be able to run for just over an hour. The lower the power, the longer it can run.

There's room for innovation here, Prof. Hooshyar said. "The limitation is not on the electrical side, it's on the chemical side." He'd like to see more research done on how chemical systems inside batteries used for energy storage can be improved to make the batteries last longer.

As long as Canada plans to rely upon renewable energy, Prof. Hooshyar said energy storage systems will need to be part of the solution. However, he said that size matters, and his hopes rest more upon large battery power plants than smaller units such as Moment Energy's. For example, the Hagersville Battery Energy Storage Park in Hagersville, Ont., is being built to store 300 megawatts of power and should become operational by late 2025.

But Moment Energy's commitment to repurposing mass-produced EV batteries continues to set it apart in the energy storage industry, and Ms. Rattan said the company really wants to concentrate on that specialty.

"We started the company based on seeing that problem in circularity that we wanted to solve, and now we're really excited that we can use retired EV batteries to provide clean, reliable and affordable power to those who need it," she said.

WestJet: Tribunal was scheduled to meet with the airline and union on Wednesday

FROM B1

The company called the vote "deeply concerning," and asked the Canadian Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) to step in and arbitrate between the two sides.

"It is clear that the bargaining process has broken down," said Diederik Pen, WestJet's operating chief. He said the rejected agreement included pay raises of 30 to 40 per cent in the first year.

Jean-Daniel Tardif, the CIRB's

senior director of dispute resolution services, said the tribunal was scheduled to meet with the two sides on Wednesday. "The board will then determine next steps, as appropriate," Mr. Tardif said, adding it is too soon to provide details or a timeline.

The union, meanwhile, said WestJet is not bargaining in good faith, and is offering wages that are 30 per cent less than those of other North American airlines.

WestJet accounts for about

one-third of the domestic market. It was scheduled to fly about 560 flights on Wednesday, according aviation data company Cirium.

Labour Minister Seamus O'Regan said in a post to X, formerly called Twitter, that he has referred the labour dispute to the CIRB.

Federal regulations outline how passengers are to be treated when their travel plans are disrupted, depending on the cause and length of delay.

Passengers whose flights are

cancelled or delayed by three hours are entitled to a rebooking on the next available flight or with another airline, according to the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA).

They are also owed compensation from the airline for their inconvenience, if the disruption was within the carrier's control. This amount ranges between \$400 and \$1,000 each, depending on the length of the delay. Passengers are entitled to refunds if the

alternatives do not work for them, and are owed \$400 for their troubles.

WestJet did not immediately respond when asked if it is taking the position the flight cancellations are safety-related, which could relieve it of liability for compensating passengers.

Aggrieved customers can file a complaint with the CTA. The agency has a backlog of more than 72,800 air traveller complaints.



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Tying the knot? Prep for the financial fallout

Getting married comes with more than just wedding expenses – there are tax changes and perks to prepare for

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OPINION

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Our son Win got married on the weekend to Sarah. I had a conversation with him before they left on their honeymoon, explaining that he needs to get good at answering questions. I told him that, according to comedian Jerry Seinfeld, being a husband is much like being on the television game show *Jeopardy*.

For example, I told Win not to be surprised if Sarah wakes up one morning and says: “I’ll take details of a 10-minute conversation we had at 3 o’clock in the morning two years ago for \$500. And I would like to bet everything I have on that.” I then told Win that there won’t be any winning that game show. The good news? Winning the tax game is much easier. I then went on to explain how his new marital status is going to affect his taxes and personal finances. Let me share the key points today.

■ **Let CRA know your marital status.** Under the law you’re supposed to let the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) know when your



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marital status changes. You have until the end of the month after the change in your status to do this. Win and Sarah were married on June 14, so they have until July 31 to let CRA know. You can do this by logging into My Account online and making the change

there, by calling 1-800-387-1193, or by sending CRA a completed Form RC65, Marital Status Change.

■ **You now have one principal residence exemption.** Each family unit, which consists of spouses and any unmarried children un-

der the age of 18, is entitled to fully shelter from tax one principal residence if you own more than one that overlap for more than one year. If you each bring a residence into the marriage and hold them for a few years, you won’t be able to fully shelter both properties from tax on any capital gains. If you want to shelter both homes fully from tax, you’ll need to sell one of the properties either before you get married, or no later than the tax year in which you get married. The rules are complex – so speak to a tax pro.

■ **Maximize your tax credits.** If you’re married and one spouse doesn’t need certain tax credits to reduce their taxes to zero, it may be possible to transfer the credits to the other spouse. This includes the age, disability, tuition, pension and Canada caregiver credits. You might also be entitled to the spousal amount tax credit if your spouse has a low income. When it comes to medical expenses, they’re best combined and claimed on the lower-income spouse’s tax return, while donations should be combined and claimed on one spouse’s tax return (either return will do).

■ **Take advantage of a spousal RRSP.** Preparing for retirement should start now. While you may be able to split eligible pension income in the future if you have a pension plan at work, taking advantage of a spousal RRSP can still make good sense in your saving years. A spousal RRSP is a plan to which you can contribute (within your usual RRSP contribution limits) but your spouse will face the tax on withdrawals if you plan things properly. See my article from Feb. 21, 2024, for

more.

■ **Look at your insurance planning.** Once you’re married, don’t forget to update your existing insurance policies to ensure your spouse is covered. I’m thinking of car insurance, home or tenant’s insurance should cover your spouse’s belongings too, and your workplace group benefits plan should be updated to include your spouse. Also, if your premature death will cause your spouse or other dependants financial hardship, consider buying life insurance to provide cash that can generate income if you’re gone.

■ **Split income with your spouse.** In a perfect world, you and your spouse will have equal incomes throughout your lifetimes because this will result in the least amount of tax owing as a couple. There are several ways to shift income from one spouse to the other, which is known as “income splitting.” You could, for example, lend money to your spouse for investment or business purposes. There’s much more to say on this topic, so I will dedicate my article next time to sharing some ideas.

■ **Create or update your will.** If you become legally married, you should create or update your will. Any assets that you leave to your spouse on death will be deemed to be sold at your original cost amount, so no taxes will be owing. This should be your first line of defence against the taxman in your estate planning. Even if you’re not legally married, but live in a common-law relationship, speak to an experienced lawyer about any obligations you might have to your common-law spouse.

How ‘boomerang children’ and creeping age of independence could affect your financial plans

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OPINION

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The question of when children should leave their parents’ home is not new. Although this might seem like a modern concern, Canadians were discussing it a century ago.

What is relatively new is the concept of “boomerang children,” who leave and return a few times, occasionally staying until the death of the last parent. This development is interesting from a few angles, including family relationship dynamics, the parents’ retirement planning and, last but not least, estate planning.

At first glance, the census may seem like a cure for insomnia. But beneath its columns of statistics and dry commentary, the census, issued every five years, reveals fascinating trends and indicators across all aspects of our lives. We can look all the way back to 1911 to see this topic discussed.

That year, the age of “independence” was 16; by 1930, it had risen to 18. A 1937 study of the 1931 census, titled *Dependency of Youth*, reported on this rising age of independence, then defined as no longer attending school.

“As the age of leaving school becomes higher and higher, it represents a more and more serious problem,” wrote John Robbins, the author.

“We have seen that independence is not reached until young people are well into their nineteenth year, and if the tendency of the last generation continues, they will in comparatively few years still be dependent on parents when reaching their twenties.”

The disapproving tone of that 1937 report now seems humorous. Times have indeed changed: The most recent census from 2021 indicated that 35 per cent of Canadians aged 20 to 34 lived with at least one parent, a figure unchanged from 2016. However, an increasing number of older young adults are now at home: in 2001, 38 per cent of adult children at home were 25 to 34; by 2021, 46 per cent of the at-home young adults were in that older bracket.

According to *You and Your Adult Child* by Laurence Steinberg, a psychology professor at Temple University and prolific author on adolescent development, there are two economic factors behind the longer time to financial independence in North America now compared

with the prior generation: a sharply widening gap between housing costs and salaries; and employers’ expectation of more education.

In the book, published last year, Prof. Steinberg encourages parents to assist their children financially, to the extent they can afford to do so, including sharing their home, noting that multi-generational households are a common living arrangement in many parts of the world. He also advocates for parents providing adult children autonomy and independence by refraining from giving unsolicited advice and setting clear expectations about everything from meal times to the terms of any financial support.

We have seen many situations where parents and adult children live together with the parents, sometimes providing additional financial support, and reporting helpful, supportive, and mutually beneficial relationships. These families’ successful arrangements usually reflect open communication about mutual expectations and boundaries, and paying attention to the details regarding financial assistance.

In contrast, some parents and adult children in similar-looking situations struggle with blurred boundaries and unclear expectations, leading to difficult relationship dynamics – including arguments over money.

One of many interesting aspects of the financial relationships between parents and adult children is the possible impact on estate planning. The principle of testamentary freedom – the ability to leave one’s estate to whomever we like – has historically meant that, in most provinces in Canada, parents were only required to provide for dependent children in their will. (“Dependent” usually meaning a child born with a medical diagnosis correlated with the likelihood of continuing financial assistance.)

However, with the societal shift to greater parental support, including the provision of a residence, courts in recent years have examined what it means for parents to provide financial support to adult children. Many professionals specializing in estate planning mention this issue as one that can create significant friction for families, particularly when one child may be considered financially dependent and possibly entitled to a greater share of the parents’ estate compared with their siblings. Discussing the impact of this issue on both retirement planning and estate planning with advisers – financial planners, lawyers, accountants and wealth managers – is important. The changing relationships between parents and adult children is reshaping not only our families but also how our society, including legislators and the courts, look at these family dynamics. It’s good to be informed.

Surprises swing stocks most. The question is if they will be positive

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OPINION

My 2024 outlook projected a strong year for global stocks, with the TSX lagging early before a late revival. So far, so good on that call. World stocks notched 15.9-per-cent gains through June 14, far ahead of the TSX’s 4.7 per cent. More gains await – globally and even in Canada, where the lag and a June swoon has deepened pessimism.

Sound counterintuitive? Consider: Stocks move most on the gaps between expectations and the subsequent reality. So gauging sentiment – what investors anticipate markets doing – is crucial. There are hard and easy ways to do it. Today, both signal more bull market ahead. Let me explain.

As legendary investor Sir John Templeton famously said, “Bull markets are born on pessimism, grow on skepticism, mature on optimism and die on euphoria.” Recent examples: After 2020’s rocket-ship recovery from lockdown lows – themselves born in despair – 2021’s sentiment warmed unusually fast. Frothy pockets emerged in special-purpose acquisition company IPOs and crypto, with the latter spurring Canada’s 2021 groundbreaking bitcoin ETF approval.

Lofty sentiment made stocks susceptible to negative surprises, which included Ukraine, inflation, rate hikes, supply chain chaos and a plunge in world stocks. Of course, the TSX’s large energy weight cushioned the blow in Canada. Nevertheless, by mid-2022 long-running fears drove irrational pessimism, fostering a positive surprise and this global bull market’s birth.

Sentiment has since warmed – somewhat. Bank of America’s May fund manager survey revealed the most bullishness since 2021, tempered by falling global economic expectations. The May Business Barometer Index from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business hit its highest level in nearly two years, yet remains muted overall. Respondents’ sunnier outlooks – before the TSX’s recent dip – likely belie recent doorness, too.

U.S. and global confidence surveys broadly show brighter outlooks. But skepticism remains, especially in Europe after its EU parliamentary elections.

Yet bears wrongly argue we have fast-forwarded to euphoria. They cite events such as war in the Middle East and Chinese weakness as evidence that investors are overly cheery, while claiming only a handful of stocks underpin this bull market. Wrong! Nearly 29 per cent of global stocks outpace the MSCI World Index year-to-date. So how can you assess sentiment? Start with one labour-intensive method I like: plotting sentiment bell curves. The consensus of professional investors’ forecasts actually reflect senti-

ment, revealing which outcomes are widely expected, and which aren’t. Of course, this doesn’t foretell what will happen. But it shows what people *think* will happen and, hence, what markets are pricing – a sentiment signal. And the consensus is always wrong.

Consider recent years’ forecasts for the S&P 500 versus actual returns: At 2018’s start, the median forecast envisioned 5.3-per-cent gains, excluding dividends. In reality, stocks fell 6.2 per cent! For 2019, the median forecast was for gains of 15.8 per cent – about half the 28.9-per-cent final result. 2023’s projection? A middling 9.4 per cent – far below stocks’ actual 24.2-per-cent surge.

Entering 2024, the median forecast was for a gain of 1.8 per cent. Upward revisions boosted that to 4.8 per cent by mid-April – yet still nowhere near U.S. stocks’ long-term 10.2-per-cent annualized average return without dividends or their 15.4 per cent year-to-date return! Hardly “optimistic” sentiment.

Look deeper. Of 54 professional S&P 500 forecasts entering 2024, 40 clustered between a loss of 2.9 per cent and a 9-per-cent gain, while nine envisioned declines worse than 3 per cent. None foresaw returns exceeding 17.1 per cent. Now? Despite some firms’ sunnier outlooks, still none expect 17 per cent or greater. Euphoria? Hardly.

An easier sentiment-tracking tool: Watch how economic data compare with prior estimates. You can find consensus forecasts for GDP, inflation, employment and more on many financial and economic news websites. Are most results undershooting estimates? Then sentiment may be too optimistic. Are they beating? Then it’s too dour.

Low expectations mean even mediocre results don’t doom stocks. Most key global data are trending above estimates currently, which spells bullish. In Canada, Ivey Business School’s all-sector May purchasing managers’ index missed expectations badly. But three of the prior four readings beat. Watch trends, not single readings.

