

## Alleged serial fraudster escaped justice with collapse of three cases

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In the 18 years prior to Arash Missaghi's shooting death last month, Crown attorneys deployed courtroom manoeuvres that weakened three major criminal cases against the accused serial fraudster, court proceedings and interviews with those involved in the cases show.

Decisions by the Crown to withdraw two big cases against Mr. Missaghi, and to exclude potentially contentious evidence in a third case in which Mr. Missaghi was acquitted, meant the 54-year-old accused in civil and criminal courts of defrauding millions of dollars from dozens of people was never held to account.

On June 17, Mr. Missaghi was killed along with associate Samira Yousefi in their North Toronto office.

Prosecutors in the failed criminal cases did not consent to interviews when contacted by The Globe and Mail. But an expert in Canada's criminal justice system said prosecutors may lack persistence when it comes to complex fraud cases.

"Crowns don't want to take risks. They want to win. If they don't win it looks bad on them," said Christian Leuprecht, director of the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations in the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University.

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## WestJet flight cancellations disrupt travel plans for tens of thousands

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An unexpected strike by unionized mechanics at WestJet Airlines led to the cancellation of hundreds of flights over the Canada Day long weekend, upending the travel plans of more than 110,000 people across the country.

As of Sunday afternoon, the Calgary-based airline said it had cancelled more than 800 flights, and planned to continue grounding its fleet until it was down to about 32 operating planes.

The aircraft maintenance engineers walked off the job Friday evening after a strike notice was issued by their union, the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association, which represents about 680 workers at WestJet. In a statement issued Sunday, the union emphasized its legal right to strike, citing a ruling by the Canada Industrial Relations Board, and said its bargaining committee was standing by to reconvene discussions with WestJet.

Both WestJet and the union have accused the other side of refusing to negotiate in good faith. In a statement, WestJet blamed the union's strike action for the flight cancellations.

"Missed vacation-goers, stranded business travellers and long-weekend family reunions have been disrupted due to AMFA's action to strike, and we are sincerely sorry to the tens of thousands of Canadians that have experienced the compounding impacts of this unnecessary work stoppage," said WestJet president Diederik Pen.

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People on stilts march in Toronto's annual Pride parade on Sunday. The event ended early after its route was blocked by demonstrators carrying banners to protest against the war in Gaza. LAURA PROCTOR/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

## CELEBRATING PRIDE

Downtown Toronto streets fill with revellers, balloons and confetti for annual march, a culmination of month-long celebration ■ A5

## France's far right sees path to government in reach after first-round legislative elections

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The far-right National Rally leaped into a strong lead Sunday in France's first round of legislative elections, polling agencies projected, bringing the party closer to being able to form a government in round two and dealing a major slap to centrist President Emmanuel Macron and his risky decision to call the surprise ballot.

When he dissolved the National Assembly on June 9, after a stinging defeat at the hands of the National Rally in French voting for the European Parliament, Mr. Macron gambled that the anti-immigration party with historical links to antisemitism wouldn't repeat that success when France's own fate was in the balance.

But it didn't work out that way. With French polling agencies projecting that the National Rally and its allies got about one-third of the national vote on Sunday, Mr. Macron's Prime Minister warned that France could end up with its first far-right government since the Second World War if voters don't come together to thwart that scenario in round two next Sunday.

"The extreme right is at the doors of power," Prime Minister Gabriel Attal said. He twice described National Rally policy pledges as "disastrous" and said that in the second-round ballot, "not one vote should go to the National Rally."

French polling agencies' projections put Mr. Macron's grouping of centrist parties a distant third in the first-round ballot, behind both the National Rally and a new left-wing coalition of parties that joined forces to keep it from winning power.

Winning a parliamentary majority

would enable National Rally Leader Marine Le Pen to install her 28-year-old protégé, Jordan Bardella, as prime minister and would crown her years-long rebranding effort to make her party less repellent to mainstream voters. She inherited the party, then called the National Front, from her father, Jean-Marie Le Pen, who has multiple convictions for racist and antisemitic hate speech.

Still, the National Rally isn't there yet. With another torrid week of campaigning to come before the decisive final voting next Sunday, the election's ultimate outcome remains uncertain.

Addressing a jubilant crowd waving French tricolour flags of blue, white and red, Ms. Le Pen called on her supporters and voters who didn't back her party in the first round to push it over the line and give it a commanding legislative majority.

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## Death blooms: Inside a New Brunswick mine, a beaver's cadaver sprouts new life

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This spring, Karen Vanderwolf took a trip back east to visit an old friend: a dead beaver stashed in an abandoned New Brunswick mine nearly a decade ago.

Donning her caving gear, the biologist clambered through the dark, sometimes in knee-deep water, until she worked her way to dry spot about 500 metres from the mine's entrance. The beaver was there, decomposing on its bed of rubble and nearly unrecognizable — except for its long, orange-coloured incisors, as sharp as carpenter's chisels.

Among the cadaver's protruding teeth and bones were four tiny mushrooms.

"I definitely smiled when I saw that," said Dr. Vanderwolf, a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Waterloo. "It's satisfying to know our experiment worked so well."

Canada's wildlife, from the caribou to the Douglas fir, is a source of wonder and national pride. But Dr. Vanderwolf has the distinction of adding something uniquely macabre to the country's compendium of biodiversity: a mushroom that loves corpses.

The biological details on the mushroom growing out of the dead beaver were published earlier this year in the Mycologia research journal.

But the official account doesn't capture the full flavour of a great Canadian science story — one that features curiosity, determination and an unlikely case of mistaken

identity.

It began 10 years ago, when Dr. Vanderwolf, a specialist in bat conservation, was working at the New Brunswick Museum in Saint John prior to earning her PhD. Her job included surveying caves across the province to monitor the impact of white nose syndrome, a fungal infection that has devastated bat populations in eastern North America since it was first identified in 2006. New Brunswick scientists have witnessed the fungus sweeping through local bat populations and have documented the consequences.

The quest to find bats eventually led Dr. Vanderwolf and her colleagues to the old copper mine on the Chignecto Isthmus that connects New Brunswick with Nova Scotia.

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## MALTON AIRPORT OPENS

For more than 100 years, photographers and photo editors working for *The Globe and Mail* have preserved an extraordinary collection of news photography. Every Monday, *The Globe* features one of these images. This month, we're showcasing Toronto's Pearson Airport.

Toronto boasted several aerodromes in the early days of flight, in the 1920s and 1930s. But local officials realized that a bigger space was needed. In 1937, the Toronto Harbour Commission bought 13 farms, totalling 571 hectares, northwest of Toronto in Peel County, and named the new facility after the 120-year-old pioneering community there, Malton. In the photo

above, from *Globe and Mail* photographer John Boyd, crowds gather as the first plane officially lands at Malton Airport. It was a DC-3, the pride of the American Airlines fleet, on Aug. 29, 1938. It was a special goodwill flight, with American and Canadian passengers (including a *Globe* reporter), to Toronto from Chicago. The first scheduled passenger flight to the airport was a Trans-Canada Airlines DC-3, which landed exactly a year later. Malton Airport was sold by the City of Toronto to the federal government in 1958 and subsequently renamed Toronto International Airport. It was renamed Lester B. Pearson International Airport in 1984. PHILIP KING

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## Remains of unknown Newfoundland soldier killed in First World War to be laid to rest

SARAH SMELLIE ST. JOHN'S

The remains of a soldier from Newfoundland killed in the battlefields of France during the First World War will be laid to rest in St. John's on Monday, bringing an emotional end to a years-long effort in a place still shaken and forever changed by the bloodshed.

Berkley Lawrence was among the delegation from Newfoundland who accompanied the soldier's remains home from France last month in advance of Monday's ceremony, at which the Unknown Soldier will be placed in a black granite tomb at the National War Memorial in St. John's.

Mr. Lawrence served in the Canadian military for 33 years, and he is now the first vice-president of the Royal Canadian Legion.

His grandfather, Private Stephen Lawrence, was among the 800 members of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment who charged over the top of the trenches, armed with only rifles and bayonets, toward the Germans' machine-gun fire at Beaumont-Hamel on the morning of July 1, 1916. More than 700 men were killed or wounded as the frontal assault became a slaughter that nearly wiped out the regiment.

Stephen Lawrence was wounded, and he was among the few who made it back home to Newfoundland, his grandson said.

"The [Unknown Soldier] we brought back could have been the person standing next to my grandfather in the trenches before they went over the top," Mr. Lawrence said in a recent interview.

Monday is Canada Day in the rest of the country, but in Newfoundland and Labrador, July 1 begins as Memorial Day. It's a time to remember the hundreds of young men from the Newfoundland Regiment who died during the disastrous battle in northern France, at a time when Newfoundland was not yet part of Canada. This year it also coincides with the 100th anniversary of the creation of the war memo-



Frank Sullivan, from left, Berkley Lawrence and Gary Browne have been working together for about seven years to have the National War Memorial in St. John's refurbished. PAUL DALY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

rial in St. John's.

The staggering death toll at Beaumont-Hamel is still felt in Newfoundland today.

"There were soldiers from all over the province that came and joined up for the war effort in the First World War," Mr. Lawrence said. "When we lost so many soldiers in the First World War, it affected every community." At the time, Newfoundland was a self-governing dominion within the British Empire, home to about 240,000 people.

Author Michael Crummey, who co-wrote *Newfoundland at Armageddon*, a documentary film about Beaumont-Hamel, said he was struck by how personal the loss still seemed to be for the many people he spoke to in his research.

"I think because this place is so small, and the ties between everybody are so tight," Mr. Crummey said in an interview. "Six degrees of separation just does not apply here, it's one or two at best. So it does feel like all of those losses affected all of us, that our lives would be completely different if the First World War hadn't happened."

Mr. Lawrence has been working for about seven years alongside two fellow veterans — Frank Sullivan and Gary Browne — to have the war memorial refurbished. Mr. Sullivan, who served with the regular and reserve

forces for 42 years, came up with the idea to bring the Unknown Soldier home, Mr. Lawrence said. Politicians including federal Labour Minister Seamus O'Regan, who represents a riding in St. John's, and Premier Andrew Furey, quickly joined the effort, he said.

They were able to argue that the Unknown Soldier brought from Vimy Ridge, in France, to the National War Memorial in Ottawa in 2000 didn't quite capture Newfoundland's First World War experience, since Newfoundland was not a part of Canada then.

The soldier's tomb will represent deceased Newfoundlanders and Labradorians from all branches of service who have no known grave, and thus the soldier's identity will not be investigated.

But members of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment had clear markings on their uniforms — a caribou button, or Newfoundland flashes on their shoulder — declaring their allegiance, Mr. Lawrence said.

Mr. Lawrence said he is preparing for an emotional day on Monday, but that he expects to also feel a great relief once the soldier is buried. He hopes that relief will be felt across the province.

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# PMO declines to comment on letter from Liberal MPs requesting caucus meeting

A small group of MPs sent a note to Liberal caucus chair Brenda Shanahan to discuss 'extremely concerning' by-election results

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's office declined to comment Sunday on a letter signed by several MPs calling for an immediate in-person national caucus meeting to discuss the party's surprising by-election loss in Toronto-St. Paul's.

A small group of MPs sent the letter to Liberal caucus chair Brenda Shanahan on Friday requesting the immediate meeting to discuss what they call the "extremely concerning" by-election results.

"This was a race the Liberal Party of Canada should not have lost. Our government has a strong legacy of achievement since 2015. The Liberal brand and our values resonate with Canadians," states the letter penned by Calgary MP George Chahal, who did not respond to a request for comment Sunday.

The letter said many Canadians who have backed the Liberal Party are no longer supportive and have tuned out. It also said the voters in the Toronto by-election sent a clear message.

"If we claim to be listening, then our public responses are disconnected from reality," it said.

Further, the letter said MPs have spoken with dozens of their caucus colleagues and said there is a clear consensus in favour of a national discussion "about how we serve the needs of the Liberal Party of Canada, our government and, most importantly, the people of Canada."



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau appears on Friday at a Liberal Party fundraiser in Markham, Ont. A letter signed by several MPs says many Canadians who have backed the Liberal Party are no longer supportive. CHRISTOPHER KATSAROV/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A copy of an e-mail sent by Mr. Chahal said the letter was signed by him and eight other MPs, but he wrote that it is up to the signatories to identify themselves if they wish.

The letter was sent on the same day that Catherine McKenna, who served in both the environment and infrastructure portfolios in Mr. Trudeau's cabinet, said in a statement that it's time for the Liberals to select a new leader.

Also that day, New Brunswick Liberal MP Wayne Long sent his own letter to fellow MPs arguing that the voters are calling for a change of leader, and adding, "I agree."

While Mr. Trudeau has held several public events since last Monday's by-election, he has yet to answer questions from the media about the results.

Ms. Shanahan did not respond Sunday to a request for comment on the letter requesting a caucus meeting. Jenna Ghassabeh, a press secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, responded Sunday with an e-mail saying the office had nothing to add.

Videos posted on social media showed Mr. Trudeau dancing at a barbecue stand Friday evening during the Taste of Asia festival in Markham, Ont.

Several Conservative MPs mockingly shared the video, including deputy leader Melissa Lantsman.

"Sir, the caucus is asking for you to go. Trudeau: Tell them I'm busy," she wrote in a post on social-media platform X, pointing to the dancing Prime Minister.

Conservative House Leader Andrew Scheer called for a cation context.

"I'll go first: Dance like nobody is calling for your resignation," he posted, adding the hashtag "#wacko."

Ottawa-area Liberal MP Chandra Arya said on social media Saturday that "the Liberal caucus is abuzz with discussion and engagement" and shared publicly what he wrote to his caucus colleagues with respect to Mr. Trudeau's leadership.

"Hello Colleagues, As most of you may know I am not a member of PMJT Super Fans Club. In my view PMJT has taken the party and the government too far left of centre," he said, using the acronym for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

He said he expressed these concerns to the Prime Minister in 2019 and his views remain the same.

"PMJT and his team have made

several wrong policy/strategic choices," he wrote. But he then followed that criticism by listing what he said are the government's many significant policy successes, before concluding that Mr. Trudeau should stay on as leader, describing him as a patient and disciplined man who works hard and reads extensively.

Also on Saturday, Mr. Long, the first Liberal MP to publicly call for Mr. Trudeau to step aside for a new leader, told The Globe and Mail in an interview that he thinks the party can still win the next election – as long as it renews itself.

The New Brunswick MP said he did not send his letter to sabotage the party but to help it, arguing that many Canadians want to "reconnect" with the Liberal Party but don't feel they can.

"I want to see us win the next election. And I think we can win the next election. For us to do that, we have to offer an alternative to Pierre Poilievre," Mr. Long said, in reference to the Conservative Party Leader.

"Consistently, I continue to hear, 'I want to vote for you but I can't.'"

Mr. Long is a backbench MP with a reputation for speaking his mind, and he has already announced he will not run again in the next general election, expected next year.

He has signed on to the letter calling for an in-person caucus meeting.

Independent Senator Rodger Cuzner, who has nearly 20 years of experience as a Liberal MP from 2000 to 2019, said Mr. Trudeau should stay because he's shown he's a strong campaigner.

"It's going to be a tough one. But you just put your head down and you stick to the game plan," he said.

"I know he's determined and he'll work his ass off. So, they will hit him off at their own peril, I believe."

## B.C. to review how justice system treats victims of violence

**MIKE HAGER VANCOUVER**

B.C. is launching an independent review into how its justice system treats victims of sexual and intimate partner violence, offences that the province's Attorney-General says are pervasive and extremely underreported.

Niki Sharma said in an interview she called the external review after hearing directly from victims about the problems they encounter seeking justice and after some problematic court cases made national headlines.

Those include a British Columbia Provincial Court justice referencing a voyeur's "marital intimacy deficits" late last year while discussing the man's propensity to reoffend and his prospects of rehabilitation.

Another case from the same time sparked public outrage after a defence lawyer suggested in court a 13-year-old girl may have consented to sex with the man that raped and killed her. Premier David Eby said later he found that argument so "profoundly offensive" he promised his government would press for reforms to a justice system he said failed the teenage victim and her family.

Ms. Sharma last week appointed Kim Stanton, a commissioner in Nova Scotia's Mass Casualty Commission, to conduct a comprehensive probe and issue a final report by next May. The review will include a critique of everything from how police respond to intimate partner violence calls, to how judges sentence offenders in these cases. Ms. Sharma's ministry noted that 37 per cent of women say they have been sexually assaulted after the age of 15, which is the highest rate for all provinces.

Ms. Sharma said at a minimum, she wants to increase the number of women who report when they are victimized.



B.C. Attorney-General Niki Sharma, seen in Vancouver in 2023, has appointed commissioner Kim Stanton to conduct a comprehensive probe of how the justice system treats victims of sexual and intimate partner violence, and deliver a final report by next May. DARRYL DYCK/CP

Statistics Canada's last General Social Survey on Victimization, regarded as the most comprehensive snapshot of victims across the country, showed just 5 per cent of women who have suffered such violence report the incident to police.

"We need to get to the bottom of why people don't report and why it's so hard once they do," she said.

"The real trauma, to me, is not only that it's a crime that's gone without a fair justice process – for there to be a chance at accountability – but also that that person is likely walking around facing or knowing that their perpetrator is out there still for the rest of their life."

In March, the Office of the Federal

Ombudsperson for Victims of Crime announced it was launching its own systemic investigation of how survivors of sexual assault are treated by the Canadian criminal justice system.

Ms. Sharma said she hopes Dr. Stanton's review will examine a number of areas including whether defence, Crown and judges are ensuring mandatory privacy protections are afforded to alleged sex-assault victims under Canada's rape shield law. The protections were upheld in 2022 by the Supreme Court of Canada.

"The criminal trial process can be invasive, humiliating and degrading for victims of sexual offences, in part because myths and stereotypes continue to haunt the

criminal justice system," Chief Justice Richard Wagner and Justice Michael Moldaver wrote in the majority opinion.

In a 2019 decision in a case known as Barton, the Supreme Court issued a strong rebuke to a lower-court judge for failing to hold a hearing under the rape shield law, in the jury's absence, to determine whether sexual activity between the accused and his victim could be introduced as evidence.

In the recent B.C. case where Ibrahim Ali was convicted despite his lawyer's suggestions to jurors that the sex that preceded the 13-year-old girl's killing could have been consensual, the B.C. Prosecution Service confirmed there was no such hearing but maintained these issues were addressed at various times during the trial. Last month, Mr. Ali was given a life sentence with no chance of parole for the next 25 years.

Elaine Craig, a leading authority on sexual assault law and a professor at Dalhousie University's Schulich School of Law, welcomed B.C.'s new investigation but said these reviews are only as good as the willingness of political leaders to act on their recommendations.

Dr. Craig, who wrote a book on sexual assault prosecutions, said examining why so few women report sexual violence to police and improving upon that is very important. But she also hopes the review leads to reform of the treatment of victims who pursue justice through the courts, a process she said numerous studies have found is "inhumane and brutalizing" for too many survivors.

"You can't turn to the criminal justice system to remediate social problems like sexual violence, but it remains our most significant or substantial state response to what is a really prolific social problem," said Dr. Craig, who is now studying 300 recent sexual violence cases in Nova Scotia and why they were closed.

## Water flows through repaired Calgary tap system, restrictions remain on usage

**MIKE HAGER**

Water is slowly flowing once again through Calgary's tap water system after nearly a month of repairs following a massive rupture, but restrictions on home usage will continue for the foreseeable future as crews stabilize the network of pipes to ensure new breakages don't occur.

Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek announced the completion of repairs at a news conference Sunday afternoon where she also pleaded with her city's 1.6 million residents and those in neighbour-

ing communities to continue conserving water as the authorities work to bring the system back online over the next three to five days.

"This does not mean that water is immediately going to surge through that two-metre pipe to safely stabilize the water system. We must have a gentle and cautious approach as valves are being reopened and we are being watchful as we are doing this work," she said.

Ms. Gondek, who said last week she is skipping showers and – when she does bathe – saves a bucket of water to do her dishes,

was flanked by four municipal and provincial officials who all gave similar updates on their work and reiterated variations of her daily ask to residents since the June 5 pipe break: "Please keep up your water conservation efforts."

People were told last month to restrict their indoor water use by flushing their toilets less often, taking three-minute showers and doing fewer loads of laundry.

Outdoor water use has been banned. Residents have been encouraged to rely on rainwater for their gardens.

Calgarians seem to be doing

their part this Canada Day long weekend after the mayor chided them Friday for letting their vigilance slip to Thursday's peak usage of 500 million litres, which is 20 million litres above the daily limit. On Sunday, Ms. Gondek praised people for the city system only dispersing 447 million litres the day before, which helped ensure first responders could properly address emergencies.

Early Sunday morning, a fire destroyed Ol' Beautiful's craft brewery despite firefighters dumping roughly a million litres of water on the blaze, she said. There were no reported injuries.

In an interview with The Globe and Mail two weeks ago, Ms. Gondek warned her counterparts across the country the concrete pipes that ruptured in Calgary's system are vulnerable to such catastrophes and are in use elsewhere in North America.

She and other city officials insist the June rupture happened without warning, although Calgary and other jurisdictions have long known about the risks associated with this type of pipe.

Another update on the water restrictions and efforts to restore the system is promised for Canada Day.



Pennsylvania's Erie County includes small towns and the industrial city of Erie, whose main drag, State Street, is seen. The county has faced population loss in recent decades. PHOTOS BY ADRIAN MORROW/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

## Pennsylvania swing county a place of political contrasts

Talking to Erie County residents reveals a dynamic that could decide the U.S. election this time around

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**M**issy Burke didn't vote before Donald Trump came along.

A 54-year-old warehouse worker in northwestern Pennsylvania, Ms. Burke says she was enticed to the polls for the first time in 2016 by the businessman's brash image ("he didn't care who he made mad") and his promises to crack down on immigration ("they're getting free money while people are living on the street").

The fact that Mr. Trump was found guilty in late May of 34 crimes related to a hush-money scheme has done nothing to cool Ms. Burke's ardour. She will be casting a ballot for him again in November.

"I'm going to vote for the felon. I'm going to have a convict for a president," she says as she sits in a park in Corry, Pa., a town of 6,200 surrounded by forested, green hills, on a sweltering, sunny Friday afternoon. "If he is going to have to run the country from a jail cell, I guess that's the way it has to be."

Forty-five minutes and a world away, Abdiaziz Miney sounds rather less enthusiastic about his choice for president: Joe Biden. Tending a community garden in Erie, an industrial city of 93,000, Mr. Miney lists off disappointments with the President. His inability to fully implement student-loan forgiveness is at the top.

Still, he's determined to avoid a return to the conflicts of the Trump years.

"I have to vote for Biden - he quieted the country down," says Mr. Miney, a 57-year-old landscaper, father of eight and refugee from Somalia, standing amid rows of freshly planted collard greens.

Erie County is the sort of place that will decide the election - a swing community in a crucial swing state. A 270,000-strong county about 160 kilometres from the Canadian border, it has, like most manufacturing centres, struggled with population loss in recent decades. Currently, it is best known for its plastics industry and Presque Isle (pronounced "Press Kyle" here), a state park that juts out into Lake Erie.

Stretching from the urban core of Erie to small towns such as Corry, the county voted twice for former president Barack Obama before turning to Mr. Trump in 2016, then flipping to Mr. Biden in 2020 by a single percentage point.

The contrast between Ms. Burke and Mr. Miney reveals a dynamic that could decide the result this time around: whether the Democratic incumbent can persuade his wide-ranging 2020 voting coalition to set aside its ambivalence about him personally to again overcome the polarizing Republican's enduringly loyal following.

Gary Horton, the head of the local NAACP chapter, contends that the election will turn on which party can better motivate supporters to get to the polls - not in winning over people on the other side of the country's yawning political divide.



Abdiaziz Miney, a 57-year-old landscaper, father of eight and refugee from Somalia, seen working in a community garden in Erie, says he plans to vote for Joe Biden because he has to: 'He quieted the country down.'

"If the Democrats change people who aren't likely to change their minds, it's a waste of time. They have to look for new voters and irregular voters in their own party," he says at a community centre on the city's blue-collar east side, an area of clapboard bungalows and lush oak trees.

The data bear him out. Between 2016 and 2020, Mr. Trump increased his vote total, both in Erie County and across the country, but lost the latter election because the Democratic vote increased even more.

Standing outside her parents' house nearby, Marie Smith is the sort of voter Mr. Horton is talking about. Asked about Mr. Biden, she expresses frustration with both inflation and spending on U.S. military aid to Ukraine and Israel. "Working-class people like us are struggling. It shouldn't be that way. All our money is going to fight that war."

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MISSY BURKE  
WAREHOUSE WORKER  
AND DONALD TRUMP SUPPORTER

Still, she says, Mr. Trump is far worse. She worries that his divisive rhetoric is pushing the country closer to political street violence and a possible repeat of the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot.

"It is ignorance and untruth that he's spewing. The racial tension that we're having in America is in part because of his platform. It's dangerous," says Ms. Smith, 61, who is Black.

At the headquarters of the county Democratic Party, in a Victorian commercial building on the city's wide main drag, Sam Talarico says it's been hard to get voters excited about the election at all. "People aren't paying attention yet," he says. "They haven't shown a lot of interest so far and it's frustrating."

Mr. Biden's campaign has invested in Erie, dispatching staff from headquarters to organize weekend door-knocking efforts, says Mr. Talarico, a 68-year-old retired science teacher who serves as the county party chair.

He sees preserving democracy and fighting for abortion rights as the major winning issues for his party, particularly with some Republicans now trying to ban or restrict in-vitro fertilization

and contraception.

"We are focusing on democracy versus autocracy, which is really what Trump is offering," he says. "And just some of the absolute crazy things that are being talked about on the other side."

Over at county Republican headquarters, in a suburban strip plaza, party chair Tom Eddy, 74, is grappling with a voter motivation problem of his own: the small but pervasive faction of GOPers who have never liked Mr. Trump. He fears the former president's conviction could be enough to drive them to not vote.

"It's those people who are conservative that are on the borderline that I worry about, because they can change an election," he says.

For Mr. Eddy personally, Mr. Trump's felonies don't matter. "If I'd had an affair with Stormy Daniels, you'd better be sure I'd be trying to cover the damn thing up. My wife would shoot me," he says.

Back in Corry, Lewis Norman, Sr., is the sort of Republican who stresses out Mr. Eddy. A 78-year-old retired insurance underwriter, Mr. Norman views Mr. Biden as "too free with the spending" but also a "good, decent man." He will be voting for the President as a protest against his own party's nominee.

"I want to bury Trump. I just have no respect for him. His attitude towards women. His attitude towards the law. His attitude towards democracy," Mr. Norman says. Such opinions can apparently cause friction in this town. As he lists off his complaints with the former president, Mr. Norman's wife tries to hush him.

Sitting nearby, on the sidelines of a chainsaw-carving competition unfolding on this early summer day in the town's central park, Jennifer Elchynski is the Republicans' hoped-for antidote to people such as Mr. Norman.

She wasn't bothered by Mr. Trump's courtship of foreign autocrats ("he was trying to be friends with Russia") and she liked his tariffs on steel and aluminum. "He wanted to stop buying so much product overseas," she says.

Like Ms. Burke, her political engagement begins and ends with Mr. Trump. Before him, she didn't vote, and she doesn't cast a ballot in elections in which he isn't running. It is this effect - "only Trump" voters drawn uniquely to this singular political figure - that gives his party confidence he can turn back the swath of Americans arrayed against him.

"What Trump was trying to do was good," says Ms. Elchynski, 46. "I probably won't vote in other elections after he's gone."

## The Democrats' dilemma: Keep on keeping on, or swim to avoid sinking?

DAVID SHRIBMAN

ANALYSIS

**T**wo roads diverge in the wood of Democratic presidential politics in the wake of Joe Biden's disastrous debate performance last week. There's fog on both of them. They're both roads not taken before.

One of those paths might take its trail sign from the 1960s civil rights-era balladeer Len Chandler. The title of his song is *Keep on Keeping On*.

The other trail marker is also from the 1960s, this time from the folksinger Bob Dylan. The relevant lyric line is "You better start swimmin'/Or you'll sink like a stone."

Whether the Democrats keep on keeping on and retain Mr. Biden at the top of their November ticket - or whether they start swimmin' in a different direction to avoid sinking like that stone - is the question of the hour. No question like this has ever been posed in American politics.

"We don't know what the next 72 hours will bring," a senior member of Congress said Sunday morning. The Globe and Mail agreed not to name them because they fear political repercussions for speaking out.

Here's a look at the two principal options, acknowledging that there may be some others:

### KEEP ON KEEPING ON

This plainly is the choice of the White House, at least for now, perhaps through the autumn - and into a second debate, which former president Donald Trump doesn't necessarily want and surely doesn't need. Mr. Biden's handlers are calling him the Comeback Kid, a phrase they purloined from Bill Clinton's 1992 campaign after details of an extramarital affair and his manoeuvring to avoid the draft emerged in the run-up to the New Hampshire primary. That frosty evening, he adapted that name ... after finishing in second place. (He eventually won the nomination - and the White House.)

There is every evidence that this is the impulse of the Bidenistas, a notion held by family members, especially the President's wife, Jill - though there are inklings that Mr. Biden's sister, Valerie Biden Owens, may not share that view. There are several strains to the tough-it-out argument, which is more complex than what meets the eye.

Here are the elements: The President actually defeated Mr. Trump once and may be the only one who can beat him again. Mr. Biden is a wonderful fellow, well loved by his aides and a loyal servant to party and country, and thus deserves another chance. It's too late to make a switch; the party's mechanism is like the Russian military in the late days before the beginning of the First World War, where once it is mobilized in one direction it cannot be recalled and restarted. Anyway, there's plenty of time, Mr. Trump is a Fourth of July firecracker who could misfire at any time, and he and the Republican Party could be in the same perilous position by Labour Day as the Democrats are now.

### RECOGNIZE THEY ARE SINKING LIKE A STONE

This is far more complicated. How Mr. Biden comes to this decision - for it is his to make, and no one can make it for him - will be the mystery of midsummer. But if he does - if Ms. Biden decides to persuade him his dignity is at stake; if a delegation of party elders tells him he owes the country one last grand gesture of sacrifice - then a way forward has to be found.

One is releasing his convention delegates - they're not legally bound, but morally tied to him - and then throw the choice to the Chicago conclave in late August. Vice-President Kamala Harris and other presidential aspirants then would conduct the kind of campaign that Americans haven't seen since 1952: among convention delegates rather than among primary voters and caucus attendees.

Senior Democrats - Nancy Pelosi (who at 84 is three years older than the President), maybe Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, along with former Democratic nominees Al Gore and John Kerry - settle on a fresh ticket and tell the party that this decision, while in conflict with the party's 1972 reforms designed to remove such decisions from prominent party members and devolve them to the voters, is the best - the only - way to avoid a second Trump presidency.

This meeting of a Democratic college of cardinals would, to be sure, be redolent of the old Blackstone Hotel in the convention city of Chicago. It was there, in a "smoke-filled room" of lore and legend in 1920, that Republican bosses settled on a non-entity, senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio, as their presidential nominee. It was messy but effective. Harding won in a landslide over governor James M. Cox, also of Ohio.

Then the process becomes interesting - which is to say full of intrigue. Who do these party savants select? Some Democrats are talking about holding a series of job interviews with potential nominees, particularly governors such as Gretchen Whitmer (Michigan), Josh Shapiro (Pennsylvania), Roy Cooper (North Carolina), Andy Beshear (Kentucky), Tim Walz (Minnesota) and Gavin Newsom (California). Ms. Whitmer and Mr. Shapiro are from swing states. A ticket with both could vastly improve the party's prospects and present a profile of youthful, forward-looking leadership. Other combinations might accomplish the same thing.

Either way, the Democrats are in peril, and their panic is neither premature nor unjustified.

There is increased talk of Mr. Biden making an Independence Day declaration of sacrifice Thursday. There is just as much talk of the President carrying on as if (almost) nothing happened last week. And there is talk of the President resigning soon, catapulting Ms. Harris to the White House and selecting a running mate for her - perhaps Mr. Walz of Minnesota - at the convention. But right now, it's all talk. That's what politicians do best, when two roads diverge in the wood.

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U.S. President Joe Biden, seen with first lady Jill Biden at a rally in Raleigh, N.C., on Friday, is facing calls from some Democrats to step aside for the next election. ELIZABETH FRANTZ/REUTERS

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## Hold your horses

Jr. Stanley of the Daniels relay team dismounts while running to his next horse during the Kamloopa Indian Days Indian Relays in Kamloops on Saturday

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# B.C. to require new homes built to be adaptable for disabilities

Developers say rules will add thousands in costs, while supporters say estimates are exaggerated

FRANCES BULA VANCOUVER

All new homes constructed in British Columbia will be required starting next March to be easily adapted so anyone with a disability can live in them, but builders are raising concern about the expenses of the changes, prompting Vancouver to delay compliance.

Developers say the new rules will add potentially tens of thousands to the cost of all new homes because ensuring all builds can accommodate someone with a wheelchair or walker, for example, will require bigger kitchens, bathrooms and bedrooms, among other changes.

B.C. is the first province to make such a sweeping requirement in its building code — one that is being heralded by disability advocates. But builders' concerns have so alarmed the City of Vancouver, which has its own building code, that council recently voted to push implementing the changes by a year to May, 2026.

"It can mean having to increase the size of a unit by 5 to 10 per cent. Adding costs means you can't build what people can afford," said Anne McMullin, the president of the Urban Development Institute, the advocacy organization for the building industry.

Meanwhile, disability advocates say the changes have been a long time coming and are not as expensive as the development industry is claiming. They argue that, once builders plan in advance on how to incorporate the improvements the features will be routine in every building and will not require individualized designs.

"It's a great thing that B.C. has said that we are doing this. We're not backing down on this one," said Brad McCannell, a spokesperson for the Rick Hansen Foundation, a registered charity that tackles disability barriers.

