

## PM dismisses calls to meet full caucus after defeat in by-election

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is resisting calls for an immediate meeting with his entire Liberal Party caucus in the wake of last week's unexpected Toronto by-election loss, instead choosing to speak individually with MPs and meet with his caucus executive.

Mr. Trudeau has faced calls from MPs and party members to either meet with all of his MPs together, make major changes in his government or resign entirely after the party's loss in the riding of Toronto-St. Paul's.

The defeat in the midtown Toronto riding marks the first time the Liberals have lost a race in Canada's largest city since 2015. The results surprised the Prime Minister's Office and Liberals across the country.

Mr. Trudeau has avoided journalists' questions, except for one interview with the CBC, since the Conservatives won the riding considered a safe Toronto seat nine days ago, but he held a press conference Wednesday in his own riding in Montreal. However, his message was much the same as the brief public statement he made immediately after the loss: a promise to continue the work the government was already doing.

"Last week's by-election loss, not to sugarcoat it, was challenging," he said.

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## Biden faces growing push within party to withdraw from race

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U.S. President Joe Biden is under increasing pressure to end his re-election bid after a debate performance that highlighted concerns about his age, and faltering attempts to contain the damage.

A growing number of elected Democrats, both publicly and privately, are pushing for Mr. Biden to bow out and allow the Democratic National Convention, which gathers next month in Chicago, to nominate a different candidate.

The urgency of the election for the party ratcheted up this week when the Supreme Court issued a decision granting Donald Trump broad immunity from criminal prosecution for his official acts as president, heightening concerns about how he would use the power of the office if he returns to the White House.

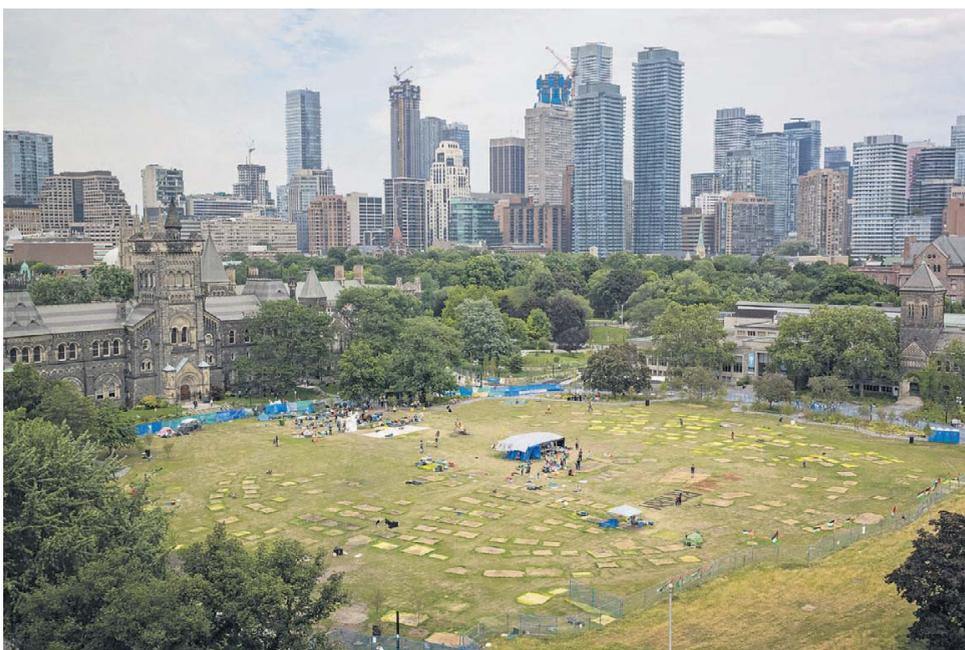
Changing candidates, however, would have its own perils. For one, neither major party has chosen a presidential contender without that person winning the primaries since the 1970s. For another, a nomination battle would risk exposing the Democrats to infighting when they are trying to project unity.

Mr. Biden vowed Wednesday in a call with campaign staff not to go anywhere. "I'm running. No one is pushing me out. I'm not leaving," he said. "I'm in this race to the end and we're going to win."

The comments were ostensibly private, but the White House almost immediately leaked them to reporters and Mr. Biden's campaign included them in a fundraising e-mail blast to supporters.

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The pro-Palestinian encampment at King's College Circle in Toronto is left largely abandoned Wednesday afternoon after a judge granted an injunction authorizing police to dismantle the site. MELISSA TAIT/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

## U OF T PROTESTERS CLEAR OUT

Two-month-long encampment comes to peaceful end as demonstrators disperse ahead of court-imposed deadline – while vowing to continue their fight ■ A3

## After devastating church fire in Toronto, experts warn hundreds more historic buildings at risk

MARIYA POSTELNYAK

Before St. Anne's Anglican Church in Toronto was consumed by a devastating fire – along with the rare Group of Seven murals and mosaics inside – the parish faced a decades-long struggle to protect the historic building.

The church did not have a sprinkler system, which left it defenceless when the fire broke out early on June 8 and ultimately destroyed everything but the building's stone facade. It also had a leaky roof that previously threatened the rare artwork inside before being fixed in the early 2000s.

The fire in June has underscored the risks in Canada facing historic churches

and other landmarks, which lack the types of protection that would be required by modern building standards and a clear way to pay for those upgrades.

"Hundreds if not thousands of churches across Canada are in the same spot," said Cody Barteet, a professor of art history at the University of Western Ontario, whose research focuses on Anglican churches.

Cathleen Hoeniger, a professor at Queen's University specializing in art conservation, said the Toronto church's designation as a national historical site, as well as a provincial heritage site, should have meant it was well protected.

"Ideally, there would have been more substantial protection, given the hugely precious mural paintings by members of the Group of Seven," said Prof. Hoeniger.

Protection should have included a fire protocol with water sprinkler systems, alerts and security, she said.

But like many aging churches across the city, the funding to install these safeguards was scarce. While some government grants were available to the parish for maintenance and repairs, the congregation largely relied on donations to protect the historic building and the artwork inside, Rev. Don Beyers said.

Over the years, Parks Canada had awarded the church grants, most recently \$250,000 for the installation of a new heating system, while the City of Toronto also provided \$60,000 in funding, he said. A permanent fundraiser was also established through a Canada Helps Page.

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## With men off at war, Ukrainian women step up to fill jobs in need – from truck driving to welding

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Elizaveta Bezpyatko has been learning how to drive a truck. Her family trucking business in the Vinnytsia region of Ukraine is no longer operating because her husband and brother, who were running it, have been fighting for their country since the beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion more than two years ago.

Ms. Bezpyatko, an accountant, never imagined herself as a truck driver. "I didn't

even often drive our car. I was looking after our two daughters, who are nine and four years old, and thought I would be an accountant all of my life," the 30-year-old said.

Oleksandra Panasiuk, program co-ordinator of Reskilling Ukraine, a Swedish NGO where Ms. Bezpyatko is one of the participants, says the logistics and building sectors in Ukraine are struggling because so many men who used to work as drivers are now in the military.

"According to employers, only men over 60 years old or under 25, or women, are applying to fill their vacancies," Ms. Panasiuk said, adding that many of the men who used to fill such jobs are staying home or

steering clear of public places in order to avoid being handed a draft notice on the street.

According to the State Employment Service of Ukraine, employers are having difficulties filling jobs in traditionally male-dominated professions; in particular, builders, welders, electricians and drivers are in great demand.

Reskilling Ukraine has established a program to teach 350 women from across the country how to drive trucks and buses. And that still doesn't meet the demand. "We said no to each third woman who wanted to participate because we basically don't have enough places for them," Ms. Panasiuk said.

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## YANKEE FANS HONOUR LOU GEHRIG

‘Today, I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth,’ a choked-up Lou Gehrig told an overflow, adoring, tearful crowd of 61,000 at Yankee Stadium. In one of baseball’s signature historical moments, they came to pay their respects to the man who had just been diagnosed with the disease that ended his Hall of Fame career and would kill him two years later, at 37. Gehrig, a superb hitter and a

modest man, formed with Babe Ruth the most devastating tandem in baseball history. He also played in a then-record 2,130 consecutive games, earning the sobriquet the Iron Horse. It is one of sport’s, and life’s, great ironies that this powerful physical force was derailed by an untreatable neurological disorder – amyotrophic lateral sclerosis – that today is better known as Lou Gehrig’s disease. MARTIN LEVIN (2011)

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## Ontario LCBO stores prepare for customer influx as Friday strike deadline looms

MARIYA POSTELNYAK

LCBO stores across Ontario are expecting more foot traffic from customers ahead of a strike deadline this week that might see thousands of unionized workers walk off the job.

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union, or OPSEU, which represents about 10,000 Liquor Control Board of Ontario workers, will be in a legal strike position as of 12:01 a.m. Friday if a deal isn’t reached with the Crown corporation that retails alcohol.

In a strike preparedness plan released publicly in June, the LCBO said it would extend hours at many of its locations and encouraged customers to “shop early and stock up on preferred products.”

Should the OPSEU go on strike, all stores will close for 14 days before transitioning to a new system. In the meantime, customers will still be able to shop online and at 2,300 private retail shops, the LCBO said in a press release. These private stores include grocery stores, Beer Stores and the scores of small general stores in rural areas that are licensed to sell alcohol.

But this threatens OPSEU’s bargaining power, as alcohol consumers have more private alternatives in the case of an LCBO strike, said Michael Lynk, a professor at the University of Western Ontario specializing in trade union law.

“Having beer or wine in most grocery stores decreases the power of unions – if I can get whatever I want by going to Loblaws or Valu-mart, I won’t feel the impact of a strike,” he said.

Consumer choice and the creeping expansion of the private market is a key feature of this labour dispute, which is much more complicated than a typical negotiation over wages or hours. A key point of contention is Premier Doug Ford’s plans to expand the privatization of alcohol sales, a move that’s expected to add 8,500 new purchasing locations across the province.



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Starting Aug. 1, packs of beer and mixed drinks will be sold at grocery stores, while cider, wine and beer will be available at convenience stores from Sept. 5. The government has said that LCBO will be the wholesaler for alcohol sold across the new locations and claimed its revenues could rise by as much as \$1-billion.

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Colleen MacLeod, chair of the OPSEU bargaining committee, expressed outrage at Ford’s decision and said the move will undoubtedly hurt sales at the LCBO. She pointed to the \$2.5-billion that the Crown corporation generates in profit every year.

“It will threaten hundreds of millions of dollars in public revenues that fund public services like health care and education,” Ms. MacLeod said in a press

conference on June 18.