Consider initial public offerings, too. I have long said IPO actually means “It’s probably overpriced.” Companies do IPOs when prices are best for sellers (founders and early investors) – not buyers. Heavy issuance usually follows a big market rise, when recent returns boost spirits and elevate demand.

Today? After 2023’s dearth of global IPOs, issuance is up in America, Europe and globally – yet it remains muted overall. Canada’s “IPO drought” trudges on mercilessly, after more than a year of no new listings. Globally, most issuance is from quality firms. Many use the proceeds to retire costlier debt. Nothing euphoric there.

Whether you choose easy or hard methods, tracking sentiment is key. Today, it all signals more gains ahead.

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Eight steps toward retirement

Even in troubled times, you can make moves to plan for the future

ROB CARRICK
OPINION



We have the makings of a retirement doom loop in the economic disruption caused by inflation and high interest rates.

Inflation stretched household budgets, and then high interest rates piled on. People know they should save for retirement but can't. They feel hopeless and either disengage or make sketchy plans such as relying on their home equity or working longer.

An inside view of this is found in the results of the latest annual retirement poll commissioned by the Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan, or HOOPP, and conducted by Abacus Data. "Amidst a rising cost of living and persistent interest rates, Canadians' retirement outlook is particularly bleak," a news release about the poll says.

Asked if they had put money aside last year for retirement, 49 per cent of non-retired respondents said no. The comparable number in the 2023 survey was 51 per cent, but there's minimal optimism on view in the poll results. Almost six in 10 non-retired participants said they felt unprepared for retirement. Also, whatever stress men are experiencing, women are feeling it more.

HOOPP's poll is about advocating for more pension coverage in the workplace, a topic I will cover in a coming column. There's some good news here. For now, we need to address the anxiety being felt today about retirement. Here are some questions to work through in assessing your retirement prospects, with thoughts on how to

move things forward even in challenging times.

HOW MUCH WILL I SAVE FOR RETIREMENT IN 2024?

Zero is an OK answer. It's fine because you can catch up later. But putting even a few hundred dollars into a tax-free savings account or registered retirement savings plan is a concrete step forward. Don't worry about finding the perfect investment. Just find some money.

WHAT HAVE I SAVED SO FAR?

Skipping a year or two of retirement saving is a lot easier when you have a base amount saved already. If you participate in a company pension plan, you're contributing to your retirement savings with every paycheck.

WHEN CAN I SAVE IN THE FUTURE?

If you can't save now, when will you be able to? When you get a promotion, raise or bonus? When you finish the payments on your vehicle? When your kids are out of daycare? Set the date and mentally prepare for diverting money into retirement savings.

WHAT DOES MY EMPLOYER OFFER TO HELP ME?

Employers are providing financial wellness programs, and there's a new trend of offering savings plans beyond pensions for retirement. If you have access to an employee assistance plan, or EAP, see if it offers any help to address your anxiety.

CAN I WORK PAST AGE 65?

In the HOOPP poll, 26 per cent of non-retired participants said they expected earnings from continued work after they retired from their current job. Working longer is an excellent way to improve

your retirement situation, but there are some questions to consider. One, will your health permit you to keep doing the kind of work you do? Two, how feasible is it to work longer at your current job or find employment elsewhere? If you want to continue working at your current job past 65, don't let yourself be seen as getting stale.

CAN I USE MY HOME EQUITY?

Just over four in 10 people in the HOOPP poll said they plan to rely on the sale of their home to set themselves up for retirement, up four percentage points from the previous year. Most retirees will be able to sell their family home for much more than they paid. But what next? If you rent, expect to pay \$3,000 a month for something decent in a big city. If you downsize, you may be surprised at how little money is left after you buy your next home and fix it up. Moving to a cheaper city works, but how far away from family and friends would you be?

CAN I EARN MORE?

Are you going to scrimp your way to finding retirement savings money after three years of high inflation? Likely not, so look instead at increasing your income via promotion, bonus, move to a new job or building your credentials.

DO I NEED PROFESSIONAL HELP?

Frankly, a lot of retirement anxiety is generalized fear of the unknown future that begins when we leave the work force after 40-odd years. You might be financially OK for retirement based on what you're doing now, or close enough that just a few tweaks are needed. A consultation with an accredited financial planner will cost you \$1,500 and up, but the value is potentially massive if you stress less about retirement.

TSX falls to nearly four-month low as seasonal pressures weigh

Canada's main stock index fell to a near four-month low on Wednesday as industrial and financial shares led broad-based declines in a seasonally weak period for the commodity-linked market.

The S&P/TSX Composite Index ended down 94.4 points, or 0.4 per cent, at 21,516.90 in lower than usual volumes, with U.S. markets closed for the Juneteenth holiday.

It was the lowest closing level for the TSX since Feb. 29. The index is down 3.4 per cent since the start of the month.

Historical seasonal patterns show the TSX is weak in the month of June, said Sid Mokhtari, chief market technician for CIBC Capital Markets.

"There is a tactical buy opportunity for the month of July just given how many things are getting oversold but I don't necessarily believe we are going to be resuming a re-trending bias [upward] at this point," Mr. Mokhtari said.

The TSX's recent decline has come despite gains on Wall Street. The benchmark S&P 500 on Tuesday notched a record closing high.

All 10 major sectors on the Toronto market lost ground on Wednesday, with industrials falling nearly 1 per cent and heavily weighted financials ending 0.5 per cent lower.

The interest rate-sensitive real estate sector lost 0.7 per cent as the Bank of Canada said it considered the merits of waiting for an extra month to start cutting interest rates before it decided to ease monetary policy on June 5.

Energy was down 0.2 per cent as the price of oil retreated from an earlier seven-week high, dipping 0.1 per cent to US\$81.47 a barrel.

The Canadian dollar was little changed against its U.S. counterpart, holding near a one-week high, as investors weighed minutes from the Bank of Canada's latest meeting.

Investors in money markets currently see a 64-per-cent chance the central bank will ease further in July.

Canadian government bond yields rose across the curve. The 10-year was up 1.8 basis points at 3.280 per cent after it touched its lowest level in four and a half months during Tuesday's session at 3.258 per cent.

European shares ended lower, pressured by losses in real estate and technology stocks, while U.K. stocks were buoyed by metal miners as investors digested its inflation data.

The pan-European STOXX 600 closed down almost 0.2 per cent. Britain's FTSE 100 reversed earlier losses to close up 0.2 per cent. Data showed U.K. inflation returned to its 2-per-cent target in May for the first time in nearly three years, but underlying price pressures remained strong, meaning the Bank of England is likely to wait longer before cutting interest rates.

Market focus will now shift to interest rate decisions from central banks in Britain, Norway and Switzerland later this week.

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Active ETFs to augment your portfolio

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WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Canadian-listed actively managed ETFs in less common, or tougher to manage, fund categories.

THE SCREEN

For DIY investors, investing in a basket of stocks is typically

ground zero. Long-only positions in large-cap publicly traded companies offer the transparency and liquidity for motivated investors to proceed with relative confidence. Passive and all-in-one ETFs (the latter being those that invest in a diversified portfolio of stocks and bonds) have also made it exceptionally easy for the everyday investor to gain broad exposure to a diversified portfolio that, if held long enough, is likely to result in reasonable returns over time.

That said, there are areas of the portfolio that may require a bit more skill and know-how to manage effectively should an investor wish to gain exposure. Individual

bonds, for example, have a less transparent market and require some level of skill to not only trade but manage. Along this vein, today I use Morningstar Direct to screen for actively managed ETFs in areas outside the more plain-vanilla fund categories that might help augment core stock portfolios. To do so, I first screened the universe of 1,400 or so ETFs traded in Canada for those that are actively managed and have received a five-star rating. Recall that the star rating (formally named the Morningstar Rating for Funds) is an objective comparison of after-fee risk-adjusted returns against category peers.

Though the rating is backward-looking, our data show that, on aggregate, funds with a five-star rating have outperformed those with four stars, which have in turn outperformed those with three stars etc., after receiving the rating. This initial screen resulted in roughly 50 active ETFs. From here I removed balanced ETFs and ETFs that belong to plain-vanilla equity categories such as U.S., Canadian and global equities.

WHAT WE FOUND

The funds and ETFs that qualified in the screen are listed in the table accompanying this article, along-

side categories, MERs, trailing performance, inception dates, broad asset class exposure and ratings. The list is sorted first by asset class then by fund category. Investors are urged to first look at the category to which each fund belongs, given that Morningstar's ratings are meant to measure performance against category peers. I note that negative asset class exposure implies that the ETF holds a short position.

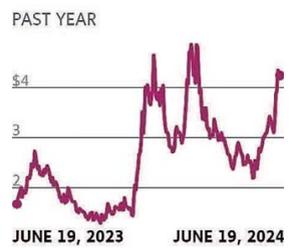
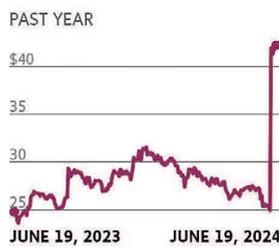
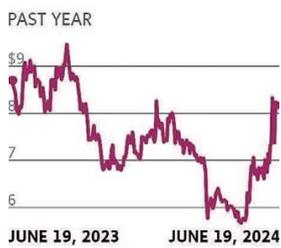
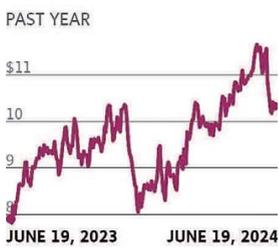
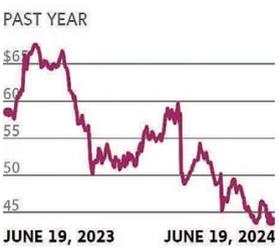
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Five-star rated actively managed ETFs in focused market categories

FUND LEGAL NAME	TICKER	ASSET CLASS	MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY	MER (%)	TOTAL RET YTD (%)	TOTAL RET 1 YR (%)	TOTAL ANNLZD 3 YR (%)	TOTAL RET ANNLZD 5 YR (%)	CAN. EQUITY %	U.S. EQUITY %	INT'L EQUITY %	FIXED INCOME %	CASH %	OTHER %	INCEPTION DATE
Hamilton Global Financials ETF	HFG	Equity	Financial Services Equity	0.91	11.0	28.2	10.3	6.4	46.0	46.9	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	6/26/2020
CI Global REIT Private Pool	CGRE	Equity	Real Estate Equity	0.95	-2.7	3.3	-0.9	16.3	64.7	16.1	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	5/26/2020
TD Q U.S. Small-Mid-Cap Equity ETF	TQSM	Equity	US Small/Mid Cap Equity	0.45	7.3	23.4	13.5	0.0	99.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	11/20/2019
CI Canadian Convertible Bond ETF	CXF	Fixed Income	Canadian Corporate Fixed Income	0.71	3.8	5.1	2.3	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.4	96.5	6/1/2011
CIBC Conservative Fixed Income Pool	CCNS	Fixed Income	Canadian Fixed Income	0.46	1.7	6.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	89.6	8.2	2.2	10/29/2020
CIBC Core Fixed Income Pool	CNRE	Fixed Income	Canadian Fixed Income	0.47	1.7	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	89.1	6.0	5.0	10/29/2020
CI ONE North American Core Plus Bond ETF	ONEB	Fixed Income	Canadian Fixed Income	0.59	2.0	6.2	0.7	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	91.8	6.8	1.4	10/9/2018
Mackenzie Core Plus Canadian Fixed Income ETF	MKB	Fixed Income	Canadian Fixed Income	0.45	1.3	5.8	-1.2	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.3	87.4	9.2	3.1	4/19/2016
Evolve Active Global Fixed Income Fund	EARN	Fixed Income	Multi-Sector Fixed Income	0.91	2.2	8.1	1.9	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	92.1	3.7	4.2	11/9/2018
PIMCO Monthly Income Fund (Canada)	PMIFU	Fixed Income	Multi-Sector Fixed Income	0.85	6.7	11.9	5.0	3.0	0.0	1.5	0.5	138.0	-40.0	0.1	10/1/2018
Dynamic Active Preferred Shares ETF	DXP	Fixed Income	Preferred Share Fixed Income	0.65	9.9	15.8	1.7	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	2.0	93.0	1/20/2017

Source: Morningstar Direct | Data as of June 18, 2024

EYE ON EQUITIES DAVID LEEDER



MTY Food Group Inc. is "continuing to navigate consumer fatigue," according to National Bank Financial analyst Vishal Shreedhar, who emphasized its "limited acquisition interest in fiscal 2024 coupled with a threshold on capital return could partially dampen investor appetite in the shares, at least until organic growth accelerates." **Target:** Mr. Shreedhar reduced his target for MTY shares to \$52 from \$57 with an "outperform" rating. The consensus target on the Street is \$54.17.

While emphasizing **Advantage Energy Ltd.**'s "complexion of its assets, fundamentals and value drivers (i.e., FCF) are universally improved" through its \$450-million acquisition of assets in the Charlie Lake and Montney from Longshore Resources Ltd., National Bank Financial's Dan Payne thinks the perception of the transaction from investors has "lagged that reality." **Target:** Mr. Payne reaffirmed an "outperform" recommendation with a \$13 target, up from \$12.50. Consensus is \$13.85.