The foundation has been involved in discussions with the ministry and industry representatives on the new code requirements, which will include wider doors, plugs and switches at reachable places on walls, stronger walls and ceilings to support installation of lifts and grab bars and level entries to balconies and showers.

ades to do this, and they fought us every step of the way," said Mr. McCannell, who highlighted the need for more accessible homes by pointing to statistics compiled by the City of Vancouver and the federal government, which show that more Canadians are likely to be classified as disabled in coming years as the population ages.

B.C. started consultations on the changes to its building code two years ago and put out the proposed new regulations in December. BC Housing, the province's social-housing agency, says it will comply fully with the regulations coming in, although some of its projects, especially seniors' housing, are already built to be fully adaptable.

But a report by Vancouver's city manager to council two weeks ago recommended delaying harmonization with the B.C. code over concerns the new requirements could tip already marginal projects in the city, beset by high interest rates and construction costs, into the no-can-do zone — the last thing councillors want amid pressure from the province and the public to get new housing built.

"By potentially increasing project costs and resulting in fewer dwelling units, the new requirements could add to these pressures and impact the supply of new housing, particularly for much needed new secured rental and social housing projects which face the greatest viability challenges," the report says.

Accessibility Standards Canada, a federal agency created in 2019, has been gradually introducing more requirements for federal buildings. But Ms. McMullin said B.C. is the only jurisdiction asking for the requirements in 100 per cent of new residential buildings.

Architects and developers have been working out how to incorporate the changes at the least cost.

"It impacts small-sized units the most," said Bryce Rositch, a founding partner at 33-year-old RH Architects. "If you're designing for 530 square feet, it adds 50 to 70 square feet per unit."

He estimated that at the current cost of construction, that works out to \$50,000 to \$70,000 more. At one project that he developed plans for in Surrey, it reduced the number of units that could be built on the site by 9 per cent.

Mr. Rositch said municipalities with good policies to promote accessibility, such as the City of North Vancouver, require 20 per cent of apartments in a building to be accessible. The city gives the builder a bonus on the limit of buildable floor space

The requirements do not, for example, mandate that there have to be grab bars or lifts or special equipment already installed. They do require that builders construct homes so that it's possible to put in specialized amenities later without having to do massive renovations to alter electrical wiring or wall supports.

to compensate for the extra room needed.

But Mr. McCannell argued that mandating a certain percentage of apartments to be accessible has failed. He said the units that get built under those policies end up in what he called a "wheelchair ghetto" that is comprised of the worst apartments in a project, the ones near the garbage or parking lot, clearly designed with the belief that they will only be occupied by people on government assistance.

Mr. McCannell said those units also are sometimes bought by investors, who then strip out accessible features and sell them as just larger apartments, because there is no legal mechanism to ensure they are occupied by people who really need them. Only 4 to 5 per cent end up being occupied by the people they were intended for, he said.

And, he argued, the industry has exaggerated the additional costs. It's not 10 or 15 per cent, but something between 2 and 5 per cent — not any more than the industry had to absorb to meet other requirements brought in in recent years, such as for energy efficiency or seismic improvements.

"You need a bigger bathroom, but not as much as they say," Mr. McCannell said.

Ms. McMullin agreed that some of the worst-case scenarios the building industry foresaw at the beginning have receded, as lengthy discussions with provincial officials and disability advocates have worked through what real changes are needed and which ones are not.

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But even though the protracted consultations have shown how some costs are not as high as originally thought, Ms. McMullin said, there remain challenges, such as how to build balconies or verandahs with no divider between the inside and outside and how to incorporate removable kitchen islands.

B.C. Housing Minister Ravi Kahlon acknowledged that the province is working with industry to try to figure out a way to bring in the new regulations, while mitigating costs.

"The accessibility piece is obviously very important to us, but it's also important that these units actually get built," he said.

## Thousands celebrate Pride in Toronto as protest ends parade early

Balloons, confetti and bubbles filled the air as thousands of people came together in downtown Toronto on Sunday for one of the biggest annual Pride celebrations in Canada, although the event abruptly ended as it was close to being over after a demonstration blocked the route.

The Toronto Pride Parade marked the culmination of a month's worth of events celebrating the city's LGBTQ+ community, with some attendees calling the event a symbol of friendship.

"It gets better every year, it multiplies, we love each other," said Stephen Storey, who was celebrating his 22nd Pride in Toronto. But late in the afternoon as the parade was nearing the end, Toronto Police posted on social media that a demonstration during the parade had caused a disruption, and that the parade was "paused temporarily."

Demonstrators sat in the middle of Yonge Street, one group with a Palestinian flag, others holding banners reading "Pride partners with genocide" and "Stop pinkwashing."

Later, Pride Toronto posted on X that the remainder of the parade was cancelled. The post offered no reason but apologized for the inconvenience, and said the street fair and stages were still operating.

In an e-mailed statement, Pride Toronto said it respected people's right to protest, but made the decision "out of our commitment to ensuring public safety."

"We empathize with those who were looking forward to participating and regret any inconvenience caused by this decision," Pride Toronto's statement said.

Police said no arrests were made in connection with the demonstration. Spokeswoman Laurie McCann said in an e-mail that the decision to cancel the event was made solely by Pride Toronto, without requesting police intervention.

This year's Pride events in Toronto featured many LGBTQ+ newcomers celebrating their first Pride in Canada, including Zhya Aramiy, who relocated to Toronto last year after fleeing persecution for his sexuality in Iraq.

"The feeling that I get here, it just makes me feel home," said Mr. Aramiy. "It just makes me feel like all of these people around me, they are with me and they stand up with me, they support me."

The parade began at Bloor Street and Church Street with more than 250 groups marching together along Yonge Street down to Nathan Phillips Square.

The groups included LGBTQ+ organizations such as the African Centre for Refugees and Toronto Pflag, all waving Pride flags and cheering alongside the crowds.

While the parade was still under way, Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow celebrated on a parade float, donning a rainbow feather boa and blowing kisses to the crowd.

"It's incredible to see everyone supporting each other," said Michelle O'Neil, who drove two hours from Trenton, Ont., to celebrate the event with her friends as an ally to the LGBTQ+ community. "It's an event that's all about love and inclusivity, and I just love that."

At one point during the parade, the clouds darkened and light rain briefly fell, but it didn't keep celebrants from dancing and smiling.

This year's parade theme was "Be," which Pride Toronto called "a resounding statement that says, 'We are here and always will be.'"

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## France: Many voters are frustrated with inflation and Macron's leadership

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That scenario would force Mr. Bardella and Mr. Macron into an awkward power-sharing arrangement. Mr. Macron has said he will not step down before his term expires in 2027.

Only the second round will make clear whether Ms. Le Pen's party and its allies get the absolute majority they would need to comfortably form a government and then start to implement their promises to dismantle many of Mr. Macron's key policies and foreign policy platforms. That would include stopping French deliveries of long-range missiles to Ukraine in the war against Russia's full-scale invasion. The National Rally has historical ties to Russia.

The far right's more confrontational approach to the European Union, its plans to roll back Mr. Macron's pension reforms and National Rally promises to boost voters' spending power without clearly detailing how it would pay for the pledge could also spook European financial markets.

Some polling agency projections indicated that in the best-case scenario for the far right, the National Rally and its allies could collectively clear the bar of 289 seats needed for a secure majority in the 577-seat National Assembly.

But, depending on how the second round shakes out, the far right could also fall short and leave no single bloc with a clear majority, polling agencies projected. Predictions are difficult because of the two-round voting system. Early official results for the first round were expected later Sunday.

Already on Sunday night, the far-right's rivals were working on arrangements to pull some of their candidates out of the race in round two, in an effort to concentrate votes against the National Rally.

Turnout was at least 66 per cent, according to polling estimates, which would make it the highest for a first-round legislative election in 27 years.

Many French voters are frus-



Supporters cheer as National Rally Leader Marine Le Pen gives a speech on Sunday in Hénin-Beaumont, France. The party campaigned heavily on the rising cost of living and immigration, both pressing issues for many voters.

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trated with inflation and other economic concerns, as well as Mr. Macron's leadership, seen as arrogant and out-of-touch with their lives. The National Rally party has tapped that discontent, notably via online platforms such as TikTok.

Foremost for many voters were the rising cost of living and immigration, which the National Rally campaigned heavily on. The campaign was marred by rising hate speech.

"People don't like what has been happening," said Cynthia Justine, 44. "People feel they've lost a lot in recent years. People are angry. I am angry." With the rising hate speech, it was necessary to express frustrations with those holding and seeking power, she added.

She said it was important as a

woman to vote since women haven't always had that right. And "because I am a Black woman, it's even more important. A lot is at stake on this day."

The National Rally has questioned the right to citizenship for people born in France, and it wants to curtail the rights of French citizens with dual nationality. Critics say that undermines human rights and is a threat to France's democratic ideals.

A 64-year-old voter, Philippe Lempereur, expressed fatigue with politicians from the left, right and centre and what he called their inability to work together on issues such as ensuring people have shelter and enough to eat. "We vote by default, for the least worst option," he said. "I prefer to vote than do nothing."

In the restive French Pacific

territory of New Caledonia, polls closed earlier owing to a curfew that authorities have extended until July 8. Violence flared there in May, leaving nine people dead, owing to attempts by Mr. Macron's government to amend the French Constitution and change voting lists, which the Indigenous Kanaks feared would further marginalize them. They have long sought to break free from France.

Voters in France's other overseas territories of Saint Pierre and Miquelon, Saint Barthélemy, Saint Martin, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guyana and French Polynesia, and those voting in offices opened by embassies and consular posts across the Americas cast their ballots Saturday.

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# Israeli tanks push deeper into Gaza

At least six Palestinians were killed and several homes destroyed as fighting rages on

NIDAL AL-MUGHRABI CAIRO  
KAMEL HAMDAN GAZA

Israeli forces advanced further on Sunday into the Shejaia neighbourhood of northern Gaza and also pushed deeper into western and central Rafah in the south, killing at least six Palestinians and destroying several homes, residents said.

Israeli tanks, which moved back into Shejaia four days ago, fired shells toward several houses, leaving families trapped inside and unable to leave, the residents said.

Speaking at a weekly cabinet meeting on Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu repeated his stand that there is no substitute for victory in the war against the Islamist militant group Hamas.

"We are committed to fighting until we achieve all of our objectives: Eliminating Hamas, returning all of our hostages, ensuring that Gaza never again constitutes a threat to Israel and returning our residents securely to their homes in the south and the north," he said.

While the offensive focused on Gaza, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, one man was killed and five were wounded in an Israeli strike near the city of Tulkarm, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry. The dead man was a member of militant group Islamic Jihad, the group said. The



Palestinians assess damage after an Israeli strike on a house near the city of Tulkarm in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, which killed a man on Sunday. RANEEN SAWAFTA/REUTERS

Israeli military issued no comment.

Hours after Mr. Netanyahu's comments about Gaza, the armed wing of Hamas released a video purporting to show weapons and "valuable intelligence documents".

The video, which was not immediately verified by Reuters, showed fighters preparing anti-tank rocket warheads. In the background a large TV screen showed recent news events to indicate the video was recent.

"Our preparation is continuing," said writing at the end of the short film.

The Israeli military said forces operating in Shejaia had killed several Palestinian gunmen over the past day and found military infrastructure inside a United Nations school as well as dozens of weapons and "valuable intelligence documents".

On Saturday the military announced the death of two Israeli soldiers in northern Gaza.

In another raid in Shejaia, the forces located a "terrorist war room" at a clinic, said the military, which again accused Hamas of "embedding itself in civilian structures for terror purposes".

Hamas denies using civilian

sites such as schools and hospitals for military purposes.

The armed wing of Hamas and the allied Islamic Jihad reported fierce fighting in both Shejaia and Rafah, saying their fighters had fired anti-tank rockets and mortar bombs against Israeli forces operating there.

More than eight months into Israel's air and ground war in Gaza, militants continue to stage attacks on Israeli forces, operating in areas that the Israeli army said it had gained control over months ago.

Arab mediators' efforts, backed by the United States, have

stalled. Hamas says any deal must end the war and bring a full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza. Israel says it will accept only temporary pauses in the fighting until Hamas, which has governed Gaza since 2007, is eradicated.

The war began when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel on Oct. 7, killing around 1,200 people and seizing more than 250 hostages, according to Israeli tallies.

Israel's retaliatory offensive has so far killed nearly 38,000 people, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, and has left the heavily built-up coastal enclave in ruins.

The ministry does not distinguish between combatants and non-combatants but officials say most of the dead are civilians. More than 300 Israeli soldiers have been killed in Gaza and Israel says at least a third of the Palestinian dead are fighters.

Israeli tanks pushed deeper into several districts in the east, west and centre of Rafah, near the border with Egypt, on Sunday, and medics said six people had been killed in an Israeli strike on a house in Shaboura, in the heart of the city.

The six bodies from the Zurub family were transferred to Nasser Hospital in the nearby city of Khan Younis, where dozens of relatives paid their respects.

Residents said the Israeli army had torched the Al-Awda mosque in the centre of Rafah, one of the city's best-known.

Israel has said its military operations in Rafah are aimed at eradicating the last armed battalions of Hamas.

REUTERS

## RSF fighters open new front in Sudan

SAMY MAGDY CAIRO

Fighters from Sudan's notorious paramilitary group looted homes and shops and took over the main hospital in a central city, forcing tens of thousands to flee, residents said Sunday, as a new front opened in a 14-month war that has pushed the African country to the brink of famine.

The paramilitary Rapid Support Forces began its offensive against Sudan's military in Sennar province earlier this week, attacking the village of Jebel Moya before moving to the provincial capital of Singa, where fresh battles have erupted. The fighting forced about 57,000 people to flee their homes, according to the United Nations.

RSF fighters in pickup trucks mounting automatic rifles rampaged through Singa, about 350 kilometres southeast of the capital Khartoum, over the weekend, according to residents and a local rights group. They looted houses, shops in a local market and took over the city's main hospital, they said.

The group claimed in a statement Saturday it had seized the military's main facility, the 17th Infantry Division Headquarters, in Singa. Local media also reported the RSF managed to breach the military's defence.

However, Brigadier Nabil Abdalla, a spokesperson for the Sudanese armed forces, said the military regained control of the facility, and that fighting was still under way Sunday morning. Neither claim could be independently verified.

The paramilitary group has been repeatedly accused of gross rights violations across the country since the war started in April last year, when simmering tensions between the military and the RSF exploded into open fight-



People who fled fighting in the town of Singa arrive in Gedaref in the eastern part of war-torn Sudan on Sunday. AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

ing in Khartoum and elsewhere.

The devastating conflict has killed more than 14,000 people and wounded 33,000, according to the United Nations, but rights activists say the toll could be much higher.

The Sudan Conflict Monitor, a group of experts and rights activists, said the RSF seizure of Singa will likely have "severe humanitarian consequences" with potential future disruption of large-scale agricultural programs in the nearby provinces of Blue Nile, White Nile and Jazira, which was once Sudan's breadbasket.

The UN's International Organization for Migration said in its latest update Sunday that the clashes displaced about 55,440 people in Singa and neighbouring villages. Another 1,455 people fled their homes in Jebel Moya, it said. "The situation remains tense and unpredictable," it said in a statement. Residents reported widespread looting of homes and shops in Singa by RSF fighters who seized private vehicles, mobile phones, jewellery and other valuable possessions.

"They did like what they did in

[the capital] Khartoum and other cities," said Abdel-Rahman al-Taj, a Singa resident who fled Saturday to Blue Nile province. "Many people were killed, wounded or detained."

The Sennar Observatory for Human Rights, a local rights group, said the RSF attacked Singa Educational Hospital, detaining dozens of patients and medical staff as "human shields." The fighters turned the hospital into a military centre in a "clear violation of the international human material law."

The fighting in Sennar comes while attention has been focused on al-Fasher, a major city in the sprawling region of Darfur that the RSF has besieged for months in an attempt to seize it from the military. Al-Fasher is the military's last stronghold in Darfur.

Sudan's conflict has created the world's largest displacement crisis with over 11 million people forced to flee their homes. International experts warned Thursday that 755,000 people are facing famine in the coming months.

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## Hurricane Beryl forecast to become Category 4 storm

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Hurricane Beryl strengthened into what experts called an "extremely dangerous" Category 4 storm as it approaches the southeast Caribbean, which began shutting down Sunday amid urgent pleas from government officials for people to take shelter.

Hurricane warnings were in effect for Barbados, St. Lucia, Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Beryl's centre is expected to pass about 112 kilometres south of Barbados on Monday morning, said Sabu Best, director of Barbados' meteorological service.

"This is a very serious situation developing for the Windward Islands," warned the National Hurricane Center in Miami, which said that Beryl was "forecast to bring life-threatening winds and storm surge."

Beryl was located about 570 kilometres east-southeast of Barbados. It had maximum sustained winds of 215 kilometres an hour (km/h) and was moving west at 33 km/h. It is a compact storm, with hurricane-force winds extending 30 kilometres from its centre.

Beryl is expected to pass just south of Barbados early Monday and then head into the Caribbean Sea as a major hurricane on a path toward Jamaica. It is expected to weaken by mid-week, but still remain a hurricane as it heads toward Mexico.

Beryl had strengthened into a Category 3 hurricane on Sunday morning, becoming the first major hurricane east of the Lesser Antilles on record for June, according to Philip Klotzbach, Colorado State University hurricane researcher.

It took Beryl only 42 hours to strengthen from a tropical depression to a major hurricane – a feat accomplished only six other times in Atlantic hurricane history, and with Sept. 1 as the earliest date, according to hurricane expert Sam Lillo.

Beryl is now the earliest Category 4 Atlantic hurricane on record, besting Hurricane Dennis, which became a Category 4 storm on July 8, 2005, hurricane specialist and storm surge expert Michael Lowry said.

Hurricane Ivan in 2004 was the last strongest hurricane to hit the southeast Caribbean, causing catastrophic damage in Grenada as a Category 3 storm.

Forecasters warned of a life-threatening storm surge of up to three metres in areas where Beryl will make landfall, with up to 15 centimetres of rain for Barbados and nearby islands.

Thousands of people were in Barbados for Saturday's Twenty20 World Cup final, cricket's biggest event, with Prime Minister Mia Mottley noting that not all fans were able to leave Sunday despite many rushing to change their flights. "Some of them have never gone through a storm before," she said. "We have plans to take care of them."

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## South African President announces cabinet that includes ex-opposition leader

JOHANNESBURG

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa appointed former opposition leader John Steenhuisen as Minister of Agriculture on Sunday, bringing the Democratic Alliance and other parties into his new coalition cabinet.

Mr. Ramaphosa's African National Congress was forced to join forces with rival parties to stay in power after losing its majority for the first time in three decades in a May 29 election.

The announcement of the new cabinet of the government of national unity followed weeks of protracted and at times

acrimonious negotiations.

Mr. Ramaphosa retained the ANC's Enoch Godongwana as Finance Minister while Ronald Lamola was appointed Minister of International Relations and Co-operation, replacing Naledi Pandor.

Gwede Mantashe stayed on as Mineral and Petroleum Resources Minister but the President removed energy from his portfolio. The combination of mineral resources had been seen by many as creating a prejudice in favour of coal as a source of power generation.

Energy will now fall within the portfolio of Electricity Minister Kgosientsho Ramokgopa.

Wrangling over who gets what cabinet seat was the last hurdle to setting up a government, which now faces the task of reviving a moribund economy, fixing crumbling roads and power stations and creating jobs for the third of South Africans out of work.

"We look forward to being part of a new era in South Africa's democratic journey, and to bringing real and tangible change to the millions of citizens who voted for it," Mr. Steenhuisen said in a statement after the announcement.

Some minor parties also saw their leaders receive cabinet posts.

For decades the ANC had

traded on its legacy of ending apartheid 30 years ago, when Nelson Mandela came to power and successfully reconciled a country deeply divided along racial, ethnic and class lines.

But voters became angered by the ANC's poor record on delivering on basic services including water, schools and electricity.

Whether the current loose coalition of former enemies can improve on the ANC's record may depend on the extent to which they can put aside their ideological differences, analysts have said. There are several potential hurdles to policy making.

The DA wants to scrap some of the ANC's Black empowerment

programmes, saying that they have mostly made a politically connected business elite fabulously wealthy while much of the Black majority stays poor.

It opposes the ANC's desire to expropriate land – most of which is in white hands as a legacy of conquest by colonists and subsequent entrenched white minority rule – without compensation and give it to Black farmers.

The DA also seeks to phrase out South Africa's minimum wage, currently sitting at 27.58 rand (about \$2.09) an hour, arguing it makes the work force uncompetitive.

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Officials examine the papers of new arrivals at Halifax's Pier 21 in 1952. While the backgrounds and originating locales of Canada's newcomers have changed over time, immigration has always played a role in the country – and played out in the pages of its national newspaper. CHRIS LUND/NATIONAL FILM BOARD OF CANADA/LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA

#### A NATION'S PAPER

# Warm welcomes, cold shoulders

The Globe often offered a humanitarian view of immigration, but in its worst moments, it reflected the prejudices of its day and urged Canada to close its doors to certain cultures. On Canada Day, a look back

MARSHA LEDERMAN

The front-page headline demanded action: “Time to Close the Gates.” It was March 26, 1908. Centred on the page, a list of three recently murdered men and their four “supposed slayers” – their non-Anglo-Saxon, ethnic names unmissable in all-caps. “The Goth is at our own gates,” The Globe editorial warned.

“One has only to glance at this list to see that the Slav and the Italian are swelling the statistics of crime in this country.” The only effective cure for the “invasion” would be “the closing of the gates on the offscourings of the Slav and Latin races.”

Canada was in the midst of an immigration boom, and a nation-forming discussion about the country's racial makeup, with much handwringing about keeping it British. “Slavs” was a term the paper – and others – used to describe a large swath of Eastern Europeans.

One hundred years is a long time in this young country's history. But a century has its constants. On March 26, 2008, exactly 100 years later, The Globe and Mail was still weighing in on immigration. It supported Conservative reforms that would give the immigration minister broad powers over the prioritizing and processing of applications in an effort to deal with a huge backlog.

“This will not sit well with some ethnic communities, for whom the Liberals have made sacred the right to bring in aging parents and grandparents. But it stands to benefit our economy,” the paper stated in another editorial that month. “Immigration policy, not to be confused with refugee policy, should first and foremost fit Canada's needs.”

While the backgrounds and originating locales of Canada's newcomers have changed over time, immigration has always played a role in this nation – and played out in the pages of its national newspaper. Frequently using language excruciating to read today, Globe reports, editorials and opinion columns – sometimes written by newsmakers themselves – have covered and even led the immigration debate. The Globe often, although certainly not always, offered a progressive, humanitarian view, long before the tide of opinion seemed to turn.

But if it was at times more favourable toward immigrants than were many Canadians – including government officials – the paper also at times amplified fear and panic. In its worst moments, it urged Canada to close its doors to certain people.

The narrative many Canadians have been raised on, the fairy tale we like to tell ourselves, is that this is a nation built by newcomers on vast, empty land – a myth that stings for Indigenous people. A country that is accepting and open to immigrants – all too often, another myth.

“Immigrants were not always welcomed with an outpouring of compassion for the world's downtrodden, oppressed and displaced,” wrote Globe reporter Victor Malarek in his 1987 book *Haven's Gate: Canada's Immigration Fiasco*. “They were brought here to work and Canada was not about to coddle them. ... They were sometimes shunned, patronized and exploited.”

As The Globe marks its 180th anniversary, questions around immigration continue to populate its pages. Who gets in, who doesn't. On what criteria.

Deafening in its absence for many years: discussion of who was displaced by settlers as Canada formed and evolved. From the Chinese head tax to Roxham Road, a trip through the pages of *The Globe* offers the real story in black and white. Canada – if it opened its gates at all – has often been inhospitable, even hostile, to newcomers.

For Canada, underpopulation would be “a constant and lasting problem,” *Globe and Mail* journalist Doug Saunders noted in his 2017 book *Maximum Canada: Why 35 Million Canadians Are Not Enough*. At Confederation in 1867, Canada's population was 3.5 million. The vast majority were white: French, Irish, English and Scottish. But Chinese men began coming to British Columbia in large numbers in the 1880s, primarily to work on the railway.

Newspaper coverage at the time displays striking antipathy toward those men, often referred to as “John Chinaman.” Even pieces supporting Chinese immigration employed dodgy language and stereotypes. In 1878, when the B.C. government wanted to restrict and regulate Chinese immigration – a proposal that predated a national Chinese head tax – The Globe wrote: “If every one who is comparatively ignorant with rather demoralized religious ideas

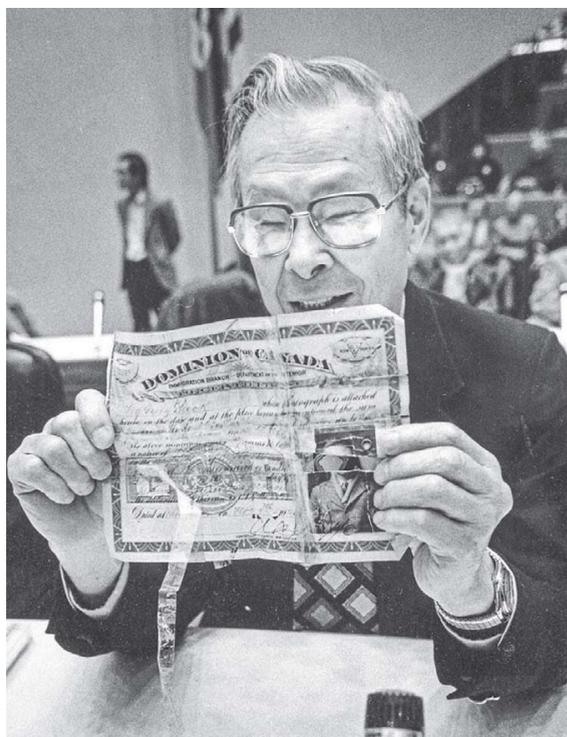
and a spirit that is content with little, is to be excluded from Canada for instance, where shall we begin, and where shall we end? Levy a prohibitory tax upon the Chinese, is the same thing to be done with the negro or the East Indian, with the Italian or the Irishman?”

The paper contained contradictions within its own pages and was not always enlightened. “It is not easy to see how we shall escape being overrun by them,” read an 1884 piece by a *Globe* correspondent. “Nothing but restrictive legislation against Chinese immigration will suffice for our protection.”

The Chinese Immigration Act of 1885 – the first piece of legislation to exclude immigrants based on ethnic origins – imposed a stiff \$50 head tax. It increased in 1900 to \$100 and, in 1903, a staggering \$500 (about \$15,000 today). Later, the 1923 Chinese Immigration Act severely restricted entry to Canada. It was repealed in 1947.

There was also much written about the “Japanese crisis” at the turn of the last century, as Japanese people (Canadians frequently used a different term, as did some *Globe* headlines) began to settle in B.C. When rioting targeted Vancouver's Chinese and Japanese neighbourhoods in September, 1907, and some victims fought back, one *Globe* story announced, “Very Bad News From Vancouver: Japanese were buying firearms yesterday.” An editorial called for prevention of further disturbance, punishment for the guilty and compensation for Japanese people who were hurt or had property damaged. But it added: “We must show that we have institutions, conditions, and standards of conduct worthy of being preserved from the deteriorating influences of foreign admixtures.”

That same editorial called on Ottawa to oversee the contentious issue of Japanese migration. “This would remove a great source of irritation,” the paper stated. In 1908, Canada negotiated a deal that saw Japan voluntarily restrict immigration to Canada to 400 people annually. It was called a “Gentlemen's Agreement.”



In 1988, Cecil Ing shows the certificate he got 65 years earlier for paying the head tax, a measure Canada used to deter Chinese newcomers. The federal government apologized in 2006 for the head tax. FRED LUM/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

A huge influx of other immigrants came to Canada during the early 20th century. From 1896 to 1914, nearly three million arrived, almost half between 1910 and 1913. While most came from Britain and the U.S., many continental Europeans arrived too. Coverage of the time is rife with references to hordes of “Slavs” and “Galicians” and comments about Ukrainian immigrants in sheepskin coats (the people were sometimes simply called “Sheepskins”).

That these newcomers were largely white was no accident. While Canada launched an aggressive campaign to lure farmers, it wanted white farmers. Black people, officials said, were not suited to Canadian conditions. “But colour, of course, was the real obstacle,” wrote Valerie Knowles in *Strangers at our Gates: Canadian Immigration and Immigration Policy, 1540-2015*. Indeed, Canadian policy was overtly discriminatory.

The Continuous Journey Regulation of 1908 required prospective immigrants to enter Canada directly from their country of origin, effectively blocking immigration from India – no ships sailed directly from there.

The Immigration Act of 1910 prohibited immigrants deemed “unsuited to the climate or requirements of Canada.” (An order-in-council the following year, which was adopted but never implemented, sought to ban Black immigration outright.)

In 1919, the government amended the act to exclude immigrants from enemy alien countries and gave officials the discretion to prohibit immigrants based on nationality, race, class or “peculiar” customs.

The effects of these laws led to some of the darkest stories in Canada’s immigration history. Sometimes, The Globe spoke out against these injustices, other times not.

In May, 1914, the Komagata Maru, carrying 376 Indians, arrived in Vancouver. As British subjects, they believed they could immigrate to Canada. But they were stuck on board for two months while the courts heard arguments and the public fumed – fuelled by often hysterical and racist reportage.

While a 2017 examination of the 1914 media coverage found local newspapers to be far worse, Globe headlines included, “The Hindu Peril and the Relief” and “Obstinate Hindus Make Fresh Demand.” (The demand? Better food.)

Yet The Globe urged readers to “Treat the Hindus Generously.” (Those on board were, in fact, overwhelmingly Sikh, not Hindu.) And it ran a scathing editorial questioning why Canada claimed the right to enter their country “and not let them enter ours.”

The ship was ultimately sent back.

During the years of Nazi tyranny, Canada admitted fewer than 5,000 Jews, reported Irving Abella and Harold Troper in *None is Too Many: Canada and the Jews of Europe 1933-1948*. The book is named for a bureaucrat’s response when asked how many Jews Canada should let in.

Following Kristallnacht in 1938, The Globe called for relaxed regulations to admit some German and Austrian refugees who could farm. “Silence is not possible when people are being treated like animals.”

After Canada refused to help more than 900 German-Jewish refugees aboard the doomed MS St. Louis in June, 1939, a Globe headline read: “Canada Condemns Jews to Suicide.”

During and after the Second World War, The Globe repeatedly called for increased British immigration – and help for European refugees. Many Canadians, including prime minister Mackenzie King, were against this, despite the Holocaust’s horrors. Eventually, doors opened.

The Globe’s narrative regarding Japanese Canadians was starkly different.

Once at war with Japan, Canada forced about 21,000 Japanese Canadians into internment camps.

In a November, 1943, editorial, The Globe – stating British Columbians would be unhappy to see their former Japanese neighbours returned to their former properties, vocations or community status – wrote “wholesale deportation may become the only feasible option.”

When readers accused The Globe of being “cold-blooded,” the newspaper doubled down. “We agree that the deportation ... would be a departure from accepted traditions, but the Japanese present a very special problem.”

It’s an ugly contradiction. The Globe championed European refugees entering Canada, but couldn’t imagine reintegrating Japanese Canadians who already lived here – without any evidence of disloyalty. The editorial was titled “Disposing of the Japanese.”

“You dispose of garbage,” says Canadian author Mark Sakamoto, who wrote about his family’s internment in *Forgiveness: A Gift from My Grandparents*. “So here’s the paper of record saying that a whole group of people are garbage that should be disposed of.”

Sakamoto notes that authorities seek public support by degrading the humanity of those targeted – calling them rats or garbage. “It’s so sad that Canada was doing that at the same time it was fighting on the side of angels against people who were doing the same thing.”

Such contradictions in Canadian immigration policy continued after the war.

In 1956, when Soviet tanks crushed an anti-Communist rebellion in Hungary, sending thousands fleeing to Austria, The Globe campaigned to bring them to Canada.

“For shame!” a Saturday front-page editorial cried, noting that Canada – a “half-empty country” – was promising only “top priority” to Hungarians who met immigration requirements, and interest-free loans for travel costs. The government, The Globe charged, “has displayed the warmth and generosity of a codfish.”

It urged an airlift and for Ontario to house and feed them. “Let it fling the door wide, wide open.”

By Monday, The Globe got “Action!” its headline stated. A provincial official was heading to Austria. By midweek, Ottawa announced it would pay the airfare for all those from Hungary who wanted to make Canada home.

Canada accepted more than 37,000 Hungarians. This warm Canadian welcome (and that for thousands of Czechoslovakians later fleeing the Soviet invasion) was no doubt informed by the Red Scare and skin colour – these immigrants were white.

Under the Immigration Act of 1952, the government could still limit or prohibit immigrants for reasons that included nationality and ethnicity.

But The Globe’s attitude was changing, and the paper started calling for change. A March, 1956, editorial asked “Who’s Prejudiced?” Not Canadian people, The Globe said, naively asserting that individual acts of discrimination were “so rare in most parts of Canada as to make headlines and arouse public wrath.” It concluded: “There is, in fact, only one place where racial prejudice is powerfully entrenched and racial discrimination sweepingly practiced; and that is in official Ottawa.”

The paper applauded new policies introduced in 1962 eliminating overt racial discrimination, but found the resulting increase in immigration from what was then the British and other West Indies in 1962 and 1963 “disappointingly” small.

In 1967, Canada implemented a new immigration points system, which evaluated applicants in categories including education and employment prospects. When that brought more arrivals from the Caribbean and Asia the following year, The Globe wrote: “The diversification they bring to Canada is an exciting and a maturing influence.”