Salary increases for LCBO workers that keep pace with the rate of inflation are another key demand from OPSEU. Ms. MacLeod previously told The Globe and Mail that employees who currently make it to full-time status – normally after years as casual staff – make \$16.75 an hour to start, while top earners might get \$30.57 after nine years.

“We will not stand by and watch the Ford government threaten the very future of the LCBO ... for the benefit of a select few, including wealthy CEOs and big box grocery and convenience chains,” OPSEU said in a June 28 statement.

The negotiations between OPSEU and LCBO come in the foreground of a string of recent strikes by unionized employees, including, most recently, Calgary-based airline WestJet.

Prof. Lynk said there have been more strikes over the last past years because unions have enjoyed more bargaining power, but that LCBO workers are an exception.

“Workers who work at LCBO want to enhance job security, and that’s hard in the face of increased privatization,” he said, adding that “the unions want to curb that degree of privatization ... it will be difficult for them to stop it, but they can slow it down.”

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# Pro-Palestinian protesters clear from U of T

Encampment comes to a peaceful end after injunction authorized police to clear the site by 6 p.m. Wednesday

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A pro-Palestinian protest that occupied the centre of the University of Toronto campus for two months and drew attention to the plight of Palestinians in Gaza came to a peaceful end ahead of a court-imposed deadline to leave Wednesday, as students dismantled their tents and fled out of King's College Circle.

Some wept, some embraced, some expressed frustration at having to change direction, but the protest leaders vowed to carry on their campaign by different means.

Ontario Superior Court Justice Markus Koehnen granted an injunction this week that authorized police to clear the protest site by 6 p.m. Wednesday. A few hours before, however, the once-bustling encampment was already barren and abandoned.

Students and supporters from labour unions and the university faculty held a rally as several hundred gathered outside the university administration building in the last hours before the order was to take effect.

Sara Rasikh, a graduate student and encampment organizer, said the encampment had achieved a great deal in making its demands the focus of discussion for weeks. She said it was no longer a question of whether the University of Toronto will divest, but when.

"We are just getting started," Ms. Rasikh said. "The encampment is one tactic among many. This fight will continue."

The protesters have been seeking three things: that the university disclose where its money is invested; that it divests from weapons manufacturers connected to the Israeli military and that sustain what they describe as Israeli apartheid; and that it breaks ties with Israeli universities that operate in the occupied



Hundreds of protesters including students attend a rally in support of Palestine on Wednesday at the King's College Circle at the University of Toronto. YADER GUZMAN/THE GLOBE AND MAIL



Protesters embrace as others remove belongings from the encampment at the university. Some expressed frustration at having to change direction. MELISSA TAIT/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

territories.

None of those goals has been attained yet, but the protesters, buoyed by a cheering crowd, said that it would only be a matter of time.

Mohammad Yassin, a recent graduate and protest organizer, said the encampment had come to symbolize something larger,

calling it a beacon of principled resistance. He said the encampment's ability to hold its position through several weeks of convocation ceremonies was a victory.

"The encampment was leaving this physical space but our fight will continue," he said. "U of T will one day reflect that it stands on the wrong side of

history."

In its submissions to the court, the university had argued that its campus is private property and that protesters infringed on the rights of others to use Front Campus. The protesters countered that they have a right to protest and that a university campus should not be viewed simply as private property but as a space where debate can occur. The judge, in granting an injunction, sided with the university's right to determine how its property is used.

The judge's ruling authorized police to arrest and remove anyone believed to be contravening the order after 6 p.m. Wednesday, but by the time the deadline arrived not one person or tent remained. The protesters left a message painted on the grass that said: "We will return."

University of Toronto president Meric Gertler issued a statement shortly after 6 p.m. acknowledging that protesters had left the camp.

"I am pleased that the protesters have ended the encampment peacefully so that Front Campus can be restored and returned to the entire community.

Members of our community continue to be free to exercise their right to free speech and lawful protest," Dr. Gertler said.

Mr. Yassin said negotiations with the university on protest demands remain at an impasse. He declined to say what form the protests could take in the days and weeks ahead.

Erin Mackey, a recent graduate and encampment organizer, wept as the press conference ended. She said she was overwhelmed by the emotions of the day as she reflected on the two months spent in the encampment. The protests built a community, she said, and its fight continues.

"Students will continue to show up day in, day out, until U of T divests," Ms. Mackey said.

The end of the encampment at U of T was being watched at other campuses. At McGill, where a protest has been going on for more than two months, the Montreal university is still awaiting a court date to have its case for an interlocutory injunction against the encampment heard.

McGill said through its media relations department that although it has taken note of the U of T decision, it does not change its approach. McGill is seeking to bring an end to what it describes as an indefinite and illegal encampment on its property.

University of British Columbia, where an encampment has continued for more than two months, said it had no updates to share.

The peaceful end to the protest stands in contrast to a handful of cases in Canada where police were brought in to clear encampments. In May, encampments at the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary were cleared by police wielding batons. An encampment at York University was also cleared by Toronto police in early June shortly after the university issued a trespass notice.

Toronto police said Wednesday they would enforce the court order issued in the U of T case, but said the 6 p.m. deadline was for protesters, not for police action. In a social-media statement, police had asked protesters to leave peacefully.

## Former public safety minister calls for broad probe of new human-rights chief

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Former Liberal public safety minister Marco Mendicino has called for a strengthened federal probe into the activities of Canada's new human-rights chief, including presentations he gave as a graduate student about the war on terror and links to papers and tweets that have been scrubbed from the internet.

Mr. Mendicino said writings and lectures by Birju Dattani, under the name Mujahid Dattani, need to be scrutinized as part of an independent investigation launched by the Justice Department. He said Mr. Dattani should not start as chief commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC) until a broad investigation is complete.

Justice Minister Arif Virani appointed Mr. Dattani, former executive director of the Yukon Human Rights Commission, to the role last month.

Since then, it emerged that he had not disclosed to the government tweets he had posted, including one linking to an article comparing Palestinians to Jews incarcerated in the Warsaw Ghetto, under the name Mujahid Dattani.

The independent investigation is due to report before Mr. Dattani starts his new role in a month's time.

Mr. Mendicino said an enhanced screening process is needed, which could look at deleted social-media posts.

Among the deleted material is a Facebook post about a talk Mr. Dattani gave as a graduate student in London on the "war on terrorism and Islamophobia." He delivered a lecture on the same subject in Turkey in 2014.

The advertisement for the talk at Bogazici University says: "It will be discussed whether Muslims from various geographies who are condemned to carry the label of terrorist on their foreheads, regardless of the enemy they fight against and in what way, deserve this label."

An abstract of his paper says his lecture will "address how the

Laws of Armed Conflict and the Criminal Laws have been cherry picked without regard to the protections that these very laws provide. This talk will also touch on how this contributed to the rise of Islamophobia."

Muneeza Sheikh, a lawyer representing Mr. Dattani, said because of the investigation "it would be inappropriate for us to provide substantive commentary," including on his talk in Turkey on the war on terror.

"It is a smear job involving all of the usual suspects," she said. "Mr. Dattani's qualifications and suitability for this role are impenetrable."

But Mr. Mendicino said he was concerned by "a steady stream of posts, papers and presentations" that have come to light since Mr. Dattani was appointed, including an academic paper he presented as a graduate student arguing that terror is not only pursued by fundamentalists with warped outlooks, but is a rational strategy with "surprisingly high success rates." The full presentation is not available online.

Mr. Mendicino said it was "extremely concerning" this material was not proactively disclosed by Mr. Dattani or unearthed before his appointment as chief commissioner. "Clearly the screening process must be strengthened to preserve the integrity of the Chair and the CHRC itself," he said.

"In the meantime, if the Chair will not voluntarily stand down, he should not assume his duties until this matter is resolved."

Mr. Dattani, while a graduate student in London, also gave a lecture entitled "What is Zionism?" at the London School of Economics. It was billed as being "unlike any lectures/books you have ever read on this topic!"

Melissa Lantsman, deputy leader of the Conservative Party, renewed calls for a parliamentary committee to look into his appointment, saying the probe initiated by the Justice Department is a "fake, closed-door investigation."

"As antisemitism continues to rise since the brutal Oct. 7th attacks, this appointment is a yet

another slap in the face to Canada's Jewish community from the Trudeau government," she said.

Ms. Lantsman said Mr. Dattani should resign or the Prime Minister should fire him.

But a number of organizations came to Mr. Dattani's defence this week including Independent Jewish Voices, Canada.

In a statement, Corey Balsam, its national co-ordinator, said Mr. Dattani had no reason to apologize to members of the Jewish community and "we look forward to Dattani taking up his post later this summer and call on Minister Virani to proceed as planned."

The Yukon Human Rights Commission previously issued a statement supporting Mr. Dattani, calling him "exceedingly knowledgeable, hard-working, innovative, highly empathetic to all communities and, beyond any doubt, completely impartial in the manner in which he carried out his responsibilities in the Yukon."

Nicholas Marcus Thompson, executive director of the Black Class Action Secretariat, said the investigation has not yet been concluded into Mr. Dattani and it is important to receive its findings "before passing any judgment on the situation."

The BCAS, a non-profit formed after a class-action lawsuit filed against the federal government by thousands of Black public-service workers, signed a statement saying that "while the allegations against Mr. Dattani are concerning, the campaign against him highlights the heightened level of scrutiny he, like many Canadians, faces because of his faith and ethnic background."

However, Richard Marceau, vice-president, external affairs and general counsel at the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, said "we have lost all confidence in his ability to be an impartial chair."

"While Dattani should have fully disclosed his history during the vetting process, the information that has been reported widely is sufficient to disqualify him for the position, regardless of whether he turns over the deleted content," he said.

## Israeli air strike kills family as evacuation order sparks frantic flight from southern Gaza city

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An Israeli air strike killed a prominent Palestinian doctor and eight members of his extended family on Tuesday after they complied with military orders to evacuate their home and moved into an Israeli-designated safe zone.

The Hamdan family – around a dozen people from three generations – fled their home in the middle of the night after the Israeli military ordered an evacuation from the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis.

They found refuge with extended relatives in a building further north, inside an Israeli-declared safe zone. But hours after they arrived, an Israeli air strike on Tuesday afternoon hit their building in the town of Deir al-Balah, killing nine members of the family and three others.

In all, five children and three women were among the dead, according to hospital records and a relative who survived.

Israel's order on Monday for people to leave the eastern half of Khan Younis – the territory's second-largest city – has triggered the third mass flight of Palestinians in as many months, throwing the population deeper into confusion, chaos and misery as they scramble once again to find safety.