In response to its launch of a strategic review process, Stifel analyst Ian Gillies raised **Neo Performance Materials Inc.** to "buy" from "hold" previously. "This rating change is predicated upon a successful conclusion, rather than continuing on as the status quo," he cautioned. "We believe the assets of NEO will be very attractive to a wide range of strategic buyers and financial sponsors." **Target:** He hiked his target to a Street high of \$13 from \$7.50. Consensus is \$11.36.

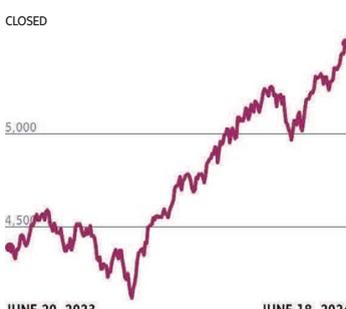
Scotia Capital analyst Meny Grauman said **Canadian Western Bank's** proposed acquisition by National Bank of Canada provides "significant upside to the pre-announcement share price, but the take-out valuation pales in comparison to the stock's glory years." **Target:** Expecting the deal to go through, he moved his target for CWB shares to \$52 from \$30 with a "sector outperform" recommendation. Consensus is \$45.98.

Bitfarms Ltd.'s agreement to lease a facility and develop up to 120 megawatts of power capacity in Pennsylvania is a "positive," according to ATB Capital Markets analyst Martin Toner, pointing to "more capacity in a safe and stable geography, with access to low-cost power and optionality from curtailment." **Target:** Mr. Toner increased his Street-high target to \$7.50 from \$5, reaffirming an "outperform" recommendation. Consensus is \$5.92.

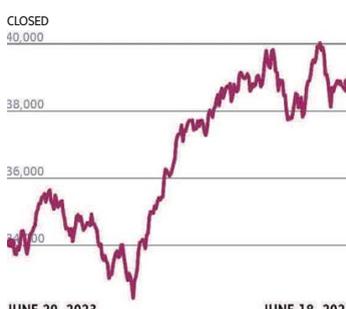
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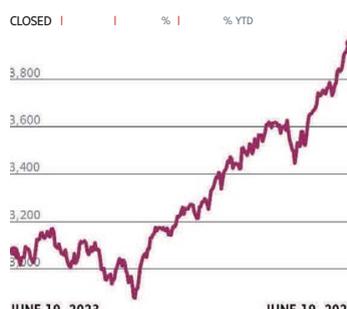
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PAST 12 MONTHS



TSX INDEXES AND SUB INDEXES

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
TSX COMPOSITE IND	21516.90	-94.40	-0.44	95797	2.66
TSX 60 INDEX	1283.27	-6.16	-0.48	64133	1.46
TSX COMPLETION I	1323.08	-3.54	-0.27	31664	7.91
TSX SMALLCAP INDE	748.12	-2.18	-0.29	29444	6.57
TSX VENTURE COMPO	571.88	-3.75	-0.65	12278	3.43
TSX CONSUMER DISC	274.65	-1.67	-0.60	2900	0.51
TSX CONSUMER STAP	935.35	-4.25	-0.45	2282	8.06
TSX ENERGY CAPPED	275.94	-0.52	-0.19	23919	14.00
TSX FINANCIALS CA	385.57	-2.10	-0.54	17734	0.46
TSX HEALTH CARE C	23.14	-0.26	-1.11	623	-2.45
TSX INDUSTRIALS C	441.95	-4.22	-0.95	5099	4.60
TSX INFORMATION T	210.33	-0.64	-0.30	6092	-1.14
TSX MATERIALS CAP	352.70	-0.21	-0.06	12300	11.27
TSX REAL ESTATE C	284.70	-1.89	-0.66	3113	-8.00
TSX GLOBAL GOLD I	312.26	-0.15	-0.05	33223	9.93
TSX GLOBAL MINING	117.01	-0.15	-0.13	86641	3.47
TSX INCOME TRUST	188.16	-1.02	-0.54	3691	-3.95
TSX PREFERRED SHA	568.42	-4.07	-0.71	2292	5.18
TSX COMMUNICATION	150.98	-0.25	-0.17	4118	-12.51
TSX UTILITIES CAP	271.67	-0.41	-0.15	5928	-3.82

TSX VOLUME
TOP 20 FOR STOCKS \$1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
CNQ CANADIAN NATU	47.23	-0.04	-0.08	9437	8.81
TRP TC ENERGY COR	52.29	-0.01	-0.02	6228	1.02
PPL PEMBINA PIPEL	49.54	-0.15	-0.30	3547	8.59
RY ROYAL BANK OF	141.76	-0.63	-0.44	2650	5.79
SU SUNCOR ENERGY	50.78	0.00	0.00	2555	19.62
TD TORONTO-DOMINI	73.97	-0.44	-0.59	2526	-13.61
BITF BITFARMERS LTD	4.24	-0.08	-1.85	2074	10.13
ENB ENBRIDGE INC	47.57	-0.18	-0.38	1856	-0.27
MFC MANULIFE FIN	35.07	0.05	0.14	1812	19.77
CM CANADIAN IMPER	65.67	0.03	0.05	1755	2.93
CVE CENOVUS ENERG	25.56	-0.04	-0.16	1694	15.76
HNU BETAPRO NAT G	5.50	-0.14	-2.48	1670	-16.92
BNS BANK OF NOVA	63.06	-0.36	-0.57	1629	-2.23
SHOP SHOPIFY INC	88.31	0.17	0.19	1547	-14.40
KEY KEYERA CORP	36.28	-0.07	-0.19	1511	13.27
RCL-B ROGERS COMM	51.88	0.30	0.58	1450	-16.36
QSR RESTAURANT BR	93.64	-0.85	-0.90	1351	-9.55
T TELUS CORP	21.21	-0.15	-0.70	1349	-10.05
NA NATIONAL BANK	106.93	-0.54	-0.50	1338	5.87
FM FIRST QUANTUM	16.85	0.16	0.96	1335	55.30

TSX 52-WEEK HIGHS
STOCKS \$1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
ORA AURA MINERALS	13.18	0.33	2.57	12	42.80
DTL D2L INC	11.60	0.66	6.03	22	8.31
HWO HIGH ARCTIC E	1.55	0.03	1.97	45	40.30
KRR KARORA RESOUR	5.81	0.24	4.31	1150	19.91
LNLF LEONS FURNITU	23.18	-0.29	-1.24	22	27.64
NAI NATIONAL BAN	104.76	-0.48	-0.46	12	0.73

TSX 52-WEEK LOWS
STOCKS \$1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
BCE-PR-J BCE INC	16.52	0.15	0.92	3	-9.33
BCE-PR-D BCE INC	16.45	0.04	0.24	8	-9.86
KRR-PR-B BCE INC	16.45	0.03	0.18	2	-9.52
BCE-PR-B BCE INC	16.37	0.01	0.06	3	-10.01
BUI BUYER INC	2.05	0.00	0.00	1	-15.98
IAU I-80 GOLD COR	1.39	-0.03	-2.11	235	-40.34
JOY JOURNEY ENERG	2.96	-0.05	-1.66	80	-23.32

TSX 52-WEEK HIGHS
STOCKS \$1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
RBA RB GLOBAL INC	110.10	0.23	0.21	83	24.17
TPZ TOPAZ ENERGY	23.30	0.14	0.60	141	20.23
UNI UNISYNC CORP	1.88	0.08	4.44	4	34.29
UNC-PR-C UNITED C	30.00	2.70	9.89		
WCN WASTE CONNECT	235.25	-2.19	-0.92	168	18.90

TSX 52-WEEK LOWS
STOCKS \$1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
LAAC LITHIUM AMER	4.80	-0.08	-1.64	136	-42.51
NANO NANO ONE MAT	1.46	-0.05	-3.31	51	-39.42
PZA PIZZA PIZZA R	12.82	-0.13	-1.00	59	-12.91
RCI-B ROGERS COMM	51.88	0.30	0.58	1450	-16.36
RY ROYAL BANK OF	141.76	-0.63	-0.44	2650	5.79
RUS RUSSEL METALS	36.83	-0.35	-0.94	108	-18.21

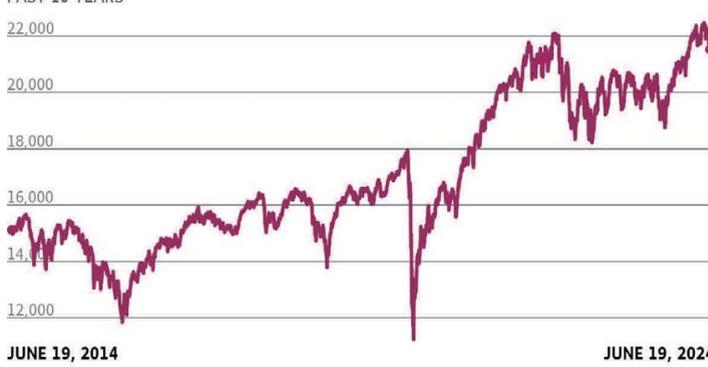
TSX GAINERS
TOP 20 FOR STOCKS \$1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
NEO NEO PERFORMAN	8.16	0.79	10.72	242	6.95
UNC-PR-C UNITED C	30.00	2.70	9.89		
BBD-PR-D BOMBARDI	19.92	1.64	8.97	32	-1.09
BCT BRICELL THER	2.00	0.16	8.70	1	-74.36
XAU GOLDMONEY INC	6.95	0.42	6.43	4	-11.01
KITS KITS EYECARE	8.33	0.48	6.11	16	33.49
DTOL D2L INC	11.60	0.66	6.03	22	8.31
ASM AVINO SILVER	1.30	0.07	5.69	50	88.41
FORA VERTICALSCOP	8.61	0.46	5.64	14	83.97
CIAM CHAMPION I	6.17	0.29	4.93	121	-17.29
GOLD GOLDMINING I	1.30	0.06	4.84	141	0.00
CDR CONDOR ENERGI	1.74	0.08	4.82	26	27.01
ETHH-U PURPOSE ET	15.35	0.68	4.64	21	53.50
ETH-B PURPOSE ET	5.70	0.25	4.59	39.02	
UNI UNISYNC CORP	1.88	0.08	4.44	4	34.29
FID FIDELITY ADV	65.35	2.77	4.43	55.89	
QETH-U ETHER FUND	51.98	2.18	4.38	2	41.63
KRR KARORA RESOUR	5.81	0.24	4.31	1150	19.30
ETH PURPOSE ETHE	4.53	0.18	4.14	4	34.02
PNCA POSTMEDIA N	1.27	0.05	4.10		-15.33

TSX LOSERS
TOP 20 FOR STOCKS \$1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
OPT OPTIVA INC	6.30	-0.65	-9.35	90.91	
MFC-PR-L MANULIFE	19.09	-1.22	-6.01	5	0.90
GLO GLOBAL ATOMIC	1.97	-0.10	-4.83	278	-29.14
ECN ECN CAPITAL C	1.68	-0.08	-4.55	122	-44.00
EPRX EUPRAXIA PHA	3.47	-0.16	-4.41	7	-35.38
BPO-PR-J BROOKFIE	12.85	-0.56	-4.18	9	26.35
GDC GENESIS LAND	3.33	-0.14	-4.03	1	44.78
ELVA ELECTROVAYA	3.60	-0.15	-4.00	11	-11.11
BPO-PR-R BROOKFIE	11.29	-0.46	-3.91	4	49.73
ESP BROMPTON ENER	4.11	-0.16	-3.75	2	23.05
PPL-PR-O PEMBINA	19.06	-0.74	-3.74	3	-0.21
EMA-PR-F EMERA IN	17.53	-0.65	-3.58	12	1.15
FLDM FRANKLIN LIB	23.47	-0.81	-3.34		6.10
NANO NANO ONE MAT	1.46	-0.05	-3.31	51	-39.42
PRYM PRIME MINING	1.86	-0.06	-3.12	15	24.00
ADWA ANDREW PELL	3.78	-0.12	-3.08	69	-18.00
BCE-PR-R BCE INC	14.55	-0.45	-3.00	2	-3.77
DRX ADF GROUP INC	15.50	-0.47	-2.94	292	123.99
HAI HAIVISION SYS	4.00	-0.12	-2.91	127	13.31
CFP CANFOR CORP	14.44	-0.43	-2.89	134	-19.10

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S&P/TSX COMPOSITE INDEX STOCKS
LARGEST STOCKS BY MARKET CAPITALIZATION