In 1979, a new crisis: “boat people” fleeing Vietnam, often in makeshift vessels. The Globe called on Canada to help, citing its shameful record on

In 1914, The Globe urged readers to treat Indian passengers of the Komagata Maru, who wanted to immigrate to Canada, generously. Their ship was ultimately turned back. CITY OF VANCOUVER ARCHIVES



Right: Japanese Canadians say goodbye at a Vancouver train station in 1942, when they were rounded up into internment camps, an injustice that Canada would apologize for in 1988. LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA



Above: Asylum seekers cross into Manitoba from Noyes, Minn., in 2017. The border crossing can be deadly owing to the cold. IAN WILLMS/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

Second World War refugees. “Will the [Joe] Clark Government of 1979 look as gutless to the Canadians of 2009 as the Mackenzie King Government of 1942 does to us today?” wrote foreign affairs columnist Stanley McDowell in July, 1979.

“People are drowning, starving, being raped and beaten and set adrift to be dehydrated by the sun or eaten by sharks.”

Immigration minister Ron Atkey distributed copies of *None is Too Many* to his cabinet colleagues, urging them to save the day.

They did. In 1979 and 1980, Canada welcomed 60,000 Southeast Asian refugees. In 1986, the United Nations gave its Nansen Refugee Award to the people of Canada – the only time it has been awarded to an entire country.

But, as The Globe reported, the immigration system was marred by bureaucracy, queue-jumping and bogus claims. Changes tightening immigration

rules in 1987 enraged refugee advocates – and the opposition. Liberal MP David Berger said the Conservative measures would bar even “Jesus of Nazareth.”

In a Globe column, Berger wrote: “Which country will maintain a generous attitude toward refugees if Canada doesn’t?”

On Sept. 3, 2015, an image appeared on The Globe’s front page – and in newspapers around the world. It was a Syrian boy, Alan Kurdi, dead on a beach in Turkey. The two-year-old had drowned seeking refuge in the West with his family. (This hit home for Canadians even harder when they learned that the boy’s aunt, who lived in B.C., had attempted to sponsor other family members but was rejected.)

While some Globe readers were furious about the A1 photograph, then-public editor Sylvia Stead responded, “a newspaper has a responsibility at times to show the horrors of war and death.” There have been times throughout history, she wrote, when publishing a photo has changed public understanding or opinion of a world event.

Indeed. Between Nov. 4, 2015, and Dec. 31, 2016, close to 40,000 Syrian refugees were admitted to Canada – in many cases sponsored by individuals or groups of Canadians. Many more followed.

In 2022, Canada welcomed more than 130,000 Ukrainians fleeing Russia’s invasion.

That same year also saw more than 39,000 asylum-seekers from more than 100 countries cross at an irregular border – the vast majority at the gateless New York-Quebec border at Roxham Road.

Writing in The Globe, Quebec Premier François Legault stated, “We have reason to be proud of our tradition of welcoming refugees.” But, he added, Roxham Road had become “a real problem,” and he called for the crossing to be closed. Not long afterward, Canada and the U.S. announced an agreement to do just that.

Border barriers are not merely physical. Canada erects walls with policy, politics, attitude.

On one Roxham Road story, before the policy change, a reader typed an online comment, asking where the sympathy was for Canadian taxpayers. One wonders – assuming this reader is not Indigenous – how their ancestors came to Canada. Were they refugees, labourers, early settlers? Were they met with support? Hostility?

And what sort of lives and opportunities do their descendants enjoy because someone made the journey, fraught as it was and is, to Canada?



Top: Ukrainians fleeing the Russian invasion arrive in Winnipeg in 2022. Above: New Canadians take a citizenship oath in Toronto this year. TOP: DAVID LIPNOWSKI/CP; ABOVE: ABHIJIT ALKA ANIL/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

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# EDITORIAL

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

## Canada is an oasis of peace worth the work

Canada is an oasis of calm in an increasingly turbulent and violent world, something that should be celebrated this Canada Day, but never taken for granted.

This country has been shielded from war, and has been free from the kind of domestic strife that has torn apart other nations. That placid history is a piece of good fortune that has persisted for so long that it has come to seem both unremarkable and immutable.

But the world is changing. The international order that has underpinned Canada's peace and prosperity since the end of the Second World War is under assault.

A full-scale land war is being fought in Europe, as Russia's illegal and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine drags into its third year. Cities devastated by bombing, infantry trenches carved into the countryside, tank battles, casualty lists running into the hundreds of thousands: these were all things that were scenes in old battlefield footage or pages in a history book. They are now bloodthirsty reality.

But Ottawa, and too many Canadians, seem to want to ignore that reality, and to duck the urgent need to rebuild this country's military. Other Western countries have recognized that serious resources must be devoted to confronting and containing the emerging authoritarian alliance of Russia, China, North Korea and Iran.

Canada, shamefully, has refused to follow suit, and is now at the back of the pack for defence spending within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

To be clear: Rebuilding Canada's military is not a favour to our European allies, or to the United States. Sharply increased defence expenditures are simply the most fundamental duty the government owes its citizens: to protect them from hostile forces.

The federal Liberals have failed to meet Canada's obligations, but the Conservatives have made only vague commitments to do better. Neither party is willing to spell out what sacrifices will be needed to rebuild Canada's defences.

That studied silence is only made possible through the indifference of voters, who should be outraged that Canada is not doing its part to defend freedom and international law - something that earlier generations fought and died for. Instead, there is a shrug; others can do the fighting. After all, who could ever disturb Canada's oasis?

There is a similar complacency at work with the emerging cracks in Canada's (increasingly less) civil society. Protest, however vigorous, is a fundamental right and is at the heart of democracy. Canadians have every right to tell politicians what they think of their policies and performance.

All of that is true. But so is this: Canadians owe each other respect in exercising those rights - civility, in a word. Increasingly, that obligation is being ignored.

Politicians aren't just being criticized. They're being attacked, spat on and threatened. Protests aren't just aimed at making a point. They're aimed at occupying spaces and controlling the streets, an exhibition of mob power. That is not democracy.

The border blockades and the lengthy occupation of the parliamentary district in the winter of 2022 were a vivid illustration of the difference. There's no contradiction between opposing the Trudeau government's use of vaccine mandates as a wedge issue and also being opposed to those anti-democratic tactics.

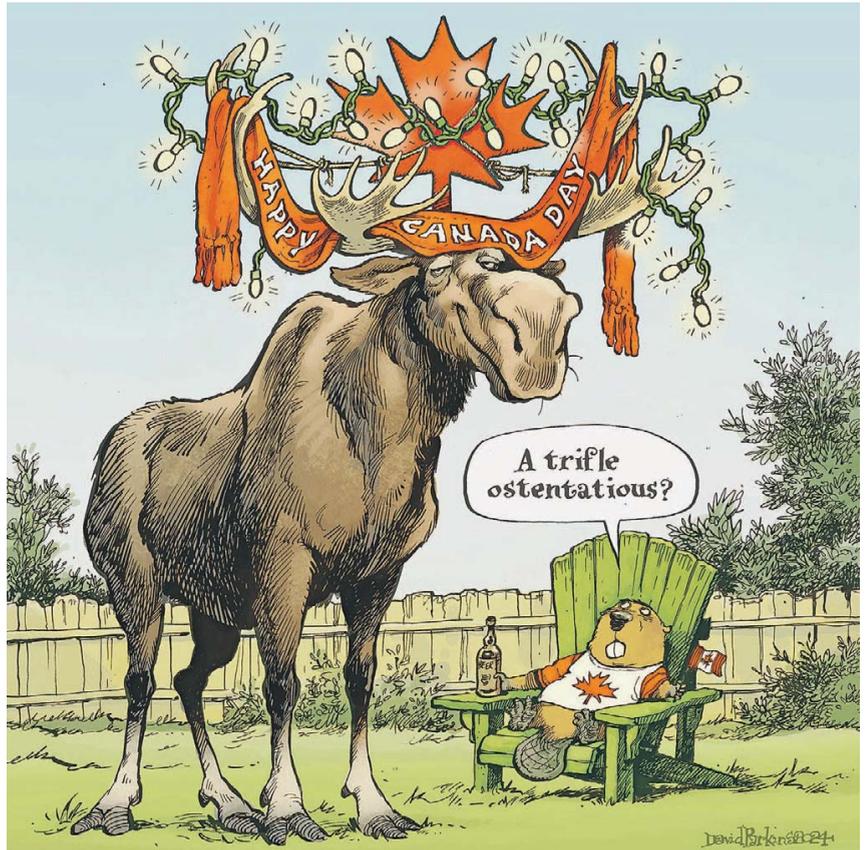
More recently, some pro-Palestinian protests have drifted in the same unfortunate direction. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was hounded out of a Vancouver restaurant. He and other cabinet members had to cancel a planned meeting with the Italian Prime Minister because protesters had blockaded the venue.

Other protests have targeted Jewish-Canadian communities, businesses, institutions and even synagogues. There is no contradiction between opposing Israel's actions against Hamas in Gaza and also being opposed to those anti-democratic tactics.

Canada is not automatically immune from the divisions that have scarred other countries. It took decades of hard work to build Canada, and to help build a world in which Canadians could live in freedom, without fear.

Our oasis of peace, order and good government is a gift from earlier generations.

It's an inheritance that should be celebrated - and safeguarded.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A WORD?

Re "Former B.C. premier Christy Clark calls for Justin Trudeau to be replaced" (June 28): Christy Clark suggests that Liberal MPs should start having private conversations with Justin Trudeau "about whether or not they think he continues to be an asset to our party."

All well and good, but the problem is that Liberal MPs have, for years, reportedly complained about their inability to have such conversations with him. He is said to avoid such 1-on-1s.

Perhaps what Ms. Clark should be suggesting is that Mr. Trudeau start having private conversations with his MPs. That is, unless it is already too late.

■ **Nelson Smith**  
Prince Edward County, Ont.

Re "The Trudeau switch has been flicked for Liberals" (June 28): Is this an on-off switch, or a dimmer switch?

Or is it a power failure, which may eventually shut down the entire building?

■ **Douglas Cornish** Ottawa

### ON THE GROUND

Re "Sajjan instructed special forces to rescue Afghan Sikhs during fall of Kabul" (June 27): Lieutenant-Colonel (retired) Harjit Sajjan would have known from his military service that messages from the defence minister come across as more than a simple provision of information or mild suggestion.

So perhaps his statement, that "I can only surmise that if I did not wear a turban no one would question whether my actions were appropriate," seems at best disingenuous.

■ **Keith Laughton**  
Major (retired); Ottawa

Re "O'Toole, Bloc call for hearings on push to rescue Afghan Sikhs" (June 28): Besides then-defence minister Harjit Sajjan's judgement, which I find disturbing, I am astounded that our military leaders tried to carry out his instruction.

In a humanitarian crisis, our soldiers should be there first to rescue Canadians and those who helped us. I see this as another stain on Canada's embarrassing military leadership, now blaming others for their missteps.

■ **Jonathan Massey-Smith** Ottawa

### TO THE LEFT

Re "Progressive politicians like Naheed Nenshi are facing uphill battles" (June 27): As a long-time Alberta New Democrat, I was delighted to see Naheed Nenshi enter the leadership race. With his

decisive victory, the party is united behind him.

Our membership now sits at more than 85,000, the largest it has ever been. People have joined the party from all parts of Alberta, not just urban centres.

Many people in the province are tired of Danielle Smith's leadership. If she isn't seen picking a fight with Ottawa, then she is fighting with the mayors of Edmonton and Calgary. I believe she introduces poorly thought-out policies and legislation which require amendment after amendment.

People are worried about proposed changes to health care. Schools are overcrowded. Renewable resource development has been paused. I could go on.

Mr. Nenshi and his enlarged team of New Democrats have three years to continue building the party, so that in 2027 we once again form government.

■ **Stephen Crocker** Edmonton

While Naheed Nenshi and others on the left may face a "conundrum" because "angrier, harder-edged" politicians are in the ascendancy, it can be just as easily argued that he has undoubted charisma and is not an ideologue. He has the potential to be a game changer in Alberta.

After all, no one gave him much chance when he entered Calgary politics. Similarly, the province's demographics are changing and Danielle Smith is on the hard, hard right.

For some, the glass is half-empty, so they would not bother with arguments that say, hey, things could get better.

■ **Larry Rose** Peterborough, Ont.

### DOWN SOUTH

Re "Biden vs. Trump was a live-fire test of decrepitude and decency. Everyone failed" (June 29): This American, who supported and voted for Joe Biden in 2020, will vote for him again if I must, and thank him profusely for all he has done to heal this country since he became President.

But I would perhaps remind the deeply religious Mr. Biden of Ecclesiastes: "To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven." And later, "A time to get, and a time to lose. A time to keep, and a time to cast away."

The time may have come for this President to cast away thoughts of trying to complete a second term with the same energy and quality he brought to the first.

By doing so, he could then say with pride (and some humility) these words from Timothy: "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the

faith."

■ **Mary Stanik** Tucson

### BOOKMARKED

Re "Book bans spreading at unprecedented rate across U.S. school libraries" (June 26): Book bans have a long and ignominious history, with the poetry of Ovid receiving some of the most intense condemnation in the ancient world.

The Renaissance monk Savonarola led a noteworthy and destructive protest against Ovid's work, as well as other materials considered profane or obscene, in a spectacular "bonfire of the vanities" in Florence in 1497.

One gets the impression that many of those pushing for book censorship in schools today would be delighted to see a replay of this public conflagration, with the graphic novel *Let's Talk About It* being the first to be tossed in the flames.

■ **Paul Thiessen** Vancouver

The banning of books from school libraries is not only an American problem, nor is it only a problem of the conservative right.

Last September, the Peel District School Board asked school librarians to remove books published before 2008 while assessing collections through an equity lens. This included removing books such as *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank and, one assumes, Shakespeare.

We live in a world where artificial intelligence and social media have made critical thinking a necessity for survival. Banning books does the opposite.

In the words of John Milton, "He who destroys a good book, kills reason itself."

■ **Suzette Blom** Toronto

### ANOTHER ONE

Re "Eh plus: The 25 greatest Canadian actors ever" (Arts & Books, June 29): If the criteria for making the list is having careers inseparable from Canadian culture itself, surely consideration should be given to Barry Morse.

In addition to starring as Lieutenant Philip Gerard in the 1963 television series *The Fugitive*, he also performed in every Shakespeare and Bernard Shaw play ever written, and was the artistic director of the Shaw Festival in 1966.

■ **Gary William O'Brien** Ottawa

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# Identity politics shouldn't worry Canadians

The strength of our national unity is based on each individual's ability to have overlapping identifiers

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OPINION

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Should Canadians be worried about identity politics? Some commentators lament the current obsession with identity, which they say focuses on what makes us different from one another rather than on what we have in common; that identity politics only serve to divide

society into resentful silos.

What this criticism overlooks, however, is the striking ability Canadians have to embrace multiple identities at the same time – showing that difference and unity are simply two sides of the same coin.

Identity is important to most of us, not just a radical fringe. Two in three Canadians (according to the most recent survey we conducted with our Confederation of Tomorrow partners) agree that expressing their cultural identity is important to their overall well-being and happiness. This proportion is higher among some groups, notably francophones, allophones, recent immigrants and Indigenous peoples. But even a majority of non-immigrant, English-speaking Canadians say that expressing their identity is important.

Exactly which identity we feel the country should trumpet the loudest has, of course, been a source of friction in Canada from the start. British or French? Catholic or Protestant? East or West? When it comes to our fed-

eration, at least, most don't feel the need to choose. Seven in 10 Canadians say they define themselves both as a Canadian and someone from their province, rather than as only one or the other. This includes most Quebecers. Similarly, most Indigenous people surveyed say they consider themselves to be both Indigenous and Canadian, rather than choosing only one of these identities and rejecting the other.

A slightly different question paints a similar picture. As we celebrate Canada Day, we can applaud the fact that the overwhelming majority of people living here say they feel attached to this country. But the same large proportion say they feel attached to their province or territory. Mathematically, this can only mean that most of us (more than three in four) feel attached to both at the same time. This is true of a majority in every region of the country, including Quebec. In the case of Indigenous people, most feel attached both to Canada and to their Indige-

nous nation or community.

The Canadian form of identity politics, then, is one wherein people don't feel forced to choose only one. There is nothing divisive about the expression of different identities when there is room for them to overlap. If we hadn't figured out how to accommodate this diversity under one umbrella, there wouldn't be a Canada Day to celebrate at all.

Our survey leaves us with one other message: The next step we should take as a country is to open up more space for the expression of identities, not less. Relatively few Canadians – only about one in four – say that they feel pressure to hide or downplay their cultural identity. But it must be noted that this proportion is much higher among recent immigrants and reaches one in two among those who identify as Indigenous. More concerning, this is not a hold-over from a less enlightened past. It is young people – across Canada as a whole, and among immigrants and Indigenous people in particular – who are most

likely to say they feel pressure to mute their identities.

There is one other curious wrinkle to this story. Canadians who feel pressured to downplay their cultural identity are not concentrated on the “woke left.” The proportion that says they feel constrained is much higher among those who place themselves on the right of the political spectrum. This may change, of course, if the next federal election brings not just a change of government in Ottawa but a change in political discourse. But for now, the main point is the same: National unity is more likely to be strengthened by boosting, rather than restricting, the number of different voices we can hear.

On Canada Day, there is nothing wrong with focusing on what we have in common. But in doing so, we can celebrate the fact that what brings us (and keeps us) together is a respect for the things that sometimes make us different. That is the paradox, and the beauty, of what we call national unity.

## How the 'Balkan Rats' pulled off a Canada Day fly-past of Parliament Hill

BILLIE FLYNN

OPINION

Retired lieutenant-colonel for the Royal Canadian Air Force, and the commanding officer of the 'Balkan Rats' during Task Force Aviano, as part of Operation Allied Force in Kosovo in 1999

It was an unforgettable homecoming. On Canada Day in 1999, 12 CF-18 jets roared over Parliament Hill in Ottawa, marking our return from combat – a moment that Hollywood's best could not have rivalled. But the true story behind that fly-past was an extraordinary coup, instigated by our combat unit, and, uniquely, not the result of months of preplanning by officials in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

In the spring of 1999, the Canadian Armed Forces supported combat operations as a member of NATO's Operation Allied Force, which sought to stop Serbia from continuing its campaign of ethnic cleansing in Kosovo. Deploying six CF-18 Hornets from Aviano, Italy, alongside U.S. Air Force fighters, Canada's presence expanded to 18 jets as combat operations escalated. Despite challenging conditions, Canadian pilots led day and night attacks. By early June, signs of Serbian weakness emerged, leading to negotiations for a ceasefire between Slobodan Milosevic and NATO.

By the end of combat operations, the Canadian air fighting force, affectionately nicknamed the “Balkan Rats,” had flown nearly 700 combat sorties and had been at the very front of the NATO operation.

With combat over, it was time for 12 of our CF-18s to return home. At the same time, then-prime minister Jean Chrétien was leading a “Team Canada” European trip, accompanied by members of Parliament and business leaders to drum up economic opportunities on the continent. The



Twelve Canadian fighter pilots flew their CF-18 Hornets in formation over Parliament Hill in Ottawa during Canada Day celebrations in 1999. The fly-past marked the end of a combat mission with NATO in Kosovo. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

delegation detoured to visit Aviano Air Base and meet the RCAF contingent just as we were planning our return home. My operations officer and good friend Major Glen (Flaps) Phillips suggested we do a fly-past over Parliament Hill on Canada Day once we made it home. I made a deal with Colonel André (Kermit) Viens, a long-time fighter pilot and friend who oversaw our Canadian operation, that if the prime minister agreed to this, then Kermit would let me lead the fly-past.

The chief of the defence staff had no notion of our plan, nor did anyone else in the RCAF. This approach was definitely outside the chain of command, but it would be worth the risk to secure this recognition for our returning combat servicemen and women.

I first proposed the idea to the

prime minister's chief of staff, who supported it. Next, I spent time with Aline Chrétien, an extraordinary lady, and we got her buy-in. I was to show the prime minister around a CF-18 cockpit, and I knew this would be my chance.

During his tour, Mr. Chrétien and I talked about surface-to-air missile threats, the complexity of amassing large forces of jets for each attack, and aerial refueling, before I wondered aloud whether he thought flying 12 CF-18s over Parliament Hill on Canada Day would be a good idea. Would Canadians like that? He believed they would, so we began our preparations.

On Canada Day, 1999, our fly-past was scheduled to immediately follow a choir of young girls singing *O Canada*. The girls in the choir were also all blind, and I

was cautioned not to fly over early or else we'd startle the singers while they were live on national television. We arrived over Ottawa right on time, with the crushing roar of 12 fighter jets closing the celebrations with spectacular effect. It was brilliant – a proud moment that exemplified how all returning servicemen and women should be honoured after serving abroad.

To add a patriotic touch, younger Hornet pilots ingeniously attached large Canadian flags to the speed brakes of each jet. As we landed, we opened the speed brakes, allowing the flags to fly proudly as we taxied in. Today, one of these flags, bearing all our signatures, is proudly displayed by the 425 Tactical Fighter Squadron in Bagotville, Que.

Upon landing, I was surprised to see my brother and parents,

which made coming home from combat even more meaningful. That evening, as honoured guests at the Canada Day events on Parliament Hill, the reception we were given was unforgettable.

The fly-past was a brilliant and uniquely un-Canadian event, marking a perfect return from combat. The next day, most pilots returned to Bagotville, while some of us headed west to Cold Lake, Alta. There, I was reunited with my son Bret, then five years old, waving a Canadian flag as I taxied into our squadron. There is nothing more important than coming home to your family.

This Canada Day, let's celebrate this great country by honouring the dedication and sacrifices of our brave men and women in uniform, who safeguard the freedoms we enjoy every day. Happy Canada Day!

## With donations down and demand up, charities are under pressure

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OPINION

President and CEO of Imagine Canada

Recent data about charitable donations are raising alarm bells within the sector. Data released from Statistics Canada this spring show that just less than five million Canadian tax filers declared making charitable donations in 2022, 0.3 per cent fewer than a year earlier, despite the number of tax filers increasing by 3 per cent year-over-year. It was the lowest number of donors ever recorded, with just 17.1 per cent of tax filers declaring donations. For the first time since 2016, the total amount donated to charities decreased.

Charities and non-profits are an essential part of our society's

social fabric. Every day, these organizations provide much needed services and support to millions of individuals from all walks of life. They are deeply engrained in our communities and have a profound, often life-changing, impact on people's lives. According to a new poll commissioned by Imagine Canada and supported by Bank of Montreal, 90 per cent of Canadians say that charities and non-profits are important to Canada and our way of life.

At the same time, Canadians are aware of the pressure faced by non-profits. Three-quarters of those surveyed say that recent economic conditions have increased demand for charity services overall. And they are right.

Times are tough for many Canadians. The proportion of individuals who find themselves in a difficult situation, whether due to the cost of housing or food,

has increased drastically in recent years. In another poll in December, 17 per cent of respondents indicated that they had personally needed to engage the services of a charity or non-profit to help with the higher cost of living. This has nearly doubled from 9 per cent only a year earlier.

Charities and non-profits are there for people. It is no surprise that more than 80 per cent of Canadians consider the services they deliver essential to the well-being of the country and its citizens. As a sector, we step in to help those in need.

But there are limits to what we can do. Times are tough for charities and non-profits, too. It would be an understatement to say that the financial foundation that has supported our sector is under duress. And unfortunately, the situation is poised to get worse.

The federal budget, tabled in April, contains changes to the alternative minimum tax, or AMT. Changes to the AMT include a reduction in fiscal incentives for high-income earners making charitable donations. While we were pleased that after sustained advocacy from the non-profit sector, the government modified its initial approach, the remaining changes will create revenue problems for charities. These changes also send the wrong message.

At a time when demand is historically high and donations are already down, charities need more support, not less.

When non-profits struggle, vulnerable Canadians pay the price. The population relies on us to provide essential services, and they trust us to do that work. According to Imagine Canada's poll, seven in 10 people say they trust charities generally.

Moreover, six in 10 agree that charities operate as efficiently as they can and do the most with the resources they have.

Two-thirds also agree that the federal government should be providing ongoing funding to support core administrative expenses to the sector. Canadians understand that charities have costs and that they need to fund specific aspects of their operations, such as fundraising activities, technology, insurance, volunteer recruitment, financial audits, program staff salaries, marketing and promotion.

Non-profits have costs, and to serve the population properly, they need appropriate funding. In addition to not funding the sector adequately, the federal government may be discouraging those who can afford it the most from donating to charities.

KELLY CRYDERMAN will return.

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## A sweet, gentle and mindful take on The Secret Garden at the Shaw Festival

Jay Turvey and Paul Sportelli have created an utterly charming and ultimately very moving family show

J. KELLY NESTRUCK

REVIEW



**The Secret Garden**  
ROYAL GEORGE THEATRE IN  
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, ONT.

Adapted for the stage by  
Jay Turvey and Paul Sportelli  
Directed by Jay Turvey  
Starring Gabriella Sundar Singh,  
Jacqueline Thair and Gryphyn  
Karimloo

CRITIC'S PICK



Gabriella Sundar Singh stars as Mary Lennox, a girl who has lost both her parents, as well as the servants who really raised her in India, all to cholera, in *The Secret Garden* at this year's Shaw Festival. MICHAEL COOPER

Another play with songs based on *The Secret Garden*?

I found it hard to hide my skepticism over the Shaw Festival premiering, this season, a new music-infused theatrical adaptation of British-American author Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic 1911 children's novel about an orphan who goes to live in her uncle's country manor on the moors of Yorkshire.

After the beloved book first entered the public domain in United States in the 1980s, a series of *Secret Gardens* premiered in quick succession – including several musicals – all trying to wall in the market for a stage version.

Why add to that overgrown tangle – especially given the Tony-winning 1991 Broadway adaptation with music by Lucy Simon and book and lyrics by Marsha Norman came out so clearly on

top, and is still regularly produced today?

Well, as it turns out, Jay Turvey and Paul Sportelli had some great ideas for how to bring *The Secret Garden* to the stage; the pair have created an utterly charming and ultimately very moving family show interwoven with traditional tunes such as *Scarborough Fair* and *Blue Bells*, *Cockle Shells*, accompanied by an unseen quintet of musicians.

Some may view their version as quiet and old-fashioned, especially compared with the operatic bombast of the *Simon/Norman* musical.

But others will see it, as I did, from another angle – as the right up-to-date recipe for those seeking mindful rather than noisy and busy entertainment for kids.

The plot is kept to its simplest strokes: Mary Lennox (Gabriella Sundar Singh), a 10-year-old girl, has lost both her parents, as well as the servants who really raised her in India, all to cholera.

She arrives in England, bristly and spoiled and in mourning, to live with her uncle Archibald Craven (David Alan Anderson).

She barks at her Yorkshire maid Martha (Jacqueline Thair) at first, but gradually warms to her and all the *thees* and *thys* of her dialect.

Confined to her room at night, and tossed outside to play alone in the daytime, Mary's world grows as her spirit does owing to fresh air and exercise.

As the seasons shift from winter to summer, the girl befriends the gardener Weatherstaff (Da-

vid Adams), Martha's kind brother Dickon (Drew Plummer) and a robin red-breast (played by Tama Martin, manipulating a simple puppet as she bobs across the stage, and a flautist in the orchestra pit).

Spoiler alert for children who haven't read the book – and adults who have forgotten it: Mary eventually learns that her uncle's estate includes a walled garden locked since his wife died in it – and also a bedridden cousin, Colin (Gryphyn Karimloo), who has been shut up most of his life in his room with an unnamed condition.

Colin is even more dyspeptic than Mary, but there's nothing wrong with either that a little rolling up your sleeves and getting down in the dirt can't solve.

Now I see that it does make sense for the Shaw Festival to create its own version of *The Secret Garden* in-house. The theatre company's namesake, Bernard Shaw, shared early 20th century values with Burnett, such as a skepticism of medical doctors, and a belief that cool baths, taking the air and country walks were the foundations of good health.

These sensible-enough sentiments could (and sometimes did) curdle into something more sinister – like Shaw's anti-vaccination views, or blaming the ill or disabled for their conditions.

But Turvey and Sportelli smartly put a line or two in their script to make clear that Colin's case is an individual one, rather than one meant to represent all sick kids, and that the garden cure isn't for all.

True to the themes of Burnett's tale about the healing power of nature and the simple things in life, Turvey and movement director Linda Garneau use humble physical theatre techniques and ensemble work, rather than expensive special effects, to tell their story. A set of rolling door frames, for instance, is moved about by the ensemble to create the sense of endless corridors – or a hall full of disapproving portraits.

Bayeta Hackborn's set design is itself simple but beautiful, gradually transforming the proverbial empty stage into a lush summer garden, with an assist from Kevin Lamotte's emotive lighting.

An excellent ensemble is anchored by Sundar Singh's strong performance as Mary, in which the actor puts her trademark blunt delivery to excellent use to portray the innocent confidence of youth.

*The Secret Garden* runs to Oct. 13.

## An English bulldog makes a surprise feature in a mural on West Virginia history

LEAH WILLINGHAM CHARLESTON, W.VA.

The English bulldog had never been featured prominently in West Virginia history. It has now.

Governor Jim Justice's four-year-old pure breed Babydog joined the ranks of Abraham Lincoln, Civil War soldiers and odes to Appalachian folk music in new murals under the golden dome of the state Capitol last week, alongside other state cultural symbols. Tucked into a mural about artistic traditions, the dog sits placidly between a banjo player and an artist painting the Seneca Rocks, one of the state's best-known natural landmarks, in West Virginia's Monongahela National Forest.

Babydog made another memorable appearance at the Capitol in 2022, when the Governor hoisted her up during his State of the State address and pointed her rear end at the camera. Days earlier, singer and actor Bette Midler, on what was then Twitter, had called West Virginians "poor, illiterate and strung out" after U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D, W.Va.) refused to support a bill promoted by President Joe Biden and Democrats in Congress.

"Babydog tells Bette Midler and all those out there: Kiss her heinie," Justice said to a standing ovation from the crowd, which included state Supreme Court justices and members of the legislature.

Justice, a Republican now running to succeed Manchin, has made Babydog a minor celebrity in West Virginia during his two terms as Governor. The star of the governor's "Do it for Babydog" COVID-19 vaccination campaign, the dog was a gift from Justice's children in 2019. Referring to her lovingly as a "60-pound brown watermelon," Justice has taken the dog on gubernatorial trips across the state ever since. He extols Babydog's ability to bring people joy and he raves about her fondness for Wendy's chicken nuggets. The dog, more often than not, sits panting quietly beside him in her signature chair.

So far, Justice has been playing innocent about Babydog's appearance in the murals, which were commissioned as part of an effort to finish work inside the Capitol that started and then stopped during the Great Depression.

"I was just as surprised, in my ways, as anyone," he said Wednesday during a news briefing. "Really and truly, I wasn't a party to ... putting Babydog in the mural."

Justice said a committee led by Randall Reid-Smith, secretary of the Department



Crowds greet West Virginia Governor Jim Justice's English bulldog, Babydog, on June 20, at the unveiling of new murals depicting the state's culture and history at the state Capitol in Charleston, W.Va. PERRY BENNETT/ASSOCIATED PRESS

of Arts, Culture and History, made the call.

"They wanted to put a dog in and, well, had to pick some kind of dog, you know, so they picked an English bulldog," the Governor said. "A long, long, long time ago and everything before we ever really became a country, the English were in charge, and everything seemed kind of fitting, you know?"

Justice told reporters that Reid-Smith told him the dog in the mural was not necessarily Babydog, but her "20th grandma." The owner of the posh Greenbrier Resort and more than 100 other businesses, the billionaire was first elected governor in 2016 as a Democrat. The next year, at a rally with then-president Donald Trump, Justice announced he was switching parties.

In May, Justice easily beat U.S. Representative Alex Mooney in the Republican Senate primary. Justice's campaign has included the sale of merchandise emblazoned with his dog's face, such as "Paw-litical Strategist" beverage coolers and "Re-Pup-Lican for Justice."

His Democratic opponent in November, Wheeling Mayor Glenn Elliott, does not find Babydog all that funny. Elliott said he saw Justice later on the day the mural was unveiled, at another arts event to celebrate a new statue of the state's first governor, Arthur Boreman, in Wheeling.

"In his remarks, he spoke at length about his own dog and said nothing about Governor Boreman," Elliott wrote on X,

the social-media platform formerly known as Twitter. "This total lack of respect for anything beyond himself is why he is wholly unfit to represent West Virginia in the United States Senate."

Asked about Elliott's criticism, Justice had this to say: "Tell Glenn to get a life."

West Virginia's limestone state Capitol was designed by the renowned Cass Gilbert, the architect behind the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington. Gilbert's original design for the interior of the West Virginia Capitol, left incomplete because of limited funds, included murals that he said should "be historical and allegorical."

The "Shiveree of Seneca Rock" piece featuring Babydog depicts Seneca Rocks, a majestic 900-foot Tuscarora quartzite formation, along with important aspects of West Virginia industry and culture, including glass blowing, craftwork, music, dancing, painting and wildlife.

The tiny image of the dog was not included in initial designs shared with the public, nor was it mentioned at the dedication. Babydog did attend the June 20 event, where she sat on a camper chair after being hoisted up by Justice staffers.

It was not until afterward that people started noticing the bulldog in shots of the murals shared on social media. And there was not much debate about whose dog it was.

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## OMG! METS INFIELDER JOSE IGLESIAS PERFORMS HIS SONG AFTER WIN

NEW YORK Move over, Baha Men, and step aside, Timmy Trumpet. Here comes Candelita – a.k.a., New York Mets infielder Jose Iglesias.

The tradition of musicians appearing at Mets games and performing songs associated with the team took a unique turn on Friday night when Iglesias sang his song *OMG* after a 7-2 win over the Houston Astros in front of 32,465 fans at Citi Field.

"New York City!" Iglesias shouted as he walked toward shortstop, a position he's manned 1,016 times in a 12-year big league career. "Let's keep the party gooooooing!"

Iglesias was accompanied by dancers for more than a minute before teammates – many sporting *OMG* shirts – spilled onto the infield and surrounded him, raising their arms at the "Oh my God!" chorus. Sean Manaea held aloft an *OMG* sign while Harrison Bader, Starling Marte and Mark Vientos captured the performance on their cellphones.