About 250,000 people live in the area covered by the order, according to the United Nations. Many of them had just returned to their homes there after fleeing Israel's invasion of Khan Younis earlier this year – or had just taken refuge there after escaping Israel's offensive in the city of Rafah, further south.

The order also prompted a frantic flight from European General Hospital, Gaza's second-largest hospital, located in the evacuation area. The facility shut down after staffers and more than 200 patients were evacuated overnight and on Tuesday, along with thousands of displaced who had sheltered on the hospital grounds, according to the staff and the International Committee of the Red Cross, which had a medical team there.

Hisham Mhanna, the ICRC spokesperson in Gaza, said some families dragged patients in their hospital beds through the streets for up to 10 kilometres to reach safety. Ambulances moved others elsewhere as staff rushed out valuable equipment, including X-ray and ultrasound machines and endoscopy devices now so scarce, said a nurse, Muhammad Younis.

Hours after ordering the evacuation, the Israeli military said the hospital was not included in that order. But the staff said they feared a repeat of previous Israeli raids on other Gaza hospitals.

"Many hospitals have come to rubble and have been turned into battlefields or graveyards," Mr. Mhanna said.

Israel has raided hospitals, saying Hamas uses them for military purposes, a claim Gaza's medical officials deny.

On Tuesday, cars loaded with personal belongings streamed out of eastern Khan Younis, though the number of those fleeing was not immediately known.

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Supporters watch from a bridge as Reform UK Leader Nigel Farage arrives to deliver a speech during a campaign event in Clacton, England, on Wednesday. PAUL ELLIS/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

## U.K. Labour Party on course for landslide election win

Prime Minister's snap election call appears to have failed miserably, polls suggest

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Britain's election campaign is ending almost exactly where it started six weeks ago: with the Labour Party holding a substantial lead in opinion polls and projected to secure a massive victory Thursday.

Labour has held a 20-point lead in most polls for the past two years, and Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's attempt to catch his opponents off guard by calling a snap election for July 4 appears to have failed miserably.

Modelling by polling company Survation, using data from 30,000 respondents, showed Labour winning about 484 seats in the 650-seat Parliament. "The scale of the Labour victory forecast by our model is unprecedented," Survation said in a report released Tuesday.

The Conservatives have won four straight elections since 2010. However, a string of scandals and internal feuding that prompted three leadership changes in two years have turned off many voters.

Mr. Sunak has only been party leader and prime minister for 18 months but has faced an uphill battle in trying to shake off the party's recent past.

He took over in the fall of 2022 from Liz Truss, who lasted just 49 days in office because her mini-budget caused havoc in financial markets. She had replaced Boris Johnson after he was ousted by Tory MPs that summer over a series of scandals, including lying to Parliament and holding social gather-

ings at Downing Street during the pandemic in violation of lockdown restrictions.

Mr. Sunak has tried to shift the focus of the campaign onto the dangers of a Labour government and has repeatedly warned voters not to "surrender" to Labour Leader Keir Starmer. But the message does not seem to have broken through.

The Conservatives are forecast to lose about 300 seats Thursday and finish with about 64, according to Survation's model. That would be the party's worst showing ever and would put it barely ahead of the Liberal Democrats, who are projected to win 61 seats.

Mr. Sunak is still hoping enough voters will change their minds at the last minute, and the Tories even brought out Mr. Johnson to make a final pitch. Labour "can achieve nothing in this election except to usher in the most left-wing government since the war with a huge majority, and we must not let it happen," Mr. Johnson told a rally in London Tuesday evening.

But several senior Conservatives have conceded that a Labour win is inevitable.

"I totally accept that where the polls are at the moment means that tomorrow is likely to see the largest Labour landslide majority that this country has ever seen," Work and Pensions Secretary Mel Stride told the BBC Wednesday.

Former Home Secretary Suella Braverman, who is considered a candidate to replace Mr. Sunak as leader, went further in an article in *The Daily Telegraph*. The election "is over and we need to prepare for the reality and frustration of opposition," she wrote Tuesday.

Ms. Braverman sharply criticized Mr. Sunak and others for failing to recognize the challenge posed by Reform UK, a right-wing party created three years

ago by Brexit champion Nigel Farage. Mr. Farage has been campaigning on a pledge to slash immigration and return the country to what he believes are traditional British values. Polls show Reform has been gaining on the Conservatives and now trails the Tories by just a few percentage points.

Ms. Braverman said voters have abandoned the Tories for Reform "because we failed to cut immigration or tax, or deal with the net zero and woke policies we have presided over for 14 years."

Mr. Starmer's main concern throughout the campaign has been to manage expectations and avoid complacency. Recent polls have shown that Labour's lead has been narrowing slightly in the past few days.

Victoria Honeyman, a professor of British politics at the University of Leeds, expects a closer race than many pundits have predicted. While she expects Labour to win a majority, she doubted the party would match its 1945 result of 393 seats. "A 'super-majority' or something on the scale of 1945 is, in my view, highly unlikely. Not impossible, but unlikely," she said Wednesday.

Rob Ford, a political science professor at the University of Manchester, said voters have become far more volatile, so even if Labour wins, Mr. Starmer could have trouble hanging on to his majority in the next election.

"The challenges facing the incoming Labour government are daunting," said Dr. Ford, who pointed to Britain's sluggish economy and high cost of living. He added that Labour's current popularity has more to do with voters wanting to punish the Conservatives. "Once that mist of rage fades away, they'll start getting grumpy with the new incumbent government fairly quickly, I suspect," he said.

## Jennie Carignan named Canada's first female chief of the defence staff

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has selected Lieutenant-General Jennie Carignan as the next chief of the defence staff, the first woman to head the Canadian Armed Forces.

She replaces General Wayne Eyre, who is retiring after 40 years of service and has held the top military job since 2021. Lt.-Gen. Carignan, who will be promoted to the rank of general, will officially take up her duties during a change-of-command ceremony on July 18 at the Canadian War Museum.

"Over the course of her career, her exceptional leadership qualities, commitment to excellence, and dedication to service have been a tremendous asset to our Armed Forces," the Prime Minister said in a statement Wednesday. "I am confident that, as Canada's new Chief of the Defence Staff, she will help Canada be stronger, more secure, and ready to tackle global security challenges."

Lt.-Gen. Carignan is a three-star general with a reputation for excellent service. She has commanded troops on a NATO mission in Iraq, served as chief of staff of army operations and held senior roles at National Defence headquarters. The Prime Minister has spoken often about the need to promote women to important positions in government.

In 2008, Lt.-Gen. Carignan became the first woman in Canadian Armed Forces history to command a combat arms unit. She has also served in Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Syria. Her most recent post was as chief of professional conduct in the military, where she was charged with the task of combatting sexual misconduct and overhauling the culture of the Armed Forces.

Over the years, the Forces have been hampered by recruitment shortfalls and procurement delays that have put force readiness at risk and pushed back critical equipment upgrades. Although there is no timeline for equipment purchases, the government's recent military update pledges to look at options to replace Canada's aging submarines, purchase new light armoured vehicles and tanks and acquire ground-based air-defence systems.

"Lt.-Gen. Jennie Carignan has served Canada with great distinction both at home and abroad. Throughout her career, she has had a proven track record of excellence on difficult operations," Defence Minister Bill Blair said. "Her extensive experience makes her the right person to lead the Canadian Armed Forces through emerging security challenges - and I am confident in the future of this crucial institution under her leadership."

As Chief of the Defence Staff, Lt.-Gen. Carignan will be facing major challenges, including demands from Canada's allies to significantly beef up military spending.

In a recent interview, Gen. Eyre said the \$8.1-billion committed by the government to defence spending over the next five years still falls short of the NATO spending target of 2 per cent of annual economic output.

The defence policy update, released April 8, calls for a fleet of early-warning aircraft and tactical helicopters, maritime sensors to detect missiles and ships, as well as a satellite ground station in the Arctic and expanded runways and port facilities in the region.

Last August, Russia and China conducted joint exercises in the Bering Sea off the coast of Alaska. Russia has been building modern military bases and has nuclear submarines and a fleet of 13 polar icebreakers. China, which has declared itself a near-Arctic state, has two medium-strength icebreakers and is building an even larger, more powerful vessel. Beijing wants to use the Northern Sea Route through Russia's Arctic to import energy and export goods.

Thomas Juneau, a professor at the University of Ottawa's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, said Lt.-Gen. Carignan "has significant and very diverse experience, which is very good."

She is "known as a doer," he said. "She is very direct, very blunt and generally viewed as effective."

Andrea Charron, director of the Centre for Defence and Security Studies at the University of Manitoba, said the appointment is in keeping with the Liberal government's brand. "The first female chief of the defence staff - that's certainly important for Canada."

She said it will be interesting to see who is appointed as vice-chief, because that's "an office where all the problems end up."

Prof. Charron said she expects the new defence chief will continue with the primary goal of improving readiness because, "as we know, recruitment and retention is such a problem."

Other Western countries have been working to promote women to higher ranks. For example, Britain recently promoted the most senior female officer in its armed forces to the post of vice-chief of the defence staff.

## Alberta offers to extend original agreement with legal aid non-profit

CARRIE TAIT CALGARY

The Alberta government has reversed course in its funding and governance negotiations with Legal Aid Alberta, offering to extend their original agreement, after the organization said it would stop taking new cases next week unless the province came up with a more palatable deal than its latest proposal.

LAA, a non-profit that represented 33,500 vulnerable residents last year, including children, people experiencing family violence and troubled teens and

adults, operated under a governance agreement with the province and the Law Society of Alberta. The most recent deal expired June 30, after the province on June 27 proposed new terms that the LAA said would undermine its independence and put its financial future at risk.

The organization said in a Tuesday letter that it could not accept Alberta's proposed terms and on July 9 would stop issuing certificates, which are documents authorizing legal aid staff members or roster lawyers to act on a client's behalf, unless the dispute was resolved.

Lawyers affected by the negotiations said that, if the LAA stopped issuing certificates, a pillar of the provincial justice system would immediately implode.

But the province late Wednesday revoked its June 27 proposal and instead offered to extend the previous agreement while negotiations continue. It did not indicate when the extension would expire.

"We have offered to extend the existing funding agreement to ensure the delivery of legal services by Legal Aid Alberta continues unaltered while we continue to work with Legal Aid Alberta on the new funding agreement with strengthened transparency and

accountability measures," said Mickey Amery, the Justice Minister, in a statement.