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG		CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG		CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG						
AAV ADVANTAGE OIL	10.32	-0.09	-0.86	672	20.98	CSH-UN CHARTWELL	12.61	-0.21	-1.64	223	7.59	JWL JAMESON WEL	27.93	-0.05	-0.18	33	-11.98	QBR-B QUEBECOR IN	28.95	-0.04	-0.14	213	-8.15
AOI AFRICA OIL CO	2.33	0.00	0.00	170	-6.43	CHP-UN CHOICE PRO	12.54	-0.01	-0.08	278	-10.11	KEL KEL EXPLORAT	6.07	-0.04	-0.65	91	6.12	QSR RESTAURANT BR	93.64	-0.85	-0.90	1351	-9.55
AEM AGNICO EAGLE	88.66	-0.02	-0.02	404	22.04	CCA COGECO COMMUN	51.65	-0.10	-0.19	19	-12.97	RCH RICHELIEU HAR	38.26	-0.42	-1.09	26	-20.26	REI-UN RIOCIAN RAR	16.40	-0.04	-0.24	329	-11.92
AC AIR CANADA	17.23	0.15	0.88	383	-7.81	COL COLLIS INT	149.36	-0.86	-0.57	39	-10.88	KMP-UN KILLAM APO	16.87	-0.15	-0.88	101	-6.07	RCL-B ROGERS COMM	51.88	0.30	0.58	1450	-16.36
AGI ALGOMA GOLD I	21.36	0.12	0.56	161	19.87	SCX CONSTELLATION	3764.07	-19.67	-0.52	15	14.57	KKS KINAXIS INC	150.62	0.12	0.08	40	1.28	RY ROYAL BANK OF	141.76	-0.63	-0.44	2650	5.79
ASTL ALGOMA STEEL	9.81	-0.25	-2.49	14	-26.24	CRN-UN CROMBIE RE	12.34	-0.04	-0.32	82	-10.58	KIN KINROSS GOLD CO	10.32	0.01	0.10	863	28.68	RUS RUSSEL METALS	36.83	-0.35	-0.94	108	-18.21
ALQ ALQUON POWIN POW	8.04	0.01	0.12	809	-3.83	DFY DEFINITY FINA	42.57	-0.25	-0.58	38	13.40	LIF LABRADOR IRON	29.80	0.41	1.40	74	-6.58	SSL SANDSTORM GOL	7.43	-0.05	-0.67	48	11.56
ATD ALIMENTATION	76.45	0.15	0.20	684	-2.02	DMG DENISON MINES	2.85	-0.04	-1.38	471	22.84	LB LAURENTIAN BAN	26.47	0.08	0.30	97	-5.02	SAP SAPUTO INC	28.85	-0.53	-1.80	285	7.53
AP-UN ALLIED PROP	15.73	-0.12	-0.76	162	-22.05	DSM DESCARTESS SYS	128.95	-1.09	-0.84	70	15.83	LSPD LIGHTSPEED C	18.75	0.08	0.43	141	-32.60	SEA SEABRIDGE GOL	19.96	-0.07	-0.35	14	24.28
ALA ALTAGAS LTD	30.45	0.18	0.59	444	9.45	DOL DOLLARAMA INC	123.47	-0.58	-0.47	531	29.30	LNR LINAMAR CORP	66.03	-0.84	-1.26	29	3.14	SES SECURE ENERGY	11.71	0.07	0.60	539	24.18
AIF ALTUS GROUP L	46.97	-0.15	-0.32	51	11.46	DIR-UN DREAM INDU	12.32	-0.21	-1.68	243	-11.75	L LOBLAW CO	155.04	-0.86	-0.55	305	20.86	SHOP SHOPIFY INC	88.31	0.17	0.19	1547	-14.40
ARX ARC RESOURCES	24.15	-0.06	-0.25	634	22.78	DPM DUNDEE PRECIO	10.84	0.08	0.74	232	27.83	LUN LUNDIN GOLD I	19.53	0.03	0.15	62	18.08	SIA SILVERCREST M	14.15	-0.02	-0.14	150	23.15
ATZ ARIZTA INC	39.28	-0.02	-0.05	117	42.84	EQB EQB INC	91.00	0.37	0.41	23	4.32	LUN LUNDIN MINING	14.75	0.28	1.94	409	36.07	SIL SILVERCREST M	10.99	-0.09	-0.81	107	26.47
ATO-X ATCO LTD CL	38.89	0.18	0.46	120	0.57	ELD ELDORADO GOLD	20.45	0.07	0.34	195	18.90	MAG MAG SILVER CO	16.60	0.00	0.00	28	20.38	SZZ SLEEP COUNTRY	26.91	-0.14	-0.52	57	5.08
ATH ATHABASCA OIL	4.95	-0.07	-1.39	93	18.71	EFN ELEMENT FLEET	23.94	-0.14	-0.58	379	11.04	MG MAGNIA INTERNAT	57.56	-0.55	-0.95	360	-26.48	SRU-UN SMARTCENTR	21.72	-0.16	-0.73	150	-12.74



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[RED SOX VS. BLUE JAYS]



Sweep complete

Blue Jays shortstop Isiah Kiner-Falefa, left, catches a pop fly ahead of teammate Spencer Horwitz during Wednesday's game against the Red Sox at Rogers Centre. Boston won 7-3 to complete a sweep of the three-game series. Read the story at [GLOBESPORTS.COM](https://www.globeandmail.com/sports/baseball/mlb/blue-jays-3-0-red-sox-7-3-sweep/article/)

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In these politically fraught times, U-S-A chants are making their comeback

CATHAL KELLY

OPINION



FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

They don't disrespect the opposing anthem, but the hockey crowd in Florida isn't exactly standing at military attention.

When they get to the part in *O Canada* about "true north strong and free," a well-refreshed gentleman hanging off a railing in front of us yells "TRUE SOUTH!" over it. The impressive thing is that he's remembered the bar this lyric is found in.

Once the anthem ends, another group of men – led by a guy in a No. 1 Panthers jersey with the nameplate 'DAD' – starts it.

"U-S-A! U-S-A! U-S-A!"

Though we haven't heard it much lately, the form has not changed. Starts out slow and gets faster. Fists pumping directly overhead, gradually moving to a more aggressive 45-degree angle. Quickly burns itself out and becomes a free-form yowl.

Not everybody loves it, but everybody knows U-S-A, U-S-A. It is the chant of our time.

Throughout Tuesday's Stanley Cup game – the very early part when the Panthers were still in it – the new battle hymn of their republic was flaring up here and there. It didn't catch on in a general way, but people were trying. It was like a wave that couldn't make it all the way around the arena.

This follows last weekend's U.S. Open victory by Bryson DeChambeau. The chant followed the fratry golf star around Pinehurst in North Carolina for all four rounds. It was present during his victory speech. It trailed him off the course.

Maybe it's because we are south of Mason-Dixon, or maybe because it's an election year, but

U-S-A is making a comeback.

Nobody seems sure where this favourite of patriotic attention seekers started. It's popped up all over the place – Berlin in '36, the Miracle on Ice, some random speech by Ronald Reagan.

It was a mainstay of the Olympics. It made boorish sense in the Iron Curtain era, but less so in the friend-zone period that bookended the turn of the century. That never seemed to hurt it.

At the Sochi Olympics, the Russians had stolen the IP and repurposed it. ROS-SI-YA, ROS-SI-YA doesn't sound exactly right. Something about the short-a on the last beat. But it does have three syllables.

Just based on metre, Canada could have gone down this road, too. It's a source of pride that as a rule, we do not. Canadians do not chant the name of our country at other people. All our bile is kept in-house. We don't even like to riot with strangers around.

In the Aughties, U-S-A morphed into an all-purpose battle cry. It was something Americans did whenever they were excited.

It made less sense in the professional-sports context. A Venezuelan hits a triple in the eighth that scores two for the Yankees against the Blue Jays? U-S-A, U-S-A, U-S-A.

The idea is that the country is rallying around a common sporting cause. Ask them in Boston how connected they feel to the accomplishments of the Bronx.

One of the first things Donald Trump did in office was get U-S-A cancelled. At the 2018 Olympics in Pyeongchang, I don't recall hearing it once.

It's never been hard to spot an American on sporting tour. They are the ones wearing Stars and Stripes jackets and boots, sucking up all the oxygen in the velodrome. One on one, they are delightful. In groups, they are insufferable.

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Ontario's chief gambling regulator says Porter scandal proves 'system is working'

SIMON HOUPT

The head of Ontario's provincial gambling regulator said on Wednesday that the sports betting scandal that ensnared the former Toronto Raptor, Jontay Porter – which the Ontario Provincial Police disclosed this week it was investigating – and other high-profile incidents are proof that "the system is working" to help ensure the integrity of games and gambling.

"We will unfortunately see more and more of these," said Karin Schnarr, the CEO of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, in an interview with *The Globe and Mail*. "To me, that shows me we're actually catching them."

But industry veterans say much more government action is needed before sufficient safeguards are in place to protect the integrity of pro sports, and athletes themselves, from the sort of predatory behaviour that Porter is alleged to have fallen victim to.

In a statement to *The Globe and Mail* on Wednesday, the OPP confirmed it is looking into two Raptors games played in Toronto, for which Porter shared information about his personal health, enabling others to bet on his performance.

"I am able to confirm that the OPP is conducting a criminal investigation into online betting irregularities arising from the January 26, 2024, and March 20, 2024, Raptors games in Toronto," said a statement sent to *The Globe* by Sergeant Robert Simpson. "The OPP will conduct a complete and thorough investigation into all circumstances surrounding the events and any suspicious activity arising from those two games."

Earlier this month, New York State authorities charged four men with conspiring to defraud a sports betting company, using information that is believed to have come from Porter. (Porter himself was not charged.) In the criminal complaint, an unidentified basketball player believed to be Porter, who had "significant gambling debts," agreed to "do a special" – provide information about his health and pull himself out of games to ensure a bet about his performance would succeed. In a text, the player said to one of the men that he believed if he didn't do as he was told, "you're coming to Toronto to beat me up."

In April, the NBA banned Porter for life after a brief investigation.

The Porter incident is only one of many such black marks that have been mushrooming

across the landscape of professional sports, with players in all four North American major leagues implicated.

The baseball season opened under a cloud after the long-time interpreter of Shohei Ohtani was charged with stealing millions of dollars from the star player to pay off his sports gambling debts. This month, Major League Baseball banned the San Diego Padres infielder, Tucupita Marcano, for life after discovering he had bet on hundreds of baseball games, including ones in which he had played last season as a member of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"If we look at what's going on in sports betting and player wagering, you look and you say, 'Oh that's terrible, players are wagering on their own sports games,'" said Schnarr, in comments during a panel discussion at the Canadian Gaming Summit in Toronto.

"We have a system now, because of independent integrity monitors, because of our operators reporting it to us, that we're catching these things. Leagues take action, players are banned. If we didn't have a regulated market, with all of this data that we're now seeing from operators which allows you to catch these things, I think the sports betting would stay in the grey zone. So, I'm encouraged by that. The system is working."

But industry experts say the case highlights how much more still needs to be done. When the Porter scandal broke in April, Jeremy Luke, the president and CEO

of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, told *The Globe* that match manipulation needs to be confronted with a similar force and strategy as doping in professional sports, by educating athletes on the associated risks and developing legal mechanisms that can grapple with the international nature of the problem.

In March, the CCES called on the federal government to become a signatory to the Macolin Convention, a multilateral treaty that aims to prevent, detect, and punish match fixing. "In Canada, that would mean regulations within provinces, communication between provinces, communication between betting operators and regulators and law enforcement, and potentially criminalizing match fixing within the criminal code," Luke said.

Still, he acknowledged that, like doping, match manipulation would likely continue to be a fact of life in sports. "It's a risk that I don't think will ever ultimately go away," he said. "I think the goal ... is to mitigate that risk as much as we possibly can."

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KARIN SCHNARR
CEO OF THE ALCOHOL AND
GAMING COMMISSION OF
ONTARIO

Olympic basketball training camp roster revealed

Gilgeous-Alexander, Murray and Wiggins are among those who will compete for spots on Canada's Paris squad

RACHEL BRADY

Canada Basketball has revealed the 20 training camp invitees who will assemble in Toronto next week, vying for roster spots before the country's first appearance in a men's Olympic basketball tournament in 24 years.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, Jamal Murray and Andrew Wiggins are among the 20 players who will compete for spots on Canada's 12-man roster for next month's Paris Games.

Last summer a senior men's team heavy on NBA talent qualified for the Olympics at the FIBA World Cup in Manila, Philippines, where it defeated the United States to earn bronze — Canada's first World Cup medal.

The camp roster includes all the members of last year's team, which starred Gilgeous-Alexander, Dillon Brooks, RJ Barrett, Kelly Olynyk, Luguentz Dort, Nickail Alexander-Walker and Dwight Powell.

There will be a dozen NBA players at camp. That includes Murray, the Denver Nuggets star. Canada Basketball says he's healthy after a long NBA season. Murray hasn't suited up for Canada since 2015 but has attended Canada training camps the past two summers.

Other NBA players are Trey Lyles, Andrew Nembhard, and Oshae Brissett.

Fresh off a second consecutive outstanding college season, Zach Edey hopes to be in camp, despite



Canada's Shai Gilgeous-Alexander moves around Argentina's Facundo Campazzo during the FIBA Basketball World Cup qualifiers in Victoria in 2022. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

the fact he's days away from being drafted into the NBA. Rowan Barrett, general manager and executive vice-president of the senior men's program, said as soon as they see which NBA team selects Edey, they will call and discuss whether that club will allow him to be with Team Canada.

"I believe that our program is in a strong place," Barrett said. "We are ready, and we will be taking on all-comers. We are going to this competition in Paris to win."

Seven Canadians who have been a part of Canada's success in the past were invited from overseas clubs: Kyle Alexander, Trae Bell-Haynes, Khem Birch, Melvin Ejim, Mfondu Kabengele, Phil Scrubb and Thomas Scrubb.

In 2022, Canada Basketball got a commitment from 14 players

who promised to represent Canada when needed between then and the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

At the Olympics, group play begins on July 27. Canada will be in Group A with Australia, plus the two winners of coming qualifying tournaments in Greece and Spain.

After all, there were times over the years when it was tough to convince NBA players to commit during their summers to play for Canada. Two players who made that 'summer core'

commitment are not invited to this camp: Kevin Pangos and Cory Joseph.

Wiggins is a notable player who did not commit to being in the summer core back in 2022. The 2022 all-star and NBA champion tried to help Canada qualify for the Rio and Tokyo Games — but the team fell short at qualifiers in Mexico City in 2015 and again at home in Victoria in 2021. Wiggins hasn't been part of Canada's program during the current Olympic cycle, but he's parachuting in now.