"It's hard to say how I feel," Iglesias said afterward in the locker room, where Jeff McNeil and Francisco Lindor were still singing the song. "That was a big deal. Singing in front of great fans and seeing my teammates running up there is just a dream come true."

Iglesias is a lifelong music fan who wrote *OMG* – which he described to *SNY* earlier this week as trying to " ... maximize the possibility of enjoyment" – and used it as his walkup song upon being called up from Triple-A Syracuse on May 31.

His new teammates immediately took a liking to the 34-year-old Iglesias as well as his song, which is played after every Mets homer at Citi Field and after every win. New York is 17-6 since he joined the team and moved over .500 on Friday for the first time since May 2.

"It's amazing – I think it's going to be huge for him," Mets starting pitcher Jose Quintana said. "That's pretty cool, being part of this."

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# I'm acclimatizing to the flavours of a new life

FIRST PERSON

I continue to fascinate Canadian colleagues with my claim of never having tried things such as pickles, **Wole Olayinka** writes

The weeks leading up to leaving Nigeria were a blend of emotions, with excitement, uncertainty and anxiety topping the list. I still didn't have a concrete idea of what my wife and I were getting into, but the outlook was positive. We had just gotten married and were moving for the higher quality of life Canada promised.

Everyone said to pack as many food ingredients as possible, so with the assistance of family members, we started to shop: dried fish, garri flour, ground melon seeds, dried leaves and more – things we wouldn't find in Calgary, where we were headed, or that might cost too much to find a version that would placate our Nigerian taste buds. We were packing "a mobile pantry of sorts" as Kosisochukwu Ugwuende writes in her essay *A Traveling Pantry*, talking about the Nigerian traveller's propensity for hauling their food things abroad.

It was a restless period and we packed our lives into four large suitcases, plus an equal number of carry-on bags. Two of those large boxes were filled with food items. We were set for new lives in the land of maple leaves. I imagined the things that dominated our lives growing up in Nigeria were, if they existed in this new country at all, a tiny dot in the cultural landscape.

To be honest, most of my worries about culture had to do with food. I wondered if I could live without my swallows – not birds, but a dumpling-like dish with many names including *eba* or *fufu* depending on what it is made of and how. I couldn't remember if any two weeks in my almost 30 years of life had gone by without eating them. They are eaten with soups or stews by tearing off pieces with the right hand, dipping in soup and swallowing. It's comfort in the belly, and as I often find, soul-filling. I was worried about how to keep eating these when our Nigerian pantry inevitably ran out.

But in Calgary, we discovered many African food stores across the city where I can easily find powdered milk or even my favourite bitters from Nigeria. And there are African restaurants where I can find *nkwoobi* (spicy cow feet) and shawarma with a sausage appropriately tucked inside the Nigerian way, reminiscent of a pig in a blanket.

Before I moved to Canada, I'd had little cause to try foreign food and I continue to fascinate my Canadian colleagues with my claim of never having tried things such as pickles, which they probably take for granted as universal. I privately enjoy their anticipation as they await my verdict while I chew this or that for the first time. I can't offer them much more than "it's okay" or "it's great" because generally, we don't share the same vocabulary when it comes to food. I cannot instinctively imagine what they mean when they say "herb-infused" nor did I know what "umami" means until recently. And if I said a meal was "rich," we wouldn't be thinking the same thing.

One big issue, however, is how to eat in public – it's a constant source of trepidation. Should I use a fork, my hands or a spoon? Canadians are too polite to tell you you're eating something wrong or oddly – so while others at the table are probably busy minding their meal, I'm quivering inside wondering how many of them are judging me for using a fork on food that requires hand treatment. It shouldn't matter that much I tell myself, but it often does.

I am adapting and trying new foods. I'll reserve my comments on poutine until I've tried it a couple more times. Cooked right, steaks are a delight. The many flavours of Asia that I find in Calgary have been a revelation. I have also had my fourth try at tacos and can finally eat them in public without anxiety clogging up my brain as I figure out how to fold and bite gracefully.

Most menus are still unfamiliar, but I'm doing a bit better. I sure won't be ordering mussel linguine again, the first and last time I did was because of the familiar pasta

word but the tedious deshelling of the mussels and their briny flavour sealed its fate for me. But I'd eat hummus again, it reminds me of my mother's fluffy bean pudding, *moi-moi*. Bread and butter pickles were nice but I didn't enjoy French onion soup. Wasabi was hot, but the heat felt all wrong and my dislike of raw food will probably always come in the way of my enjoying sushi.

Sometimes I think about food as a gauge of how I'm settling into this new life and country. I'm grateful that I can still fill my belly with the tastes of my childhood as I acclimatize to the flavours of a new life. This journey has been riddled with anxiety but it's also been an enriching and savoury experience – and it's still early days.

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## Shifting to a vegetarian diet? Here are some tips

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OPINION



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

People adopt vegetarian diets for various reasons, such as protecting animal welfare, reducing their carbon footprint, affordability, personal food preferences and religious dietary requirements. But maintaining good health is one of the primary motives.

Eating a plant-focused diet has been shown to benefit weight control, blood pressure, heart health and immunity, as well as lower the risk of type 2 diabetes and cancer.

Now, a large-scale study adds to existing evidence that following such an eating pattern guards against chronic disease, in particular coronary heart disease and cancer.

Here's a rundown of the study findings, vegetarian styles of eating, plus simple ways to transition to a plant-based diet.

ABOUT THE RESEARCH

The study, published May 15 in the journal *PLOS ONE*, analyzed results from 49 reviews and meta-analyses published be-

tween 2000 and 2023. (A meta-analysis combines data from many studies.)

This extensive review, called an umbrella review, is one of the highest levels of evidence recognized by the academic community.

Studies included in the umbrella review had investigated the links between vegetarian and vegan diets, and cardiovascular health and cancer risk. Semi-vegetarian diets (e.g., flexitarian, pescatarian) were excluded.

DEFINING VEGETARIAN AND VEGAN DIETS

Lacto-ovo vegetarians eat dairy and eggs but avoid meat, poultry and fish. Lacto-vegetarian diets include dairy but omit meat, poultry, fish and eggs. Ovo-vegetarians eat eggs but no other animal foods.

Vegan diets exclude all animal products – meat, poultry, fish, eggs and dairy.

THE FINDINGS

The results showed, compared with non-vegetarian diets, vegetarian and vegan diets were associated with significantly lower body weight, LDL (low-density lipoprotein) cholesterol, blood pressure and fasting blood glucose, as well as lower levels of in-

flammation.

Vegetarian and vegan diets were also tied to a significantly lower risk of coronary heart disease and cancer, especially colorectal and prostate cancers.

The risk of dying from cardiovascular disease was significantly lower in vegetarians compared with non-vegetarians. There weren't any studies that investigated mortality risk in vegans.

Over all, the new findings suggest that plant-based diets have notable health benefits. The researchers cautioned, however, against making large-scale recommendations for such diets.

Because of the many differences between the original studies included in the umbrella review, such as sample size, study duration, geographical location, cooking methods, diet adherence and other lifestyle factors, the findings are more difficult to interpret. More research is needed.

HOW VEGETARIAN DIETS PROTECT HEALTH

Still, there are many ways in which plant-based diets may lower disease risk.

Vegetarian and vegan diets made up of a wide variety of whole plant foods provide plenty of vitamins, minerals and fibre along with thousands of anti-in-

flammatory and antioxidant phytochemicals. Phytochemicals don't exist in animal foods.

At the same time, vegetarian and vegan diets exclude red and processed meats, high intakes of which are tied to a greater risk of heart disease and colorectal cancer.

Research also suggests that vegetarians consume fewer refined grains, sweets, snack foods and sugary beverages than non-vegetarians.

Plant-based diets may also protect health by preventing obesity, a risk factor for heart disease and certain cancers.

TRANSITIONING TO A VEGETARIAN DIET

If you're considering adopting a vegetarian lifestyle, ease into it by gradually adding more plant foods to your daily diet.

At lunch and dinner, for example, replace half of your usual portion of meat or chicken with plant protein such as chickpea salad, edamame, grilled tofu, lentil pasta or a handful of nuts. Or consider giving up animal foods a few days a week.

Try a tofu scramble, black bean tacos, chickpea curry, bean pasta, edamame stir-fry, black bean burgers or bell peppers stuffed with lentils and brown rice or farro. Gradually, increase

your weekly target for vegetarian days.

Eliminate animal foods you seldom eat; you'll be less likely to miss them. For many people, red meat is the first to go.

Reach for plant-based snacks such as fruit and nuts, vegetables and hummus, whole grain crackers with almond butter or fruit smoothies.

Set a goal to make one new vegetarian recipe each week. You can find loads of recipes online.

PAY ATTENTION TO VITAMIN B12

Vitamin B12, used to make DNA and red blood cells, occurs naturally only in animal foods.

People who follow a vegan diet can get B12 by consuming foods fortified with vitamins such as non-dairy milk (e.g., soy, almond, oat etc.), some meat alternatives (check ingredient lists) and nutritional yeast and/or by taking a daily multivitamin with 25 to 100 mcg of B12.

If you are planning to adopt a vegan diet, consider consulting a dietitian to help ensure you are meeting your daily needs for B12, as well as protein, iron, zinc, iodine and omega-3 fatty acids.

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## A Quiet Place prequel speaks volumes in opening weekend

LINDSEY BAHR

*Quiet Place: Day One* is making noise at the box office. The prequel earned an estimated US\$53-million in its first weekend in North American theatres, according to studio estimates Sunday.

It's both a franchise best and significantly more than expected. Going into the weekend, prerelease tracking had *Day One* pegged for a US\$40-million debut, but audiences were clearly more enthusiastic to see the action-horror starring Lupita Nyong'o and Joseph Quinn and released by Paramount. The same could not be said for Kevin Costner's *Horizon: An American Saga – Chapter 1*, which opened to US\$11-million.

The *Quiet Place* victory wasn't quite enough to snag the coveted first place spot on the charts, though. That honour again went to Disney and Pixar's juggernaut *Inside Out 2*, which added an estimated US\$57.4-million in its third weekend in theatres, and crossed US\$1-billion globally.

There's a distant possibility that the places will shift when actuals are released Monday. But either way it's good news for movie theatres in a summer season that's finally heating up but still running far behind last year (down 19 per cent) and pre-pandemic norms (down 36 per cent from 2019).

*Inside Out 2* continues to be a box-office phenomenon, the likes of which the industry hasn't seen since *Barbie* almost a year ago. In just three weeks of release, it's earned nearly US\$470-million in North America and US\$545.5-million internationally, bringing its global total to US\$1.01-billion. The sequel is the only 2024 release to cross the billion-dollar mark and it did it in just 19 days, a record for an animated film.

"The film's stunning global success once again illustrates that audiences the world over will respond to compelling, entertaining movies, and that they want to enjoy them on the big screen," Michael O'Leary, president and chief executive officer of the National Association of Theatre Owners, said in a statement.

*A Quiet Place: Day One*, directed by Mi-

chael Sarnoski and rated PG-13, is also fast approaching an important threshold out of the gates. Including the US\$45.5-million from international showings in 59 markets, the US\$67-million production has already made US\$98.5-million.

"There's a lot of love for the *A Quiet Place* franchise," said Chris Aronson, the head of domestic distribution for Paramount. "We listened to the fans who wanted to expand the universe."

In a rare feat for a third film, it opened higher than both *A Quiet Place* (US\$50.2-million opening in April, 2018) and *A Quiet Place: Part II* (US\$47.5-million opening in May, 2021). John Krasinski, who wrote and directed the first two, continued serving as a producer.

Playing on 3,708 screens in the U.S. and Canada, nearly 40 per cent of its domestic earnings came from "premium screens" including Imax and other large formats. It entered the marketplace with mostly positive reviews (84 per cent on Rotten Tomatoes). Audiences gave it a B+ CinemaScore and four out of five stars on PostTrak.

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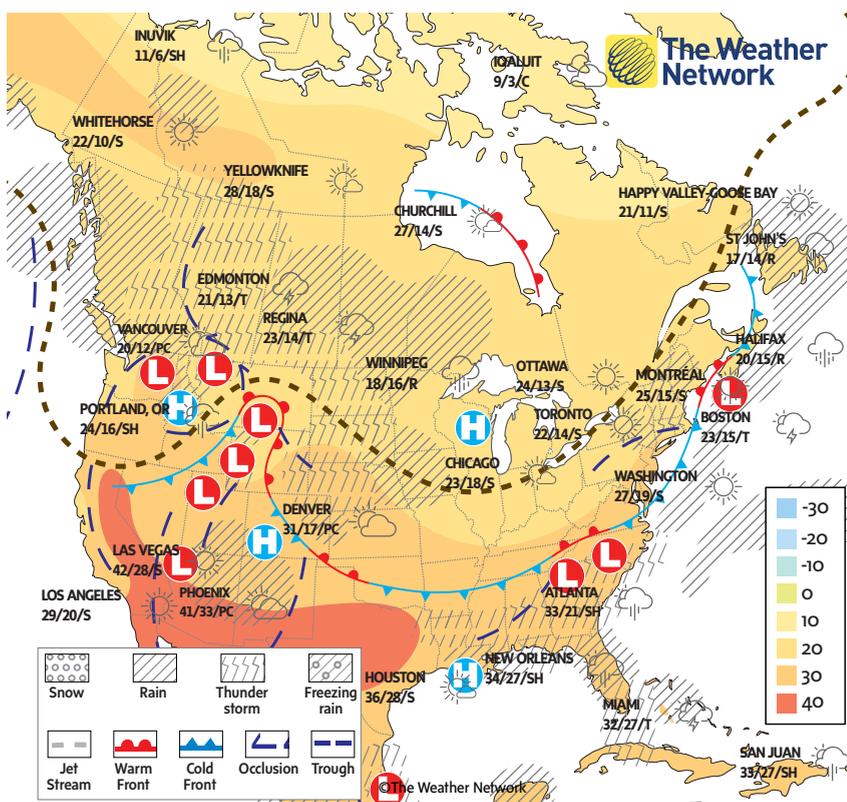
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BRIDGE
BY STEVE BECKER
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

The bidding:
South West North East
1[S] Pass 2[C] Pass
2[H] Dble 3[S] Pass
4[S] Pass Pass Dble
Opening Lead - nine of clubs.

NORTH
♠ 8 6 3
♥ Q 3
♦ Q 8 2
♣ A K J 8 2

WEST EAST
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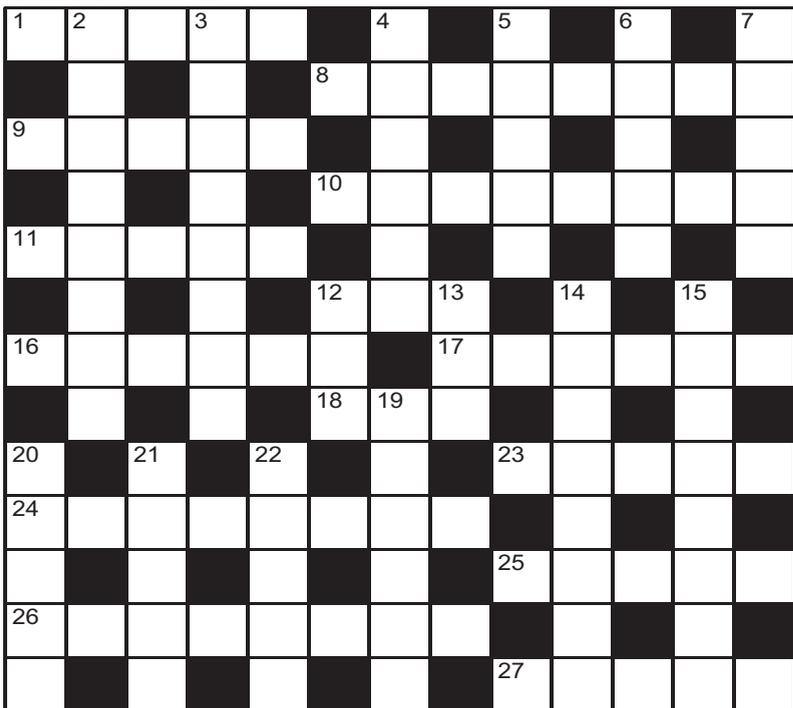
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♠ K Q J 10 4
♥ A 5 4 2
♦ K 7 5
♣ Q

This remarkable deal occurred many years ago. The declarer was John Collings. Collings wound up in four spades doubled after the auction shown, and West led the nine of clubs. Collings recognized that taking even 10 tricks might prove to be difficult. He won the club lead with the queen and led the king of spades to East's ace. East then returned the six of hearts. Declarer had little doubt that the six was a singleton. West's double of two hearts, plus the fact that Collings was looking at all the heart spots lower than the six, made it clear that East

did not have a doubleton. If he ducked the heart, therefore, West would take the king, return a heart for East to ruff, and the ace of diamonds would score the setting trick. So Collings went up with the ace and cashed the queen of spades. Then he made a most peculiar play: Instead of cashing a high spade to draw East's last trump, he led the four of spades! East was astonished to find himself winning a second trump trick with the nine, but his exuberance was short-lived. The trouble was that he now had to

lead something, and whatever he chose would hand South the contract. If East returned a club, Collings would discard three hearts and a diamond on dummy's A-K-J-8 of clubs, leaving the ace of diamonds as his only remaining loser. A diamond return would do him no better: If East cashed the ace, declarer could claim, while a low diamond would be taken by dummy's queen. South would then discard three hearts on the A-K-J of clubs, after which a diamond lead toward the K-7 would bring the defence to the same unhappy ending.

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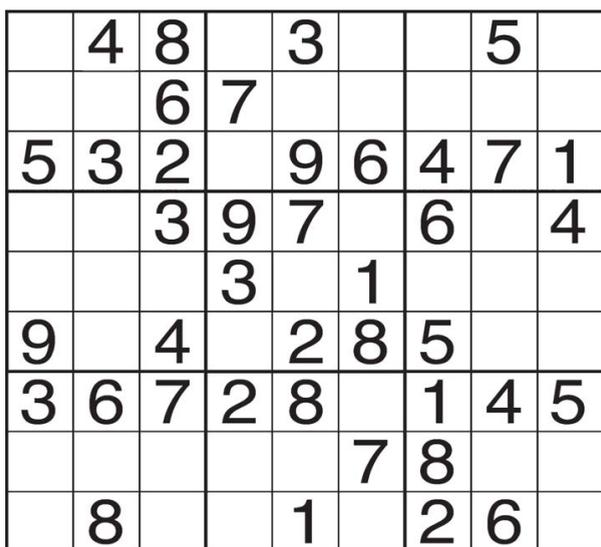
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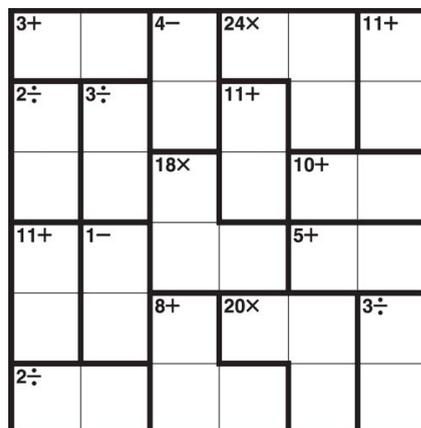
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INSTRUCTIONS Fill in the grid so that each row of nine squares, each column of nine and each section of nine (three squares by three) contains the numbers 1 through 9 in any order. There is only one solution to each puzzle.



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## Missaghi: Prosecutors were vague about reasons to withdraw Bridle Path case, audio shows

■ FROM A1

He added that major fraud cases routinely fall apart in Canada's criminal courts because these cases are complex and time-consuming for police and prosecutors, often inviting myriad pre-trial challenges where defence lawyers fight to exclude evidence.

The first known large-scale criminal probe to falter against Mr. Missaghi was a bust the police had called Project Tic Toc. The 2006 joint investigation involved extensive surveillance of Mr. Missaghi and at least 20 others, who were arrested for allegedly running an elaborate cargo theft ring in Ontario that stole transport trucks and sold the goods internationally.

When the charges went to trial, prosecutors elected not to enter extensive wiretap evidence against Mr. Missaghi, according to a retired officer familiar with the case. The officer said the wiretaps would have undermined several witnesses testifying in Mr. Missaghi's favour, but the Crown expressed concern about facing Garofoli applications, motions brought by the defence to exclude police evidence that may have been obtained unlawfully. The Globe and Mail is not naming the officer as he was not authorized to speak publicly about the case.

Mr. Missaghi was acquitted of fraud, conspiracy to commit an indictable offence and two other charges, according to the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General. The Crown assigned to the case did not respond to an interview request.

Years later, Ontario Provincial Police detectives alleged Mr. Missaghi and his associates operated a criminal organization that existed to perpetrate frauds in a Northern Ontario community.

In 2015, the OPP laid charges alleging people and entities were bilked of \$6-million. But in 2017, prosecutors brokered a plea deal. They agreed to drop all charges against Mr. Missaghi and his co-accused in return for fraud findings made against one of his corporations.

Court audio proceedings of the final pre-trial hearing indicate Mr. Missaghi's lawyers presented the court with a cheque for \$32,500 in compensatory damages for victims and that the defence said some lawsuits arising from the same frauds had been settled.

A prosecutor noted a judge's pre-trial ruling suggesting the frauds did not belong in criminal courts, but rather that they were civil court matters.

The next year, in 2018, Toronto Police charged Mr. Missaghi and three others with being behind \$17-million worth of frauds. Project Bridle Path, as the investigation was known, was a five-year probe of transactions involving

large houses in Toronto's wealthy Bridle Path area, as well as other properties located in similar neighbourhoods. The scheme, police said, dated back to before 2013 and involved enticing private lenders to hand out money for mortgages for people or companies that were posing to be the owners of expensive homes. The mortgages were never registered and police alleged false documents were used to seal the fake deals.

But in July, 2021, on the eve of a scheduled trial, the Crown withdrew its case and the four were free to go.

Court audio obtained by The Globe show prosecutors were vague about the reasons.

"It is apparent that it is no longer in the public interest to proceed with these charges," Crown Attorney Mitchell Flagg said during the hearing. Among the reasons for scuttling the case, he said, was because of "certain potential outstanding disclosure issues, which were brought to the attention of the Crown and the police many months after the charges were laid - and which crystallized recently."

Mr. Flagg declined to elaborate when contacted in June by The Globe. Serge Hamel, the prosecutor in Northern Ontario, also declined to comment.

The decision to withdraw the Bridle Path case frustrated lawyer Doug Bourassa, who represented victims in that alleged fraud scheme, especially since he said a lawyer implicated in the frauds who was later disbarred was prepared to testify.

"It was a lamentable and disappointing decision that ensured that Missaghi would be free to perpetuate his frauds," Mr. Bourassa said in an interview. He said his clients remain "incredibly disappointed."

At times, Mr. Missaghi boasted of being a master manipulator who could not be contained by lawyers, police or prosecutors. Records obtained by The Globe show he had been unsuccessfully sued many times and that he may have been wealthier than anyone realized.

"Mr. Missaghi just advised me ... his over 70 companies manage over \$700-million in investment funds," criminal lawyer David Bennett said during a 2015 bail hearing for the accused fraudster in the Northern Ontario case.

Shortly after Project Bridle Path ran its course, Mr. Missaghi and his associates entered into a mortgage deal with a man named Alan Kats.

Mr. Kats's body was found by police in the same office where Mr. Missaghi and Ms. Yousefi were found dead. He left behind a suicide note. His widow, Alisa Pogorelovsky, has since alleged that their family was defrauded of more than \$1-million.



Those looking for answers at the WestJet kiosk in Toronto's Pearson International Airport on Sunday were told they should call a phone number for assistance. CHRISTOPHER KATSAROV/CP

## WestJet: Airline says it can maintain minimal service with 30 to 50 aircraft

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Droves of frantic travellers approached the WestJet kiosk in Terminal 3 of Toronto's Pearson International Airport looking for answers on Sunday, only to be told they should call a phone number for assistance.

Carlos Enriquez became stranded in Toronto Sunday morning while trying to get home to St. John's. He had been visiting family in Wisconsin for a month and had taken two Delta flights, with a connection in Minneapolis, before arriving in Toronto to make the final leg of his trip.

He said he found out his WestJet flight had been cancelled before starting his journey, but when he tried to call the airline, he couldn't reach anyone.

"It was mission impossible, even Tom Cruise would fail at this," he said.

Following advice he received from Delta, he decided to keep his flights to Toronto and deal with a WestJet agent in-person upon landing. About 40 minutes after stepping into the airport, Mr. Enriquez said all he had received was a phone number that a WestJet employee had written down for him. When he tried to call it, the line was busy.

"I don't have time to deal with an irresponsible company. They don't care if you are stuck in the airport. I cannot be here for four days. It's cheaper to pay whatever the fare is to fly home," he said.

Concertgoers Hayley Vezeau and Mattie Leslie had their Saturday evening quickly derailed when they wound up on hold with WestJet after seeing Niall Horan perform at the Scotiabank Arena in Toronto.

The Dalhousie University students said they found out their flight home to Halifax had been cancelled at 11:30 p.m. Saturday night and immediately tried calling the airline. After staying on hold until 2 a.m., the 21-year-olds went to sleep and tried calling again at 7 a.m. They said they were kept on hold for another four hours before giving up and travelling to Pearson in the hopes of speaking with someone in-person.

Needing to return home for work and tired of waiting on the phone, Ms. Vezeau said the friends booked an alternate flight through Air

Canada. However, she said the lack of response from WestJet could leave them out of more money than they had budgeted for the trip.

"I've heard that it won't be covered, that it's not considered WestJet's fault. So, I guess we're not getting reimbursed either. A cute little \$100 trip is now a \$700 trip," she said.

The airline said Sunday it can maintain minimal service with 30 to 50 aircraft, operating around 150 flights a day.

Bret Oestreich, president of Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association, said the two sides planned to reconvene with a mediator on Sunday. He said the strike began after 97 per cent of the union's members rejected a pay deal reached in May.

"All we want to do is to go back to the table," he told Reuters in an interview Sunday. "The strike will be in effect until we get an agreement."

Mr. Oestreich said the airline and the union are separated by a first-year economic difference of about 7 per cent, or less than \$8-million for a roughly four-year contract.

WestJet said it has offered a 12.5-per-cent wage hike in the first year of the contract, and a compounded wage increase of 23 per cent over the rest of the 5½-year term.

Last week, in an effort to avert the strike, federal Labour Minister Seamus O'Regan asked the Canada Industrial Relations Board to resolve the contract dispute through binding arbitration, a process where a third party deliberates on the terms of a collective agreement.

On Friday, the board ordered the contract to be finalized through arbitration, but also stated that Mr. O'Regan's referral did not take away the union's right to strike. Mr. O'Regan has since said, in a post to social-media platform X, that he respects the board's authority, and would continue to meet with both sides on the issue.

After receiving the binding arbitration order, WestJet said it was awaiting "urgent clarity from the government that a strike and arbitration cannot exist simultaneously."

"This is something they have committed to address and like all Canadians we are waiting," the company wrote on Sunday.

## Beaver: Discovery raises questions about how the mushrooms live off of the animals

■ FROM A1

She had already been down the mine several times in March, 2014, when she and Donald McAlpine, the museum's head curator of natural science, came across a dead muskrat - not a beaver - sprawled on the floor of a lightless passage leading to the mine's flooded lower reaches.

How the muskrat came to be there is unknown, but it was enough of an oddity that the researchers were sure to take a second look when they were back in the mine the following December to observe bats in hibernation. This time, however, the muskrat was sporting some mushrooms on the decaying flesh of its tail.

"We knew right away it was special," Dr. Vanderwolf said.

Special and also very weird. Mushrooms may be a common sight growing in soil or on rotten wood, but a on a dead animal, it's a very different story. Intrigued and excited, the researchers tried to collect some specimens for further study, but this proved difficult.

"The mushrooms are very delicate, fragile, and lacy," Dr. Vanderwolf said. "This makes it hard to get them back to the lab for analysis because they fall apart so easily."

Back in Saint John, they consulted with mushroom experts and realized that they had stumbled onto something truly rare. But to learn more, they would need more mushrooms: "So we decided to add more carcasses."

Conveniently for the scientists, the provincial government had a ready supply, which au-



**Biologist Karen Vanderwolf revisits a dead beaver carcass sprouting mushrooms in the depths of a New Brunswick mine during her latest study.**  
DONALD MCALPINE

“No one will fight to preserve our natural heritage if no one knows about it.”

KAREN VANDERWOLF  
BIOLOGIST

thorities collect for various reasons, including as seized booty from illegal trapping. When Dr. McAlpine reached out to the province looking for muskrats, however, there were none to be had. Instead, he was offered three beavers from the province's frozen inventory.

"They were our second choice, but we thought, sure, let's try the beavers," Dr. Vanderwolf said.

The frozen beavers were duly sent to the museum in time for their next trip to the mine in July, 2015. In a hurry to get going on the long drive, Dr. Vanderwolf went to the museum's walk-in freezer, where the beavers were waiting, well-packed inside black garbage bags. She unwrapped one bag, then another. Each contained a beaver. Satisfied, she loaded up all three bags and headed for the mine with Dr. McAlpine.

Getting the specimens down into the mine was the next chal-

lenge. For those unaccustomed to handling Canada's national rodent, a frozen adult beaver weighs in at somewhere north of 50 pounds. In scientific terms, carrying three times that load into a dark, wet mine is known as a slog.

Eventually, the scientists arrived at their destination. It was at this point that Dr. Vanderwolf opened the only bag she hadn't previously checked to find herself staring at a porpoise.

It's hard to know what a paleontologist in some future era would make of a porpoise skeleton found in a copper mine. The researchers ultimately decided it would be best to avoid such a scenario. The porpoise was dutifully hauled back out of the mine for the return trip to Saint John.

Meanwhile, the experiment proceeded with the remaining two frozen beavers. One of these was placed beside the muskrat, which by this time was barely a splotch. The second was positioned about three metres away.

When Dr. Vanderwolf and Dr. McAlpine returned the following year, the first beaver carcass was nowhere to be found. The second beaver had mould but no mushrooms. Nothing changed by the next visit in 2017.

Then came a gap in visits, exacerbated by the pandemic. In total, it would be another five years before the researchers could return to the mine in April, 2022. To their amazement, they found the second beaver now covered in mushrooms.

"I don't know when the mushrooms first appeared, but they finally did," Dr. Vanderwolf said.

Results from that 2022 visit were revealing. The scientists extracted complete mushrooms along with some of the beaver's flesh to preserve their structure. A genetic analysis pointed to *Coprinopsis laanii*, a species previously known to live on tree stumps and cut wood, especially in northern Europe. Until now, none have ever been seen growing on a carcass.

"You don't know what doors are going to open when you find things like this," said Scott Redhead, a research scientist with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Ottawa and curator of the National Mycological Herbarium.

Dr. Redhead, who was not involved in the analysis, said that another possible interpretation of the data was that the mushrooms belonged to a new species closely related to the European version. Either way, he added, the discovery merits further study because it raises questions about how the mushrooms derive nutrition from the animals they colonize - or whether they may instead be living off the bacteria involved in breaking down the carcasses.

After visiting the beaver again this year, Dr. Vanderwolf said she sees the entire exercise as a rewarding side project that was simply too interesting not to pursue.

"The scientific impulse to investigate comes from a deep curiosity and a commitment to understanding the natural world, however strange," she said. "No one will fight to preserve our natural heritage if no one knows about it."

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## U.S. to charge Boeing with fraud over fatal crashes, offer plea deal

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The U.S. Justice Department will criminally charge **Boeing Co.** with fraud over two fatal crashes and ask the plane maker to plead guilty or face a trial, two people familiar with the matter said on Sunday.

The Justice Department planned to formally offer a plea agreement to Boeing later in the day, which includes a financial penalty and imposition of an independent monitor to audit the company's safety and compliance practices for three years, the sources said.

Justice Department officials plan to give Boeing until the end of the week to respond to the offer, which they will present as non-negotiable, the sources said. Should Boeing refuse to plead guilty, prosecutors plan to take the company to trial, they said.

Boeing and the Justice Department declined to comment. Reuters was first to report the Justice Department's decision to prosecute Boeing and seek a guilty plea.

The Justice Department decided to charge Boeing after finding it violated a 2021 agreement that had shielded it from prosecution over the fatal crashes involving 737 Max jets. The deadly crashes took place in 2018 and 2019, killing 346 people.

The decision to move toward criminally charging Boeing deepens an continuing crisis engulfing the plane maker, exposing the company to additional financial ramifications and tougher government oversight.

A guilty plea could also carry implications for Boeing's ability to enter into government contracts such as those with the U.S. military that make up a significant portion of its revenue.

■ FRAUD, B2

A pair of Boeing 737 Max jets are assembled at the company's plant in Renton, Wash., last week. JENNIFER BUCHANAN/VIA REUTERS

## Teacher fights benefit plan's requirement to use in-house pharmacy

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As the school year comes to an end, high-school teacher Amy Miller is preparing for an appearance before Ontario's pharmacy regulator to advocate against a recent move by the Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan. The plan's new specialty-drug pharmacy, MemberRx, takes away teachers' rights to choose their own health care provider, she will argue.

Ms. Miller is appearing at a meeting of the Ontario College of Pharmacists on July 8, along with her current pharmacist, Ron Yochim, who has helped her manage her ankylosing spondylitis arthritis. Last year, Ms. Miller received an e-mail saying that her plan would no longer cover the costs for members to use their pharmacy of choice for specialty-care drugs, as of April 4, 2024.

At issue is a brand-new model of pharmacy that advocates say could help keep costs down and make insurance plans more sustainable, but which critics say is an example of "patient steering," a practice that is attracting more scrutiny across the industry.

MemberRx is a "plan sponsor pharmacy" and was set up by Cubic Health, a Toronto-based company that consults with employee benefit plans and helps to manage those plans. The Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan launched MemberRx in May, 2023, running its own pharmacy to administer expensive specialty medications.