LAA did not return a message seeking comment.

Legal Aid Alberta, a non-profit that represented 33,500 vulnerable residents last year, including children, people experiencing family violence and troubled teens and adults, operated under a governance agreement with the province and the Law Society of Alberta. The most recent deal expired on June 30.

Ryan Callioux, the LAA's board chair, had outlined in the organization's letter a number of concerns with the government's June 27 offer.

The terms of that proposal, he said, would give the Justice Minister the authority to adjust funding and payments at any time; subject LAA to restrictions on funding, including contracts with

third-party service providers and employees; and create "onerous and significant" financial reporting requirements. Further, the letter alleged Alberta failed to make its April 1 payment to LAA.

LAA and the roster lawyers who serve vulnerable clients were uncomfortable with Alberta's proposed governance changes, arguing the shift would erode the organization's independence and put it in a financially precarious position.

If the LAA stops issuing certificates, vulnerable residents will immediately be left without representation, said Danielle Boisvert, the past president of the Edmonton branch of the Criminal Trial Lawyers' Association. While criminal files represent the bulk of the LAA's workload, she said the system is about helping far more than defendants accused of theft and murder.

"Let's care about the babies that need lawyers to help them through the child welfare system to make sure they have a safe place to live," Ms. Boisvert said. "Let's talk about the kids who are apprehended from their parents or family members because they are in unsafe environments."

She added: "This is family law. This is child welfare. This is immigration."

Given that the most recent agreement between Alberta and the LAA expired June 30, some roster lawyers have stopped taking on new files, while others are worried they may not be paid for cases they are already working on, Ms. Boisvert said.

The organization issued 59,599 certificates in the fiscal year ending March 31, according to its most recent annual report. That is the equivalent of taking on roughly 163 new files a day. Additionally, Justice of the Peace bail lawyers, who work for LAA, completed more than 30,000 hearings in fiscal 2024, the report says.

Edmonton and Calgary accounted for about 38,390 of 2024's certificates, with nine smaller centres including Peace River, Medicine Hat and Red Deer making up the balance. The total caseload included 24 certificates issued in Ontario for matters before the Supreme Court of Canada.

LAA works with roughly 1,200 roster lawyers across the province, the report says.

Adult and youth criminal cases make up most of LAA's files, with the average roster lawyer billing per client certificate clocking just below \$2,000 in fiscal 2024, according to the annual report.

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# Ontario court voids parents' murder convictions for killing four-year-old son over judge's remarks

High court orders new trial, castigates original judge for urging couple convicted of beating boy to death to plead guilty in pretrial proceedings

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A Toronto couple convicted of beating to death their malnourished four-year-old son have had their murder convictions voided and are to face a new trial after the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled the judge in the case tainted the proceedings by urging the parents to plead guilty.

The decision, released Wednesday, criticized Toronto Ontario Superior Court Justice Todd Ducharme for having "irretrievably compromised" the criminal case through unsolicited and often profane advice during pretrial hearings. The judgment noted several instances when Justice Ducharme used an expletive to characterize the defence's arguments.

The case involves the death of Jaelin Roberto-Colley, 4, who weighed just 28 pounds when he was found dead in his North Toronto home a decade ago.

His parents, Ravyn Colley and Joel Roberto, who had been convicted by a jury of murder charges and were serving penitentiary terms, are now to face renewed proceedings, including those to determine whether they will be released.

In writing the unanimous ruling for the three-judge panel, Appeal Court Justice Gary Trotter noted the court has "repeatedly expressed disapproval of trial judges inviting counsel into their chambers during the trial to comment on the evidence and encourage guilty pleas."

"We conclude that there has been a miscarriage of justice and a new trial is warranted."

Justice Trotter called the decision regrettable, but ruled there were several instances of the trial judge telling the accused — through their lawyers or directly — that they would likely be convicted of first-degree murder if they did not immediately plead guilty to second-degree murder charges.

All convicted murderers face life in prison in Canada, but a first-degree murder guilty finding triggers Canada's stiffest sentence: no chance of parole for 25 years. A second-degree murder conviction has an earlier parole-eligibility date.

The lawyers for the couple launched renewed appeals after

they received life sentences, which led to Wednesday's appellate ruling.

"After a trial starts, the judge is in a referee period. He is not allowed to get into the mix and offer his opinion, especially without the defendants present," defence lawyer Lynda Morgan, who argued the appeal, said in an e-mailed response when asked for comment.

The case involves the death of Jaelin Roberto-Colley, 4, who weighed just 28 pounds when he was found dead in his North Toronto home.

"Here the trial judge did that repeatedly, spoiling the appearance of fairness."

Justice Ducharme told defence lawyers in 2017, when they challenged his controversial remarks as he uttered them, that he was not expressing bias.

"My intervention was motivated by a sense of genuine compassion for both Mr. Roberto and Ms. Colley."

Shortly after 2:30 a.m. in October, 2014, Jaelin was found dead in his home. Court documents say

the boy, just three months away from his fifth birthday, was discovered in a "manifestly emaciated" state, weighing less than he did as an 18-month-old toddler. He had bruises to his face, a laceration through his lower lip, a fractured wrist, and a traumatic brain injury that had left him unconscious.

Court heard Mr. Roberto placed a 911 call telling the operator that his son had fallen down a flight of stairs. But the firefighters who found the boy on the living room floor said he appeared cold and stiff and without a pulse. Coroners who examined the boy ruled that his head injury caused him to choke to death on his own vomit.

The couple was arrested and charged with first-degree murder. During the pretrial phase, they challenged the evidence against them. Many of these hearings occurred in May, 2017.

This was when, according to the Court of Appeal, Justice Ducharme invited lawyers into his chambers for a 20-minute discussion, where he gave "his unsolicited views about the strength of the evidence, expressing that 'juries do not like child killers' and that the [accused couple] were 'fucked' if they proceeded to trial on first-degree murder."

Days later, Justice Ducharme e-mailed the lawyers in the case to

ask if anyone was working out a plea deal. Later, when the accused were in court, he addressed them directly: "Mr. Roberto and Ms. Colley, as I'm sure you know, I have been urging your counsel and the Crown to try and resolve this case with a plea to second-degree murder."

After a 2018 jury trial, Ms. Colley was convicted of first-degree murder and Mr. Roberto was convicted of second-degree murder. His parole eligibility date was set at 18 years.

The Ontario Court of Appeal ruling now voids these convictions.

It's unclear whether the Crown will appeal to the Supreme Court or when it will seek to launch a renewed prosecution, including potential bail hearings.

"It would be inappropriate to comment," said Keesha Seaton, a spokeswoman for the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney-General.

A spokesman for the Ontario Superior Court said Justice Ducharme will not be commenting on the case.

"Judges are bound by ethical guidelines ensuring their conduct maintains and enhances confidence in their impartiality," said Trevor Guy. "For that reason, it would be inappropriate for Justice Ducharme to comment on a matter over which he presided."

## Church: Renovations St. Anne's needed would have cost millions, architect says

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The funding hardly covered the cost of refurbishments the church has needed over the years, including fixing the leaking roof that threatened to destroy the Group of Seven murals in 1998.

In 1998, Diane Paquette wrote for the *Anglican Journal* that "an insidious problem haunts the coloured walls of St. Anne's Church in west Toronto — a problem that, drip by drip, threatens to damage several valuable paintings by members of the Group of Seven."

That year, the parish sought to gather \$1-million in funding to fix the leak. The roof ultimately underwent some repairs after a \$400,000 federal government grant from Parks Canada's heritage site program, but a large portion was covered through private donors.

Philip Evans of ERA Architects said renovations of the sort that were needed at St. Anne's before the fire would carry a price tag upward of \$5-million.

Part of the challenge is that there are no federal or provincial programs outside of Quebec to fund work such as heritage restoration and maintenance, said Prof. Barteet at Western.

In an e-mail statement, a spokesperson for Parks Canada, which oversees the National Cost-Sharing Program for Heritage Places, said eligible sites can apply for up to 50 per cent of costs or \$250,000 for conservation-related projects, and that it has a "competitive selection process."

Part of the problem is that the city's interest in preserving and celebrating its heritage lags many other global centres, said Heidi Reitmaier, executive director of Museum of Toronto.

"We have some exceptional artworks and heritage around the city, but unlike other cities, which perhaps celebrate their heritage more or build it into the city's identity, we are still unclear or maybe less celebratory than most," she said.

Ms. Reitmaier pointed to Chicago as a comparable city that does an outstanding job of preserving and promoting its public



art and heritage spaces, gathering funding for their upkeep in the process. "Since the 1800s, Chicago has nurtured a reputation through policy and investment in permanent public art ... and it has built tourism on this reputation."

This year, thousands of buildings in Toronto are set to lose their heritage status at the end of 2024 as part of Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, which seeks to make it easier to build more housing by eliminating some heritage designations. As a result, funding for the preservation of aging buildings is often at odds with urban development and housing goals.

But protecting heritage sites, and churches in particular, shouldn't just be a matter of pouring funds into every old building, said Julia Gersovitz, a conserva-

tion architect. It's about risk management and getting more strategic about how we allocate funds.

Reverend Hannah Johnston consoles a community member on June 10, after a fire damaged St. Anne's Anglican Church in Toronto. Rare Group of Seven murals and mosaics inside were destroyed in the blaze.

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There's an enormous inventory of old churches," Ms. Gersovitz said. "So you would start by looking at your inventory: St. Anne's is a fabulous piece of Byzantine architecture, so let's put St. Anne's on the top of the list because we don't just have the architecture but the things that are intrinsic to the architecture that are important within."

The next step is doing a risk analysis. "It's not about putting in a sprinkler in each old building in the city but about putting your resources to a building that is most at risk," she said.

Generating interest and funding to protect sites such as St. Anne's is also a matter of creativity, said Graham Livesey, an architect and professor at the Universi-

ty of Calgary.

One strategy that maximizes a site's potential and helps old churches generate funding is leveraging air rights, he said. They "allow heritage building owners to sell the airspace above a building in locations where tall buildings can be built."

Prof. Barteet acknowledged that interest in public funding for historic churches can be a challenge given the countless other funding priorities. But he said the argument for investing in saving these churches shouldn't be overlooked.

"The places reflect a moment of profound cultural and national change in the national identity," he said. "With the loss of these churches, we're losing that element of visual culture that can tell us what was happening in Canada at that time."