"Every time he's been within our walls, he played tremendous basketball. I wouldn't think that this moment could be any different," Barrett said. "A healthy, strong Andrew Wiggins is a very, very good player."

NBA veteran Tristan Thompson was another notable player left off the camp roster.

Canadian youngsters Bennedit Mathurin and Shaedon Sharpe will also attend training camp to gain experience with the senior men's team with an eye on the future but won't compete for roster spots this summer.

After training camp in Toronto, Canada will head to Las Vegas, where it will face the United States in an exhibition game at T-Mobile Arena on July 10.

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Canada has appeared in nine Olympic men's basketball tournaments. Its only medal was a silver medal from the 1936 Games in Berlin. The last appearance came at the 2000 Games in Sydney, where a squad led by two-time NBA MVP Steve Nash placed seventh.

Nash was one of two NBA players on that 2000 team (the other was centre Todd MacCulloch). The rest played at clubs in Europe and South America, including Rowan Barrett.

Fast-forward to today, and Canada has for 10 consecutive years been the most-represented country in the NBA outside of the U.S. During the 2023-24 season, there were 26 Canadian players in the league.

Countries favoured for the podium include Team USA, the reigning 16-time Olympic gold medalists, Tokyo 2020 silver medalist and the host, France, the 2023 FIBA World Cup champions from Germany, and Canada.

Canada will send three basketball teams to Paris — the men's team, the women's team, plus its first ever women's 3x3 team.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7) — All Times Eastern
FLORIDA (A1) VS. EDMONTON (P2)
 (Florida leads series 3-2)

Tuesday

Edmonton 5 Florida 3

Friday

Florida at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Monday, June 24

x-Edmonton at Florida, 8 p.m.
 — played only if necessary

NHL SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pts
Connor McDavid, Edm	8	34	42
Evan Bouchard, Edm	6	26	32
Leon Draisaitl, Edm	10	20	30
Matthew Tkachuk, Fla	6	16	22
Zach Hyman, Edm	15	6	21
Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Edm	7	14	21
Aleksander Barkov, Fla	7	14	21
Vincent Trocheck, NYR	8	12	20
Carter Verhaeghe, Fla	10	8	18
Wyatt Johnston, Dal	10	6	16
Miro Heiskanen, Dal	6	10	16
Jason Robertson, Dal	6	10	16
Mika Zibanejad, NYR	3	13	16
Anton Lundell, Fla	3	13	16
Sam Reinhart, Fla	9	6	15

CFL

WEEK THREE

Bye: Calgary

Thursday

All Times Eastern
 Ottawa at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

British Columbia at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday

Edmonton at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Sunday

Hamilton at Saskatchewan, 7 p.m.

AHL CALDER CUP PLAYOFFS

CALDER CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7) — All Times Eastern
HERSHEY VS. COACHELLA VALLEY
 (Coachella Valley leads series 2-1)

Tuesday

Coachella Valley 6 Hershey 2

Thursday

Hershey at Coachella Valley, 10 p.m.

Saturday, June 22

Hershey at Coachella Valley, 9 p.m.

Monday, June 24

x-Coachella Valley at Hershey, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26

x-Coachella Valley at Hershey, 7 p.m.
 — played only if necessary

WNBA

Wednesday

Indiana 88 Washington 81
 Atlanta at Minnesota
 Seattle at Las Vegas

Tuesday

Connecticut 79 Los Angeles 70
 Phoenix 99, New York 93

Thursday — All Times Eastern

Dallas at Chicago, 12 p.m.
 Los Angeles at New York, 7 p.m.

CEBL

Wednesday

Niagara 81 Scarborough 78
 Montreal at Brampton
 Vancouver at Winnipeg

Thursday

All Times Eastern
 Ottawa at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
 Calgary at Saskatchewan, 9:30 p.m.

Friday

Montreal at Niagara, 7 p.m.
 Brampton at Scarborough, 8 p.m.

ATP WORLD TOUR

CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wednesday

At London

SINGLES — ROUND OF 16

Rinky Hijikata, Australia, def. Matteo Arnaldi, Italy, 7-6 (0), 7-6 (7)
 Sebastian Korda, United States, def. Grigor Dimitrov (3), Bulgaria, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5
 Jordan Thompson, Australia, def. Andy Murray, Britain, 4-1, ret.
 Taylor Fritz (4), United States, def. Milos Raonic, Canada, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

TERRA WORTMANN OPEN

Wednesday

At Halle, Germany

SINGLES — ROUND OF 32

Matteo Berrettini, Italy, def. Alex Michelsen, United States, 7-6 (5), 6-2
 Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. Luciano Darderi, Italy, 6-7 (2), 7-5, 7-6 (10)
SINGLES — ROUND OF 16
 Arthur Fils, France, def. Dominik Koepfer, Germany, 6-3, 6-4
 Christopher Eubanks, United States, def. Alexander Bublik (7), Kazakhstan, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-3
 Zhang Zhizhen, China, def. Daniil Medvedev (3), Russia, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (5)
 Alexander Zverev (2), Germany, def. Lorenzo Sonego, Italy, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16

Fabien Reboul and Sadio Doumbia, France, def. Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen, Belgium, 7-6 (6), 6-4
 Hubert Hurkacz, Poland, and Jannik Sinner, Italy, def. Jack Withrow and Nathaniel Lammons (3), United States, 6-4, 5-7, 11-9.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	51	24	.680	—
Baltimore	47	25	.653	2 1/2
Boston	39	35	.527	11 1/2
Toronto	35	38	.479	15
Tampa Bay	34	39	.466	16

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	45	26	.634	—
Minnesota	41	32	.562	5
Kansas City	41	33	.554	5 1/2
Detroit	34	40	.459	12 1/2
Chicago	20	54	.270	26 1/2

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	44	32	.579	—
Houston	33	40	.452	9 1/2
Texas	33	40	.452	9 1/2
Los Angeles	29	44	.397	13 1/2
Oakland	27	48	.360	16 1/2

Wednesday

Atlanta 7, Detroit 0
 Cleveland 8, Seattle 0
 Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees
 Boston at Toronto
 Tampa Bay at Minnesota
 N.Y. Mets at Texas
 Houston at Chicago White Sox
 Milwaukee at L.A. Angels
 Kansas City at Oakland

Tuesday

Atlanta 2, Detroit 1
 Seattle 8, Cleveland 5
 N.Y. Yankees 4, Baltimore 2
 Boston 4, Toronto 3
 Chicago White Sox 2, Houston 0
 Minnesota 7, Tampa Bay 6
 N.Y. Mets 7, Texas 6
 Oakland 7, Kansas City 5
 Milwaukee 6, L.A. Angels 3

Thursday

All Times Eastern

Seattle (Castillo 6-7) at Cleveland (Allen 7-3), 1:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Littell 2-5) at Minnesota (Woods Richardson 2-1), 1:10 p.m.
 Houston (Arrighetti 3-6) at Chicago White Sox (Flexen 2-6), 2:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Lugo 10-2) at Oakland (Spence 4-3), 3:37 p.m.
 Baltimore (Irvin 6-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Gil 9-1), 4:05 p.m.

Friday

Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 6:40 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 6:40 p.m.
 Atlanta at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Boston at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Toronto at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
 Kansas City at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Baltimore at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
 Minnesota at Oakland, 9:40 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	49	25	.662	—
Atlanta	41	31	.569	7
Washington	36	37	.493	12 1/2
New York	35	37	.486	13
Miami	25	49	.338	24

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	43	30	.589	—
St. Louis	36	37	.493	7
Pittsburgh	36	38	.486	7 1/2
Chicago	36	39	.480	8
Cincinnati	35	39	.473	8 1/2

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	46	29	.613	—
San Diego	38	40	.487	9 1/2
Arizona	36	38	.486	9 1/2
San Francisco	36	39	.480	10
Colorado	25	48	.342	20

Wednesday

Pittsburgh 1, Cincinnati 0
 Atlanta 7, Detroit 0
 Miami 4, St. Louis 3
 San Diego 5, Philadelphia 2
 Chicago Cubs 6, San Francisco 5
 Washington 3, Arizona 1
 N.Y. Mets at Texas
 L.A. Dodgers at Colorado
 Milwaukee at L.A. Angels

Tuesday

Cincinnati 2, Pittsburgh 1
 Arizona 5, Washington 0
 Miami 9, St. Louis 8, 10 innings
 Philadelphia 4, San Diego 3
 Atlanta 2, Detroit 1
 Chicago Cubs 5, San Francisco 2
 N.Y. Mets 7, Texas 6
 L.A. Dodgers 11, Colorado 9
 Milwaukee 6, L.A. Angels 3

Thursday

All Times Eastern

Arizona (Nelson 4-5) at Washington (Gore 6-5), 1:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Stone 7-2) at Colorado (Blach 3-4), 3:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (Winn 3-7) at St. Louis (Palante 2-3), 7:15 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Wilson 4-3) at San Diego (Mazur 0-2), 9:40 p.m.

Friday

N.Y. Mets at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
 Arizona at Philadelphia, 6:40 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 6:40 p.m.
 Atlanta at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Boston at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Washington at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
 Milwaukee at San Diego, 9:40 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Miami	20	12	3	5	46	29	41
Cincinnati	17	11	3	3	27	18	36
N.Y. Red Bulls	19	8	4	7	31	25	31
N.Y. City F.C.	17	9	6	2	26	20	29
Charlotte	19	8	6	5	21	20	29
Columbus	16	7	3	6	25	17	27
Toronto	19	7	9	3	28	32	24
Nashville	18	5	8	5	22	23	23
Philadelphia	17	4	5	8	28	20	20
Atlanta	18	5	8	5	25	23	20
D.C.	19	4	7	8	25	33	19
Montreal	18	4	7	7	25	37	19
Chicago	18	4	8	6	21	30	18
Orlando	18	4	8	6	19	18	18
New England	16	5	10	1	15	29	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Salt Lake City	18	9	2	7	36	19	34
L.A. F.C.	17	10	4	3	31	20	33
L.A. Galaxy	18	8	3	7	35	27	31
Minnesota	17	8	4	5	28	23	29
Vancouver	17	7	6	4	26	22	25
Colorado	18	7	7	4	31	25	25
Houston	17	6	6				

Buchanan helping Canada build toward a brighter future

Well-travelled emerging star's latest stop will see him open Copa America against World Cup champion Argentina

PAUL ATTFIELD

Tajon Buchanan is no stranger to big moments. From providing the assist that led to Canada's first goal at a men's World Cup to becoming the first Canadian man to play in Italy's Serie A, the Brampton-born winger is crossing items off his bucket list on a regular basis.

But if 2022 was the year that much of Canada sat up and took notice of the 25-year-old's talents, 2024 could well be the year that the rest of the world takes an interest, too.

And there would be no better moment to start grabbing people's attention than Thursday, when Canada kicks off its inaugural Copa America campaign in Atlanta with a matchup against Lionel Messi and the reigning world champion, Argentina.

It's all a bit surreal for a player who admits he harboured doubts about ever pulling on the Maple Leaf when he was passed over by Canada at the under-20 level.

"It was hard when you weren't getting called into the national team and stuff like that," he said last week. "So now that I am where I am, and I'm playing obviously for the first team and play-



Tajon Buchanan says suiting up against the world's top national teams is surreal after being passed over by Canada at the under-20 level. 'This is what I've always dreamed about,' Buchanan says. JULIO CORTEZ/AP

ing in these major tournaments and going up against some of the best players in the world, yeah, this is what I've always dreamed about."

But Buchanan has had to make plenty of sacrifices along the way. After having to cope with losing his father at the age of 7, he made the tough choice to follow his soccer dreams south of the border when he moved to Colorado as a teenager. His former youth soccer coach Chrys Chrysanthou had moved there for a new job, and he and his son, Anthony, welcomed Buchanan into their family.

However, despite making the team at Real Colorado, a United States Soccer Developmental Academy club, his dream got tangled up in red tape as FIFA and U.S. Soccer ruled Buchanan ineligible to play official matches since

he wasn't living with his biological family. So he had to make do with training with Real Colorado while playing matches for his high school.

Showcasing the speed and talent that would soon entice some of the world's biggest clubs, Buchanan displayed enough to warrant interest at the next level. He earned a scholarship from Syracuse University, paving the way to be drafted into Major League Soccer with the ninth pick in the 2019 SuperDraft. Then, after he helped the New England Revolution to the 2021 Supporters' Shield, Belgium's Club Brugge took Buchanan to Europe, giving him his first taste of the Champions League in the process.

Throughout his journey to the apex of professional soccer, he was fuelled by the memory of his

father, who first ignited his love of the sport.

"I play for my dad, and obviously I know he's looking down and very proud and happy of me," Buchanan said. "I'm just happy that I'm able to do what I do and make my family proud and make him proud, and that's very important."

Never one to shy away from challenges, Buchanan embraced arguably his biggest one yet in January when Italian champion Inter Milan paid Club Brugge €7-million (\$10.3-million) to take him to the San Siro, one of the grand cathedrals of European soccer.

Now renting an apartment in Milan and taking Italian lessons twice a week, Buchanan managed to accrue 10 appearances for the 2023 Champions League runner-up. He chipped in with his first goal for the club in a 5-0 win at Frosinone in May as Inter cruised to its 20th championship.

"Everything just happens so quick in football," Buchanan said. "It feels like yesterday that I was still playing in MLS, and then obviously I was at Bruges, and then having a good season. And then Inter came to the table ... obviously a dream of mine to go and play for one of the biggest clubs and to play in a top-five league. So that was a no-brainer for me."