■ OTIP, B6

## After sluggish growth, Kinaxis stakes out role in supply chain renaissance

SEAN SILCOFF  
TECHNOLOGY REPORTER

John Sicard bursts past a rock 'n' roll band onto a stage at a Miami resort, dressed in jeans and a black T-shirt bearing a slogan that reads, "Taming complexity. Master uncertainty."

It's mid-June, the second day of **Kinaxis Inc.'s** annual conference, and the chief executive officer of the Ottawa-based company is in evangelist mode for his keynote. It's not easy to make supply chain software, which Kinaxis sells, seem exciting. Mr. Sicard takes a different tack, describing it as essential for human existence.

"We are responsible for the operating system of the planet, of society, of humanity," he tells 750 analysts and investors, partners and supply chain specialists with his blue-chip clients, including Volvo AB, Exxon Mobil Corp. and Pfizer Inc. "What all of you do really matters."

With recent strains because of the pandemic, geopolitical tensions, piracy and pressures to cut greenhouse-gas emissions, the way to improve the flow of goods is by orchestrating the myriad systems companies use to manage their supply chains, he says. Supply chain orchestration software just happens to be what he sells, now enhanced by artificial intelligence. "We're living through what I describe as a veritable renaissance of supply chain," Mr. Sicard declares.

Kinaxis is ripe for a renaissance of its own. Its stock, which hit \$220 a share in 2021, has stalled, trading at a discount to other enterprise software companies over the past year.

■ KINAXIS, B6

## Young people face difficult summer job hunt as employers seek to scrape by with fewer staff

DAVE MCGINN  
PIPPA NORMAN

Isabelle Burzese started looking for a summer job in February. Now, after finishing her first year of studies at Concordia University in Montreal, she's back home with her family and she's still looking. With expenses piling up, her search is becoming more and more urgent.

"I'm not looking to get a job for spending money or money to have fun, even though I would love to," the 18-year-old from Toronto says. "It's really for tuition and rent and groceries and things like that for next year."

Ms. Burzese estimates that she has applied for more than 40 jobs, and only one led to an interview, at Staples.

"I went in, put in my résumé and they offered me an interview on the spot. It went really well. But I still haven't heard back from that. And it's been a couple of weeks," she says.

This is an especially difficult summer for young people looking for work, says Nathan Janzen, assistant chief economist at Royal Bank of Canada. High interest rates have meant that many employers



Concordia University student Isabelle Burzese, 18, has been looking for summer work since February and estimates she has applied to 40 jobs. CHRISTOPHER KATSAROV/ THE GLOBE AND MAIL

may be trying to get by with fewer staff, and as a result competition among job seekers is that much more fierce.

"It's been challenging, and more and more challenging for younger people than for the broader population," Mr. Janzen says.

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# Airline competition revs up in Canada

Once dominated by two major national players, the sector is now seeing new battle lines emerge

CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS  
MONTREAL

On a warm Wednesday this month, a cartoon raccoon raised a cocktail glass and sarcastically saluted **Air Canada**.

The social-media image, posted by Porter Airlines, included an accompanying toast from the character: "Air Canada has now joined Porter in offering free beer, wine and snacks to all passengers. Thanks for joining our mission to help everyone actually enjoy economy!"

Tongue firmly in cheek, the post went on to ask Canada's largest airline, "What's next, a raccoon mascot?"

The online jibe marked the latest instance of publicly calling out competitors – a recent trend amid a transforming airline market that has companies stepping on each other's wingtips in new ways and on a bigger scale.

In a country traditionally dominated by a pair of national airlines, a new set of aviation rivalries has emerged. Porter is increasingly moving in on Air Canada's home turf of Central Canada as well as cross-country routes, while WestJet seeks to counter the threat of Flair Airlines in a shift from the decades-old industry dynamic of sparring between the two biggest carriers.

Porter, once a regional player hovering around the Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal triangle, has over the past 18 months tripled its domestic market share to nearly 10 per cent. Turboprop planes were used when the carrier covered only short distances. Now it has 35 Embraer jets in its fleet and expects 40 more by 2027, up from zero as recently as January of last year.

The rapid expansion overlaps heavily with Air Canada territory in Ontario and Quebec, prompting the country's largest airline to serve up no-charge treats and drinks. Cocktails also now cost \$5 per glass, down from \$9. Porter has long touted similar offers.

"It shows that they're



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## CANADA'S SHIFTING AIRLINE RIVALRIES REFLECTED IN CHANGING MARKET SHARE

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biggest carriers.

Here's how the airlines' share of domestic flight capacity has changed over the years, according to data from OAG and National Bank Financial.

2019

Air Canada: 48 per cent  
WestJet: 34 per cent

Porter: 4 per cent  
Flair: 1.5 per cent

2024

Air Canada: 41 per cent  
WestJet: 30 per cent  
Porter: 10 per cent  
Flair: 8 per cent

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concerned about our market share growth and what we're doing, and that we're a real competitive threat to them," said Porter president Kevin Jackson in a phone interview.

"How do I prove that? They did not launch free beer and wine to Mexico and the Caribbean. We don't fly there yet."

Air Canada said it continually refines its on-board products. "We take all competition seriously," said spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick in an e-mail.

Flair and WestJet have also raised their hackles as the two jostle for market share.

Flair now has a 20-plane fleet – still a fraction of WestJet's 180 aircraft, but enough to demand a response from the older of the two Alberta-based airlines.

In a bid to attract more price-sensitive customers – Flair's core demographic – earlier this month, WestJet replaced its basic ticket tier with a new fare category that did away with a free carry-on bag and other perks travellers once took for granted. Customers who choose the "ultra-basic" option must pay to select a seat even when checking in. Also, they board last – despite being relegated to the back of the plane.

Flair joined in on the ribbing that Canadians delivered online, retweeting a post on X, formerly known as Twitter, from satirical news site The Beaverton: "WestJet announces SuperUltraBasic fare where customers just stay home and give them money."

"Don't be ultra basic. Fly Flair," the budget airline, which offers a nearly identical fare tier, posted a day earlier.

The unexpected plane mechanics strike at WestJet that saw hundreds of flights cancelled over the Canada Day long weekend drove home the overlap between the two carriers.

"Directly due to WestJet's strike, we sold out nearly all of our flights yesterday and today," said Flair spokesperson Kim Bowie on Sunday.

But WestJet may have the last laugh. In its first week, the ridiculed fare class topped expectations with more than 100,000 tickets sold, the company said.

John Gradek, who teaches aviation management at McGill University, said WestJet's move marks a competitive thrust against a growing rival. "They're basically taking Flair on head-to-head."

Flair swooped in to fill the void left by Air Canada when it pulled out of dozens of regional routes west of Ontario during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, WestJet has cut routes in Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada to refocus on its home turf out west. On Toronto-Montreal, it went from about 370 flights per month two years ago to none, according to figures from aviation data firm Cirium.

WestJet retrenched in the East and dug in farther west "rather than go up against Air Canada in a lot of markets," said Helene Becker, an aviation analyst at TD Cowen. "That's where they were strong," she said, referring to British Columbia and the Prairies.

Air Canada has mirrored this move, remaining in Central and Eastern Canada while scaling back in the West. With Porter's ascent, it has replaced WestJet as Air Canada's biggest rival on routes such as Toronto-Halifax, Toronto-Fredericton and Montreal-Moncton.

The fresh dynamics of the airline world don't necessarily mean more competition, particularly on regional trips.

Lynx Air and Swoop are defunct – and Sunwing Airlines is set to fold into WestJet's main operation next year. As surviving airlines set their sights on more lucrative markets abroad and ditch smaller planes in the interest of higher-volume trips, flight numbers on numerous short-haul routes have plummeted over the past five years.

WestJet and Air Canada remain rivals, as do Porter and WestJet, with all four competing for traffic between Toronto and Vancouver as well as on trips to Florida.

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## Boeing agrees to buy Spirit Aero for \$4.7-billion, ending months of talks

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Boeing Co. agreed on Sunday to acquire **Spirit AeroSystems Holdings Inc.** for more than US\$4-billion, two people familiar with the matter said, ending months of talks over a deal the U.S. plane maker hopes will help ease a spiralling safety crisis.

Boeing will pay US\$37.25 a share for Spirit Aero, in an all-stock deal, the two people said. The boards of Boeing and Spirit met on Sunday and agreed to terms, and an official announcement is likely early on Monday, they said.

The acquisition values Spirit at around US\$4.7-billion, according to one of the sources.

The deal, which is subject to regulatory approvals, would result in the breakup of Spirit, with some of the Kansas-based supplier's assets going to French plane maker Airbus.

Airbus, Spirit and Boeing declined to comment.

Boeing is trying to move past a year of difficulties sparked by a Jan. 5 mid-air blowout of a door plug on a new 737 Max 9 jet that exposed myriad safety and quality problems. Those issues have led to a substantial slowdown in output at Boeing – rippling across the global commercial aviation industry.

Spirit, the manufacturer of the door plug, was spun off from Boeing in 2005 in one of a series of moves that critics say were emblematic of a focus on cost-cutting over quality.

Boeing made the decision to buy back Spirit in the aftermath of the Jan. 5 incident, which took place on an Alaska Airlines-operated flight, as part of an effort to reform its safety problems and shore up its production line.

Boeing had earlier discussed paying US\$35.50 a share in cash for Spirit, but this was raised to US\$37.25 when the agreement shifted to stock, one of the

sources said.

The terms of a parallel deal for Spirit to sell its Europe-focused operations to Airbus were not immediately clear.

People familiar with both deals were set to be announced in tandem early on Monday. The twin moves amount to a transatlantic breakup of the world's largest independent aerostructures maker, which has branched out to make parts for Airbus and others since being spun off by Boeing nearly two decades ago.

Buying Spirit Aero will not immediately resolve Boeing's problems.

Following the January door-plug incident, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) imposed a cap on production of Boeing's best-selling Max jets.

On Sunday, Reuters reported that the U.S. Justice Department will criminally charge Boeing with fraud over two fatal crashes and ask the plane maker to plead guilty or face a trial.

The iconic U.S. company has been losing market share to Airbus for years and is still dealing with the aftermath of twin crashes that killed nearly 350 people and forced a grounding of the 737 Max. Those crashes led to the appointment of current chief executive Dave Calhoun, who was brought in to resolve the problems at the manufacturer, but who will leave later this year with the company under greater regulatory scrutiny and with a reputation that has taken a beating.

U.S. senators on June 18 sharply criticized Mr. Calhoun for the plane maker's safety issues and repeatedly questioned him about his salary. Some airlines have vented their frustration with Boeing publicly and privately owing to delivery delays and the company's continuing issues.

Boeing recently submitted a comprehensive plan to the FAA addressing "systemic quality-control issues" at the company.

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U.S. lawmakers in June grilled CEO Dave Calhoun over Boeing's tarnished safety record. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Fraud: Victims' relatives view the plea deal as failing to hold the plane maker accountable

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Companies with felony convictions can receive waivers, and it remains unclear to what extent the Justice Department's proposed plea deal addresses the issue.

Justice Department officials revealed their decision to victims' family members during a call earlier on Sunday. The proposal would require Boeing to plead guilty to conspiring to defraud the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration in connection with the fatal crashes, the sources said.

The Justice Department's push for Boeing to plead guilty follows a separate January in-flight blowout that exposed continuing safety and quality issues at the plane maker. A panel blew off a new Boeing 737 Max 9 jet during a Jan. 5 Alaska Airlines flight, just two days before a 2021 deferred prosecution agreement with the Justice Department expired.

That agreement had shielded Boeing from prosecution over the 2018 and 2019 fatal crashes. Boeing has previously said it "honoured the terms" of the settlement and formally told prosecutors it disagrees with the finding that it violated the agreement.

The proposed agreement also includes a US\$487.2-million financial penalty, only half of which Boeing would be required to pay, they added. That is because prosecutors are giving the company credit for a payment it made as part of the previous settlement related to the fatal crashes of the Lion Air and Ethiopian

Airlines flights. The penalty is the maximum legally allowed for the charge.

Boeing could also likely be forced to pay restitution under the proposal's terms, the amount of which will be at a judge's discretion, the sources said. The offer also contemplates subjecting Boeing to three years of probation, they said.

Victims' relatives expressed anger toward Justice Department officials during the call, viewing the proposed plea deal as failing to hold Boeing accountable for the fatal crashes, said Erin Applebaum, one of the lawyers representing victims' relatives. Family members wanted the company to face additional charges and stiffer financial consequences, she said.

"The 737 Max families vigorously oppose the shameful new sweetheart deal between Boeing and the Department of Justice," Ms. Applebaum said. She called the proposed plea agreement's financial penalty "negligible" and said victims' families will oppose the deal in court.

The Justice Department declined to comment on the families' reaction.

U.S. lawmakers in June grilled chief executive Dave Calhoun over Boeing's tarnished safety record. Lawyers for victims' family members have cited criticism from Capitol Hill when pressing the Justice Department to prosecute the plane maker and impose a fine of up to US\$24.78-billion.

REUTERS

## Summer hours prove to be perk small businesses can offer to boost morale

MAE ANDERSON NEW YORK

With summer having gotten off to a scorching start, workers across the country may be dreaming of a seaside escape or cutting out early to watch a movie in an air-conditioned theatre.

For some, that can be a reality. Business owners have found that offering summer hours – a reduced schedule on Fridays, usually between Memorial Day and Labour Day – can be a way to boost employee morale. Workers are able to deal with summer child-care gaps, return to the office refreshed and feel like their job values them, owners say.

Reduced hours in the summer months can also enable smaller businesses to stand out to prospective employees in a competitive talent marketplace.

“When smaller employers have less resources and they want to be more competitive with attracting and retaining quality talent, they want to be creative with the benefits that they offer. And one of the benefits they can offer would be flexible time in the summer,” said Rue Dooley, a knowledge adviser at the Society for Human Resources Management.

Special summer schedules don’t work for all types of industries, however. And it takes some trial and error to figure out the best option for each company.

Michael Wieder, co-founder of Lalo, which makes baby and toddler products, thought summer hours were a good fit for his 32 employees because so many of them – about 75 per cent – are parents.

His staffers work remotely and are spread across the United States and several other countries. Since founding the company in 2019, he tried various summer-hour schemes, such as offering every other Friday off, but the current system works best, he said. On Fridays, the business closes at 1 p.m. local time. Staffers also get four-day weekends for Memorial Day, Labor Day and July 4.

“We know that child care is harder during the summer,” he said. “Summer is a time where people do like to take time with their family or take trips, and we want to be able to reward our employees with some additional time with their families.”

Greg Hakim, owner of Corporate Ink in Boston, which offers PR services to emerging tech companies, said he uses summer hours as both a recruitment and retention tool. He plays up summer hours in job descriptions and said the perk has helped him retain staff – particularly during the pandemic when others found it hard to keep workers.

“It’s just helped us retain our team during the ‘Great Resignation,’ people are just like losing people left and right,” he said. “And I think we went 23 months without having someone resign. And that’s just such an important benefit and competitive advantage.”

Jim Christy co-owns Midwest Cards, a trading-card retailer based in Columbus, Ohio, with about 30 employees. He started offering summer hours – Fridays off after 2 p.m. – in 2021, a year after founding the company, as the pandemic upended normal ways of working.

The hardest part was figuring out what to offer people who worked in his brick-and-mortar shop, who also fill online orders, since they had to work normal hours to keep the store running. He decided to give logistics-side workers Friday afternoons off, while the six staff who work on the brick-and-mortar side and do customer service for online orders get off on Mondays, when the store was closed. Some workers can sign on remotely to answer customer queries if they want to, but it is not required.

“We couldn’t just apply one situation to everybody. So that was a little challenging,” he said.

For some companies, summer hours work so well that they’ve gone even further. Chris Langer, co-founder of digital marketing agency CMYK, has 14 staffers who all usually work in the company’s studio.

In 2014, rather than offer Friday afternoons off, he started offering entire Fridays off during the summer – every other week. Then, last year, Mr. Langer started hearing chatter about the four-day workweek, so he decided to try that out during the summer.

Communicating with the company’s tight-knit staff, who have all worked together for years, makes the four-day week doable, Mr. Langer said.

“We’re small, so, it’s easy to have a discussion with everybody on, like, what’s real and how everyone’s feeling, if they’re feeling stressed out, can they get their work done,” he said.

If a big project is due, he might call people in on a Friday, but so far, that has only happened twice since CMYK instituted the four-day week.

“It is more stressful in terms of getting the work done throughout the week, but the day [off] was much more of a payoff,” he said.

Of course, summer hours don’t work for every company. Retail stores risk losing customers to big-box stores or others that are open for more hours. And employees that are paid by the hour rather than set salaries can balk at getting paid for fewer hours.

Jennifer Johnson, owner of True Fashionistas, a consignment shop in Naples, Fla., thought she would try summer hours in 2022 because Naples is seasonal, with the busiest part of the year wrapping up around Easter. Beginning May 1, she changed her open hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. But the change didn’t work.

“We have a staff of 45 to 50 employees, and it cut their hours and that upset them, and rightfully so,” she said. “It also upset our customers who were used to our hours and wanted to shop.”

She abandoned the effort after two months and hasn’t tried again.

“I really believe that with anything consistency is the key,” she said. “The customers need to know they can rely on you to be open, you cannot always be changing your hours because that is a quick way to lose customers.”

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CMYK co-founder Chris Langer, right, started hearing chatter about a four-day workweek last year and decided to try it out during the summer, giving employees Fridays off.

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Employment and human-rights lawyer Muneeza Sheikh launched her own firm in June, where she will be looking for cases that include a social-justice component. CHRISTOPHER KATSAROV/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

## Sheikh flies solo to focus on cases with social-justice elements

Dentons picks up some lateral hires in June, and both WeirFoulds and Gowling WLG bring on new partners

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LEGAL MOVES

The Sheikh in leading Canadian employment firm Levitt Sheikh LLP has gone solo.

Muneeza Sheikh hung out her own shingle last month after more than 14 years working alongside Howard Levitt.

“It’s about building my own firm that is 100 per cent aligned with my values around how I want to advocate, the types of cases I want to take on, and being able to focus on the areas of law that I have worked to develop,” she said.

“As a woman in law, I’ve seen so much gender inequality. It’s made me passionate to advocate for women, but also other groups that deal with different treatment because of their race, ethnic background, sexuality or religion.”

Ms. Sheikh got her start working as a summer and articling student at what was then Cavalluzzo Hayes, a leading union and employment shop. From there, she moved in-house to the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, and not long after, took a job working alongside Mr. Levitt.

At her new firm, Ms. Sheikh will be looking for cases that include a social-justice component, as well as free-speech issues.

“There’s a lot of deference toward one view and if you’re speaking up on the other side, I’m seeing a slew of terminations and threats being levied against those employees. They’re being

iced out. This is something I’m passionate about,” she said.

Ms. Sheikh said she also does work for employers, who are under more pressure to be conscious of issues around equity and diversity. This fear of making a wrong step can leave some businesses paralyzed.

“Sometimes this leaves a lot of employers with the impression that they can’t run their businesses operationally in a manner that they see fit. They can’t hire and fire as they want. They can’t discipline,” she said. “In fact you can do all of those things, as long as you do it in good faith and as long as you’re not doing it in a way where you seek to trample on someone’s rights.”

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MUNEZZA SHEIKH  
LAWYER

Muneeza Sheikh Employment & Human Rights opened its doors in June. Ms. Sheikh is supported by two associates, an articling student and a paralegal.

Dentons picked up a handful of lateral hires in June.

Mark Ricketts, who specializes in secured financing transactions, particularly real estate secured lending, joined the firm’s banking and finance group in Calgary as a partner. Previously, he had been with Fasken.

Also in Calgary, the corporate group has added Kate Stevens as a partner after working with Torsys as a senior associate. “Her bold and innovative thinking,

coupled with her skills and her team-based approach, will further enhance our team’s ability to provide pragmatic solutions to meet our clients’ business needs,” Leanne Krawchuk, the corporate group’s national leader, said in a release.

And finally, Alexandre-Philippe Avaré returned to Dentons’ litigation and dispute resolution group after spending five years in-house with Hydro-Québec. His areas of expertise include commercial litigation, administrative law, and Indigenous, energy, natural resources and mining law.

At WeirFoulds, Megan Mossip has joined the corporate and commercial practice group as a partner. She comes from Owens Wright.

“While I deeply appreciated working with my previous team, I knew that my business clients needed the comprehensive services and expertise of a larger firm,” she said.

She said that whether it’s navigating insolvency issues, or staying ahead of evolving employment laws, her clients are already benefiting from the expertise and resources of a full service law firm. “That and the view from the 40th floor is impressive.”

Also in June, Gowling WLG announced Asim Iqbal as a new partner in its corporate restructuring, insolvency and advisory group.

“Asim’s creativity and business acumen make him a tremendous asset for our clients facing high-stakes restructuring and insolvency issues. His addition to the team reinforces our commitment to delivering exceptional service and strategic solutions,” Benjamin Na, the Toronto office’s managing partner, said in a release.

Mr. Iqbal comes to Gowling by way of Miller Thomson.

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### Weekly Appointment Review

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

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# OPINION & ANALYSIS

## Price controls could be a path to inflation relief

German economist Isabella Weber was right to suggest we consider an overlooked option in our policy tool box

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OPINION

Senior economist at CUPE National in Ottawa

May inflation numbers showed that the cost of food isn't growing as fast as it was, but even small increases in food prices build on two years of staggering increases. Groceries cost 21 per cent more than they did in May, 2021. Meanwhile, households' disposable income is just 5 per cent higher, while Canada's food and beverage retailers added almost 18 per cent to their bottom line.

Nothing in our standard tool box of policies will provide the immediate relief that people need.

One alternative that could be price controls, which arguably aren't popular. When NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh spoke to the party's motion on food price caps recently, he was met with a skeptical question asking if this type of policy was appropriate for our free-market economy.

In 2021, the German economics professor Isabella Weber, who teaches at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, got exactly the same response when she set off a firestorm by asking, "Could strategic price controls help fight inflation?"

Time, however, has proved Prof. Weber right. Governments around the world have accepted that strategic price controls can be an effective tool.



German economics professor Isabella Weber, who teaches at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, set off a firestorm by asking whether strategic price controls could help fight inflation. Her team's research has since demonstrated how profits are an important part of the inflation story. FRED LUM/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

For example, the South Korean government launched a task force that will monitor and manage the supply of many essentials in order to stabilize prices. Last year, France established an agreement with food retailers to lower prices on 5,000 food items, and backed it up with the threat of financial consequences if food prices and profit margins didn't come down.

As Prof. Weber said in a recent episode of *The Globe and Mail* podcast *Lately*, she didn't think she was being controversial when she pointed to the use of price controls to temper inflation after the Second World War. The parallels between that era and pandemic-induced economic disruption were clear, with both experi-

encing supply bottlenecks and strong demand.

And, she said, the most important economists of the 20th century agreed that this situation would "trigger inflation, create windfall profits, and ultimately erase the purchasing power of ordinary people, resulting in political and economic harm." Those economists agreed that the solution was temporary and targeted price controls.

Prof. Weber said her point was that "we did not have to respond with interest-rate hikes, we did not have to push down the whole economy."

We had historical precedence for targeted interventions that would be more effective given the structural causes of the inflation

we were experiencing.

Some high-profile economists were initially hostile to Prof. Weber's position, but the primary academic debate centred on whether or not we were experiencing the type of economic shocks that would cause "seller's inflation." Seller's inflation describes the situation where corporations are not afraid that increasing prices will cause them to lose market share, allowing them to set prices higher than standard economic theories would predict. Interest-rate hikes and competition policy are largely ineffective against these types of price increases.

Prof. Weber's team responded by documenting corporate earnings calls and public statements by chief executives. She says

there was a common story that emerged – leaders reasoned that "my costs are exploding, but I know that the costs of my competitor are also exploding, so I'm going to respond to this by increasing my prices and protecting my profit margins."

The empirical data show that's exactly what happened. Prof. Weber proved that profits are an important part of the inflation story. She also found that when this dynamic happens in essential sectors – such as housing, energy and food – it creates a ripple effect throughout the economy.

We've seen this type of inflation happening in Canada. In October, the Competition Bureau issued a report on corporate concentration in Canada. The authors noted that the ability to pass along higher costs and maintain profit margins is evidence of pricing power. Not only did Canada's major grocery chains maintain their profit margins, they increased them. And excess corporate pricing power isn't necessarily behind us – a recent report from Canadians for Tax Fairness finds that corporate profits in 2023 were still double the levels of the decade before the pandemic.

While we might not talk about them very much, price controls already exist in our economy, and they can take many different forms. Governments across Canada have caps on rent increases, energy fees, long-term care co-payments, child-care fees and more. In fact, when the Bank of Canada sets the interest rate, it is controlling the price of money.

It is important for us to start having evidence-based conversations about the role of price controls in ensuring workers and their families can afford a decent life. Prof. Weber's research has shown that price controls are an important tool in the policy tool box. We should listen to her.

## Record companies' moves against AI should push governments to take action

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OPINION

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The monopolization of the digital economy, in which streaming platforms reap most of the profit, has overhauled the music industry and made it harder than ever before for artists to make money. A bill proposed in the U.S. Congress, the Living Wage for Musicians Act, seeks to establish a new royalty standard of one penny per stream.

It's hardly radical. The modesty of this intervention is at once humbling and hilarious, acting as a reminder of the power of cultural choke points such as the platforms.

And now, there's a powerful new player threatening artists' earnings.

Last week, major record companies (Universal, Capitol, Atlantic, Warner, Sony and others)

filed a lawsuit against two generative AI companies, Suno and Udio, that make "music" based on text prompts. The record companies are accusing the AI firms of "willful copyright infringement on an almost unimaginable scale" and provide evidence that both companies have trained their algorithms on the record companies' catalogues of songs. The lawsuits outline why this application is not "fair use" but instead "wholesale theft of ... copyrighted recordings [that] threatens the entire music ecosystem and the numerous people it employs."

These record companies have a point. And their move against AI should spur government toward formal policy updates. Such updates are needed to better protect artists from having their material stolen and monetized by computer models that don't want to pay to use it.

This is particularly so for our government. Canada's unique history of cultural-content protection makes the country well positioned to take a bold stand on the legality of this behaviour as it concludes a national consultation on the implications of generative artificial intelligence for copyright.

In Canada, the fair-dealing exception in the Copyright Act permits the use of other people's copyright-protected material for the purpose of research, private study, education, satire, parody, criticism, review or news reporting, provided that what you do with the work is "fair." AI companies have recently pressed Ottawa for an exemption around copyright laws, insisting that the use of AI to read and learn

from material should not require compensation. At present, it is unclear whether all media published online are truly fair game for these generative models, though these firms have been forging ahead in the absence of regulatory clarity as they twist an overly ambiguous law in their favour.

High-quality fake audio is testing the music industry in other important ways. Last year, a collaborative track featuring AI-generated imitations of Drake and the Weeknd's voices called *Heart on My Sleeve* was submitted for Grammy consideration, although it was deemed ineligible by the Recording Academy, which subsequently updated its Grammy rules. Through various social-media posts, many listeners also have cautiously raised concerns that Spotify is either using AI to generate music or permitting AI-generated music to masquerade as a traditional tune on its platform, which is misleading and can cut into a musician's earnings, further diluting an already paltry payout. While the inputs to these models certainly matter, as an output, fake music is unfair and deceptive.

At the most basic level, we need more transparency regarding the inputs into these models, and the ability to choose (and pro-actively reject) their automatic inclusion in the music services we subscribe to. From a consumer-protection standpoint, listeners need reliable mechanisms to make independent decisions about the content they consume and support. Meanwhile, as synthetic music pollutes playlists, Universal and TikTok recently settled a licensing dispute that had them in a stalemate over artist compensation and the use of AI-generated music on the platform. TikTok has agreed to work with Universal to remove unauthorized AI-

made content. Large platforms that have the ability to set norms for creative industries are starting to reject the presence of generated material, but their reactions are mixed. It was recently reported that, after an initial test phase, YouTube is offering music labels lump sums of cash to entice more artists to allow their songs to be used to train AI.

Meanwhile, OpenAI's chief technology officer, Mira Murati, recently mused that some artistic jobs shouldn't exist. This follows her confusion in a *Wall Street Journal* interview regarding what data OpenAI's video-generational Sora model was trained on. But what if it's fake music made by computers that the world doesn't have the bandwidth for? Perhaps in addition to policing and enforcing copyright protections, artificially generated "music" simply shouldn't be permitted to sonically masquerade as if it were made by humans.

A quick reaction that can slow the sounds of these strange tunes would be music to our ears.

Perhaps in addition to policing and enforcing copyright protections, artificially generated 'music' simply shouldn't be permitted to sonically masquerade as if it were made by humans.

## Urban reserves can provide a boost for the economic prospects of Indigenous communities

BILL LOMAX

OPINION

President and chief executive of First Nations Bank of Canada

As we mark the end of National Indigenous History Month, communities across the country are thinking about how to strengthen their economies for generations present and future, given the continuing disparities faced by First Nations populations.

One promising opportunity for Indigenous economic empowerment that deserves focus is the creation of more urban reserves. Distinct from traditional reserves in rural and remote regions, these are parcels of land within or adjacent to urban areas that are designated for the use and benefit of Indigenous peoples.

One of the primary economic benefits of urban reserves is the tax advantages they offer, like with traditional reserves. Businesses operating on urban reserves enjoy tax exemptions, such as not paying property taxes and reduced or exempted sales taxes. This creates a positive environment for Indigenous entrepreneurs, who can establish and scale their businesses closer to population centres than if they were to set them up in traditional reserves.

The tax benefits and closeness to population centres also make urban reserves attractive to non-Indigenous businesses seeking partnerships, leading to increased investment and job creation within Indigenous communities. These partnerships can lead to knowledge transfer, capacity building and increased economic activity, benefiting both Indigenous communities and the broader economy.

With many Indigenous people having left traditional reserves, urban reserves can also foster a sense of community and cultural identity, powerful motivators for Indigenous entrepreneurs. We know that when communities are prosperous, we see a better quality of life, investment in language revitalization and culture – goals we want to achieve for our chil-

dren and grandchildren.

Success stories on urban reserves are emerging everywhere: From retail businesses to tech startups and professional services, Indigenous-owned businesses are expanding. These enterprises not only generate income for their owners but also create employment for community members, thereby reducing dependency on government assistance and building economic independence.

According to Indigenous Services Canada, there are more than 120 urban reserves across the country, a number that is increasing as more Indigenous communities recognize their economic potential. The establishment of urban reserves involves a rigorous process of negotiations, land acquisition, and federal and municipal approvals, but the benefits make the effort worthwhile.

The push for urban reserves is timely for several reasons. First, the growing urbanization of Canada means that economic opportunities are increasingly concentrated in cities. By establishing urban reserves, Indigenous communities can ensure they are part of this economic growth rather than being left behind.

Second, the socioeconomic gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians remains a pressing issue. Urban reserves provide a practical solution to bridge this gap by creating wealth and employment within Indigenous communities.

Finally, the economic reconciliation movement in Canada has brought Indigenous issues to the forefront of national consciousness. There is a greater willingness among policy makers, businesses and the public to support initiatives that promote Indigenous prosperity. This supportive environment makes it an opportune time to expand the network of urban reserves.

Indigenous leaders who are spearheading the urban reserve movement and the policy makers who are working side by side to make these special jurisdictions a reality deserve applause. Together, we can bridge the economic gap and create a brighter future of greater prosperity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

# Youth: Number of young people receiving EI benefits has increased 14% in about a year

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In April, Statistics Canada released data showing that the youth employment rate had dropped to 55 per cent, its lowest level since February, 2012, not including the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021.

In a sign of just how hard the job market has become, there were 46,060 young people receiving employment insurance benefits in February, the most recent month statistics are available, compared with 40,250 in May, 2023, representing an increase of 14.4 per cent.

Ms. Burzese says she will make what money she can from babysitting, tutoring and house-sitting. "But other than that, there is no solid backup plan," she says. "I think I'm going to have to rely on loans and my parents being very, very angry at me for not being employed."

Dildare Yurt, a student at the University of Waterloo, needs a job to pay her rent and tuition but has had no luck so far. She says the process of applying for jobs online is time-consuming and demoralizing.

"They're asking you to take customer-service skills tests because the application requires that, but then they end up not even looking at your application," she says.

The high cost of living means that Ms. Yurt is far from enjoying the sort of carefree summer that was once the norm for many people her age.

"If I want to go out with my friends, I have to think twice before doing that because prices are really, really going up and there aren't even minimum-wage jobs that are accepting applications," says the 18-year-old, who estimates she has so far applied for approximately 40 jobs.

"I'm kind of starting to lose hope, but I'm still applying because I don't really have any other choice," she says.

Adelaide Quinn hasn't received any interviews or rejection notices after applying for almost 20 jobs so far.

She got her Smart Serve certification as soon as she got home from school at Trent University in Peterborough, Ont., in April, and she began handing out her résumé at restaurants near her home in Toronto and applying for jobs on sites such as Indeed.

Many of the jobs she's applying for, such as a barista at cafés, require two years of experience or qualifications she'd have to



Concordia University student Isabelle Burzese has yet to find a summer job. She says she will make what money she can from babysitting, tutoring and house-sitting. 'But other than that, there is no solid backup plan,' she says. CHRISTOPHER KATSAROV/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

## SUMMER JOB HUNTING TIPS FROM THE EXPERTS

Students hoping to find a job for the summer should have begun sending out résumés by early March at the latest, says Sandra Levoy, a workplace expert and regional director at the staffing firm Robert Half.

But there is hope even for those starting their search later. A recent survey conducted by Robert Half found 64 per cent of the company's clients plan to hire entry-level professionals in the first half of the year.

"There's still a demand, even with the uncertainty going on in

the marketplace," Ms. Lavoy says.

Persistence is key. Send the résumé, follow up with an e-mail, call and ask to speak to human resources and explain why you want to work for the company, Ms. Lavoy says.

Some students who managed to land summer jobs did so for old-fashioned reasons: having the right experience and knowing the right people.