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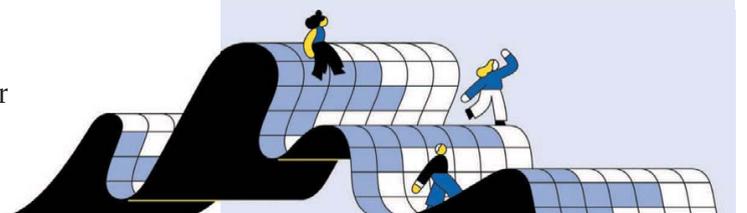


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LEFT TO RIGHT: DR. JESSICA ALLEN FROM EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, DR. ALAN FRYDAY, RETIRED FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE BOTANIST TROY MCMULLIN PERFORMING THE "TRADITIONAL LICHENOLOGIST YOGA POSE."

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A Kingston, Jamaica, resident on Wednesday makes their way through the wind and rain caused by Hurricane Beryl. Beryl is packing maximum sustained winds of 233 kilometres an hour. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

# Beryl strikes Jamaica after killing at least nine

Hurricane's death toll expected to rise as communications come back online across drenched islands

MARIA ALEJANDRA CARDONA  
KINGSTON, JAMAICA  
HAROLD ISAAC  
PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

The centre of Hurricane Beryl churned menacingly toward Jamaica on Wednesday, after uprooting trees, ripping off roofs and destroying farms as it forged a destructive, water-soaked path across smaller islands in the Caribbean.

The death toll from the powerful Category 4 hurricane increased to at least nine, but it is widely expected to rise as communications come back online across drenched islands damaged by flooding and deadly winds.

"Everything is destroyed, there's nothing else in Palm Island," said Katie Rosiak, the general manager of the Palm Island Resort in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, one of the hardest-hit areas in the eastern Caribbean.

"We need some help for everybody," she said in a brief phone call, declining to confirm that a hotel employee had been killed.

The loss of life and damage wrought by Beryl underscore the consequences of a warmer Atlantic Ocean, which scientists cite as a telltale sign of human-caused climate change fuelling extreme weather that confounds past experience.

In the Jamaican capital, Kingston, anxious motorists lined up at gas stations, as others stocked up on essential supplies.

"People are worried and always shopping and buying things," said Andre, a salesperson in a local store, without giving his

full name.

Jamaicans braced for electricity cuts later on Wednesday, according to a power company official, with roads near the coast already washed out as a steady rain continued to fall.

By midday on Wednesday, the centre of the spiralling hurricane was located about 121 kilometres southeast of Kingston, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center, though its outer rings were already pounding a large portion of the island with a population of nearly three million.

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"Life-threatening flash flooding and mudslides from heavy rainfall are expected over much of Jamaica and southern Haiti through today," the NHC said in a post, adding that dangerous winds and storm surges are expected in both Jamaica and the Cayman Islands through early Thursday.

Overnight in Haiti as Beryl's impact grew progressively stronger, residents anxiously awaited its full impact.

"We were not comfortable. We could not sleep normally with the wind, the water. Many people slept in the yard," said Pouchon Jean-Francois, who lives in an improvised camp in Port-au-Prince.

Venezuela's Vice-President was injured as she surveyed an

area south of Beryl on Tuesday night, where the Manzanares River in Sucre state burst its banks.

President Nicolas Maduro confirmed the injuries caused by a falling tree to his second-in-command, along with head injuries suffered by senior officials accompanying her, after intense rainfall struck the country's Caribbean coastline.

"It could have been a tragedy," Mr. Maduro told state television on Tuesday night, adding that three people had died and four were missing in the area, along with more than 8,000 homes damaged by torrential rains, including at least 400 destroyed.

The unusually early hurricane strengthened at a record pace, which scientists argue is almost certainly fuelled by climate change.

Beryl is the 2024 Atlantic season's first hurricane and the earliest storm on record to reach the highest category on the Saffir-Simpson five-stage scale.

Additional confirmed fatalities so far include at least one in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, where Union Island has suffered severe destruction over around 90 per cent of buildings, according to the Prime Minister.

In Grenada, the Prime Minister there described "Armageddon-like" conditions with no power and widespread destruction, while also confirming nine deaths.

Beyond near-term impact in Jamaica and Haiti, the NHC warned that Mexico's Yucatan peninsula, dotted with beach resorts popular with tourists, is in Beryl's path as early as Thursday night.

In Mexico's top resort city of Cancun, officials said supplies of wooden boards used to protect doors and windows were dwindling as locals and tourists prepared for Beryl's arrival.

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## Biden: Debate and Trump's immunity make campaign more daunting for Democrats

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The President had lunch with Vice-President Kamala Harris, a leading contender to replace him on the ballot, and held a meeting with Democratic governors, a group that includes several other potential substitute candidates.

He also made phone calls to congressional leaders, and scheduled two radio interviews, a televised sit-down and campaign appearances in two swing states, in an effort to show he is still capable of being his party's standard-bearer.

After the governors' meeting, participants closed ranks around the President. Minnesota's Tim Walz declared Mr. Biden "fit for office." Maryland's Wes Moore said "we're going to have his back."

Representative Lloyd Doggett, a Texas Democrat, became the first legislator this week to openly call on Mr. Biden to step aside. "I am hopeful that he will make the painful and difficult decision to withdraw. I respectfully call on him to do so," he said in a statement.

A group of moderate Democrats in the House of Representatives is pushing for him to stand aside in favour of Ms. Harris, a source with knowledge of the discussions told The Globe and Mail. The Globe is not identifying the source so they could speak about details of private conversations.

Julián Castro, who was a cabinet member during Barack Obama's presidency, said on MSNBC that "another Democrat" would have a better chance than Mr. Biden at beating Mr. Trump. Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi told The New York Times that it was fair to ask of the debate performance, "Is this an episode or is this a condition?"

During the 90-minute debate with Mr. Trump on June 27, Mr. Biden struggled to form sentences and spoke in a quiet, raspy voice. The President, who overcame a childhood stutter, has long had difficulty with public speaking. But the debate has spotlighted the possibility that he is suffering from more serious problems. Mr. Biden, 81, and Mr. Trump, 78, are the two oldest presidential candidates in history.

On Monday, a few days after the debate, the conservative majority on the Supreme Court found that presidents are largely immune from criminal prosecution for official acts, delaying Mr. Trump's trial for trying to overturn the 2020 election until after November's presidential vote.

The ruling represents an expansion of executive power at a time when Mr. Trump is campaigning on plans to round up and deport millions of undocumented immigrants, replace government workers with political loyalists, and put regulatory agencies directly under his control.

The combination of the difficult debate and the court's assistance to Mr. Trump makes Mr. Biden's campaign more daunting while raising the election's stakes. "I can't think of a more perfect storm," said Barbara Ann Perry, a presidential historian at the University of Virginia. "The American democratic republic is at stake."

The White House has long been dismissive of concerns about Mr. Biden's age and mental acuity, even as staff stage-manage his public appearances to minimize the possibility of slip-ups. Mr. Biden typically speaks briefly from a teleprompter, for instance, and mostly avoids questions from reporters.

Mr. Biden's response to the debate has followed this playbook.

An e-mail to supporters from Rob Flaherty, Mr. Biden's deputy campaign manager, derided the President's naysayers as "the bedwetting brigade." At a fundraiser this week, Mr. Biden said his problem at the debate was jet lag from foreign travel, even though he had seven days after his overseas trips to recover. "I decided to travel around the world a couple times," he said. "And then I came back and nearly fell asleep onstage."

Bailing on the race, however, would be complicated. Ms. Harris, though polling better than Mr. Biden, has long engendered ambivalence and would not be a shoo-in for the nomination. With others, including state governors Gretchen Whitmer and Andy Beshear, it is unclear how they would perform on a national stage.

Polling shows Mr. Biden is running behind Mr. Trump, and that a large majority of voters believe he is too old, but none of the prospective replacements fares much better. A New York Times/Siena poll showed Mr. Trump up three points since the debate, leading Mr. Biden 49 per cent to 43 per cent.

Mr. Biden's defenders are quick to point out that he was counted out during the 2020 primary race only to come back with a convincing victory.

Victoria Nourse, a Georgetown University law professor who worked for Mr. Biden both during his time as a senator and when he was vice-president under Barack Obama, said his debate performance was "a blip" likely brought on by a gruelling schedule. When she was on his staff, she said, it was typical for Mr. Biden to work from 6 a.m. to midnight.

"What I saw was a person who works too hard and a person who stutters," she said of the debate. "I just don't see this as disqualifying in any way, shape or form."

With a report from David Shribman

## Jobs: Employers now prefer women, candidates less likely to be called for the military

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Ms. Bezpyatko says it's not easy to drive a truck because a large vehicle is harder to manoeuvre and requires a much longer distance to bring to a stop.

But she wants to help her husband's business survive until he comes back from the army.

"Our three trucks are staying in our yard. We need to tell our clients that we can't work with them any more because we don't have drivers, but I want to change that."

She says that in Ukrainian society it's not typical to see women as bus or truck drivers. Even her husband smiled when she told him about her decision to get behind the wheel.

She said many of the other students in her driving course also have connections to the war. Their relatives are at the front, some have been killed, and their families want to continue their work. Others are internally displaced persons or just want to help deliver humanitarian aid to the front line.

Millions of Ukrainians will need retraining over the next few years — a situation that is changing very quickly, says Ivan Prymachenko, the head of Prometheus, an online courses platform.

Mr. Prymachenko says the la-



Elizaveta Bezpyatko undergoes truck driving training in Kyiv in June. Ms. Bezpyatko says it is not typical to see women as truck or bus drivers in Ukrainian society. PHOTOS BY OLGA IVASHCHENKO/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

bour shortage is affecting large and small businesses, as well as army units, the government, public organizations and donors. "There is a shortage of drivers and cashiers, accountants and sales managers, cooks and managers, grant program managers and civil servants."

And women are no longer looking at such employment as "man jobs."

Olena Yerokhina is a military chaplain. Since 2017 she has been visiting military positions to talk

with soldiers and try to assist them. Ms. Yerokhina is originally from Avdiivka, a city in the south-eastern Donbas region that has fallen and is now under Russian occupation, but moved to Kharkiv at the end of March, 2022, with her four children when Avdiivka became too dangerous.

Her main job is as a pharmacy auditor, but she wears a military uniform on the weekend and travels to the front. She says it doesn't matter to soldiers that she is a woman. "They trust me and



Military chaplain Olena Yerokhina, seen in Kharkiv in April, has been visiting military positions since 2017 to try and help the soldiers. She says she tries to bring happiness and positive energy to the front.

want to talk about the most intimate things. Mostly about their families, because for them, it's really important to understand that at home they have relatives waiting for them."