Though he admits the pressure to win at Inter is greater than it was at Club Brugge, which nevertheless has the second most league titles in Belgium, he says the environment and the other players have made the adjust-

ment easy. In particular, he singles out striker Marcus Thuram – the son of French World Cup winner Lilian Thuram – as a teammate who has helped him settle in to a new city and country.

Further establishing himself in Serie A will have to wait until next season, though, as Buchanan is fully focused on the national team right now, particularly given the new coaching regime that has been installed. Thursday's match will be Jesse Marsch's third game at the helm, after a 4-0 friendly loss in the Netherlands and a goal-less draw in France.

"A very experienced coach, a guy that wants to win, and yeah, definitely think he's the right man to take us forward as a nation and super dialled into what he has to offer us," Buchanan said of the American coach. "And extremely excited for the future."

As for his own future, Buchanan admits he's never really satisfied, and feels that the sky is the limit. From a kid who grew up idolizing Cristiano Ronaldo to someone who is about to go toe-to-toe with CR7's greatest rival, Buchanan is mindful of how the generation of himself, Jonathan David and Alphonso Davies can inspire the next.

"We played at the World Cup in 2022 and now we're in Copa America, and then 2026 the World Cup again," he said. "So this is starting to become a footballing nation, and we just have to keep our foot on the pedal and keep working and make it even a bigger footballing nation. And definitely, I can see that in the future."

Germany books its spot in Euro 2024's knockout stage with goals from Musiala and Gundogan in win over Hungary

DANIELLA MATAR STUTTGART, GERMANY

Jamal Musiala is lighting up the European Championship and showing just why his teammates think the 21-year-old forward can go on to become one of the best players in the world.

Musiala scored his second goal of the tournament on Wednesday to help Germany beat Hungary 2-0 and book its spot in the knockout stage.

"For me it's incredible to play with him, he can do the unexpected in every single situation," Germany captain Ilkay Gundogan said. "Maybe he's the most important one at the moment for us and at such a young age as well."

"And, I love him. He's such a complete player and such a nice guy as well. Very humble. And if he keeps doing his thing, the way he's doing right now, he can be one of the best."

Musiala opened the scoring in the 22nd minute with a goal that was furiously protested by Hungary. Gundogan had set that up and got on the scoresheet himself in the second half.

Musiala had netted Germany's second goal in the 5-1 opening victory over Scotland on Friday to kick off Euro 2024. Hungary lost 3-1 to Switzerland on Saturday and now faces an uphill challenge to advance.

"He did brilliant in both games," Germany coach Julian Nagelsmann said. "Not only the two goals, I think every situation or offensive proposition is pretty tough for the opponent to defend."

"I think it's important for him not to deal with the pressure, just to deal with his capability to solve any offensive one-on-one situations ... He should not think about the pressure, because he's brilliant in just playing soccer."

Hungary plays Scotland in the final Group A match on Sunday, when Nagelsmann's team takes on Switzerland.

Germany is definitely into the next round at least as a best third-place team. It will be confirmed in the top two if Scotland fails to beat Switzerland later Wednesday.

Hungary was unbeaten in its previous three matches against Germany and it put up a good fight against the host nation in Stuttgart.

Coach Marco Rossi said his players paid



German midfielder Leroy Sané, right, fights for the ball with Hungary's midfielder Daniel Gazdag during the UEFA Euro 2024 Group A match at the Stuttgart Arena in Stuttgart on Wednesday. Germany won 2-0. TOBIAS SCHWARZ/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

the price for what he felt was unbalanced refereeing.

"Throughout my career, first as player and then as coach, I have never looked for alibis," Rossi said. "But what the referee did tonight I think even the Germans saw that he used two different measurements."

"Germany would have still won, it's stronger and it would have won, but the referee was the worst on the field."

Rossi's side started aggressively and stunned Germany by almost taking the lead inside 20 seconds. Goalkeeper Manuel Neuer had to be quick off his line to slide to the ball to stop Roland Sallai.

The noise level ramped up every time Musiala had the ball and the Stuttgart-born forward opened the scoring in chaotic fashion.

Musiala tried to set up Gundogan but Hungary defender Willi Orban got to the ball first. However, he stumbled – following what Hungary protested was a shove by Gundogan – and as shotstopper Peter Gulacsi tried to help him, Gundogan poked it on to Musiala, who smashed it into the net with the goalkeeper still on the ground.

"I was quite surprised that the Hungarian player and his teammates were angry about it," Gundogan said. "I played in the Premier League for seven years and if you gave that in the Premier League as a foul I think everyone would have been laughing on the floor."

Hungary almost levelled immediately but Neuer did brilliantly to parry Dominik Szoboszlai's free kick and then keep out a follow-up with his foot. The crowd celebrated the save almost as loudly as it had done the goal.

The loud home fans thought Musiala had doubled his tally at the end of the half but his shot was deflected, hitting the side netting and making it ripple so that even Nagelsmann appeared to think it had gone in.

Germany was seemingly in control in the second half and did get a second in the 68th minute when Maximilian Mittelstadt rolled the ball across from the left and Gundogan drove it into the bottom right corner.

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ALBANIA PUSHES BACK TO DRAW EVEN WITH CROATIA

HAMBURG, GERMANY Albania substitute Klaus Gjasula had the rare experience of scoring for both teams Wednesday in an intense 2-2 draw with Croatia that could make it difficult for each to survive the group stage at the European Championship.

Croatia tried to set the pace from the start, but it was Albania's Qazim Laci who scored first, heading in a cross from the right flank in the 11th minute.

Andrej Kramaric equalized in the 74th minute before Gjasula's own goal made it 2-1 for Croatia just two minutes later.

At that point, Croatia looked in control but a late surge by Albania changed everything once again as Gjasula redeemed himself by scoring with a low shot in the 95th minute.

It was a thrilling end to the match that leaves both Croatia and Albania in a precarious situation in the group after both squads dropped their first matches. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHAQIRI SCORES STUNNER TO HELP SWITZERLAND EARN POINT AGAINST SCOTLAND

COLOGNE, GERMANY Xherdan Shaqiri's stunning first-half strike secured a 1-1 draw for Switzerland against Scotland at the European Championship on Wednesday.

The 32-year-old Chicago Fire forward rolled back the years with a first-time curling effort from about 20 metres out at Cologne Stadium.

Scotland had led from the 13th minute when Scott McTominay's shot took a wicked deflection off Fabian Schar to beat Switzerland goalkeeper Yann Sommer.

But Shaqiri pounced on Anthony Ralston's loose pass in the 26th to even the match. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Edmonton Oilers captain Connor McDavid, centre, celebrates with teammates Mattias Ekholm, left, and Leon Draisaitl after scoring an empty-net goal during Game 5 of the Stanley Cup final. REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

Oilers gaining steam as Stanley Cup final shifts back to Alberta for Game 6

Edmonton still in precarious position down 3-2 in series, but McDavid and crew have sudden momentum

MARTY KLINKENBERG EDMONTON

Connor McDavid and the Oilers have certainly gotten the Florida Panthers' attention now. They have beaten them in consecutive elimination games and, with a victory on Friday on home ice, could force a Game 7 in the Stanley Cup final that looked extremely improbable just days ago.

They clearly got Bill Zito's attention. After McDavid scored an empty-netter to clinch a 5-3 victory on Tuesday, the Panthers' infuriated general manager hurled a water bottle.

He must have gotten agitated as he watched the Oilers captain skate circles around his team and put together a second straight four-point night, the first in 106 years in the final.

Edmonton is still in a precarious position. To win its first Stanley Cup since 1990, it will have to win two more elimination games and has zero room for error. One small hiccup and this will be remembered as a very good season, but the 31st in a row without a Canadian team being crowned champion.

Only one team – the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs – has ever come back from a 3-0 deficit in the Cup final. Those aren't long odds; they are more of a plank to walk after asking for a final cigarette.

The teams have flown back and forth across the continent throughout the series, and Friday in Edmonton the Stanley Cup will be ready to be hoisted for the third time. The family and friends of Florida's players flew here on Sat-

urday only to see an 8-1 steamrolling and then another disappointing defeat at home on Tuesday.

No matter the result, it would be stunning not to see McDavid win the Conn Smythe Trophy that is awarded to the most valuable player during the postseason. He has been a factor in eight of Edmonton's 13 goals over the past two games, has broken one of Wayne Gretzky's records for assists and – just speculation here – with two more productive games could erase the Great One's play-off points mark of 47.

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KRIS KNOBLAUCH
OILERS HEAD COACH

He has 11 points in the final and needs just two more to set an all-time series record. Say what you will about Aleksander Barkov – an exceptional player for sure – but he has not dominated like McDavid. To this point Oilers GM Ken Holland hasn't watched him make a huge play and thrown a hissy fit.

“He has driven the bus since before I got here,” Zach Hyman, the former Maple Leaf, said of McDavid. Hyman scored his play-off-leading 15th goal on Tuesday. “He is the guy who has led this team. You kind of expect it from him.”

The Panthers still need to win only one more time to clinch their first Stanley Cup. They joined the NHL in 1993 as an expansion franchise.

“Nothing has changed in our situation except that in the last two games we learned some things, lessons we don't need to learn,” Florida head coach Paul Maurice said. “We've learned them enough.”

The Oilers have scored a short-handed goal in each of the past two games and have found the back of the net three times on power plays. Stuart Skinner has suddenly started to outplay Sergei Bobrovsky. In Game 5, Evan Bouchard rang up his 24th, 25th and 26th assists to eclipse Paul Coffey's previous mark for a defenceman of 25. Connor Brown, who went 55 games without a goal during the regular season, got Tuesday's shortie. Corey Perry got his first goal of the playoffs.

A lot of very good things are happening.

“We were counted out a long time ago and here we are playing hockey in June,” Kris Knoblauch, the Oilers head coach, said after Tuesday's triumph. “We are headed back to Edmonton for Game 6. There is a lot to smile about.”

The Oilers are only the fourth team to ever lose the first three contests in the final and then win the next two. It's a mountain to climb and perhaps too much to expect.

Remember, though, that Edmonton was last among 32 teams in the NHL, had eight- and 16-game winning streaks, and has now battled back after it fell behind multiple times in the playoffs.

“Some teams that face adversity get tense and [don't] play their usual game,” Knoblauch said on Wednesday. “This team has seen so much adversity and it just elevates our game. Right now we are playing on house money. Nobody expected us maybe to even be here now in the Stanley Cup final, let alone have the opportunity to claw back in this series.”

“We [have] to stretch this out for as long as we can.”

Kelly: Olympics will be test for nationalistic resolve

■ FROM B11

Trump's arrival made public jingoism *déclassé* among the sort of Americans who hold passports. So no more U-S-A on tour. The chant went dormant in its traditional haunts. I suspect that if you did it now during an international women's soccer match, you would be ejected over the top lip of the stadium.

Generally speaking, famous Americans tend to reflect the mores of American media culture, which even more generally speaking puts them at odds with the sort of people who do the chanting.

Athletes know which side their marketing bread is buttered on, and it isn't the one promoted by Ted Cruz or Ron DeSantis. I still believe most U.S.-based pros vote Republican, but few of them talk that way. It's bad for business.

Though maybe less so in the last little while. When Kansas City kicker Harrison Butker went on the sort of traditionalist rant would have made Pat Robertson cheer during a recent college commencement, a funny thing happened.

Nothing, at first. Most people didn't care. Advertiser-friendly teammates such as Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce declined to disavow him, which is its own sort of endorsement.

Then something did happen. Butker became a commodity. He's done what every ambitious athlete wants to – make his face familiar to people who are not sports obsessives.

Butker is a mainstream brand now. If he'd tried the same thing five years ago, it would not have turned out so well for him.

There's just something in the air in sports at the moment – a return to the rootin', tootin' America that existed pre-2008 meltdown. Back when money was free and everyone on both sides of the American divide felt as if they were winning.

If you believe the mainstream is drifting right, the fact that fans feel freed once again to invoke their constitutional right to yahoo'ism may be a marker of that change.

The real test of this will be Paris in six weeks time. It is one thing for a bunch of Fort Lauderdale louts waving around tall cans of Corona Light to do it. If I'd been pregameing in the Amerant Arena parking lot for six hours under a June sun, I might say all sorts.

But it is a different thing if the coastal elites who blow a packet on attending a European Olympics are also back on the U-S-A bandwagon. That would mean that the chant has become broadly acceptable again.

Whenever I hear it, my knee-jerk is irritation. I have to see you. Must I hear you as well? Do you want to climb onto my back so we can make this a full five-sense experience?

But I also recognize that the U-S-A chant is like a house in the suburbs and a trip to Disney – a sign that the American middle-class is feeling affluent and at ease. When the U.S.A. is U-S-A'ing, the revolution is deferred for the time being.

Flames trade goaltender Markstrom to Devils for Bahl, first-round pick

DONNA SPENCER CALGARY

The rumblings became reality with Wednesday's announcement that the Calgary Flames traded veteran goaltender Jacob Markstrom to the New Jersey Devils.

The Flames got 23-year-old defenceman Kevin Bahl and a 2025 first-round pick in return. Calgary retained 31.25 per cent of Markstrom's salary from a six-year, US\$36-million contract he signed Oct. 9, 2020. New Jersey's salary cap hit on the deal's remaining two years will be \$4.125-million annually.

Markstrom, 34, was the subject of trade rumours as Calgary (38-39-5) hovered outside playoff position for most of the 2023-24 season. Fuelling that chatter was 23-year-old Dustin Wolf, who was twice the American Hockey League's goaltender of the year, waiting in the wings and 26-year-old Dan Vladar a capable backup to Markstrom, who at the conclusion of the season said he missed more time and games than he wanted to with various injuries.