Rachel Bannister, a 19-year-old in Pickering, Ont., who is studying to be a math and drama

teacher, landed a job as a counsellor at a camp at a theatre.

"I really want to be outside working with kids," she says. "My cover letter was more focused on drama and my experience with acting."

Her previous experience working at a camp last summer, along with her educational background, made finding her job relatively easy, she says.

Onnie Barbour did not have an easy time finding a job for the summer. Currently on a break from school, he has been apply-

ing for jobs since January.

"I submit résumés, I write up cover letters. I just never hear back from anyone," says the 19-year-old from Toronto.

He estimates he was applying to 10 jobs a week, everywhere from grocery stores to retail outlets.

Mr. Barbour finally landed a job as a counsellor at a camp through a friend.

"She was able to put in a good word for me," he says.

DAVE MCGINN,  
PIPPA NORMAN

spend money to get, such as a food handler certificate or CPR, Ms. Quinn says.

"I'll never get experience if I can't just get a job," the 19-year-old says. "But I feel like people aren't willing to train."

Most customer-service jobs now require previous experience ranging from seven months to a year, says Rosie Forth, co-ordinator at Drive Youth Employment

Services in Vancouver.

"We're seeing that it's very tough for those without work experience because the job market is a little saturated with people who have more experience who are tending to take some of those more entry-level positions," she says.

Those positions may also be scarce because many businesses are trying to scrape by with

smaller teams to save costs, Ms. Forth says.

Harold Parsons, executive director of BGC (formerly Boys and Girls Club) South East in Ontario, has for years run employment programs for young people.

The tightening economy has meant that many students who might have once received help from their parents to pay their tuition or other education costs

no longer have that support and are struggling to pay their day-to-day expenses, let alone save for school.

"They're actually working to pay their bills right now," he says. "They're not even able to prefund themselves for expenses they're going to see in the fall because things are so challenging now that they're literally working to pay for their expenses that week."

# South Korea's SK Hynix to invest billions in chips, AI through 2028

SEOUL

South Korea's SK Hynix, the world No. 2 memory chip maker, will invest 103-trillion won (about \$102-billion) through 2028 to strengthen its chips business, focusing on AI, its parent SK Group said on Sunday.

SK Group also said it plans to secure 80-trillion won (\$79-billion) by 2026 to invest in artificial intelligence and semiconductors as well as fund shareholder returns, while streamlining its more than 175 subsidiaries.

The sprawling conglomerate outlined the plans following a two-day strategy meeting, aiming to revive the group after SK Hynix, its main money maker, and the group's electric-vehicle battery arm suffered heavy losses.

SK Group said it sought to improve its competitiveness by focusing on its AI value chain, including high bandwidth memory (HBM) chips, AI data centres and AI services such as personalized AI assistants.

At a time of transition, a "pre-emptive and fundamental change is necessary," SK Group chairman Chey Tae-won was quoted as saying in the statement.

During the meeting, the executives also agreed to take gradual steps to adjust the number of subsidiaries in the group to a "manageable range," without specifying the scale of the reduction.

Local media had said SK Innovation, which owns the county's largest oil refiner and battery maker SK On, was expected to pursue a merger with profitable gas affiliate SK E&S.

The group expects its profit before tax to reach around 22-trillion won (\$21-billion) this year, turning around from a loss last year, with the goal of hitting 40-trillion won (\$39-billion) in profit before tax by 2026.

South Korea, home to the world's top memory chip makers Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix, has fallen behind some rivals in areas such as chip design and contract chip manufacturing.

Earlier this year, the government announced a 26-trillion won (\$25-billion) support package for its chip businesses, citing a need to keep up in areas such as chip design and contract manufacturing amid "all-out warfare" in the global semi-conductor market.

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# International bank raises alarm on government debt ahead of elections

Bank for International Settlements warns political turbulence could rattle global financial markets

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The Bank for International Settlements warned on Sunday that rising government debt levels amid a number of major elections this year could roil global financial markets.

Dubbed the central bankers' central bank, the BIS said the world economy was on course for the "smooth landing" that many economists doubted when interest rates shot up, but said policy makers, especially politicians, needed to be careful.

Global government debt is already at record levels and elections ranging from the U.S. presidential vote in November, through recent polls in Mexico and South Africa, to votes in France and Britain in the coming week, all carry risks.

BIS general manager Agustín Carstens said that with interest rates not about to go back to ultralow levels, and cost pressures



**A voting assistant empties a ballot box in Soultz-Les-Bains, France, on Sunday. The French debt risk premium surged in June after an election was called.**

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from aging populations, climate change and rebuilding defence capabilities, economic stimulus plans and a general rise in protectionism could unsettle sensitive markets.

As well as persistent concerns over U.S. debt levels, the French debt risk premium has surged in June to its highest level since the

euro zone crisis in 2022, after French President Emmanuel Macron called a snap parliamentary election beginning this past Sunday that could bring in a far-right government.

Mr. Carstens said the BIS was not calling out any "one or two" governments but that the message was clear.

"[Governments] must cut short the rise in public debt and accept that interest rates may not return to the prepandemic ultralow levels," he said. "We need a solid foundation to build upon." Although Mr. Carstens said central banks deserved praise for navigating a difficult path that could have resulted in a wave of recessions, he added they needed to persevere, likening the inflation fight to a course of antibiotics to tackle an illness.

He described an "extreme" scenario in which inflation races up again and central banks need to raise rates further. But that is not what the BIS expects.

Some things will be key, however, including goods and services prices, which, relative to core goods, remain well below the prepandemic trend in many countries. Real wages relative to the cost of those goods and services have also lost ground during the surge in inflation.

"An overly rapid reversion of either – or both – of these relative prices could create material inflationary pressures," he said, adding it would mean "fewer and more gradual rate cuts or even, in the extreme, rate increases."

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## OTIP: Plan sponsor pharmacy only works if members must use it: executive

FROM B1

The issue has been in the spotlight since earlier this year, when Loblaw Cos. Ltd.-owned Shoppers Drug Mart cancelled a deal with Manulife Financial Corp. that would have required people covered by the insurer to receive specialty drugs exclusively through Shoppers. Regulators are now looking closer at such deals, known as "preferred pharmacy networks" or "preferred provider networks" (PPNs), over concerns that they limit patient choice.

Unlike a PPN, plan sponsor pharmacies are owned by the plans themselves. But in OTIP's case, what it has in common with a PPN is the direction of patients exclusively to a designated pharmacy. Cubic Health chief executive officer Mike Sullivan said the mandatory nature of MemberRx is necessary to make it work.

"The challenge is, if you make it voluntary, it won't get used because we have a saturation of outlets," Mr. Sullivan said, referring to the more than 10,000 pharmacies that exist across Canada. The benefit, he argues, is that it operates with zero earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA). While MemberRx is registered as a for-profit company, any proceeds generated by the vertically integrated pharmacy go back to improving coverage for members, he said. "The money stays inside the plan."

Cubic Health also charges OTIP a fee for its services, which include setting up wholesaler relationships for MemberRx, hiring pharmacy staff and handling payroll. MemberRx has a brick-and-mortar facility in Mississauga that employs a team of pharmacists, but all drugs are shipped to plan members.

"There is no profit motive or retail element in the MemberRx model – we ensure that all proceeds are returned proportionally to the benefit plans that have partnered with MemberRx," OTIP spokesperson Patricia Wilkinson-Bizjak wrote in an e-mail to The Globe and Mail, adding that the goal is to provide "the best coverage, at the best value" to members.

In OTIP's case, those plan sponsors are the Employee Life and Health Trusts for each of Ontario's teachers' unions.

Three out of four of the trusts have so far joined MemberRx: the one for the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) and the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA). The remaining trust, for members of l'Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens, is still analyzing the option to transition to MemberRx and will make a decision this fall, spokesperson Mélanie Routhier Boudreau wrote in a statement.

Ms. Miller is not alone. Aly Hájí, a lawyer with Ricketts Harris LLP who specializes in regulation of pharmacy practices, said he has also heard complaints about MemberRx from pharmacists as part of his firm's work on preferred provider networks.

Ms. Miller reached out to the Catholic school teachers' union to ask if they would reconsider the decision and allow her to continue to work with the pharmacist she trusts. Ms. Miller receives an injection of specialty-care drug Humira every 10 days. The initial e-mail she received specified that members who choose to use a pharmacy other than MemberRx would have to pay out of pocket – something that would cost Ms. Miller thousands of dollars a month. She

said OECTA has not responded to her e-mails. "I consider my benefits part of the compensation for the job that I do," she said. "This is about privacy and choice, and those are fundamental in our democracy."

There is another plan sponsor pharmacy in Canada, run by the Alberta Retired Teachers' Association (ARTA). Cubic Health also helped to set up that pharmacy, called ARTARx, which ARTA now runs independently. The group has decided not to make it mandatory for members.

"We really believe in choice," ARTA CEO Daniel Mulloy said in an interview. "We have members who really like their community pharmacy; they've had a relationship with their pharmacists for years. Why change that?"

Mr. Mulloy specified that ARTA is an unusual case: Because it is the "second payer" after the Alberta Seniors Drug Plan, he said its situation may not apply to other plans. But even with a relatively limited number of users – about 2,500 in Edmonton, where ARTARx has a brick-and-mortar pharmacy – the plan has been able to negotiate better prices on some drugs and other items such as glucose monitors for diabetes. In those cases, it passes on savings to members, allowing their coverage to go further, he said. ARTA is hoping to open a second pharmacy in Calgary to reach more of its members.

"We were paying money out of the plan into pharmacies for dispensing fees and for other services. We thought if we could bring that in-house, maybe we could take that revenue and reinvest it back into the plan," he said.

Some believe that this way of operating – keeping such pharmacy plans voluntary for members – is a better model.

"At the core of it, it still comes down to patient choice," said Mike Cavanagh, a pharmacy owner and former board member and chair of the Ontario Pharmacists Association. "Would I say that the plan-sponsor one is better than a for-profit [PPN]? For sure. But if it doesn't contain that guiding principle, then it doesn't really sit well with me."

The three unions whose trusts have joined MemberRx declined multiple requests to answer questions about whether they would be in favour of allowing teachers the choice to opt out if they prefer to work with another pharmacy and whether they believe the shift has been positive for teachers. In all three cases, they referred questions to OTIP, which does not represent teachers. The unions for the elementary and secondary school teachers, OSSTF and ETFO, wouldn't say whether they had received questions or concerns from members about the new model. The Catholic school teachers' union, OECTA, denied receiving any such communication, and did not respond when The Globe pointed out that this contradicted the account of one of its members.

"I have received, through the pharmacy team, five to 10 times more e-mails of gratitude and thanks for service and things like that than anybody that has raised any kind of concerns through the union," Mr. Sullivan of Cubic Health said.

The future of such pharmacies may depend on whether regulators create rules restricting such arrangements. Ms. Miller hopes that her coming meeting with Ontario's regulator could have an impact.

"Speaking to somebody on the other end of the phone that I don't know just doesn't make sense to me," she said. "I have to be able to trust who my people are in my health care and in my circle."



John Sicard is a 30-year company veteran of Kinaxis and has served as its chief executive officer since 2016. JUSTIN TANG/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

## Kinaxis: Analysts leave Miami event with renewed optimism

FROM B1

It closed Friday at \$157.76 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Top-line growth has been a concern. First-quarter revenue of US\$119.4-million increased by a relatively soft 18 per cent year-over-year, while annualized recurring revenue expanded by 15 per cent, to US\$327-million, down from 18 per cent in December and 24 per cent at the end of 2022. In May, Kinaxis announced its first staff reduction since going public in 2014, cutting 6 per cent.

With interest rates high and economic uncertainty prevailing, muted spending by large enterprises has hit software vendors. Kinaxis also "hasn't necessarily invested in growth as they should have," National Bank Financial analyst Richard Tse said. "I think they left money on the table."

But analysts have returned from Miami more optimistic than before after talking to Kinaxis clients and consultancies that sell and implement its software. Those partners are universally positive, increasingly recommending Kinaxis, and "I fully expect growth to reaccelerate to 20 per cent plus," BMO Capital Markets analyst Thanos Moschopoulos said. "Their competitive position seems to be the strongest it's ever been" since the IPO. RBC Dominion Securities analyst Paul Treiber said in a note: "The event affirms our positive investment thesis on Kinaxis and helps refute recent concerns."

Kinaxis says its slower growth is owing to new customers – its client count doubled in the past three years to more than 300 – ramping up spending on its software more slowly over several years, reflecting the cautious environment. But once they sign, clients rarely switch out.

"How Kinaxis holistically sees customer requirements and connects the dots is extremely valuable, and drastically increases speed and agility," said Rogério Branco, chief supply officer with industrial supplier Eaton Corp. PLC. After Eaton started using Kinaxis to manage its aerospace business supply chain last year, its on-time delivery rate soared to 95 per cent from the low 70s. Now, Eaton is implementing Kinaxis company-wide – but it will take a few years to fully implement. The amount Eaton pays in the fifth year of the deal will be five times the level in Year 1, Mr. Branco said.

"When people look negatively on us, I just don't understand," Mr. Sicard said in an interview. Kinaxis will reinvest savings from its recent job reduction into marketing and sales, deepening ties with

consulting partners and hastening product development. "We have to make sure we don't become our own worst enemies" by overworrying about short-term factors. "This is an incredible Canadian success story. Could it be better? Of course. I want to put some accelerant on the fire."

Kinaxis was founded in 1984 by three ex-Mitel engineers to help companies make timely business decisions. Its technology originally cut the time for clients to run what-if simulations to 14 minutes from 36 hours on giant computers. That later dropped to seconds as its software allowed customers to play with hypothetical situations such as estimating how long it would take to deliver an unexpected order without altering their systems of record. But sustained success was elusive for years, marked by a litany of false starts, name changes and restructurings.

The company shifted in 2005 to providing its products over the internet on a subscription basis rather than collecting one-time fees upfront, making it an early convert to how software is now sold. Kinaxis hit its stride in the early 2010s as revenues grew by more than 20 per cent annually, and it was named one of the world's best providers of supply chain management software by Gartner in 2014, a ranking it has held since. Mr. Sicard, a 30-year company veteran who was previously chief product officer, became CEO in 2016.

But while Kinaxis had a solid reputation and loyal customers, general market awareness has been a long, gradual build; new deals typically take more than a year to land and implementations last months. Revenue grew sevenfold over the past decade, reaching US\$427-million in 2023, and the company was steadily profitable except in the pandemic year of 2021.

Kinaxis has long been overshadowed by crosstown star Shopify Inc., now the third-most valuable public company in Canada and flagbearer for the country's tech sector. "I want 100 more Shopifys in Canada," federal Innovation, Science and Industry Minister François-Philippe Champagne said last week. A more realistic aim might be to create 10 more companies like Kinaxis: a mission-critical software company with global customers, a valuation in the billions (Kinaxis sports a market capitalization of \$4.5-billion) and room to run. Canada has several of those.

"I used to say Kinaxis was at Chapter 1, Book 1, Page 1," Mr. Sicard said. "Maybe we're at Page 2."

# GLOBE INVESTOR

## Dan Shulman spent his summers at camp

The sports commentator taught children not much younger than himself to swim for about \$300 a summer

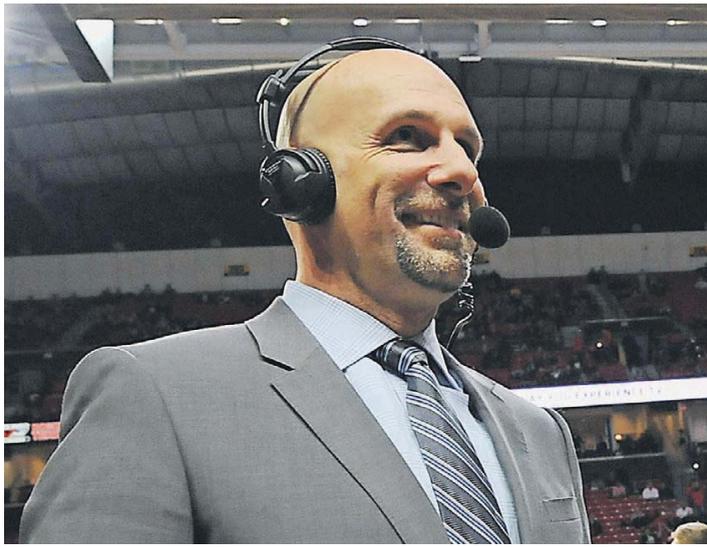
### HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER

The summer season is officially back – especially true for Blue Jays fans, who'll be following along thanks to play-by-play commentator Dan Shulman. Sure, he's got every baseball fan's dream job now, but where did he start? For this year's inaugural "How I Spent My Summer," Mr. Shulman steps up to the plate.

I'd been a camper for three years at Camp Timberlane in Haliburton, Ont., so when I turned 17, I got a job there as a CIT – "counsellor in training." "Job" might be a stretch, because honestly, I made about \$300 all summer. It was almost nothing, even in the eighties. Really, I was working for food and shelter and to go to camp for free.

Nobody became a counsellor at an overnight camp for the money; it was to get out of the city, away from your parents and be on your own. If you could do the camp thing, which is certainly not for everybody, it seemed way more fun than having a job in the city. After a few years there, I had a whole established group of "summer friends" outside of my "city friends." I looked forward all year to my "summer friends," and I wanted to spend the summer in Muskoka hanging out with them.

The oldest counsellor at Camp Timberlane was only about 19, so it was basically a



Dan Shulman, pictured in 2017, had his first job when he was 17 as a camp 'counsellor in training.' To him, it seemed way more fun than having a job in the city. GAIL BURTON/AP

lot of kids in charge of a lot of other kids. We lived in cabins for 20: Four counsellors – I was number four of four in the ranking – in two bunk beds in an adjacent room off the main cabin, which had 16 kids in eight bunk beds. There was no door or anything. If you wanted a door, you could hang a towel. In the morning, we'd have to wake 'em up, get 'em to breakfast and make sure they showed up to their programs.

I was a cabin counsellor on the swim

staff, which meant I'd be down there in the lake right after breakfast. Some days, this is refreshing. Other days, the lake is cold and you're freezing and you're not getting out any time soon. Those were the only days I didn't like the job. I think I had five periods of 45- or 60-minute swim sessions every day, rain or shine.

I was the youngest staff member, so you might think they'd put me with the youngest kids, but nope. They actually put me with the oldest kids who were about

13, and specifically, those who needed swim lessons, which maybe wasn't great for them. I tried to use that to my advantage and be a very hands-on, in-the-water, I'm-in-here-with-you kind of teacher. I remember being given some of the kids who were very, very afraid of the water.

I had a lot of patience because I'd been one of those don't-put-your-face-in-the-water kinda kids, too. I remembered how scary it was, and what it felt like when you were scared but other people weren't. I tried to help them be brave in whatever way I could think of, always going very slowly. In swimming, like in a lot of things, if you take one step too quickly, you can take 10 steps backward. For the first time ever, I had some real responsibility for the safety and well-being of children. I took that seriously.

The other part of the job was being a camp counsellor. After dinner, there was an evening program every night and then bed. The older your kids were, the longer they'd stay up, but once everyone was asleep, you could hang out with your friends in the lounge. It's a big, long day, but you're 16 years old, so you have a ton of energy to stay up late and do it all again tomorrow.

A full summer at camp was seven weeks long, and counsellors got a day off every week or two. If you missed the city, you could get a bus down to Toronto if you wanted, but when you're a teenager in Muskoka with your friends, why would you? Sometimes we'd pool our money and get a hotel room in Haliburton. I probably spent half my earnings right there. It was peak teenage living, really.

As told to Rosemary Counter

## U.S. dollar is only winner from China-West trade war

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The only "winner" from a possible all-out trade war between the West and China will probably be the U.S. dollar.

Uncertainty around global trade policy is the highest since 2018-2019, when clashes between former U.S. president Donald Trump's administration and Beijing reached fever pitch. It's nowhere near those peaks yet, but will be the focus of greater attention as the U.S. presidential election draws closer.

Whoever wins in November, further tariffs on imports from China and likely retaliation seem inevitable. China already warns that a move by Europe to join the tariff train would constitute a "trade war."

Mr. Trump's return to the White House would raise the stakes significantly.

Rising protectionism and shrinking cross-border trade may dampen growth everywhere but the U.S. – the world's economic and currency superpower – has layers of protection that other countries don't.

These include the relatively closed nature of the economy, the global importance of U.S. equity and bond markets and the ubiquity of the dollar in international reserves.

That's not to say the U.S. won't suffer – growth would slow and inflation might rise. But higher inflation delays or possibly eliminates Fed interest-rate cuts, and growth in Europe and Asia would be more vulnerable than in the U.S.

In short, the pain is likely to be felt more acutely in other currencies, none of which have the dollar's safe-haven status either. And in the world of exchange rates, everything is relative.

Goldman Sachs economists attempted to quantify the risks to U.S. and euro zone growth by analyzing the 2018-2019 trade war and beyond through three lenses – U.S. and European company commentary on trade uncertainty, stock returns around tariff announcements and cross-country investment patterns.

They found that a rise in trade policy uncertainty to 2018-19 levels would likely lower U.S. GDP growth by three-tenths of a percentage point. The estimated hit to euro zone growth would be three times greater.

For a region already expected to grow significantly slower than the U.S., at only 0.8 per cent this year and 1.5 per cent next year, according to the International Monetary Fund, that would be a major blow. Aggressive monetary easing from the European Central Bank could follow, undermining the euro.

"Further increases in trade policy uncertainty pose meaningful downside risk



Chinese stocks are underperforming, barely in positive territory for this year and after a dire 2023. Beijing is struggling to hold up the yuan, which is at a seven-month low against the U.S. dollar. HECTOR RETAMAL/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

to our global growth outlook in 2024H2 (second half of 2024) and 2025 ... with larger effects in economies where exports account for a larger share of GDP," Goldman's economists wrote on Tuesday.

The U.S. economy is far less open than its European or Chinese counterparts, meaning disruption to trade should have a relatively limited impact.

U.S. exports of goods and services accounted for 11.8 per cent of GDP in 2022, according to the World Bank, compared with 20.7 per cent in China. Eurostat data show that euro zone goods exports last year were worth 20 per cent of GDP.

A persistent and deteriorating trade deficit for years was seen as a major drag on the dollar as the U.S. had to suck in huge amounts of foreign capital to plug the gap and prevent the dollar from falling. But the U.S. trade deficit last year was 2.8 per cent of GDP, much smaller than the year before and half of what it was in

the mid-2000s. Onshoring, energy self-sufficiency and a push to revive domestic manufacturing all indicate the deficit will not be the drag on the dollar it once was.

And that's before any tit-for-tat tariff escalation potentially shrinks U.S. imports further.

China's domestic economic problems and geopolitical stand are enough to make foreigners wary of investing in the country. But it's no coincidence that foreign direct investment flows into China are plunging at their fastest pace in 15 years right as trade tensions percolate again.

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European stocks and the euro have not reacted favourably to recent headlines about the tariffs Brussels is slapping on certain imports from China. Given how

close trade ties are now between the euro zone and China, this should be no surprise.

The euro zone imports more goods from China than anywhere else in the world, and the yuan's weighting in the trade-weighted euro rivals that of the dollar. Trade tensions between China and Europe will hit the euro hard.

And with the euro having a near-60-per-cent weighting in the broader dollar index, there is a naturally strong inverse correlation between the euro's fate and the dollar.

Analysts at Deutsche Bank predict that the dollar will stay "stronger for longer" this year and into next year, although momentum may fade as the cycle gets longer in the tooth.

A more belligerent stand on trade from whoever wins the White House in November, however, would be a major dollar-positive development and probably push the euro back down toward parity.

"The dollar is underpricing risks from U.S. protectionism," they wrote on Wednesday.

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### MEETING DATES

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# What should you put in a first-home savings account?

A reader recently asked how his 26-year-old grandson should invest, and timeline is a big factor in this case

ROB CARRICK

OPINION



Of all the registered accounts, the still relatively new FHSAs might be the trickiest to manage.

First-home savings accounts are an excellent way to save a down payment for a first home because they offer a tax deduction for contributions and tax-free compounding and withdrawals. The catch with FHSAs is that they can stay open for 15 years at the most, which is less time than you'll likely spend with tax-free savings accounts, registered retirement plans and registered education savings plans.

Someone who expects to need 10 to 15 years to get into the housing market can take an aggressive investing approach with FHSAs using mostly stocks. But as expensive as homes are today, there's sometimes a momentum to the buying process where people end up making a purchase

sooner than they expected. Now you see why FHSAs are tricky – your buying timeline is the key to setting up the investments in your account, yet it's not always possible to foresee when you'll be ready to plunge into the housing market.

A recent question from a reader highlights the difficulty of making smart FHSA investing choices. His 26-year-old grandson is looking to invest in a FHSA using a guaranteed investment certificate or a secure bond. Did I have any thoughts on that?

My first thought is a question: What's the grandson's timeline for buying? GICs can be bought with terms of one through five years for the most part, but you get the best rates when you lock in your money. If there's a chance of buying a home before a GIC matures, use something else.

Bonds are more liquid than GICs in that you can sell at any time. But while a GIC cannot fall in price, a bond can.

We saw that in 2022, when rates were rising. Rates are now falling in a way that should help push bonds higher in price, but there's no getting around the idea that bonds are not as safe as GICs.

A compromise between GICs and bonds for people who think they might tap their FHSA within five years is an investment savings account, which is a savings

product for investors that is bought and sold like a mutual fund. Returns for these accounts will decline each time the Bank of Canada lowers its overnight rate, but for now you can get 4.25 to 4.5 per cent.

Other conservative investments for an FHSA include high interest savings account exchange-traded funds, which keep money in big bank savings accounts, and T-bill or money market ETFs.

These latter two types of ETFs hold assets in short-term government and corporate borrowings, which offers a high degree of safety. Yields are in the 4.6-per-cent to 4.8-per-cent range now, with declines expected as the Bank of Canada lowers the overnight rate.

A homebuying timeline of five to 10 years opens the door to a mix of exposures to stocks and bonds or GICs and savings products. Consider the classic balanced approach of 60 per cent stocks and 40 per cent bonds. A 10- to 15-year timeline justifies a 70 or 80 per cent weighting in stocks, or even more for a while.

As you get within a year or two of homebuying, consider de-risking an FHSA by cranking its stock market exposure down to zero. Avoid any possibility of your home purchase coinciding with a stock market correction that slashes the value of your FHSA.

## Jobs, inflation data may break U.S. Treasury market out of narrow range

DAVID RANDALL NEW YORK

A series of coming economic reports and congressional testimony from Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell could jolt U.S. government bonds out of a narrow trading range.

Yields on benchmark U.S. 10-year Treasuries, which move inversely to bond prices, have bounced between about 4.20 per cent and 4.35 per cent since mid-June, as the market digested data showing slowing inflation and signs of cooling economic growth in some indicators. The 10-year yield stood at 4.33 per cent on Friday.

So far, the economic numbers have failed to dispel doubts over how deeply the Fed will be able to cut interest rates this year, keeping Treasury yields range-bound. But this week's U.S. employment data, followed by inflation numbers and Mr. Powell's appearance could change that outlook.

"The market has settled into a narrative that we may see incremental softness but not a growth scare," said Garrett Melson, a portfolio strategist at Natix Investment Managers Solutions. "That will continue to keep us in this range, but the one thing that will push it meaningfully lower is an increase in the unemployment rate."

U.S. monthly inflation as measured by the personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index was unchanged in May, a report released on Friday showed, advancing the narrative of slowing inflation and resilient growth that has tamped down bond market gyrations and buoyed stocks in recent weeks. Yet futures linked to the Fed funds rate showed traders pricing in just under 50 basis points of rate cuts for the year.

Market reactions to employment data, due Friday, could be exacerbated by low liquidity during a week when many U.S. bond traders will be on vacation for the July 4th U.S. Independence Day holiday, said Hugh Nickola, head of fixed income at GenTrust. "The market is waiting for the other shoe to drop." A recent survey by BofA Global Research showed fund managers the most underweight bonds since November, 2022. Some believe that means yields could fall further if weakening data bolster the case for more rate cuts and spurs increased allocations to fixed income.

Other highlights for the month include consumer price data scheduled for July 11. Mr. Powell is scheduled to give his semi-annual testimony on monetary policy on July 9 at the Senate Banking Committee, said the office of its chairman, Senator Sherrod Brown. If tradition holds, the Fed chair will deliver the same testimony at the House Financial Services committee the following day.

Some investors are not convinced Treasury yields have much further to fall. Despite its recent cooling, inflation has proven more stubborn than expected this year, forcing the Fed to rein in expectations for how aggressively it can cut rates. A recent unexpected inflationary rebound in Australia underscored how difficult it has been for some central banks to keep consumer prices under control.

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### WHAT INVESTORS NEED TO KNOW FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

#### MONDAY

- Canadian markets closed.
- China manufacturing PMI.
- Japan manufacturing PMI and consumer confidence
- ECB Forum on Central Banking in Sintra, Portugal (through Wednesday).
- (9:45 a.m. ET) U.S. S&P Global Manufacturing PMI for June.
- (10 a.m. ET) U.S. ISM Manufacturing PMI for June.
- (10 a.m. ET) U.S. construction spending for May. The Street is projecting a month-over-month increase of 0.3 per cent.
- Also: U.S. auto sales for June.

#### TUESDAY

- Euro zone CPI.
- (9:30 a.m. ET) Canadian S&P Global Manufacturing PMI for June.
- (9:30 a.m. ET) U.S. Fed chair Jerome Powell joins a policy panel at the ECB Forum on Central Banking in Sintra, Portugal.
- (10 a.m. ET) U.S. Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey for May.
- Also: Canadian auto sales for June.

#### WEDNESDAY

- China, Japan and euro zone services and composite PMI
- (8:15 a.m. ET) U.S. ADP National Employment Report for June.
- (8:30 a.m. ET) Canada's merchandise trade balance for May.
- (8:30 a.m. ET) U.S. initial jobless claims for week of June 29. Estimate is 162,000, up 7,000 from the previous week.
- (8:30 a.m. ET) U.S. goods and services trade balance for May.
- (9:45 a.m. ET) U.S. S&P Global Services PMI for June.
- (10 a.m. ET) U.S. factory orders for May. Consensus is a rise of 0.3 per cent from April.
- (10 a.m. ET) U.S. ISM Services PMI for June.
- (2 p.m. ET) U.S. Fed minutes released from June 11-12 meeting.
- **Earnings include:** Constellation Brands Inc.

#### THURSDAY

- U.S. markets closed.
- Germany factory orders.
- (9:30 a.m. ET) Canada's S&P Global Services PMI for June.

#### FRIDAY

- Japan household spending.
- Euro zone retail sales.
- Germany industrial production.
- (8:30 a.m. ET) Canadian employment for June. The Street is expected an increase of 0.1 per cent (or 25,000 jobs) from May with the unemployment rate rising 0.2 per cent to 6.4 per cent and average hourly wages up 5.0 per cent year-over-year.
- (8:30 a.m. ET) U.S. non-farm payrolls for June. Consensus is an increase of 188,000 jobs with the unemployment rate remaining at 4.0 per cent.
- (10 a.m. ET) U.S. Global Supply Chain Pressure Index for June.



Brazil-based Ambev SA vends alcoholic beverages such as Stella Artois, Corona, Mike's and Hoegaarden, as well as carbonated and energy drinks, water and more. NACHO DOCE/REUTERS

## A boozy stock pick for the summer season

BENJ GALLANDER  
BEN STADELMANN

CONTRA GUYS

Co-editors of Contra the Heard Investment Letter

One of our avid followers e-mailed us on June 1, the day after the S&P/TSX Composite went up by 0.89 per cent and the Dow by 1.5 per cent. He wrote, "What a fabulous day in the markets!" We could almost see him grinning from ear to ear.

The irony was that Benj was staying at a farmhouse in rural Albania, listening to chickens and dogs barking after a day cycling on the world's second-oldest bike. We mean that there must be one older. At least the brakes worked.

Meanwhile, modern Ben had just finished a bike trip in the Loire Valley in France, on a much better two-wheeler, re-energized on yummy food and fine wine to be sure. Many moons ago, Benj led bike tours through the area for Butterfield & Robinson. Oh, to go back to those days!

These types of getaways are a fabulous way to recharge the batteries, and they are made possible by having our assets and investments do the work for us while we play. Work can be a wonderful thing, and for us at Contra the Heard over the past 30 years it has been. But balance is essential, albeit that varies from one person to another.

Which company represents balance? Well, Brazil-based Ambev SA, a subsidiary of beverage giant Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV, has a market cap of

US\$32.75-billion, and it might be the ticket. This enterprise likely sells your drink of choice, as not only does it vend alcoholic beverages such as Stella Artois, Corona, Mike's and Hoegaarden, but also carbonated and energy drinks, water and more. It has been doing this for a long time, as it was founded in 1885.

Ambev has much to offer. Revenues are growing, it makes money year after year – albeit earnings are about half of what they were a decade ago – and it trades at less than half of the book value of US\$5.50 per share.

Debt is nominal at US\$3.82-billion, when compared with revenues north of US\$79-billion.

Recently, however, the stock has fallen on challenging times, down from above US\$9 where it traded just over a decade ago, to near the US\$2 mark today. That smells like skunky beer.

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One problem with investing in this company is that the dividend is not dependable. It paid one in 2023, two in 2021, two in 2018 and three in 2017, missing the years in between. Previous to that was the same scattergun pattern, thus, it is difficult to rely on this outfit for a constant return. The dividend payout ratio is about 80 per cent.

Another major consideration is currency risk; indeed, the stock's poor performance has a lot to do with the fall of the Brazilian real. Moreover, with operations in 16 countries, there are a lot of currencies at play. Ambev's market share varies widely by country, with the strongest being 96 per cent in Bolivia, 95 per cent in Uruguay, 81 per cent in Argentina and 68 per cent in its home base of Brazil. Scroll down from there.