She says she is trying to bring happiness and positive energy to the front. She also says she can't display her own emotions; otherwise, soldiers would not talk with her.

HR expert Tetiana Paskhina says employers now prefer women or other candidates less likely

to be called up for military service, knowing that recruiters can mobilize their staff at any moment.

"One solution is recruiting women or men before or after military age if the profession and sphere of work allow for it," Ms. Paskhina said. "And it's only the beginning of a big change because, if we don't have more men, the labour market must react. Vacancies need to be filled, and if there are not enough men, then it will be women."



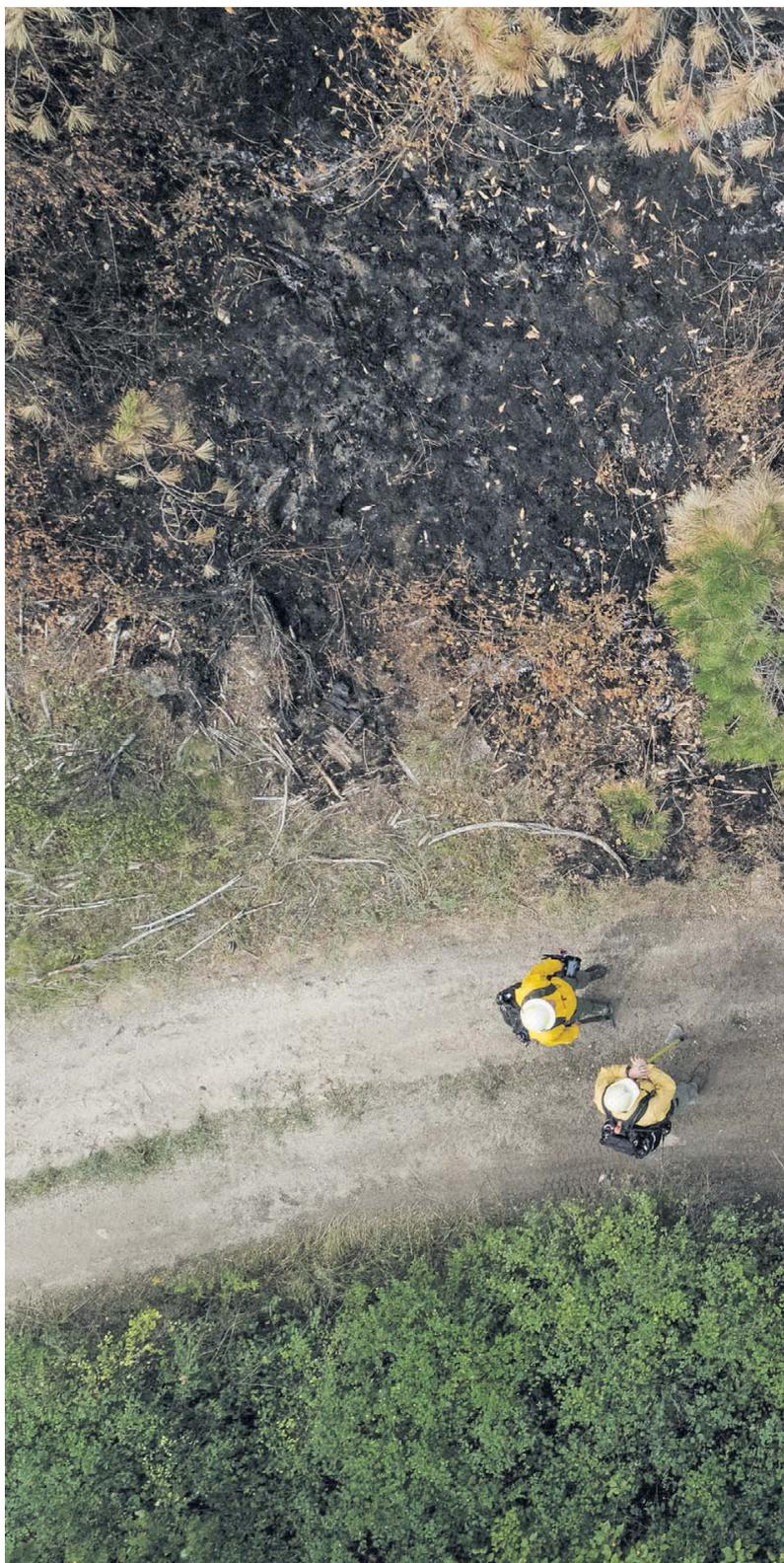
Kenyatta Bridges, an inmate and member of Arcadia 20, or ARC 20, sets fire to a burn pile during prescribed fire operations in October near Northport, Wash. Members are recruited from existing firefighting prison camps in the state.



Mr. Bridges, right, and crew members dig through dirt and ash during fire mop-up activities in August, 2023, while on deployment near Deer Park, Wash. Elite crew members are paid a base salary of up to US\$3,796 a month.



Crew members of ARC 20 stand with gas cans and await instructions to start a prescribed burn operation on their deployment near Northport.



# Washington State program turns inmates into wildland firefighters

Arcadia 20 teaches crew members how to fight blazes and prepares them for jobs in the field after they are released

REPORTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY MATT MILLS MCKNIGHT SPOKANE, WASH.

The inmates of Washington State's prison system tramp through the forest, their yellow uniforms and helmets bright against the brown branches and green leaves.

They are Arcadia 20, or ARC 20, an elite group of firefighters based in Spokane who have been recruited from existing firefighting prison camps.

The aim? Teach the inmates the skills needed to help prevent forest fires – and in the process, give them an opportunity to start on a path to a new career.

Recruited by the state's Department of Natural Resources and Department of Corrections, the program seeks to provide the dozen or so inmates with enough training to prepare them for jobs as civilian firefighters once they have completed their sentences.

"I do believe one thing for sure, that people deserve a second chance," said Kenyatta Bridges, 34, who joined the ARC 20 team for training in the middle of last year while serving a 10-year sentence for manslaughter in a 2014 gang-affiliated shooting in Pasco, Wash.

Mr. Bridges started a job in a civilian fire crew on June 3, after his release.

Reuters was granted exclusive access to ARC 20 over three months, including a visit last August to the Tonasket Rodeo Grounds, a rural community in northeast Washington State near the Canadian border. Mr. Bridges and the ARC 20 crew were setting up their tents after a day of helping contain a fire.

Crew members learn how to conduct prescribed burns, how to handle dangerous equipment and how to ensure fires that have been contained stay that way.

And when necessary, they are on the front lines of a fire, digging lines to help reduce the chance a fire will continue to spread.

"Team work, communications skills, an accountability for one's actions and others as it relates to duties and providing for safety" are an integral part of their mindset, according to ARC 20 management.

"The fellas that I've worked shoulder to shoulder with, they're amazing," Mr. Bridges said. "We all made bad decisions in our life. Some of us got caught, some of us didn't. But we learn from our mistakes."

## EARNING ABILITY

While states across the American West have inmate firefighting crews, Washington's ARC 20 program is the only one of its kind in the U.S., recruiting incarcerated individuals from full confinement into a re-entry centre where they continue to build skills in firefighting and prepare for life after release.

They also earn more. Inmates in Washington State's regular prison firefighting camps, who number around 230, are paid up to US\$1.50 an hour, based on experience, for their daily duties. When dispatched to an active fire zone, they are paid the state's minimum wage of US\$16.28 an hour plus overtime.

Elite crew members who have joined the ARC 20 team are paid a base salary of up to US\$3,796 a month with potential overtime pay on fire assignments. This year-round crew has a maximum of 20 team members.

It had 13 people on the team during its

first full year in 2023 and expects to have 12 as Washington State's fire season ramps up at the end of June.

The Pacific Northwest is struggling with the effects of climate change, with higher-than-normal chances of wildfires and a longer season this year, according to meteorologists at the Department of Natural Resources, the state agency charged with wildfire prevention and management.

According to DNR officials who manage both fully incarcerated camp crews and the ARC 20 team, a high-earning member of the camp crew received approximately US\$11,000 in 2023, whereas an ARC 20 crew member earned up to US\$60,000.

The ARC 20 team is trained to join "hand crews" – teams of 18 to 25 firefighters who work and camp near the front lines of active wildfires, often hiking long distances and carrying their own gear to reach remote areas. They also conduct prescribed burns and chainsaw trees to the ground as part of the state's fire mitigation and forest management efforts.

ARC 20's crew superintendent Ben Hood is on the team that selects participants.

"We call it getting bit with the fire bug. ... Once you get bit with it, you're hooked in," said Mr. Hood. "It becomes part of, kind of who you are, becomes more than just a job. It kind of becomes a lifestyle."

When the team isn't travelling the state fighting fires, they are housed at Brownstone Reentry Center, a minimum-security facility in downtown Spokane.

Residents participate in work or training programs and are granted additional freedoms such as wearing normal clothes or owning a cellphone.

ARC 20 crew members are paid higher wages than some staff in the state's correctional system, including the facility where they live, according to Brownstone's manager.

## RUNNING A KITCHEN

Reuters visited another crew of fully incarcerated individuals in September at a Department of Natural Resources facility at Cedar Creek Corrections Center, southwest of the state's capital city, Olympia.

They had just returned from a week-long assignment running a mobile kitchen for almost 1,000 wildland firefighters a day, who were fighting two of the 2023 season's biggest fires in the state.

Timothy Bullock, 32, an electrician jailed for second-degree assault stemming from a domestic dispute, said he has changed his life goals and wants to become a wildland firefighter.

"I used to drink quite a bit. ... It was a terrible mistake on my part that affected other people, people I cared about. So it's hard dealing with that," said Mr. Bullock, acknowledging a prison sentence may have been needed for him to change his path. "I just know that I'm never going to make those types of mistakes ever again."

Mr. Bullock has been a standout member of the Cedar Creek Corrections Center camp crew, according to his bosses at DNR. He has submitted his application for ARC 20 and is being considered for a spot in late 2024.

"I'm getting real close to getting out. It's kind of working out for the better, you know, to get back on my feet and then



A drone view shows ARC 20 members on their deployment near Deer Park. The program is the only one of its kind in the U.S. and could be a 'stepping stone' for state agencies across the country, transition crew liaison Roy Hardin says.



Mr. Bridges joined ARC 20 last year while serving a 10-year sentence for manslaughter in a 2014 shooting. He started a job in a civilian fire crew this June after his release and also welcomed a son with his partner in May.

have an opportunity when I get out," said Mr. Bullock.