The Flames trading centre Elias Lindholm and defencemen Chris Tanev and Noah Hanifin leading into the March trade deadline signalled a retooling and a youth movement afoot in Calgary.

“Today's trade demonstrates our focus on the infusion of young talented players into our roster as well as acquiring important draft capital, while maintaining our commitment as a playoff competitive team,” Flames general manager Craig Conroy said Wednesday in a statement. “We thank Jacob for his professionalism and understanding of our decision to make this trade now and at this stage in his career.”

Markstrom waived his contract's no-move clause to join the Devils. Markstrom will be coached by former Toronto Maple Leaf head coach Sheldon Keefe, who was hired by the Devils in May, and will share goaltending duties with Jake Allen.

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Collaros's Bombers look to snap out of poor early start to CFL season

DAN RALPH

It's only the third game of the season but it is an important one for Zach Collaros and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Winnipeg (0-2) hosts the B.C. Lions (1-1) on Friday night after an uncharacteristic slow start to the 2024 campaign. Not since 2016 have the Blue Bombers – who've reached the Grey Cup four straight years – been two games below .500.

Again, it's early, but what's been very surprising has been the lack of production from a Winnipeg offence that last season averaged a CFL-high 31.7 points a game. Through two games, the unit is last in both offensive scoring (13.5 points a game) and net offence (296.5 yards, compared to a league-high 414.7 last year).

A ground attack that was the league's best last year (139.1 yards a game) has averaged just 67 yards thus far. Brady Oliveira, last year's rushing leader who was the CFL's top Canadian and a finalist for its outstanding player award – ran for 38 yards in 11 carries in

Winnipeg's opening 27-12 loss to Montreal before sitting out last week's 23-19 defeat to Ottawa with a knee ailment.

Johnny Augustine had 31 rushing yards and a TD on seven carries against Ottawa as Winnipeg ran for 42 yards on 13 attempts (three-yard average). And the Bombers were six-of-18 on second-down conversions.

It's also been an uncharacteristically slow start for Collaros, who threw for a career-high 4,252 yards last season and league-best 33 TDs. The two-time CFL MVP has completed just 54.7 per cent of his passes and has more interceptions (three) than scoring strikes (none).

A telling statistic thus far has been Winnipeg's offence converting a league-low 34.1 per cent of second-down chances.

But Winnipeg's defence – which is without starting linemen Jackson Jeffcoat (retired) and Ricky Walker (signed with Calgary as free agent but currently not playing) and cornerback Demerio Houston (Calgary, free agent) – has also had its ups and downs. While the Bombers are tied for

fourth in fewest offensive points allowed (25 a game), they've only forced one turnover.

Last year, Houston had a CFL-high 10 turnovers himself (league-best seven interceptions, three fumble recoveries) and already has an interception with Calgary.

Kicker Sergio Castillo – who made more than 90 per cent of his field goals last year – is 2-for-4 so far. Myron Mitchell is averaging 5.6 yards on 11 punt returns while his predecessor Janarion Grant, now with Toronto, is averaging a CFL-best 14.3 yards although the Argonauts have only played once this season.

Winnipeg faces a B.C. team coming off a 26-17 home win over Calgary. Quarterback Vernon Adams Jr. threw for 277 yards and two TDs while rushing four times for 16 yards and a touchdown.

The contest is also an important one for B.C., which has lost to Winnipeg in the West Division final the past two years. The Lions have been picked by some to play in the Grey Cup, which will be held at BC Place Stadium in November.

The Bombers have won eight of

the past 10 matchups although B.C. was victorious in Winnipeg last year.

Collaros is 6-1 as a Bomber versus B.C. and Winnipeg hasn't started 0-3 since 2012.

Pick: Winnipeg.

OTTAWA REDBLACKS VS. MONTREAL ALOUETTES (THURSDAY NIGHT)

At Montreal, the Alouettes (2-0) will raise their championship banner in their home opener. Starter Cody Fajardo is 6-1 versus Ottawa (1-0) and has won seven straight regular-season games. He's supported by a defence that's tops in fewest offensive points (15 a game) and turnovers (six). Dru Brown threw for 238 yards and a TD to help the Redblacks beat Winnipeg – Brown's former team – last week.

Pick: Montreal.

EDMONTON ELKS VS. TORONTO ARGONAUTS (SATURDAY NIGHT)

At Toronto, McLeod Bethel-Thompson returns to BMO Field for the first time since helping the

Double Blue win the 2022 Grey Cup. Edmonton (0-2) heads on the road after two home defeats. The Argos (1-0) were off last week after downing B.C. 35-27 in their opener. They've won 10 straight regular-season home games but the Elks do have solid tape on starter Cameron Dukes and Co.

Pick: Edmonton.

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS VS. SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS (SUNDAY NIGHT)

At Regina, Saskatchewan (2-0) outscored Hamilton (0-2) 16-3 in the fourth quarter for a wild 33-30 road win Sunday night. Quarterback Trevor Harris was again a key figure, passing for 390 yards and two TDs. The loss tarnished another solid outing by Tights' starter Bo Levi Mitchell (27-of-38 attempts, 380 yards, three TDs, one interception) despite his receivers having key drops.

Pick: Hamilton.

Last week: 3-1.
Overall: 4-4.

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Sharp excited for return at KPMG Women's PGA Championship

The 43-year-old, who last competed in a major in 2021, joins Henderson and Grewal

JOHN CHIDLEY-HILL



Canada's Alena Sharp plays her shot from the fifth tee during March's Ford Championship in Phoenix. Sharp tied for 25th at the Women's PGA Championship in June of 2021. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

It's been three years since Hamilton's Alena Sharp played in a major and she feels like her game has evolved to better suit the best-on-best women's golf tournament.

The 43-year-old Sharp joins Brooke Henderson of Smiths Falls, Ont., and Savannah Grewal of Mississauga at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship on Thursday. Sharp last competed in a major in 2021, playing in the Women's PGA Championship and the Amundi Evian Championship that year.

"I've definitely changed quite a bit," Sharp said. "I used to hit a draw and now I'm hitting a fade, so I think that helps a little bit in majors because usually things are firm, so it might not run out as much on the green."

"You need to keep evolving and I feel like my game has, so I'm ready for the challenge for the week."

Sharp tied for 25th at the Women's PGA Championship in June, 2021, and tied for 70th a month later at the Evian Championship.

Although a regular on the LPGA Tour in 2022, she didn't qualify for any of the five majors in women's golf.

She held dual membership with the top women's circuit and the second-tier Epon Tour in 2023, playing in four LPGA events that year.

Sharp qualified for this year's Women's PGA Championship based on her 146th ranking on this season's CME Globe points list.

The women's world golf rankings will be finalized for Olympic qualifications on Monday, following the conclusion of the Women's PGA Championship. As the

world No. 13 player, Henderson is a lock to represent Canada at the Paris Games in August.

"Any time you can go and represent your country it's a very proud moment," said Henderson, who played for Canada at the 2016 Rio Games and again in Tokyo in 2021, both times with Sharp. "To be able to wear the Maple Leaf and go to Paris is really exciting for me."

Despite mainly playing in the Epon Tour over the past two years, Sharp is the front-runner to be Henderson's teammate for a third consecutive Olympics.

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Canada down to final chance for men's rugby sevens Olympic qualification after rough season

NEIL DAVIDSON

Not much has gone right for the Canadian men's rugby sevens team this season.

Relegated from the elite HSBC SVNS series earlier this month in Madrid after a 3-36-0 campaign that ended with 29 straight losses, Canada will now have to battle other second-tier sides to reclaim its spot among the world's top 12 teams.

The Canadian men, who finished eighth at the Tokyo Olympics, have been a core team on the top sevens circuit since 2012-13

and lifted the trophy in Singapore in 2017.

But the campaign is not over. The men have one last shot at joining Canada's women at next month's Paris Olympics via the World Rugby Sevens Repechage tournament, which starts Friday in Monaco.

It won't be easy. Twelve teams are chasing one Olympic berth and the Monaco men's field includes No. 7 South Africa, No. 8 Britain and No. 10 Spain from the HSBC SVNS circuit.

Canada has taken part in the Monaco qualifier before, beaten 14-12 by Russia in the 2016 repech-

age quarter-finals.

Canada opens Pool B Friday against Uganda before facing China and Britain on Saturday. The top two from each of the three groups plus the two best third-place finishers will move on to the quarter-finals.

The Canadian men's last win was Dec. 10 in Cape Town - a 33-17 victory over France to finish seventh on the season's second stop. Canada placed last in the other six events, going winless in Dubai, Perth, Vancouver, Los Angeles, Hong Kong and Singapore.

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Sports in brief

FERNANDEZ THROUGH TO QUARTER-FINALS AT ROTHESEY CLASSIC

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND Canada's Leylah Fernandez moved on to the quarter-finals of the Rothesay Classic grass-court tennis tournament with a 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 win over Switzerland's Viktorija Golubic on Wednesday. Fernandez, from Laval, Que., claimed the only break point on offer in the third set to win the match in 2 hours, 21 minutes. Fernandez, the sixth seed in Birmingham, will face Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic in the quarter-finals of the WTA 250 event. In women's doubles action, Ottawa's Gabriela Dabrowski and Erin Routliffe of New Zealand lost 6-3, 6-2 in their first-round match against Belgium's Greet Minnen and Britain's Heather Watson. Dabrowski and Routliffe were seeded second after winning a title last week in Nottingham, England.

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RAONIC LOSES ROUND 2 MATCH TO FRITZ AT QUEEN'S CLUB

LONDON Canada's Milos Raonic lost to fourth-seeded American Taylor Fritz 7-6 (5), 6-4 in second-round action Wednesday at the Queen's Club Championships tennis tournament. The 33-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., came into the match after a first-round win over Cameron Norrie in which he set a record for aces in an ATP three-set match with 47.

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OSAKA, RADUCANU, WOZNIACKI AND KERBER RECEIVE WILD CARDS FOR WIMBLEDON

WIMBLEDON, ENGLAND Former Grand Slam champions Naomi Osaka, Caroline Wozniacki, Angelique Kerber and Emma Raducanu have all been awarded wild cards for Wimbledon. The grass-court tournament starts on July 1. British players Francesca Jones, Heather Watson and Yuriko Miyazaki were

also included in the initial list of invitations. One main draw wild card remains to be allocated. Seven British players have been invited to play in the men's draw, including last year's junior champion Henry Searle.

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McKAY LEADS YOUNG CANADIAN DIVING TEAM INTO PARIS OLYMPICS

After just missing out on a medal at the Tokyo Games, Caeli McKay will look to stand on the Olympic podium for the first time when she leads a young Canadian diving team this summer in Paris. The 24-year-old from Calgary was among five athletes named to the team Wednesday by Diving Canada and the Canadian Olympic Committee. McKay and partner Meaghan Benfeito finished fourth in the 10-metre synchro event in Tokyo. Margo Erlam, Kate Miller, Rylan Wiens and Nathan Zsombor-Murray join McKay on the Olympic squad.

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TWO-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALIST DION RETIRES FROM CANADA'S SHORT-TRACK TEAM

MONTREAL Pascal Dion has retired from Canada's short-track speed-skating team after a 10-year career that included two Olympic medals. The 29-year-old from Montreal announced his decision in a Speed Skating Canada release Wednesday. Dion helped Canada win gold in the men's 5,000-metre relay at 2022 Beijing Olympics alongside teammates Charles Hamelin, Steven Dubois, Jordan Pierre-Gilles and Maxime Laoun. He was also a member of the relay team that won bronze at the Pyeongchang Games in 2018.

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KINGS ACQUIRE GOALTENDER KUEMPER FROM CAPITALS FOR FORWARD DUBOIS

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles

Kings acquired goaltender Darcy Kuemper from the Washington Capitals for forward Pierre-Luc Dubois in a trade of high-priced, under-achieving players on Wednesday. Kuemper, who has three seasons left on a five-year US\$26.25-million contract he signed with Washington in 2022, ended up being the backup to Charlie Lindgren when the Capitals were swept in four games in the first round by the New York Rangers.

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SIKAM, PACERS AGREE ON \$189-MILLION, FOUR-YEAR CONTRACT, SOURCE SAYS

Pascal Siakam intends to sign a four-year, US\$189.5-million contract to remain with the Indiana Pacers when the NBA's off-season moratorium is lifted in early July, a person with knowledge of the talks between the sides told the Associated Press on Wednesday. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because neither the player nor the club may announce the agreement by league rule. ESPN, citing unnamed sources, was first to report that Siakam decided to remain with the Pacers.

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PISTONS FIRE COACH WILLIAMS AFTER SEASON WITH NBA'S WORST RECORD

The Detroit Pistons fired coach Monty Williams on Wednesday after just one season that ended with an NBA-worst 14-68 record. "Decisions like these are difficult to make, and I want to thank Monty for his hard work and dedication," Pistons owner Tom Gores said in a statement. "Coaching has many dynamic challenges that emerge during a season and Monty always handled those with grace. However, after reviewing our performance carefully and assessing our current position as an organization, we will chart a new course moving forward."

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Curtis was born to Curtis and Blanche (MacIntosh) Begg in Niagara Falls, Ontario and grew up in Scarborough with his twin sister Carol Ann Casselman and his brother Allen Begg. After finishing at R.H. King High School, he studied painting at Ontario College of Art for one year. Although he loved art, he realized that, for him, it just wouldn't make a suitable career, so he took an entry-level job at Richardson Greenshields. He started with nothing more than a raw talent for numbers and pattern recognition, and a great enthusiasm for connecting with people. He went on to have a fulfilling, life-long career in the investment business. That included starting his own firm; Begg Securities in 1975 which became Richardson Begg when he moved to Bermuda in 1992. An early adopter of the side-hustle, Curtis found the time to start and operate an airline in the late 80s; Skywalker Airlines (inspired by his love of Star Wars) which flew to Buffalo out of the Toronto Island airport.