Alcohol can be a beautiful investment. The impacts of business cycles are nominal as pointed out by a Cambridge University study. During good times, people drink to celebrate, and during downturns, to drown their sorrows. There is a change in the place of consumption as people tend to gravitate toward home to imbibe during tougher times, the logic being that drinking is cheaper there.

The initial sell target for Ambev is US\$7.24, where it traded about a decade ago. It did shoot briefly over US\$9, but has languished under US\$3.50 for the past five years. We'll relax by downing some of their products while patiently waiting for a much higher stock price. And of course, drinking beer is environmentally friendly. As they say, "Save water, drink beer."

# SPORTS

Leafs re-sign Domi to four-year deal on eve of free-agency season ■ B10

Canada's Edey pulls out of Olympic team days after NBA draft ■ B14

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## Script flipped

Jude Bellingham contorts himself to score on an overhead kick and tie England's European Championship round-of-16 match against Slovakia 1-1 in the fifth minute of second-half stoppage time on Sunday in Gelsenkirchen, Germany. England captain Harry Kane added a goal in extra time to secure a 2-1 win and a spot for the Three Lions in the tournament quarter-finals. Read the game story on ■ B13

INA FASSBENDER/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

## Utah Hockey Club already showing it wants to prioritize winning over pizzazz

CATHAL KELLY

OPINION



Loving the NHL means never having to say you're sorry – especially if you work in the league. Pooched the season? Blew it in the playoffs? Got all the wrong guys and no clue how to get rid of them? No problem.

Just keep going the way you're going. It'll work out some time, or never. Either way is fine.

This go-along-to-get-along attitude is never more obvious than at the draft. It's the post-Cup moment when all sins are forgiven and that hard-working, character-first kid you got in the second round is going to change things. (Editor's note: He will not.)

In other leagues, the draft is an opportunity to switch up your club's story by taking a swing. In the NBA or NFL, it's the Glastonbury of big moves.

In the NHL, it's a grade-school holiday concert. The same numbers, followed by the same bored applause.

Mock drafts had this guy at first? Then he goes first. This guy at second? Then he goes second. This guy at third and – whoa whoa whoa – he went fourth? Someone is breaking allllllll the rules.

Anyone inclined to take risks knows how that will end – with a big hug that slips into a headlock and before you know it you're being exited the office via the window. The special hockey twist is that after they've got you airborne, someone leans out and yells, "Mutually agreed upon," right before you hit the ground.

Thirty GMs missed the Stanley Cup final this year. One of the two who didn't – Oilers boss Ken Holland – just got clipped.

How does that happen? (/deploys jazz hands) The NHL!

The goal of the prototype modern hockey executive isn't winning. It's never being called stupid.

This approach comes into starkest relief when there is a new contestant on the board. Expectations for the debutant Utah Hockey Club were dim, because expectations of all hockey teams are that way. That's how everyone stays regularly employed.

But armed with urgency and salary-cap wiggle room, Utah has its own agenda. Its headline deal this week was the acquisition of Mikhail Sergachev from the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Sergachev is the sort of player every team needs, but won't do what's necessary to acquire. He doesn't win awards. He will never be on a video-game cover. But come the playoffs, he is a 6-foot-3 pair of elbows in search of skulls to soften. If you google 'antonyms to a Toronto Maple Leaf,' Sergachev is your No. 1 hit.

■ KELLY, B10

## Murray still uncertain if he will be ready to compete at Wimbledon after surgery

HOWARD FENDRICH WIMBLEDON, ENGLAND

Two-time Wimbledon champion Andy Murray said Sunday "it's impossible" to know yet whether he will be able to compete at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament, even if he is "feeling better every day" as he recovers from surgery to remove a cyst from his spine.

The 37-year-old Murray is scheduled to play in the first-round of singles at the All England Club on Tuesday. He and his older brother, Jamie, were given a wildcard invitation for doubles, too, and that event starts later in the week.

The Scot had back surgery on June 22 after needing to stop during a match a few days earlier at Queen's Club. He said the cyst was compressing a nerve and making his right leg numb and difficult to use, and he figured before the operation it was "highly likely" he would miss Wimbledon.

"It's been a tough 10 days," he said.

Murray played a practice set Sunday.

"It went pretty well, but I still don't have 100-per-cent feeling and sensation in my leg," he said.

Murray plans to undergo medical tests on Monday – the first day of Wimbledon – and play another practice set, and then probably will make a decision in the evening.

Murray owns a total of three major championships: He won the U.S. Open in 2012, and Wimbledon in 2013 and 2016. His 2013 title made him the first British man to win the singles trophy at the All England Club in 77 years.

He also is the only player with two consecutive tennis gold medals in singles at the Olympics. He won at London in 2012 – when the sport's Summer Games matches were held at the All England Club – and at Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

Murray underwent a pair of hip operations in 2018 and 2019. While he thought he would need to retire after the second surgery,



Scotland's Andy Murray says he is still dealing with limited sensation in one of his legs after having surgery to remove a cyst from his spine on June 22. FRANCOIS NEL/GETTY IMAGES

### FERNANDEZ FALLS TO KASATKINA IN ROTHESAY FINAL

Canada's Leylah Fernandez fell 6-3, 6-4 to Russia's Daria Kasatkina on Saturday in the Rothesay International women's singles final.

The Laval, Que., native had one ace to three double faults and won 51 per cent of her first-serve points. Fernandez also broke on two of seven opportunities in the one-hour, 50-minute match.

It was Fernandez's sixth career final but first on grass and first at the WTA 500 level or above since the 2021 U.S. Open.

She defeated defending cham-

pion Madison Keys 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in Friday's semi-final at the Wimbledon tune-up event.

Kasatkina, the world No. 14, had one ace to five double faults and won 63.1 per cent of her first-serve points. However, she broke on five of her 10 opportunities.

Ottawa's Gabriela Dabrowski and New Zealand's Erin Routliffe lost 5-7, 7-6 (2), 10-8 to Latvia's Jelena Ostapenko and Ukraine's Lyudmyla Kichenok in the women's doubles final later Saturday.

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in which he received a metal hip implant, Murray eventually returned to action.

He has since been hampered by various health issues, including tearing ligaments in his left ankle at the Miami Open in March.

Murray lost in the first round of the French Open in May.

He is not the only 37-year-old with multiple Wimbledon championships on his record who is dealing with recovery from recent

surgery: Novak Djokovic, who won seven of his 24 Grand Slam titles at the All England Club, had a procedure to repair a torn meniscus in his right knee less than a month ago after getting hurt at the French Open.

Djokovic said Saturday he feels well enough to compete at Wimbledon – and perhaps even contend for another trophy.

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[ HOCKEY ]

## Rainy revelry

Florida Panthers goaltender Sergei Bobrovsky lifts the Stanley Cup during the team's victory parade on Sunday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Tens of thousands of fans lined the beach in the pouring rain to celebrate the team's first championship after it topped the Edmonton Oilers in seven games last week. Read the story at [GLOBESPORTS.COM](https://www.globoesports.com)

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## Lightning strikes early to acquire Guentzel's rights

Tampa Bay's move for four-time 30-goal scorer could affect its chances of re-signing Stamkos

STEPHEN WHYNO

The Tampa Bay Lightning got a head start on free agency by acquiring the rights to high-scoring winger Jake Guentzel on Sunday.

The Lightning sent a 2025 third-round draft pick to the Carolina Hurricanes. The move allows the Lightning to sign Guentzel before he hits the open market on Monday.

He is coming off scoring 30 goals this past season for the Hurricanes and Pittsburgh Penguins, his fourth time reaching that mark in an eight-year career that has included him getting to 40 twice. Guentzel, who turns 30 in October, won the Stanley Cup with Pittsburgh in 2017 and is nearly a point-a-game playoff performer in the NHL.

That means everything to the Lightning, who won it all back to back in 2020 and 2021, reached the final in 2022 and want to keep their contending window open as long as possible. To do so, general manager Julien Brise-Bois and his staff plotted to shift resources from a strong left side on defence to the forward group.

This is all part of that process. Trading defenceman Mikhail Sergachev to Utah and depth forward Tanner Jeannot to Los An-

geles on Saturday cleared more than US\$11-million in salary cap space over the next two seasons.

"We have this cap space [and] we can allocate it in different ways by either getting volume or quality," Brise-Bois said Saturday. "Now is that one player getting most of that cap space? Is it two players splitting it up? Three players splitting it up? It's too early to tell at this point."

Guentzel should take up a nice chunk of it, with some left over for the Lightning to sign another free agent, while also signing cornerstone defenceman Victor Hedman to a long-term contract extension.

Where that money will not be going, at least not right away, is toward re-signing Steven Stamkos, the long-time captain and face of the franchise who is expected to test free agency. Brise-Bois and Stamkos's agent, Don Meehan, confirmed Saturday their stances on reaching an agreement on a new contract had not changed.

"Steven's earned the right to test free agency," Brise-Bois said. "I didn't go to him last season to get a deal done. I did go to him quickly after this season, and I was taking a risk by doing that that we may end up here, and now here we are."

Tampa Bay became the second team to acquire the rights to a pending free agent, after Toronto sent a late pick in the 2026 draft to Dallas for the ability to negotiate exclusively with 34-year-old defenceman Chris Ta-

nev.

"He's just an elite defensive player," Maple Leafs GM Brad Treliving said of Tanev, whom he previously signed when running the Calgary Flames. "Listen, I know the age he's at, but I think even in the last year he's shown he's one of the top shutdown defencemen, one of the top defensive players in the league."

New Jersey continued to rebuild its defence by getting Johnathan Kovacevic from Montreal for a 2026 fourth-round pick. The Devils traded John Marino to Utah on Saturday and are expected to target long-time Carolina defenceman Brett Pesce in free agency.

Buyouts initiated Sunday also will clear cap space.

The Buffalo Sabres finalized a buyout of forward Jeff Skinner's contract, ending the tenure of the highest-paid player on their roster. GM Kevyn Adams was unable to trade Skinner, who with a no-movement clause had full control over where he went.

Edmonton, which lost to Florida in seven games in the final, put goaltender Jack Campbell on unconditional waivers to buy out the rest of his contract. The US\$25-million, five-year deal the Oilers signed him to in 2022 was a bust, with Campbell being sent to the minors this past season.

A couple of defencemen were also on buyout waivers Sunday: Winnipeg's Nate Schmidt and Columbus's Adam Boqvist.

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## Kelly: Florida's appetite for shared silverware sets standard for team success

FROM B9

He's been hurt, the Lightning are trying to find the money to re-sign Steven Stamkos and Utah can spare the cash. It cost it very little in personnel terms.

It's the sort of deal that, once it's happened, makes you wonder why your team could not have done it instead. The answer is that it could have, but it was too worried you'd be angry at it about it later. Better to do nothing than risk looking silly.

So far, Utah is following the back-to-front, no-bold-faces-required strategy that paid off for Vegas at its inception seven years ago. It will be a hard out rather than a high flyer. That's sort of like the team that just won the Stanley Cup, and not at all like the teams that get all the press.

Another thing that happens during draft week is the re-settling of the NHL's star system via end-of-year awards. Connor McDavid is the unchanged north star talent-wise, but after him the ground is always shifting. Nathan MacKinnon and Quinn Hughes trended slightly up; Adam Fox and David Pastrnak were down a notch.

You go through the awards lists and something else strikes you – a lot of stars, not many winners.

Of the 12 men named to the first and second year-end all-star teams, none of them won a Cup this year.

One (McDavid) made the final.

Two (New York's Artemi Panarin and Adam Fox) made the conference finals.

That's the same number of all-stars from the Nashville Predators (Filip Forsberg and Roman Josi) – a team that got into the postseason by clinging to the Western Conference bumper and was swatted off by Vancouver in the first round.

Who didn't have any big-name brands? The champion Panthers. Aleksander Barkov won the Selke, but that's like the jazz performance of the NHL Awards. It gets handed out during a commercial break.

There is no way to individually reward what Florida has – chemistry, viciousness and enough mid-tier quality spread throughout the roster that it cannot be stopped by one opposing checking line.

Florida wasn't built to win awards. It was constructed to win championships. Having both things seems like a great idea, but recent history suggests you have to choose one or the other.

Every team with fans who feel like GM'ing is a plebiscite situation (i.e., the Canadian and Original Six clubs) chooses the star route. That frees teams like Florida, Carolina, Vegas and Dallas to go the other way.

Of the two, which sort of team would you rather have come playoff time? Okay, but would you forgive your team if it tried it and it failed? Probably not. Hence the paralysis at the top.

Utah has made that executive bind clear over the past week. You'd think it would want to become a Toronto Maple Leafs or a New York Rangers – a big local attraction headlined by a couple of guys with brand-name recognition. That's how you sell tickets.

Instead, given a blank slate, it wants to be a club of low-wattage grinders who may be capable of winning something right away. And then sell tickets.

If Utah goes the Vegas way, and are really good right off the bat, everyone in the NHL will say what they always say – "Who could possibly have predicted that would happen?" And then go on about their business in the accepted, losing fashion.

### LEAFS RE-SIGN DOMI, LILJEGREN TO NEW DEALS

TORONTO The Toronto Maple Leafs re-signed forward Max Domi to a four-year contract on Sunday.

The average annual value is US\$3.75-million.

The 29-year-old had 47 points (nine goals, 38 assists) across 80 regular-season contests for the Leafs in 2023-24. He added four points (one

goal, three assists) in seven playoff games.

Domi has 417 points (130 goals, 287 assists) in 661 regular-season games over the course of his nine-year NHL career with Arizona, Montreal, Columbus, Carolina, Chicago, Dallas and Toronto. He has seven goals and 19 assists in 50 career playoff games.

The Leafs also re-signed defenceman Timothy Liljegren to a two-year deal. The average annual value of the deal is US\$3-million.

The 25-year-old had 23 points (three goals, 20 assists) in 55 regular-season games for the Leafs in 2023-24 and added one assist in six playoff games.

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## Yankees don't look back after Judge's early two-run blast vs. Jays

JOHN CHIDLEY-HILL TORONTO

What a difference a year can make for a Major League Baseball pitcher.

Aaron Judge's two-run homer staked New York to an early lead that the Yankees would never relinquish in a 8-1 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on Sunday. Kevin Gausman gave up seven runs on seven hits and five walks over 4½ innings as his record dropped to 6-7.

"I think they had a good game plan against me and there was a tight strike zone too. I don't think that helped me at all," Gausman said. "That's not usually characteristic of me."

"I kind of pride myself in being on the attack and not giving away free bases."

Gausman's record and 4.75 earned-run average are a stark contrast to last season when he was named to his second all-star game, led the American League with 237 strikeouts, had a 2.97 ERA



Blue Jays centre fielder Kevin Kiermaier crashes into the wall for a fly-ball out during Sunday's game against the New York Yankees at Rogers Centre. NICK TURCHIARO/USA TODAY SPORTS

and finished third in Cy Young Award voting, an honour given to the AL's best pitcher.

"This game, it's changed a lot over the last couple of years. I'll say that," Gausman said, referring

to the pitch clock, PitchCom wireless communicators, and disengagement rules. "There's ways the teams are trying to find a way to beat you and you've got to tie every knot that you can.

"I had to switch up some things and it worked out for me in that aspect but, I obviously still gave up seven runs today. So not great."

Justin Turner's RBI single in the fourth inning was Toronto's (38-45) only run. Vladimir Guerrero Jr. extended his hit streak to six games with a single in the first, but was hit by a pitch in the third.

Blue Jays manager John Schneider pulled Guerrero in the sixth inning but said that X-rays came back negative with no signs of a break.

"Took them out there with where the game was," Schneider said. "It was bothering him a little bit, so didn't want to make it any worse."

"Hopefully he's good to go tomorrow and I expect him to be."

Génesis Cabrera, Nate Pearson, José Cuas, Chad Green and Bowden Francis came out of the Blue Jays' bullpen.

DJ LeMahieu drove in two more runs with a single and a double as New York (54-32) split the four-game series. Trent Grisham added

a two-run double and Ben Rice had an RBI single.

Gerrit Cole (1-1) allowed one run on three hits and a walk over five innings. Last year's Cy Young Award winner struck out six and lowered his earned-run average to 6.23 in just his second start of the season.

He said he made a conscious effort to improve his command between appearances.

"That's part of the build up process," said Cole, who started the season on New York's 60-day injured list with elbow inflammation and edema. "As you keep getting stronger and you keep getting going you're going to have to tinker here and there."

"I thought it was improved today. It certainly isn't where it needs to be, but it was definitely improved."

Michael Tonkin, Tim Hill and Josh Maceyewski combined for four innings of scoreless relief for the Yankees.

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# Pogacar, Vingegaard soar ahead at Tour de France

Two rivals lead other contenders by 40 seconds as Pogacar secures yellow jersey on the second leg

BOLOGNA, ITALY

Them two again.

It took only two days into the Tour de France to show that Tadej Pogacar and Jonas Vingegaard are in a class of their own.

Pogacar attacked from the chasing peloton up the second ascent of the short but brutally steep San Luca climb in the second stage of the Tour on Sunday and only Vingegaard was able to follow him.

By the top of the climb, Pogacar and Vingegaard had opened up a 40-second gap ahead of the other contenders.

The move meant that Pogacar took the leader's yellow jersey from Stage 1 winner Romain Bardet. Primož Roglič, another expected overall contender, dropped 21 seconds behind.

Breakaway rider Kevin Vauquelin made it two French wins in two days by winning the hilly stage with an attack of his own up San Luca to follow up countryman Bardet's success.

Pogacar won the Tour in 2020 and 2021 then finished second behind Vingegaard the past two years.

Pogacar is aiming for the rare Giro d'Italia-Tour double after dominating the Italian Grand Tour last month. Vingegaard hadn't raced since a big crash in April left him with a broken collarbone and ribs, plus a collapsed lung.

"I can be very happy," Vingegaard said, "that I was able to fol-



Danish rider Jonas Vingegaard, second from the right, cycles up the San Luca ascent near Bologna in Italy during the second stage of the Tour de France on Sunday. ANNE-CHRISTINE POUJOLAT/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

low Tadej on the second time of San Luca, because this is probably one of the stages we feared the most. We actually expected me to lose time – because of the preparation.

"Honestly speaking, I didn't have a good preparation for this race," Vingegaard said. "I only had 1 1/2 months to prepare properly," adding that the race "went way better" than he "had ever expected."

The opening four stages are being held in Italy for the first time.

The 199-kilometre route starting in Cesenatico featured six categorized climbs, including two

ascents up San Luca before the finish in downtown Bologna.

The San Luca climb is only 1.9 kilometres long but it features an average gradient of 10.6 per cent with sections at nearly 20 per cent.

Pogacar had already shown his legs during the first ascent up San Luca when he accelerated to grab a water bottle from a team staffer lining the road. That must have given him belief for his decisive attack on his second trip up.

In the overall standings, second-place Remco Evenepoel – the 2022 world champion and Spanish Vuelta winner – and third-place Vingegaard share the

same time as Pogacar. Olympic gold medalist Richard Carapaz is fourth, also with the same time, while Bardet dropped to fifth, six seconds behind.

Evenepoel and Carapaz caught up to Pogacar and Vingegaard after the descent from San Luca.

Vauquelin clocked nearly five hours and finished a comfortable 36 seconds ahead of Jonas Abrahamson and 49 seconds ahead of Quentin Pacher.

The 23-year-old Vauquelin, who won his first ever Grand Tour stage, rides for the Arkea-B&B Hotels team, which earned its first victory at the Tour in its 11th time racing cycling's biggest

event.

Vauquelin's teammate Cristián Rodríguez was also in the break-away and set up his attack.

"I had a perfect day," Vauquelin said. "I have to thank Cristián for his role in the way he helped me get through to win the stage. He put me in the perfect position and I knew I was going to be able to attack."

The stage was dedicated to 1998 Tour champion Marco Pantani, who was from Cesenatico, and passed by a museum dedicated to the still beloved Italian rider, who died in 2004. Fans painted Pantani's name all over the roads.

The stage also passed through Imola's Formula One circuit.

There was a crash midway through the stage involving Wout van Aert, Laurens De Plus and Matteo Jorgenson but all three riders continued.

Van Aert was then dropped on the first climb up San Luca.

Earlier, world champion Mathieu van der Poel also fell behind.

Stage 3 on Monday is the Tour's longest, a mostly flat 231-kilometre leg from Piacenza to Turin that represents the race's first chance of a mass sprint finish. That means it's an opportunity for Mark Cavendish to break his tie with Eddy Merckx for the most career stage victories at the Tour, with the pair currently tied on 34 each.

Cavendish struggled with heat and stomach issues in Saturday's opening stage and had to dig hard to finish within the maximum time limit. But he rode better on Sunday.

The race crosses back into France during Stage 4 on Tuesday, which is also the first big mountain leg going up to Sestriere and over the Col du Galibier – one of the Tour's classic climbs.

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## MLB

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	53	30	.639	—
New York	54	32	.628	1/2
Boston	44	39	.530	9
Tampa Bay	42	42	.500	11 1/2
Toronto	38	45	.458	15
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	52	30	.634	—
Minnesota	47	37	.560	6
Kansas City	47	39	.547	7
Detroit	38	46	.452	15
Chicago	24	62	.279	30
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	47	39	.547	—
Houston	42	41	.506	3 1/2
Texas	37	46	.446	8 1/2
Los Angeles	36	47	.434	9 1/2
Oakland	30	56	.349	17

**Sunday**  
Tampa Bay 5, Washington 0  
Boston 4, San Diego 1  
N.Y. Yankees 8, Toronto 1  
Houston 10, N.Y. Mets 5, 11 innings  
Kansas City 6, Cleveland 2  
Colorado 5, Chicago White Sox 4, 14 innings  
Arizona 5, Oakland 1  
Detroit 7, L.A. Angels 6  
Minnesota 5, Seattle 3  
Texas at Baltimore

**Saturday**  
Chicago White Sox 11, Colorado 3  
Toronto 9, N.Y. Yankees 3  
Arizona 3, Oakland 0  
Washington 8, Tampa Bay 1  
San Diego 11, Boston 1  
Cleveland 7, Kansas City 2  
Houston 9, N.Y. Mets 6  
Baltimore 6, Texas 5  
L.A. Angels 6, Detroit 5, 10 innings  
Minnesota 5, Seattle 1

**Monday**  
**All Times Eastern**  
Houston (Brown 5-5) at Toronto (Rodriguez 0-2), 3:07 p.m.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

	G	AB	H	R	Pct.
Rengifo LAA	67	243	77	36	.317
Judge NYY	84	301	95	65	.316
Witt KC	86	343	107	65	.312
Correa Min	65	241	75	43	.311
Altuve Hou	82	339	103	50	.304
Solo NYY	82	294	89	69	.303
Rutschman Bal	78	319	95	44	.298
Guerrero Tor	83	323	96	40	.297
Y Alvarez Hou	80	306	90	48	.294
Henderson Bal	82	322	94	73	.292

**HOME RUNS**  
Judge, New York, 31; Henderson, Baltimore, 26; J. Ramirez, Cleveland, 23; Santander, Baltimore, 22; J. Naylor, Cleveland, 20; Soto, New York, 20; K. Tucker, Houston, 19; Stanton, New York, 18; Devers, Boston, 18; 3 tied at 16.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	55	29	.655	—
Atlanta	46	36	.561	8
New York	40	41	.494	13 1/2
Washington	39	44	.470	15 1/2
Miami	30	54	.357	25
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	50	34	.595	—
St. Louis	43	40	.518	6 1/2
Pittsburgh	40	43	.482	9 1/2
Cincinnati	39	45	.464	11
Chicago	39	46	.459	11 1/2
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	52	33	.612	—
San Diego	46	42	.523	7 1/2
Arizona	41	43	.488	10 1/2
San Francisco	41	44	.482	11
Colorado	28	55	.337	23

**Sunday**  
Pittsburgh 4, Atlanta 2  
Tampa Bay 5, Washington 0  
Boston 4, San Diego 1  
Milwaukee 7, Chicago Cubs 1  
St. Louis 2, Cincinnati 0  
Philadelphia 7, Miami 6  
Houston 10, N.Y. Mets 5, 11 innings  
Colorado 5, Chicago White Sox 4, 14 innings  
Arizona 5, Oakland 1  
San Francisco 10, L.A. Dodgers 4

**Saturday**  
Chicago White Sox 11, Colorado 3  
Cincinnati 9, St. Louis 4  
Arizona 3, Oakland 0  
Chicago Cubs 5, Milwaukee 3  
Miami 3, Philadelphia 2  
Washington 8, Tampa Bay 1  
San Diego 11, Boston 1  
Atlanta 2, Pittsburgh 1, 10 innings  
Houston 9, N.Y. Mets 6  
L.A. Dodgers 14, San Francisco 7, 11 innings

**Monday**  
**All Times Eastern**  
N.Y. Mets (Peterson 3-0) at Washington (Core 6-7), 6:45 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Wilson 5-3) at Colorado (Gomber 1-5), 8:40 p.m.

### ATP-WTA TOURS

**ROTHESAY INTERNATIONAL**  
**WOMEN**  
**SINGLES — CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Daria Kasatkina (6), Russia, def. Leylah Fernandez, Laval, Que., 6-3, 6-4.  
**DOUBLES — CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Lyudmyla Kichenok, Ukraine, and Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, def. Gabriela Dabrowski, Ottawa, and Erin Routliffe (1), New Zealand, 5-7, 7-6 (2), 10-8.

**MEN**  
**SINGLES — CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Taylor Fritz (1), United States, def. Max Purcell, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.

## CFL

### WEEK FOUR

EAST DIVISION										
	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt			
Montreal	4	4	0	0	127	73	8			
Toronto	3	2	1	0	94	93	4			
Ottawa	2	1	1	0	44	66	2			
Hamilton	3	0	3	0	74	101	0			
WEST DIVISION										
	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt			
Saskatchewan	3	3	0	0	98	71	6			
British Columbia	4	3	1	0	103	97	6			
Calgary	3	2	1	0	71	69	4			
Winnipeg	4	0	4	0	74	98	0			
Edmonton	4	0	4	0	98	115	0			

**Bye:** Saskatchewan  
**Sunday**  
Hamilton at Ottawa

**Saturday**  
Calgary 22 Winnipeg 19 (OT)

### CEBL

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
	GP	W	L	Pct	GB
Niagara	11	7	4	.636	—
Scarborough	12	6	6	.500	1/2
Brampton	13	5	8	.385	3
Ottawa	11	3	8	.273	4
Montreal	12	3	9	.250	4 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE					
	GP	W	L	Pct	GB
Edmonton	11	8	3	.727	—
Vancouver	11	8	3	.727	—
Calgary	11	6	5	.545	2
Winnipeg	11	6	5	.545	2
Saskatchewan	11	5	6	.455	3

**Sunday**  
Brampton 98 Scarborough 96

**Saturday**  
Calgary 100 Ottawa 90  
Niagara 94 Saskatchewan 87  
Edmonton 107 Vancouver 88

### WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	16	3	.842	—
Connecticut	14	4	.778	1/2
Atlanta	7	10	.412	8
Indiana	8	12	.400	8 1/2
Chicago	6	11	.353	9
Washington	4	15	.211	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	14	4	.778	—
Seattle	12	6	.667	2
Las Vegas	10	6	.625	3
Phoenix	9	9	.500	5
Los Angeles	4	14	.222	10
Dallas	4	14	.222	10

**Saturday**  
Las Vegas 88, Washington 77  
Seattle 97, Dallas 76

**Sunday**  
New York 81, Atlanta 75  
Minnesota 70, Chicago 62  
Indiana 88, Phoenix 82

## MLS

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Miami	21	13	3	5	48	30	44
Cincinnati	20	13	4	3	33	23	42
N.Y. Red Bulls	21	9	4	8	36	27	35
Columbus	18	9	3	6	34	18	33
N.Y. City F.C.	20	10	8	2	35	32	32
Charlotte	21	9	7	5	23	31	32
Nashville	20	6	8	6	24	25	26
Atlanta	20	6	8	6	28	25	24
Toronto	21	7	11	3	29	37	24
Montreal	20	5	8	7	30	43	22
Orlando	20	5	9	6	25	35	21
Philadelphia	20	4	8	8	33	35	20
D.C.	21	4	9	8	28	39	20
New England	18	6	11	1	18	35	19
Chicago	20	4	10	6	24	36	18

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Los Angeles F.C.	20	12	4	4	41	23	40
L.A. Galaxy	21	11	3	7	41	27	40
Salt Lake City	20	10	3	7	40	23	37
Colorado	21	9	8	4	38	35	31
Houston	20	8	6	6	27	33	30
Portland	21	8	7	6	39	35	30
Minnesota	20	8	7	5	33	32	29
Vancouver	19	8	7	4	30	27	28
Seattle	21	7	7	7	29	26	28
Austin	21	7	8	6	23	30	27
Dallas	20	5	10	5	27	32	20
St. Louis	20	3	7	10	27	35	19
Kansas City	21	4	12	5	33	44	17
San Jose	20	4	15	2	29	54	11

**Saturday**  
Columbus 5 New England 1  
D.C. 2 N.Y. Red Bulls 2  
Montreal 4 Philadelphia 2  
Atlanta 2 Toronto 1  
Kansas City 2 Austin 0  
Houston 1 Charlotte 0  
Cincinnati 1 Dallas 0  
Miami 2 Nashville 1  
Seattle 2 Chicago 1  
Los Angeles F.C. 3 Colorado 0  
L.A. Galaxy 3 San Jose 0  
Portland 3 Minnesota 2  
Vancouver 4 St. Louis 3

**Friday**  
New York City F.C. 4 Orlando 2

### CPL

# Bellingham pulls England back from brink

Young midfielder's late heroics keep Three Lions alive to set up quarter-final date against Switzerland

JAMES ROBSON  
GELSENKIRCHEN, GERMANY

Jude Bellingham needed to produce something special to keep England at the European Championship.

And he did. England was seconds away from slumping to one of the biggest upsets in the history of the European Championship when trailing 1-0 to Slovakia deep into stoppage time in the round of 16 on Sunday.

But Bellingham's spectacular overhead kick in the fifth of six added minutes at Veltins Arena sent the game into extra time, and Harry Kane sealed a 2-1 win that keeps alive England's hopes of a first major trophy since 1966.

"I think it was 30 or 20 seconds

until we were out of the European Championship," Bellingham said. "It's hard to deny that it was one of the most important moments of my career so far."

He's had a few. The midfielder, who turned 21 on Saturday, has just completed a stunning debut season at Real Madrid, winning the Champions League and the Spanish title.

At such a young age, he is one of England's most important players at Euro 2024 and delivered a moment of magic when all hope seemed lost.

"His world is different to pretty much every other 21-year-old in the world ... what he can provide are these moments where he grabs things by the scruff of the neck and his character and his personality creates moments that can change in a big game," England manager Gareth Southgate said.

England — one of the pretournament favorites and runner-up at the last Euros — trailed 1-0 to 45th-ranked Slovakia after Ivan Schranz's 25th-minute goal.

With the clock running down, Bellingham's time came.

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JUDE BELLINGHAM  
ENGLAND MIDFIELDER

Kyle Walker launched a long throw from the right. Marc Guehi leapt to flick the ball on.

Bellingham was in the box and had to readjust his body to execute a perfect overhead kick, sending the ball into the bottom corner to leave Slovakia goalkeeper Martin Dubravka stuck on his line as he watched it nestle into the back of the net.

Some England fans had already left the stadium. Those inside erupted.

"I had a funny feeling the game wasn't dead and I know that sounds ridiculous. We were pushing and probing," Southgate said. Bellingham's goal was England's first shot on target in the match.

It didn't have to wait long for its second as Kane headed home to score his seventh goal in his last seven knockout games at major tournaments. It was also a record-extending 65th for his country.

England will play Switzerland in the quarter-finals in Düsseldorf on Saturday.

But for so long it looked like being a humbling exit for Southgate's team — bringing back me-

mories of its elimination at the hands of Iceland at Euro 2016.

"It's knockout football and anything is possible," Southgate said.

England had faced fierce criticism for its performances in the group stage and boos rang around the stadium in the first half as frustration grew among its fans after Schranz's strike.

It needed to improve in the second half. Phil Foden had a goal ruled out by VAR, Kane headed wide from close range and Declan Rice hit the post in the 81st.

Slovakia had already produced a shock by beating No.3-ranked Belgium in the group stage and it looked like doing it again against the No. 5-ranked team in the world.

That was until Bellingham struck.

"They scored a goal from a player who is valued at €100-million. This was a team worth [€]1.5 billion. You concede just half a metre and you will get punished," Slovakia coach Francesco Calzona said.

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Georgia midfielder Giorgi Tsitaishvili falls on the ball while being pressed by Spain forward Lamine Yamal during Sunday's round-of-16 match in Cologne, Germany. ALBERTO PIZZOLI/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

## Spain recovers to end Georgia's run

JAMES ELLINGWORTH  
COLOGNE, GERMANY

Spain recovered from conceding an early own-goal to beat Georgia 4-1 for a spot in the European Championship quarter-finals, ending one of the tournament's most compelling underdog stories.

Goals from midfielders Rodri and Fabián Ruiz brought Spain back into the game after Robin Le Normand's own-goal in the 18th minute had given Georgia a shock lead. Nico Williams and Dani Olmo took the game out of Georgia's reach with two more goals late in the game as heavy rain fell.

After the final whistle, Williams and the 16-year-old Lamine Yamal met up on the field for an impromptu game of rock-paper-scissors, apparently over who got to drink first from a water bottle.

It was a moment that summed up the unpredictability and sense of fun in a Spain team which had previously been prone to retreating into an unthreatening passing game, as in its loss to Morocco at the same stage of the 2022 World Cup.

Facing Georgia was a test of Spain's nerves, Rodri said.

"It was a tough game. We knew it before. Maybe they don't have the big names, but they made it hard for us," he said, adding that his goal "was key because we

were a bit jittery at that point. We have things to improve."

His own performance won praise from Spain coach Luis de la Fuente, who called Rodri "a walking computer, a perfect computer" in Spain's midfield, in translated comments.

Spain will play host-country Germany in the quarter-finals on Friday in Stuttgart.