Washington's model could be a "stepping stone" for state agencies across the U.S., according to transition crew liaison Roy Hardin, who helped form the crew with Mr. Hood.

"If a person is employed, has a really good job right when they get out of prison, they're not homeless, they're probably not going to come back," said Mr. Hardin. He said four crew members from ARC 20 have gone on to take jobs as members of the state firefighting agency — one engine leader and three engine crew members.

Mr. Bridges is one of those crew members.

On June 3, he started fighting fires with DNR's Arcadia Engine 7405 near Spokane, in one of the most wildfire-prone areas of Washington State.

"He's hard-working. He's motivated," said Mr. Hood, who recruited Mr. Bridges. "He's becoming one of those leaders. He's good with the chainsaw. He doesn't know how to quit working; he's physically capable of the job. He's what you want in a firefighter."

Mr. Bridges is elated for this new chapter of his life. Since his release from Brownstone he has been living in transitional housing with other formerly incarcerated individuals in Spokane, and on May 20 his partner gave birth to their son.

"I feel like I couldn't ask for nothing better," Mr. Bridges said, discussing his life postrelease. "To have everything so quickly, it feels like every gear is rotating and spinning just on point."



Timothy Bullock, serving a sentence for second-degree assault, is part of the Cedar Creek Corrections Center camp crew. He wants to be a woodland firefighter and is being considered for a spot on ARC 20 later this year.

# EDITORIAL

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

## A crown for the president of the U.S.

The United States of America celebrates its independence from Britain every July 4. But the America our neighbours to the south will salute with hot dogs and fireworks on Thursday is no longer the one they feted a year ago.

That old America was a nation predicated on the idea that every citizen of the country, from the president down, was equally subject to the law; that the people would be free from the tyranny of a king who could act without fear of the legal consequences faced by commoners.

That bedrock American principle, whose sole purpose is to prevent the country from devolving into despotism, was badly eroded on Monday when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the president is immune from criminal prosecution for any official decision or act.

"The relationship between the President and the people he serves has shifted irrevocably," wrote Justice Sonia Sotomayor, one of three dissenting justices. "In every use of official power, the President is now a king above the law."

You only have to read the two dissenting opinions to realize how contrived the majority opinion is. It's a ruling that seems to start from a conclusion desired by the only former president to be charged with a felony, let alone 88 felonies, after leaving office - and whose appointments to the court gave it the conservative majority required to rule in his favour - and then works backward from there.

The majority argue that a previous Supreme Court ruling that found that presidents should not be subject to vexatious civil lawsuits on leaving office (in that case, a wrongful dismissal suit levelled at Richard Nixon by a former government worker) somehow means presidents should also have immunity from criminal prosecutions - as if there were no difference between the two kinds of legal actions, and the public interest in seeing either one pursued is exactly the same.

The majority also argues that a president needs to be able to act decisively, without having to stop to worry about the possibility of facing criminal charges levelled by political opponents. As Justice Sotomayor wrote, "I am deeply troubled by the idea, inherent in the majority's opinion, that our Nation loses something valuable when the President is forced to operate within the confines of federal criminal law."

For Donald Trump, the ruling is music to his ears. He has sneered at the law his entire life, including and especially the part of it he spent as president. He is running for re-election while fighting multiple indictments; the ruling may buy him time to focus on his campaign. But more troubling than that, it removes a critical guardrail that might keep his authoritarian instincts in check should he return to the White House.

How far could he go? "When [the president of the United States] uses his official powers in any way ... he now will be insulated from criminal prosecution," wrote Justice Sotomayor. "Orders the Navy's Seal Team 6 to assassinate a political rival? Immune. Organizes a military coup to hold onto power? Immune. Takes a bribe in exchange for a pardon? Immune. Immune, immune, immune."

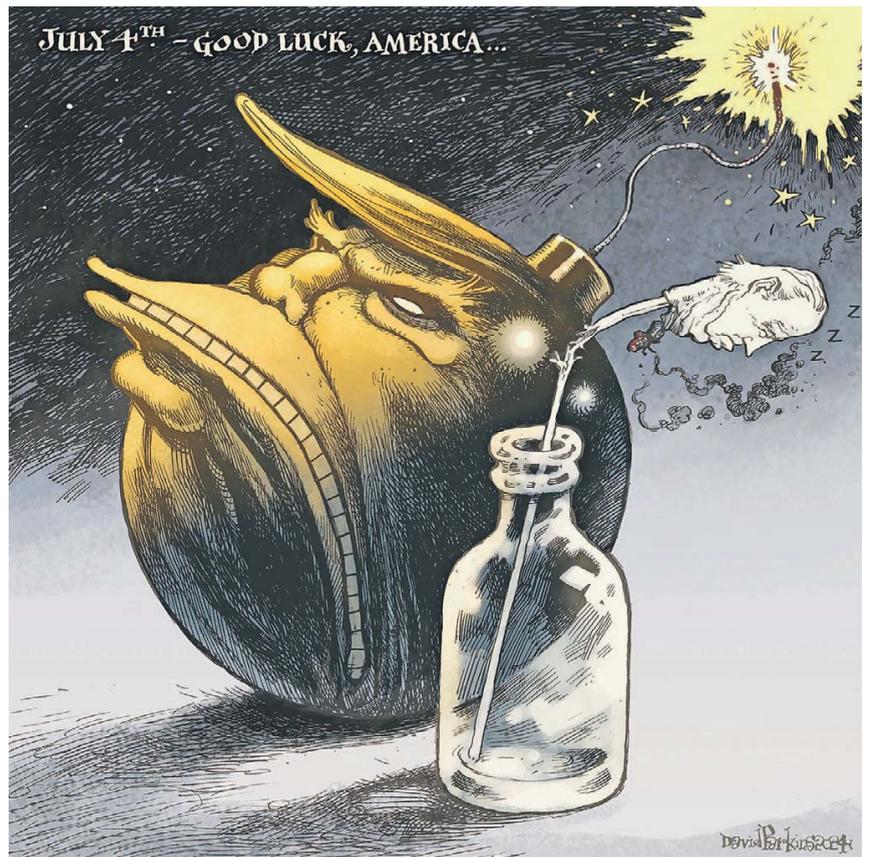
The ruling and its timing are together a repudiation of everything America stands for, or at least should stand for. It has come down from a compliant court just as a man who has openly campaigned on prosecuting his political enemies and critics, and who is backed by a movement that has a plan in place to ensure that political appointees in the civil services are loyal to Mr. Trump, is within reach of another term.

With the Supreme Court having bowed out of the fight to prevent a would-be authoritarian from taking control of the U.S. government, the last remaining hope resides with the Democratic Party and its presumptive nominee, Joe Biden.

But Mr. Biden, who trails Mr. Trump in the polls, is falling further behind because of his disastrous performance in last week's debate. What should have been an easy win against Mr. Trump's tsunami of lies and weirdness instead left many voters agast at the 81-year-old Democrat's halting and weak showing.

It now falls to Mr. Biden and his party to focus on the only thing that matters: beating Donald Trump. It must be done at all costs, including the cost of Mr. Biden's ego.

Surely Mr. Biden doesn't want his legacy to be that he paved the way for Mr. Trump and his authoritarian dreams - an American nightmare - to return to the White House. He needs to step aside and endorse a candidate that voters can embrace with confidence.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MISSION STATUS

Re "Harjit Sajjan failed Canada, and Canadians" (Editorial, July 2): In the name of simple common sense, when is the Prime Minister going to finally remove Harjit Sajjan from cabinet? He previously has cut loose two or three decent ministers with far less evidence of mismanagement.

Mr. Sajjan has not held one single position where I have not seen questionable behaviour, poor judgment, skirting the truth or all of the above. Even more disturbing to me is that he references his experience in the Canadian Armed Forces, when this example should be considered one more that sullies him not only as a minister, but also as a former officer.

■ Paul Thomson Loyalist, Ont.

After the disastrous U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021, I wrote to my MP and sharply criticized the lack of concern evinced by Canada to rescue from the Taliban those Afghans who had loyally served Canada as translators and in other capacities.

Not surprisingly, I received no reply. The neglect continued.

This abject failure is now partly explained by Harjit Sajjan's instructions. Unforgivable.

■ John Edmond Ottawa

Sikhs have been in Canada for more than a century. They have faced racism ever since putting foot on this land. The Komagata Maru steamship incident of 1914 is a prime example of this.

In spite of covert and overt racism, they have learned to live with it. They have worked hard to reach where they are today financially, economically, socially and, above all, politically. They are working vigorously to prove that Canada is their home, and that they are an integral part of it.

Sikh leaders of all political stripes, along with mainstream political leaders, encounter criticism from time to time because of missteps and mistakes. Constructive criticism will help them realize when a mistake has been made and learn from it.

Harjit Sajjan should be no exception. Where he is today is the result of that long evolving process.

Let's not make a mountain out of a molehill.

■ Kalwant Singh Sahota Delta, B.C.

### HARD WORK

Re "Canada is an oasis of peace worth the work" (Editorial, July 1): It's a pity, then, that I hear moralizing and catastrophizing

as seems typical of those whose favourite issue is perpetually the crisis of the day, and therefore must take precedence over all others.

Not every issue over which Canadians disagree is a crisis; not every disagreement is a culture war; not every clash of cultural values is worth rage and violence. In Canada, there should be no need for violent confrontations of any kind.

There are, perhaps, some who inevitably rank their crisis, disagreements and values more highly than those of others. This, I think, is a result of genuine or willful ignorance, and a naive wish to see only one single issue instead of the vast, interconnected and complex set of compromises that Canadians seem pretty good at managing.

■ Nancy Bjerring London, Ont.

### FREE REIN

Re "The Supreme Court has just removed the last bar to Trump's dictatorship" (July 3): "There's a word for a system of thought that cannot abide any limit on the power of the leader."

A 2021 short essay by the Law Society of British Columbia advises us that, essentially, the term for such an arbitrary system is "rule by law." In a nutshell, it's the complete opposite of the rule of law.

■ Jeff Wright Belleville, Ont.

The U.S. Supreme Court is composed of appointed legal officials whom I see as insulated and relatively isolated; the U.S. president is that country's top elected official. Why would a non-elected body of legal officials impinge on the democratic process?

Joe Biden should, with those remaining living former presidents, serve notice against the ruling. If they deem necessary, file a legal brief against the court.

■ Robert Marcucci Toronto

With this ruling, Americans can probably look forward to shorter presidential inaugurations, since the now-inoperative parts of the oath of office can be cut.