Curtis met the love of his life, the late Nancy Ewart, while they were working at the Bigwinn Inn on Lake of Bays. They were married in March 1967 and from there, the adventures truly began. They had three children, Stacy, Sara, and Curtie; they purchased a cottage on Lake Simcoe and a house in Bermuda, where friends and extended family enjoyed many happy times. After Nancy's death in 1992, Curtis was married to Nikki Masters until 2011.

Curtis was a man of great enthusiasm and fun - diving into things with great passion. He loved the stock market, learning about the markets and the world on his own. He taught himself through newspapers, his beloved Bloomberg trading stations, and his favorite CNBC anchors Jim Cramer, Maria Bartiromo, and Erin Burnett. Curtis also loved to fly; both commercially around the world (with Nancy) and in his own Cessna amphibian float plane GCG (not with Nancy). He loved the cottage on Lake Simcoe. He appreciated great beauty and saw it everywhere, whether it was an incredible view, a handcrafted shoe, a great sports coat, an elegant piece of furniture, or a delicious steak and a perfect Caesar salad. A true extrovert, one of his greatest joys was spending time with friends. From camping with the Sunnybottoms in Algonquin Park, sailing trips in the Caribbean and Mediterranean, to lobster scrums at the cottage or seafood buffets at Coral Beach Club in Bermuda. But he also loved the familiar routines of a great friendship, cold beers every Saturday in a friend's garage or chilled glasses of wine with his adult children, their friends, and his neighbours.

Curtis' greatest achievement was the happiness and the closeness of his family; his brother Al, his three children Stacy (Don), Sara (Dave), and Curtie (Libby). He was 'Big Guy' to his nine grandchildren, Alex, Jack, Georgia, Luke, Tommy, Willie, Henry, Kate, and Ellie, whom he adored to the end.

Stacy, Sara, and Curtis would like to especially thank Grace Descalosa for her patience, kindness, and compassion for their dad in the last few difficult years of his life.

The family will receive friends at the Humphrey Funeral Home A.W. Miles - Newbigging Chapel, 1403 Bayview Avenue (south of Davisville) beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 21st up until the funeral service at 1:00 p.m. Following the funeral, a reception will be held at the Badminton & Racquet Club, 25 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Michael J. Fox Foundation. Condolences may be forwarded through www.humphreymiles.com

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RICHARD GOLDSTEIN

Willie Mays, the spirited centre fielder whose brilliance at the plate, in the field and on the basepaths for the Giants led many to call him the greatest all-around player in baseball history, died on Tuesday in Palo Alto, Calif. He was 93.

Larry Baer, the president and chief executive of the San Francisco Giants, said Mr. Mays, the oldest living member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, died in an assisted-living facility.

In 22 National League seasons, with the Giants in New York and San Francisco and a brief return to New York with the Mets, preceded by a 1948 stint in the Negro leagues, Mr. Mays compiled extraordinary statistics. He hit 660 career home runs and had 3,293 hits and a .301 career batting average.

But Mr. Mays did more than personify the complete ballplayer. An exuberant style of play and an effervescent personality made him one of the game's — and America's — most charismatic figures, a name that even people far afield from the baseball world recognized instantly as a national treasure.

In 1954, rhythm and blues group the Treners recorded *Say Hey (the Willie Mays Song)*.

"When I broke in, I didn't know many people by name," Mr. Mays once explained, "so I would just say, 'Say, hey,' and the writers picked that up."

New York embraced this son of Alabama, putting him on a pedestal with two others who ruled the city's centre fields in an era when its teams dominated baseball. The New York Yankees had Mickey Mantle, the Brooklyn Dodgers had Duke Snider, and the Giants had No. 24.

Mr. Mays captured the ardour of baseball fans at a time when Black players were still emerging in the major leagues and segregation remained untrammelled in his native South. He was revered in Black neighbourhoods, especially in Harlem, where he played stickball with youngsters outside his apartment — not far from the Polo Grounds, where the Giants played.

U.S. President Barack Obama took Mr. Mays with him on his flight to the 2009 All-Star Game in St. Louis, telling him that if it hadn't been for the changes in attitude that African American figures like Mr. Mays and Jackie Robinson fostered, "I'm not sure that I would get elected to the White House."

Mr. Mays and Yogi Berra, who was cited posthumously, were among 17 Americans whom Mr. Obama honoured with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the country's highest civilian award, at a White House ceremony in November, 2015.

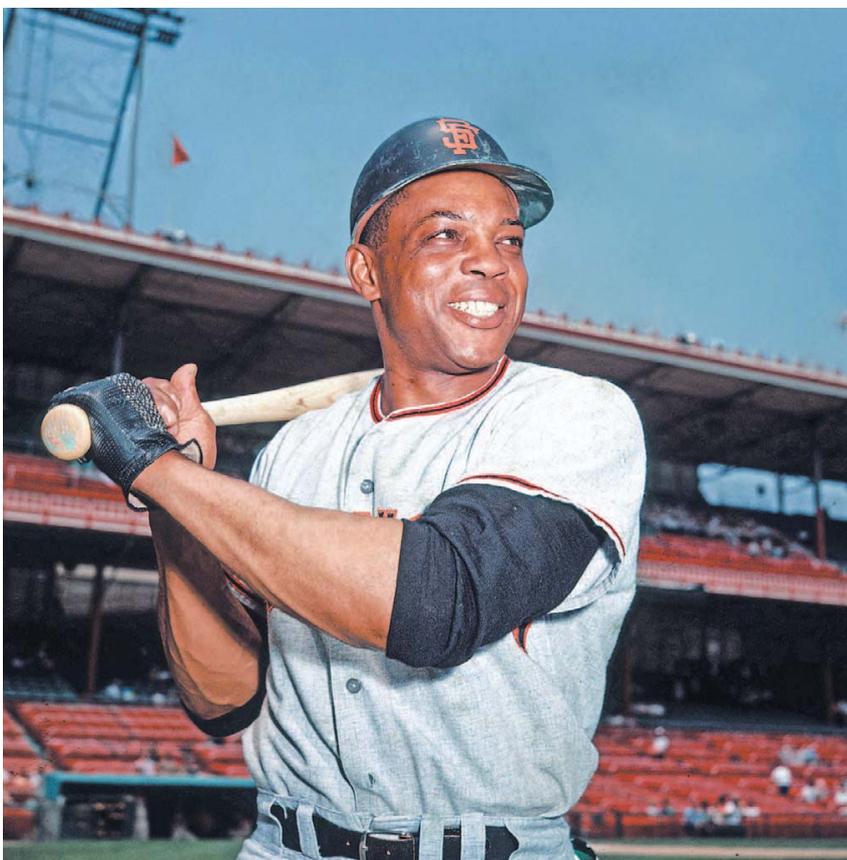
Mr. Mays played centre field with daring and grace, his basket catches made at the hip, his throws embodying power and precision. His over-the-shoulder snare of a drive to deepest centre field in the Polo Grounds during the 1954 World Series against the Cleveland Indians (now the Guardians) — followed by a sensational throw to second base — is remembered simply as "The Catch."

Mr. Mays became a hero out West as well after the Giants and the Dodgers camped for California in 1958. Though he received a tepid reception from San Francisco fans at first, he flourished playing for the team despite the high winds and cold nights at Candlestick Park.

Mr. Mays's electrifying play made statistics seem lifeless. Nonetheless, his achievements in the record books were extraordinary.

■ He drove in more than 100 runs in 10 different seasons and scored more than 100 runs in 12 consecutive years.

■ His 7,112 putouts as an outfielder rank No. 1 in major-league



Willie Mays, as an outfielder for the San Francisco Giants, poses in 1967 at Crosley Field in Cincinnati. Mr. Mays was the NL rookie of the year in 1951 and was named MVP in 1954 and 1965. MALCOLM EMMONS/REUTERS



Mr. Mays, centre, shows John F. Kennedy Jr., left, the proper grip on the bat in June, 1972, in the dugout at New York's Shea Stadium, while John's friend, Eric Von Hugel, right, observes. ASSOCIATED PRESS

history (he had 657 more playing first base), and he won 12 Gold Glove awards beginning in 1957, the year the honours were first bestowed.

■ His 660 home runs are sixth all-time, behind Barry Bonds's 762, Hank Aaron's 755, Babe Ruth's 714, Albert Pujols's 703 and Alex Rodriguez's 696.

■ His 2,068 runs scored put him seventh on the career list, and his 1,909 runs batted are 12th.

■ His 3,293 hits are No. 13.

■ He stole 338 bases at a time when the running game was not especially favoured.

■ He played in 150 or more games in 13 consecutive seasons.

In 2020, Major League Baseball announced that the seven Negro leagues that operated between 1920 and 1948 would gain major-league status. In accord with that, Mr. Mays's statistical totals with the 1948 Birmingham Black Barons of the Negro American League have been added to his major-league totals.

Mr. Mays was the NL rookie of the year in 1951 and was named MVP in 1954 and 1965. He played on four pennant-winning teams (the Giants in 1951, '54 and '62 and the Mets in 1973), but only one World Series champion, the 1954 Giants, who swept Cleveland. He was selected for 24 All-Star Games and was the MVP of the

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An Associated Press poll of athletes, writers and historians in 1999 voted Mr. Mays baseball's second-greatest figure, behind Babe Ruth.

"Willie could do everything from the day he joined the Giants," Leo Durocher, his manager during most of his years at the Polo Grounds, said when Mr. Mays was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1979, his first year of eligibility. "He never had to be taught a thing. The only other player who could do it all was Joe DiMaggio."

But even Mr. DiMaggio bowed to Mr. Mays.

"Willie Mays is the closest to being perfect I've ever seen," he said.

Willie Howard Mays Jr. was born May 6, 1931, in Westfield, Ala., near Birmingham. His parents were unmarried teenagers. His father, Willie Sr., a steelworker and later a Pullman porter, was known as Cat, for his graceful play in semi-pro baseball. Mr. Mays's mother, Annie Satterwhite, left the family when he was a baby and settled in Birmingham. She married there and had 10 children, but Mr. Mays kept in touch with her into his major-league playing days.

His father moved with him to Fairfield, another Birmingham

suburb, when Mr. Mays was still young and, with his mother's two sisters, helped raise him.

Mr. Mays was signed in 1950 by a New York Giants scout, Ed Montague, who spotted him while scouting another player on the Black Barons. Mr. Mays hit .353 for the Giants' Trenton team that year.

At the time, he was the only Black player in the Interstate League, and he endured taunts. In his Hall of Fame induction speech at Cooperstown, N.Y., he recalled one episode in Hagerstown, Md.

"The first night, I hit two home runs and a triple," he said. "Next night, I hit two home runs and a double. On the loudspeaker, now, they say, 'Ladies and gentlemen, we know you don't like that kid playing centre field, but please do not bother him again because he's killing us.'"

He continued: "I went there on a Friday; they were calling me all kinds of names. By Sunday, they were cheering. And to me, I had won them over."

Mr. Mays was batting .477 for the Minneapolis Millers of the American Association when he was called up by the Giants in May, 1951. It was only four years after Mr. Robinson had become a Dodger, and there were few Black players in the majors, although the Giants had four when Mr. Mays joined them: Monte Irvin, the star outfielder; Hank Thompson, their third baseman; Ray Noble, a backup catcher; and Artie Wilson, an infielder, who was sent to the minors to make room for Mr. Mays.

Black and white teammates remained apart early in Mr. Mays's career. "For a while we couldn't stay in the same hotels," he said. "We'd get to Chicago; we'd get off on the South Side, they'd get off on the North Side."

Mr. Mays largely stayed away from controversy and seldom spoke about racial issues, although he went on the radio in 1966 to help quell a riot in San Francisco after a Black teenager had been shot by a white police officer. During the civil-rights struggles of the 1960s, Mr. Robinson criticized him for not drawing on his stature to confront the issues of the day. In the spring of 1968, Mr. Mays called a news conference to respond.

"People do things in different ways," he was quoted as saying by James S. Hirsch in *Willie Mays: The Life, the Legend* (2010). "I can't, for instance, go out and picket. I can't stand on a soapbox and preach. I believe understanding is the important thing. In my talks to kids, I've tried to get that message across. It makes no difference whether you are Black or white because we are all God's children fighting for the same cause."

Mr. Mays evoked the image of a "natural," a superb athlete who needed to do little to hone his skills. But that was not the case.

"I studied the pitchers," Mr. Mays told baseball writer Roger Kahn in *Memories of Summer* (2004). "I knew what every single pitcher's best pitch was. You wonder why? Because in a tight spot, with the game on the line, what's the pitcher going to throw? His best pitch. Curve, slider, fastball, whatever. His best pitch. Because I'd studied and memorized that, I'd be ready."

Mr. Mays, who lived in Atherton, Calif., before moving to Palo Alto, leaves his son, Michael, from his first marriage to Margherite Chapman, which ended in divorce. His second wife, Mae Louise (Allen) Mays, with whom he had no children, died in 2013.

When he was selected for the Hall of Fame, Mr. Mays was asked to name the best ballplayer he had ever seen.

"I think I was the best ballplayer I've ever seen," he replied. "I feel nobody in the world could do what I could do on a baseball field."

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