"Obviously Germany at home is going to be very strong but we have no fear. We have our own weapons," Rodri said.

The loss ends Georgia's first ever major tournament campaign, which included a 2-0 upset win over Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal.

Despite the lopsided score on Sunday, Georgia goalkeeper Giorgi Mamardashvili had another standout game with nine saves to prevent a rout.

Spain had beaten Georgia 7-1 in qualifying last year, but this game was a close contest until the last 20 minutes and testament to Georgia's rapid improvement under coach Willy Sagnol.

Playing its fourth game of Euro 2024, Spain had yet to concede a goal all tournament.

That soon changed when Otar Kakabadze surged down the right flank for Georgia and crossed low. Le Normand chested the ball past his own goalkeeper, with the defender apparently distracted by Khvicha Kvaratskhelia arriving behind him to meet the

cross.

Spain took its time to get back into the game, but Rodri — back from a one-game suspension — levelled the score in the 39th with a low shot from just outside the box.

Georgia remained a threat on the counter, including with an audacious shot from the halfway line by Kvaratskhelia, but Spain midfielder Ruiz made it 2-1 in the 51st when he rose unmarked to meet a cross from Yamal.

Needing a goal, Georgia had to open up its compact defensive formation and conceded twice more as Williams scored in the 75th, sprinting through the Georgian half on the break before shooting over Mamardashvili. Substitute Olmo added a fourth eight minutes later.

Sagnol said his team could have beaten Spain after Le Normand's own-goal but the combination of the equalizer from Rodri and an injury to Otar Kiteishvili just after took the wind out of their sails.

"We thought we could have a chance," Sagnol said. "We did lose a lot in these 20, 30 seconds."

After the final whistle, Georgia's players gathered in front of their fans for a slow-clap chant reminiscent of another European Championship underdog — Iceland — when it beat England in 2016.

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## Defending champion Italy limps away from another competition disappointed

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In the end, 10 months weren't enough for Italy coach Luciano Spalletti to have the Azzurri playing like his title-winning Napoli club.

Or even like any of the title-winning Italy teams of old. The honours feature four World Cups, two European Championships.

Italy's European title defence limped to an end on Saturday in a 2-0 loss to Switzerland in the round of 16.

"The responsibility is mine," Spalletti said, accepting blame for yet another failure by the proud soccer-mad country to live up to its reputation.

Saturday's last-16 exit was less of a fight from Italy and more a whimper that recast its 2021 Euro title win as somewhat of an anomaly.

That triumph came sandwiched between two failed attempts to qualify for the World Cup — for the 2018 edition after losing to Sweden in the playoffs, and four years later with a shock defeat to North Macedonia at the same stage.

The team earned redemption at Wembley three years ago, in the pandemic-delayed Euro 2020, and many Italians were hoping for a repeat in Germany.

But those hopes were dashed in the same stadium where Italy defeated France on penalties to lift the World Cup in 2006. It was Switzerland's first win over Italy for 31 years, and the first game in seven at Berlin's Olympiastadion that Italy failed to score.

"It's on my head in terms of what's happened, but this is part of a process and I have to say this. Because otherwise it might seem that I'm looking to justify things in a certain way," Spalletti said. "But all of the other coaches had 20 matches in charge before they took charge. Some coaches had 30 games."

"I only had 10 and we already were under fire. You have to win ... and it's only right that we have to win. But I probably need to get to know my team a bit better to be able to set things up better."

Spalletti was the coach who masterminded Napoli's spectacular Serie A title run last year. That was Napoli's first league championship in three decades — since the glory days of Diego Maradona — and the southern team won in thrilling style.

He left Napoli at the end of the campaign, saying he needed a break, but was appointed Italy coach last August after Roberto Mancini suddenly resigned.

Spalletti appeared to have brought that Napoli sparkle back to the national team as a new-found attacking flair helped Italy to turn around its qualifying campaign and finish second in its group.

But there was little sign at all of that at the tournament in Germany.

Italy conceded the fastest goal in the tournament's history in its opening 2-1 victory over Albania, was thoroughly outclassed in a 1-0 loss to Spain, and needed a last-ditch equalizer from Mattia Zaccagni to snatch a 1-1 draw against Croatia and advance to the knockout stages.

"Having tried out a number of things over the course of this experience, I do come away with the notion that I have to change things, I'm convinced that I have to change things now," Spalletti said. "It's not a scandalous result as now you're trying to depict it to be."

"And when I'm told that we produced a scandalous performance against Croatia ... no, no, I'll say no. Today we were under par, against Spain we were under par, but not against Croatia. We made it through a tough group. Deservedly so."

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## KROOS'S RETIREMENT DELAYED AS HOST GERMANY'S ADVENTURE CONTINUES

DORTMUND, GERMANY Toni Kroos gets at least another game before he retires. Germany's European Championship title challenge looks more real than ever.

One of the most decorated players in modern soccer with six Champions League titles and a World Cup, Kroos wasn't flashy as Germany beat Denmark 2-0 on Saturday, but he was a calm, assured presence holding the midfield together.

Kroos already won the Cham-

pions League with Real Madrid this season. Now he's three games away from one final trophy and will face his Madrid teammate, Spain's Dani Carvajal, in his next game.

Some fans already have their eyes on the final in the German capital and sang about heading to Berlin as Germany saw out the win.

Just like another Real Madrid great, Zinedine Zidane in 2006, Kroos is ending his storied career

at a major tournament in Germany. He came out of international retirement in February for one last tournament. Each game Germany plays in the knockout stage could be the last of his career.

Germany weathered a thunderstorm, hail and stubborn Danish resistance Saturday to ensure the 34-year-old midfielder will play again. Germany faces either Spain or Georgia in the quarter-finals July 5.

Zidane reached the 2006 World Cup final with France, only to headbutt an opponent, get a red card and lose to Italy. Kroos and Germany can still dream of a win on home soil and a first major trophy since Kroos and his teammates lifted the 2014 World Cup.

Until the Denmark game, Germany had not won a major-tournament knockout game since Euro 2016. The win continues the sense that Germany is

finally turning things around under coach Julian Nagelsmann after years of disappointment. He took over last year with a mission to deliver a host-country success story at Euro 2024, and has already signed an extension for the 2026 World Cup.

The decision to give Nagelsmann an extension in April came largely on the back of morale-boosting friendly wins over France and the Netherlands.

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# Marsch delighted with intelligent Canada performance against Chile

Canada earns its first trip to Copa America quarter-finals by scrapping out a draw in foul-plagued match

AADI NAIR

Canada sealed qualification for their first-ever Copa America quarter-finals in a drab 0-0 draw with Chile on Saturday, as manager Jesse Marsch praised his side for playing intelligently and closing out the match against 10 men.

Despite having a man advantage for more than two-thirds of the contest, Canada were cautious in attack and worked hard to contain their opponents.

The draw put Canada on four points in Group A, five behind leaders Argentina, whose win over Peru on Saturday ensured Canada's progression.

"We could have made life so much easier on ourselves by finding a way to finish it off, but we knew Argentina scored at the beginning of the second half, so the key was to not give anything away," Marsch told reporters.

"I tried to encourage them to stay stable and balanced ... It's not just the goalkeeper and the defenders, the entire team has been very organized tactically, and disciplined.

"That has meant that we are very difficult to play against. We have looked athletic and strong in every match, and that's what has helped us move forward."

The American, who took charge of the team last month, said Canada were not satisfied with making it to the quarter-finals on their tournament debut.

"I'm challenging them to grow and get better and adapt to what I want them to become," Marsch said.

"Challenging them to be more savvy professionals, more savvy players, more mature players. Challenging them to understand the tactics and not just the mentality of what a real team is, but how it fits into a tactical model and system.

"I've been incredibly impressed with them ... I'm very proud of this accomplishment. But again, we're not satisfied. We're looking forward and we're going to go after the game on Friday as well."

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Canada goalkeeper Maxime Crépeau grabs the ball during the Copa America match between Canada and Chile at Inter&Co Stadium in Orlando on Saturday. Canada and Chile played to a 0-0 draw, with Argentina's win over Peru allowing Canada to advance. GREGG NEWTON/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

## MLS ROUNDUP

### ATLANTA UNITED 2, TORONTO FC 1

ATLANTA Jamal Thiare stole the ball from the goalkeeper and scored an improbable goal in the final minute of play to lift Atlanta United to a 2-1 Major League Soccer victory over Toronto FC on Saturday night. In the 97th minute, Atlanta's Ronald Hernández had his shot blocked by Toronto FC's Shane O'Neill. Toronto goalkeeper Luka Gavran covered the ball and, as he was preparing to put the ball in play, Thiare came up from behind, took the ball and blasted a right-footed shot into the

empty net for the winning goal. Atlanta's other goal came in first-half stoppage time when Thiago Almada beat Gavran with a strong right-footed shot from the left side. Toronto (7-11-3), which has lost four straight, got the equalizer in the first minute of the second half through Federico Bernardeschi.

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### VANCOUVER WHITECAPS 4, ST. LOUIS CITY 3

VANCOUVER Brian White netted a hat trick and the Vancouver Whitecaps stormed all the way

back for a 4-3 victory over slumping St. Louis City on Saturday. Fafa Piccault also scored for the Caps (8-7-5), who snapped a two-game losing streak. St. Louis (3-7-10) was dominant to start the Major League Soccer match, with Njabulo Blom and Eduard Löwen scoring in the first 12 minutes of the game. But the Whitecaps – and White – responded with four goals and two saves from goalkeeper Yohei Takaoka before Nokkvi Thorisson added a stoppage-time tally for the visitors.

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CF MONTREAL 4, PHILADELPHIA UNION 2  
MONTREAL A goal in the 89th minute by Dominc Iankov and one three minutes later by Ruan Teixeira lifted CF Montreal to a 4-2 Major League Soccer victory over the Philadelphia Union on Saturday night. Quinn Sullivan and Jesús Bueno found the back of the net for Philadelphia (4-8-8), while Josef Martínez and Bryce Duke also scored for Montreal (5-8-7), which extended its home unbeaten run to five games.

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## Edey withdraws from Canadian men's basketball team

Zach Edey will not be competing for Canada's men's basketball team at the coming Paris Olympics.

The 7-foot-4 centre released a statement on his decision to withdraw from participating in the training camp on Sunday.

Edey completed his senior season with Purdue, having fallen short in the NCAA national title game to UConn in early April before moving on to prepare for the NBA draft process. He was drafted ninth overall by the Memphis Grizzlies in the draft on Wednesday.

"I have made the difficult decision of pulling myself out of the process to compete for a spot at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games with Canada," the Toronto native said. "Since last summer, I have been training and competing non-stop to achieve my goals of winning a national championship at Purdue and making it to the NBA.

"I have a duty now to properly prepare for all that is coming my way with being drafted by the Memphis Grizzlies. The work I put in this summer on my body and my game is critical for me to be the best version of myself."

Canada men's general manager Rowan Barrett expressed his support of Edey in a statement Sunday.

"While we were optimistic about having Zach join us in training camp, we understand and support him in this difficult decision," he said. "On behalf of Canada Basketball, I would like to congratulate him on being drafted into the NBA.

"We look forward to welcoming him to a future training camp and wish him the best of luck preparing for next season."

Barrett had pointed to Edey being a question mark on the opening day of training camp on Friday. The big man wasn't on the floor and Barrett wasn't certain at that time of whether Edey would participate.

"I'm in conversation with his agent and with Memphis, it looks like they're bringing him in town today," Barrett told reporters on Friday. "The draft now being two days as opposed to one kind of pushes it a day.

"So they're gonna go in, have their conversations with him and amongst themselves and then I'll be hearing from [Grizzlies GM] Zach Kleiman in just a bit."

Edey was a back-to-back Naismith player of the year winner at Purdue.

He also competed for Canada at the FIBA World Cup last summer, helping the team win its first-ever medal at the event with bronze.

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## Thitikul birdies final hole, celebrates Dow Championship team win with Yin

MIDLAND, MICH.

Atthaya "Jeen" Thitikul of Thailand made a 12-foot birdie putt on the final hole as she and Ruoning Yin of China won the Dow Championship on Sunday by closing with an eight-under 62 in the fourballs format.

Thitikul and Yin, good friends who each briefly were No. 1 in the women's world ranking, gave themselves a team nickname of "Jin and Ronic" and had every reason to celebrate.

They led by two on the back nine over Ally Ewing and Jennifer Kupcho until Ewing nearly single-handedly rallied to tie for the lead. Ewing birdied the 14th and 15th holes at Midland Country Club and hit a tough chip to save par on the 16th to stay tied.

Thitikul and Ruoning played in the group ahead, and Thitikul hit a tee shot on the par-three 18th over water to 12 feet behind the cup. Her birdie putt was true all



Atthaya Thitikul, left, and Ruoning Yin kiss their trophies after winning the Dow Championship LPGA golf tournament on Sunday at Midland Country Club in Midland, Mich. AL GOLDIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the way, and they were all smiles as they headed to the clubhouse to see if it would hold up.

Canada's Lexi Thompson and Brooke Henderson had 14 teams in front of them when they start-

ed the final round and never had a serious chance. They shot 63 but still finished six shots behind in a tie for eighth.

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## DAVIS WINS SECOND ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC AFTER BHATIA THREE-PUTTS 18TH HOLE

DETROIT Cam Davis won the Rocket Mortgage Classic for the second time, closing with a two-under 70 on Sunday that gave him a one-shot victory when Akshay Bhatia three-putted from 32 feet on the final hole.

Davis, a 29-year-old Australian who won his first PGA Tour title three years ago at Detroit Golf Club, pulled into a tie with Bhatia with a birdie on the par-5 17th hole.

That proved to be enough when Bhatia's four-foot par attempt on the 18th missed low

and left for his first three-putt of the week.

Davis finished at 18-under 270 on a day of missed opportunities for the final pairing of Bhatia and Aaron Rai, each of whom shot an even-par 72. Davis Thompson (68) and Min Woo Lee (69) also finished one shot back.

Davis became the first two-time winner of the event since its debut on the PGA Tour schedule in 2019.

The 22-year-old Bhatia was seeking his third PGA Tour title and second this year after lead-

ing or sharing the lead after each of the first three rounds.

Cameron Young shot 73 and plummeted to sixth place with two bogeys over the last three holes. Still winless on the PGA Tour, Young broke his driver in frustration on the 14th tee box.

Ben Silverman of Thornhill, Ont., shot even par on Sunday and finished tied for 17th at 12 under. Roger Sloan of Calgary finished tied for 31st at 9 under, and Taylor Pendrith of Richmond Hill, Ont., finished tied for 72nd at two under.

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# Russell takes advantage of Verstappen, Norris clash to win Austrian Grand Prix

Mercedes driver earns first victory of season after rivals collide late

SPIELBERG, AUSTRIA

George Russell clinched Mercedes's first win of the season at Formula One's Austrian GP after taking advantage of a late clash between McLaren driver Lando Norris and championship leader Max Verstappen in a Red Bull car on Sunday.

It was Russell's second Formula One win.

McLaren's Oscar Piastri was second, ahead of Ferrari's Carlos Sainz Jr.

Norris was trying to take the lead from Verstappen with just seven laps left when the pair came together. The incident left Norris's car unable to continue, and Verstappen was given a 10-second time penalty.

Verstappen and Norris had been caught up in a fight for top spot, with the British driver accusing his rival of "dangerous" driving.

On Lap 64, Norris crashed into Verstappen's Red Bull as he attempted a move for the lead with both cars suffering significant damage. After Norris had gone to the outside, Verstappen's manoeuvre saw the front right of the McLaren collide with the rear left of the Red Bull. Verstappen suffered a left-rear puncture and one of Norris's tires was also shredded.

Verstappen and Norris limped back to the pits with the former able to continue after stopping for repairs. However, Norris was forced to retire.

The flashpoint provided Russell, who was sitting in third place, 15 seconds back, to assume the lead. And the British driver was able to take advantage to win for the first time since the Brazilian GP in November of 2022.



British driver George Russell rounds a turn during the Formula One Austrian Grand Prix on Sunday where he earned his first victory since the Brazilian Grand Prix of 2022. MAX SLOVENCIK/APA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Lewis Hamilton finished fourth, with Verstappen fifth.

Verstappen had dominated the weekend, following up his victory in the sprint race with another dominant performance in qualifying to take pole position.

A processional race dramatically came alive with 20 laps left after a botched pit-stop for Verstappen.

Red Bull was slow to bolt on the left-rear tire to allow Norris to take 4.5 seconds out of his seven-second lead.

On Lap 55, Norris made his bid for the lead at Turn 3 but Verstappen put his Red Bull on the apex to stay ahead.

"He reacted to my move and you are not allowed to do that," Norris protested over the radio.

Three laps later, Norris launched his McLaren down the inside of Verstappen at the third bend but Verstappen swooped back ahead of the next turn.

"He cannot keep moving after I move," Norris said. "It is just dangerous. We will have a big shunt."

With eight laps to run, Norris tried again to take the lead. Verstappen ran off the road at the third corner in his defence and rejoined the asphalt with his lead still intact.

"He forced me off again," Verstappen said. "He just divebombed me. That is not how you overtake."

Russell wasn't surprised when the pair clashed again.

"They [Verstappen and Nor-

ris] were going for it," Russell said. "I knew it [the collision] was a possibility. You are always dreaming and you have got to be there to pick up the pieces."

Verstappen was informed of his 10-second penalty and replied: "That is just ridiculous."

Haas driver Nico Hulkenberg held off Red Bull's Sergio Pérez for sixth place with the other Haas of Kevin Magnussen in eighth. RB driver Daniel Ricciardo and Alpine's Pierre Gasly rounded out the top 10.

Verstappen has 237 points, ahead of second-place Norris with 156.

The British GP is the next race on July 7.

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## Aaron Brown wins 200m title at Canadian Olympic trials

MONTREAL

Aaron Brown will be competing in the 200 metres at the Paris Olympics.

The Toronto native won the national title in the event with a time of 20.09 seconds at the Canadian Olympic track and field trials

on Sunday.

He finished ahead of Brendon Rodney (20.34) and Jerome Blake (20.41), his teammates in the 4x100 relay. It will be the fourth Olympic appearance for the 32-year-old Brown.

Audrey Leduc followed suit, winning the women's 200 title with a time of 20.77 seconds.

The Gatineau, Que., native already bested the Olympic standard of 22.57 back on May 31, with a 22.36 at a meet in Atlanta.

Malik Metivier won the men's 400 hurdles title and Sage Walker took the women's title. In the 1,500, Kieran Lumb was victorious on the men's side while Lu-

cia Stafford won the women's race.

Mark Bujnowski won the men's shot put title, Alexia Schofield grabbed the women's title in the triple jump and Olorunfemi Akinduro took the men's triple jump.

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## Sports In Brief

### PATRICK KANE STAYING WITH RED WINGS ON A 1-YEAR DEAL, AP SOURCE SAYS

Patrick Kane is returning to the Detroit Red Wings on a one-year contract, according to a person with knowledge of the situation. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Sunday because the deal had not yet been announced. It was not immediately clear what Kane's salary will be for the 2024-25 NHL season. Kane, a 35-year-old winger from Buffalo who won the Stanley Cup three times with Chicago from 2010-15, has continued playing after hip resurfacing surgery that only two others have returned from. He was nearly a point-a-game player in his first season with the Red Wings, scoring 20 goals and adding 27 assists.

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### CANUCKS SIGN DEFENCEMAN JETT WOO TO ONE-YEAR, TWO-WAY CONTRACT

VANCOUVER The Vancouver Canucks signed defenceman Jett Woo to a one-year, two-way contract on Sunday. Woo had 31 points (seven goals, 24 assists) and 93 penalty minutes across 62 games in 2023-24 with Vancouver's American Hockey League affiliate, the Abbotsford Canucks. The 23-year-old's assists and points totals were career highs, while his goal total tied his career-best mark.

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### CANADIENS TRADE DEFENCEMAN KOVACEVIC TO DEVILS FOR DRAFT PICK

MONTREAL The Montreal Canadiens have traded defenceman Johnathan Kovacevic to the New Jersey Devils in exchange for a 2026 fourth-round pick. The pick will be the best of the three fourth-round picks currently

owned by the Devils in 2026. The 26-year-old Kovacevic had six goals and seven assists in 62 regular-season games for Montreal in 2023-24.

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### ORIOLES' HENDERSON TO PARTICIPATE IN 2024 4-YEAR CONTRACT

BALTIMORE Gunnar Henderson is headed to the Home Run Derby. Major League Baseball said on social media Sunday night that the Baltimore shortstop was the first player in the competition after he confirmed his participation. Around the same time, the announcement went up on the scoreboard at Camden Yards as Henderson came up to bat in the third inning against Texas. He struck out.

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### PISTONS AND COACH J.B. BICKERSTAFF AGREE ON 4-YEAR CONTRACT

DETROIT The Detroit Pistons have agreed to a four-year contract with coach J.B. Bickerstaff with a team option for a fifth season, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Sunday. The person spoke the AP on condition of anonymity because the agreement had not been announced. The Cleveland Cavaliers fired Bickerstaff in May after they lost to Boston in the Eastern Conference semi-finals despite them winning 99 games over two years.

### INDIA HOLDS OFF SOUTH AFRICA TO WIN THE T20 WORLD CUP

BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS India pulled off a sensational seven-run win against South Africa in a gripping final of the Twenty20 World Cup on Saturday. South Africa, playing its first ever final

of an ICC tournament, needed a run-a-ball 30 to win on the back of Heinrich Klaasen's belligerent 52 off 27 balls. But Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh and Hardik Pandya, who shared seven wickets between them, roared back in the death overs to cut down South Africa at 169-8. Kohli's first half-century of the tournament anchored India to 176-7 after captain Rohit Sharma won the toss and elected to bat. India won its second T20 World Cup but its first world title in 13 years.

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### JAYS GET YERRY RODRIGUEZ FOR JOSH MOLLERUS IN TRADE WITH RANGERS

TORONTO The Toronto Blue Jays acquired right-handed pitcher Yerry Rodriguez from the Texas Rangers for righty Josh Mollerus in a trade Sunday. Rodriguez was immediately optioned to the Blue Jays' Triple-A affiliate in Buffalo, N.Y. The 26-year-old Rodriguez has appeared in 12 games for the Rangers this season and 11 games with their triple-A squad in Round Rock, Texas. He has a 2-4 record with a 6.53 earned-run average between the two teams.

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### FUJITA LEADS U.S. SENIOR OPEN BY 3 STROKES WHEN RAIN HITS

NEWPORT, R.I. Hiroiyuki Fujita held a three-stroke lead with eight holes to play in the final round of the U.S. Senior Open on Sunday when the tournament was postponed because of severe weather at Newport Country Club. Fujita was 2 under for the day on the 7,024-yard, par-70 course at the mouth of the Narragansett Bay when the horn sounded at 3 p.m. because of storms. The USGA announced

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### DEATHS

#### MARY TERESA ENGLS

Mary Teresa Engels (née Cupidio) 92, passed away peacefully, on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at New Horizons Tower Residence in Toronto.

She is survived by her brothers, Victor (Andrée) and James Cupidio (Leslie). She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Donald Ross Engels (2008); and leaves five loving children, Paul (Fay), Katie, Greg (Joanne), Andrea (Robert), and Susan (Kevin). Devoted grandchildren are William, James and Charles Engels, Sarah and Claire Gordon, Meaghan and Connor Engels, Russell (Emma) and Henry Saffrey, and Alice and Ted Donaldson.

Mary was born on November 9, 1931, to Marianna (née D'Amore) and Cleto Cupidio in Porto San Giorgio, Italy. Arriving in Canada in 1938, she lived in Hamilton before moving to Port McNicoll, ON. Earning her teacher's certificate from Normal School, Mary taught elementary and secondary school students, completing a 38-year career teaching her favourite class, Kindergarten. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Linguistics and Italian from the University of Toronto, graduating with her eldest son in 1981.

Mary was a fabulous chef and gifted singer, who had a vast repertoire of songs for every occasion. She enjoyed live music, theater and the opera. Above all, she loved family gatherings, especially birthdays, Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving. The family offers sincere and heartfelt thanks to the wonderful care staff at New Horizons Tower, all of whom brought joy and comfort to Mary throughout her stay at the residence.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 4th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Turner & Porter Funeral Home, 2357 Bloor St. W., Toronto. Funeral services will be Friday, July 5th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Olave's Anglican Church, 360 Windermere Ave. The Rev. PJ Carefoote will officiate.

A celebration of life reception will follow at the Old Mill Toronto, 21 Old Mill Rd.

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## JAMIE KELLNER

MEDIA EXECUTIVE, 77

## TELEVISION EXECUTIVE HELPED MAKE FOX AND WB INTO SUCCESSFUL NETWORKS

Believing ABC, NBC and CBS were ignoring viewers younger than 35, his knack for capturing those demographics lured audiences away from the Big Three networks that had ruled American television for nearly 40 years

TRIP GABRIEL

Jamie Kellner, a media executive who helped build Fox Broadcasting into a thriving television network with shows such as *Beverly Hills, 90210* and *The Simpsons* – and who went on to create the WB network, known for the angsty *Dawson's Creek* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* – died June 21 at his home in Montecito, Calif., near Santa Barbara. He was 77.

The cause was cancer, said Brad Turell, a family spokesperson.

Mr. Kellner was one of the most successful television executives of his generation, whose knack for capturing young viewers – first men at Fox, then women at WB – lured audiences away from the Big Three networks that had ruled television for nearly 40 years.

Mr. Kellner believed ABC, NBC and CBS were ignoring viewers younger than 35 and were hamstrung by middle-of-the-road taste. Rupert Murdoch, Fox Inc.'s owner, and Barry Diller, its chair, recruited Mr. Kellner from the television-syndication business in 1986 and installed him as president of the Fox Broadcasting Co.

Its aspiration to be the first new TV network since ABC in 1948 was broadly derided. But from the debut in 1987 of its first series, the lowbrow family sitcom *Married ... With Children*, which was shown on six Murdoch-owned stations and a string of independent ones that Mr. Kellner helped stitch together, the new network began stealing the Big Three's audience.

By 1992, with shows like *Melrose Place*, about the social lives of twentysomethings, Fox was No. 1 with viewers 18 to 34. "We don't really need anyone over 50 years of age to succeed with our business plan," Mr. Kellner told *The New York Times*.

He resigned in 1993 after seven years at Fox. By then, Mr. Diller had left, and Mr. Kellner and Mr. Murdoch had clashed over Mr. Murdoch's desire to pivot to older viewers and more mainstream shows.

Within months, Mr. Kellner was conjuring up WB, officially



Jamie Kellner's main job was to reel in advertising, but he was also hands-on in encouraging promising creators and shaping content, helping ignite the careers of J.J. Abrams and Kevin Williamson. BOB CAREY/GETTY IMAGES

the Warner Brothers Network. He brought with him former Fox colleagues, including two rising programming executives, Garth Ancier and Susanne Daniels.

"He was a visionary in the television business," Ms. Daniels, who went on to become president of MTV and head of original content at YouTube, said in an interview. Mr. Kellner "felt that Rupert Murdoch was making a mistake trying to, quote-unquote, 'grow up' the Fox network," she added, "and that was an opportunity for the WB network to establish a strategy of attracting a younger audience who Fox was abandoning."

Within just a few years, Tuesdays in prime time on WB, anchored by *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Dawson's Creek*, had become "a cult night on television for teenagers and twentysomethings," Lawrie Mifflin wrote in *The Times* in 1998.

Although Mr. Kellner's main job at the networks he built was to reel in advertising to pay for shows, and to corral affiliate stations to broadcast them, he

could also be hands-on in encouraging promising writer-producers and in shaping content.

He helped ignite the careers of J.J. Abrams (*Felicity*, *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker*) Kevin Williamson (*Dawson's Creek*, *Scream*) and Joss Whedon (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *The Avengers*).

Jamie Kellner, who owned 11 per cent of WB, cashed out after the network's parent company, Time Warner, merged with America Online in 2000. He became chair and CEO of the new behemoth company's Turner Broadcasting System, succeeding Ted Turner.

Mr. Turell, who was part of Mr. Kellner's brain trust at WB, recalled him suggesting to producer Aaron Spelling (*Beverly Hills, 90210*) that a series about a

preacher and his teenage daughter could capture the underserved audience of religious viewers. By that point, Mr. Kellner was himself the father of a teenage daughter.

The series that resulted, *7th Heaven*, with Jessica Biel, ran for 11 seasons and was WB's highest rated show.

Mr. Kellner, who owned 11 per cent of WB, cashed out after the network's parent company, Time Warner, merged with America Online in 2000. He became chair and CEO of the new behemoth company's Turner Broadcasting System, succeeding Ted Turner. Besides continuing to oversee WB, Mr. Kellner now also ran CNN and other properties. He moved from California to Atlanta, where Turner Broadcasting was based.

In a profile that year, *Times* reporter Jim Rutenberg described Mr. Kellner as "square-jawed and street tough even though he now lives luxuriously."

At CNN, which was struggling against upstart cable news channels Fox News and MSNBC,

Kellner rehired financial anchor Lou Dobbs, brought on Anderson Cooper as a morning anchor and installed a respected journalist, Walter Isaacson of *Time* magazine, as CEO.

But a rapidly shifting media landscape undermined some of Mr. Kellner's ambitions. "Give us six months to a year," he boasted in 2001, "we will be well ahead of Fox." Roger Ailes, the head of Fox News, hung Mr. Kellner's words in large letters as a taunt on the wall of his newsroom.

The changes Mr. Kellner brought to CNN did not arrest the onslaught of Fox, which carved out a niche with conservative viewers. A proposed merger of CNN with ABC News that Mr. Kellner favoured was called off in February, 2003.

That month, he announced he would step down when his contract ended and return to California. He retired from television at the age of 57 in 2004.

James Charles Kellner was born April 18, 1947, in New York, one of five children of James Kellner, a commodities broker, and Jean (Mahan) Kellner, a librarian.

Early on, Jamie aspired to be a teacher. Eventually, however, he entered the TV industry through an executive training program at CBS.

He first struck programming gold in his mid-30s, teaming with Lorne Michaels, the creator of *Saturday Night Live*, to cut early episodes of SNL to 30 minutes, then sell them in syndication to independent stations. It was that track record that led to his recruitment by Fox.

Mr. Kellner's first marriage ended in divorce.

He leaves his wife of 38 years, Julie Smith Kellner; their son, Christopher Kellner; a daughter from his first marriage, Melissa Kellner; two brothers, Thomas and Ronald; and three grandchildren.

In retirement, Mr. Kellner left the entertainment world behind for personal passions. He sailed his ketch, the Irishman, around the world, and started a winery, Cent'Anni, in the Santa Ynez Valley.

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

## I REMEMBER

DONALD SUTHERLAND

In July of 2015, as a federal election approached, the Ontario Court of Appeal held up a move by Canada's Conservative government to bar Canadians who had been living outside Canada for five years or more from voting. As a Canadian who holds no other passport, and who works for a Canadian company, I was so outraged that I wrote a rare (for me) opinion piece about it.

Afterward, I received an e-mail from a "Frank Racette." It was, Donald Sutherland explained, his "nom de whatever." Turns out he'd been using the name to check into hotels and such to avoid stalker fans.

He wanted *The Globe and Mail* to publish an opinion piece he wrote, also calling for the voting rights of Canadian expats to be restored. His arguments were similar to mine, but many, many more people read them when they were made by one of the most famous Canadians.

When the piece went online the response was incredible.

I became something like Donald's agent for a few weeks. Readers, fans and radio stations wrote to me, asking how to get in contact with the star of *M\*A\*S\*H* and the *Hunger Games* franchise. I forwarded him the e-mails – while keeping my promise not to introduce anyone else to Frank Racette.

A day after the Liberals won the 2015 election – vowing to drop the federal government's court fight to bar long-term expatriates from voting – Donald wrote to me again.

I replied to him that I thought he had played an important role, adding that I hoped our paths would one day cross, perhaps "in a voting lineup some day." He replied, "Or maybe over tea and sandwiches or a lunch or something next time I'm in town." I suggested, jokingly, that he should drop me a line whenever he was next in London.

He invited me to the coming premiere of the final *Hunger Games* movie, two weeks later on London's iconic Leicester Square. Not just to sit in the crowd and watch the movie, but to join the VIP party before and after with Jennifer Lawrence and others.

My wife, Carolynne, and I spent the intervening days preparing ourselves by watching every movie Donald had ever appeared in, lest we be revealed as only casual fans. We had plans to try and get through his son Kiefer's oeuvre as well, but time was too short.

We arrived at the premiere – walking the red carpet past rows of truly confused fans and paparazzi – and wound up clutching champagne glasses as the stars fluttered around us. If you were there, I was the guy who tripped over Natalie Dormer's incredibly



Actor Donald Sutherland attends the U.K. premiere of *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2* at Odeon Leicester Square in London in November, 2015. SAMIR HUSSEIN/GETTY IMAGES

long gown while trying to figure out where one is supposed to stand when nobody at the party knows who you are.

Creating a scene (by tripping over Natalie D.'s dress) helped Donald spot me. He and Francine were sitting in a dark corner and

invited us to join them. Carolynne and I were ready to talk movies. We had smart questions ready about Hollywood, but all Donald wanted to do was talk about Canadian politics.

Who did I think might be the new foreign minister? How fast would our right to vote be restored? What did I make of Justin Trudeau's declaration that "Canada is back"? Soon, the movie was about to start.

Donald and Francine shared another secret with us. They rarely watched the end of the movies any more. And at the ages of 80 and 68, respectively, they didn't go to the after-parties any more either. They gave us their tickets to all the different parts of the evening (the after-party was at the top of London's pyramid-shaped Shard building) and told us to enjoy it all.

The entire *Hunger Games* cast then gathered in front of the theatre's giant screen for something of a pre-showing curtain call. With a red Remembrance Day poppy pinned to his black overcoat, Donald smiled and waved. Then the applause quieted, the lights went down, and the proud Canadian who happened to be a famous actor slipped away in the darkness.

Mark MacKinnon, *Globe and Mail* senior international correspondent, London