I'm thinking here of the bit where presidents used to swear to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

■ Graham White Toronto

### LEGAL STAKES

Re "Alleged serial fraudster escaped justice with collapse of three cases" (July 1): "Crowns don't want to take risks. They want to win. If they don't win it looks bad on them." As a retired Crown prosecutor, I say this in re-

ply: Wrong.

The Crown does not win or lose. And it takes more legal guts to drop a charge that cannot succeed for legal reason than it does to proceed to prosecute anyway, just to avoid such criticism.

■ Henry Van Drunen Stratford, Ont.

Could the Crown losing a case turn out worse than the actual outcome of destroyed lives, murder and loss of faith in the justice system? Any Crown should be hesitant before putting their egos and track record ahead of doing what they are paid to do.

The lack of tenacity demonstrated to the alleged fraudster that it would be easy to bulldoze his way out through the stack of paper charges. Repeatedly.

■ Bill Bousada Carleton Place, Ont.

### WHAT'S IT WORTH?

Re "The law should treat personal data like human organs - not for sale" (Report on Business, June 26): Self-sovereignty or ownership of our data is a salient point. For each of us, personal data are individual assets, to do with as we see fit within the law.

However, there's a subtle but consequential distinction between ticking company boxes for their manipulation versus companies ticking our boxes for their utilization. In other words, we can give permission for others to use our data. This mirrors zero-knowledge services, where only the minimum information necessary is granted in identity requirements.

Individual data generally have less value than aggregated data. Data have been referred to as "the new oil." That being the case, we are all wealthier than we realize.

In the end, it should be imperative that we engage the internet as a tool for human betterment. This, too, paves the way to vitally important considerations surrounding the advancement of artificial intelligence.

■ Lyn Brooks Vancouver

### BLAST FROM THE PAST

Re "The best part about my high-school reunion? We related better as adults" (First Person, July 2): Please, no more reminders that 1984 was 40 years ago. Thank you.

■ Keith McKee London, Ont.

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**OPINION**

# Harjit Sajjan had the wrong priorities

The evacuation window dwindled while the Canadian military was distracted by efforts to rescue Afghan Sikhs

KEVIN NEWMAN

OPINION

Retired news anchor and investigative reporter for CTV News, ABC, CBC and *Global National*

The Sikhs of Afghanistan have historically been protectors of their faith. A 200,000-strong presence in Afghanistan in the 1980s, by August, 2021, the last remaining 200 or so had reason to be fearful, with the Taliban only days away from claiming the capital, Kabul. Yet they were refusing offers of asylum.

India had reportedly sent two chartered planes to evacuate them, but the respected Economic Times of India quoted the president of the Indian Forum, Pu-

neet Singh Chandhok, complaining that “India is facilitating these people at the highest level, yet they have missed flights twice, preferring to go to the U.S. or Canada.” The article said they were holding out for Canada, where they felt they would have better job prospects.

I had a unique understanding of how rare that kind of help was at that time. Having retired from a career in journalism, I was volunteering with a group of desperate veterans and refugee advocates in Canada, trying to locate and move Afghans who had served as interpreters for the Canadian Armed Forces during the long war against the Taliban. We had raised money in Canada to establish safe houses in Kabul to feed the desperate masses, help with their immigration paperwork, and pay locals to smuggle the most threatened families to Pakistan. We were hoping the rumoured deployment of Canadian Special Operations Forces would help move them onto planes for evacuation.

But the mission had already lost precious time when the giant and aging Hercules and C-17

Globemasters they were using had mechanical problems. Once on the ground at Karzai International Airport, little improved. Canada, uniquely among its allies, had abandoned its embassy in Kabul, so there were no vehicles arranged, no negotiations under way for access to the airport, and no local support for the soldiers. The special forces had a lot to establish before they could rescue anyone. But they never reached out to our group of retired generals, operators and army veterans, maintaining their usual operational secrecy. To our frustration, we were provided a liaison officer in Ottawa who took our information, but offered us little in return.

Now we know what else they were doing. According to new reporting by *The Globe and Mail*, part of their mission changed at the last minute to attempt the rescue of Afghanistan's Sikhs.

The defence minister at the time, Harjit Sajjan, admits to intervening on behalf of the Manmeet Singh Bhullar Foundation in Alberta. It is a Sikh humanitarian organization named for someone Mr. Sajjan knew very

well, a popular Alberta politician tragically hit by a tractor trailer in 2015 while stopping to aid a motorist on a highway. The foundation, created by Mr. Bhullar's wife, children and parents, was willing to privately sponsor the Afghan Sikhs for immigration to Canada.

“I relayed whatever information the [foundation] provided about the location and status of these Sikhs to the chain of command for it to use as it saw fit, in line with its operational plan on the ground in Afghanistan,” Mr. Sajjan explained to *The Globe*.

Special forces operators were dispatched to the co-ordinates Mr. Sajjan provided deep in Kabul, but the Sikhs scattered before they arrived for fear of being found by the Taliban. So, according to *The Globe's* sources, the special forces' last 24 hours were solely dedicated to getting the Sikhs out. All the while the evacuation window for everyone else dwindled. The eligible Afghans waited in our safehouses or stood outside the airport, Canadian paperwork in hand.

In the end, Afghans who served Canada, along with 1,250 Canadian citizens and residents

who wanted to evacuate, were abandoned as the special forces were ordered to withdraw as the Taliban swarmed the city. It is unclear how many Canadians and others with a connection to our country the operators directly helped escape. But they left deeply frustrated, with some reportedly furious so much time and effort had gone into searching for Sikhs, who reportedly had other options.

Realizing India was now their only hope of asylum, several hundred Afghan Sikhs finally fled there. Then, less than a year after the fall of Kabul, Canada's new immigration minister, Sean Fraser, approved a special fast-track process for them to finally come to Canada. The Bhullar Foundation sponsored them, and many have been living in Alberta for years.

Aside the Afghans who worked alongside our soldiers during the war didn't have those options or, it appears, enough friends in high places. While some made it to Canada, many others remain in Afghanistan or neighbouring countries, still waiting to hear if Canada will accept their plea.

## Sajjan will remain in cabinet, and shame on you for asking about it

ROBYN URBACK

OPINION



One thing that Canadians have learned over the course of the past nine years is that, in this government, there is no such thing as a lethal scandal. Ministers don't resign in disgrace. Public displays of contrition are verboten. No accusation is ever so egregious as to demand an actual response; no charge so serious as to merit sombre reflection. Ministers will deflect, reject, maybe explain a little bit. But they never, ever concede.

So it should have taken no one by surprise that Harjit Sajjan responded to a well-sourced report that he betrayed our country, our countrymen and women, and the allies who risked their lives to support us by turning it into an accusation.

The *Globe and Mail* reported last week that as defence minister, Mr. Sajjan instructed Canadian special forces to rescue about 225 Afghan Sikhs who were seeking refuge during the Taliban takeover in August, 2021. According to various sources, Mr. Sajjan's directive took resources away from evacuation efforts of Canadian citizens and Afghans who had worked alongside our troops during their mission in Afghanistan.

Mr. Sajjan, who is now Canada's Minister of Emergency Preparedness, said he received information about the Afghan Sikhs from a Canadian Sikh group (the directors of which, according to reporting by *The Globe* this week, donated to his riding association around the same time) and relayed that information to Canadian special forces, but he said that he “did



The *Globe and Mail* reported last week that, as defence minister, Harjit Sajjan instructed special forces to rescue about 225 Afghan Sikhs during the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan in 2021, taking resources away from the evacuation of Canadian citizens and Afghans who worked with Canadian troops. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

not direct the Canadian Armed Forces to prioritize Sikhs above others.” When he was asked during a news conference last week to explain the difference between “directing” and “ordering” the military, he responded by calling *The Globe's* report “utter BS” and suggested that racism motivated the reporting. “I didn't think I'd be getting those questions if I wasn't wearing a turban,” he said. “It needs to be called out.”

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau used nearly the exact same mode of defence in early 2023 when he was asked about leaked reports on China's attempted in-

terference in Canadian elections. At first, he claimed the reporting was inaccurate (though he more politely used the phrase “many inaccuracies,” instead of “utter BS”). He then suggested that some of the reporting – specifically, about irregularities in the nomination race that elected Don Valley North MP Han Dong – was motivated by “anti-Asian racism.” It has since been publicly disclosed that Canada's intelligence agency had credible information that Beijing was involved in transporting a bus of international students to vote for Mr. Dong.

Mr. Sajjan didn't actually an-

swer the question about how he draws a distinction between a direction and an order during that news conference, though Chief of the Defence Staff General Wayne Eyre later answered it for him: A direction essentially is an order. “We follow legal direction and the groups that were listed were part of ... approved groups, so we got on with it,” he told *The Canadian Press*. He said his role is not to decide “whether the government priority was right or wrong.”

Having been defence minister for about six years by that point, Mr. Sajjan surely understood that there is no such thing as a “sug-

gestion” from the Minister of National Defence to the military. Yet this attempt to split hairs over definitions was the same explanation that Mr. Trudeau leaned on to defend his actions during the SNC-Lavalin affair. At the time, he said he merely suggested then-attorney-general Jody Wilson-Raybould consider a deferred prosecution agreement for the beleaguered company; he didn't instruct her to seek one.

For Mr. Sajjan, this report comes at the tail end of a ministerial tenure imbued with scandal: He exaggerated his role in a key battle during his tour in Afghanistan; his office hired a reserve officer from his old unit (who had been suspended for having a relationship with a subordinate) to work as an aide; he failed to act on recommendations to root out sexism in the military in a 2015 report by a former Supreme Court justice, and instead the government commissioned a new report by another former Supreme Court justice; he said he chose not to look at an allegation of sexual misconduct against then-chief of the defence staff Jonathan Vance when it was brought to his attention; he said he wasn't reading e-mails during the Kabul evacuation.

But this accusation eclipses all the others, for how deeply Mr. Sajjan appears to have both perverted his power and betrayed his oath. The Canadians left behind in Afghanistan and the Afghans who bravely assisted our troops deserve answers. But in this government, there is no scandal too serious to merit actual introspection. No reporting that can't be flipped around to malign the character of the reporters.

Mr. Sajjan will continue to remain in cabinet. And shame on you for asking about it.

## For progressives, the Toronto by-election and U.S. debate were blessings in disguise

LAWRENCE MARTIN

OPINION



The siren sounds. For progressives in Canada and the United States, it's an emergency moment. They face the same dire circumstances. They are in the same sinking boats.

Their leaders, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and President Joe Biden, are flailing and failing. Their respective populations, as is evident in polls, want them to go away. They're not listening.

It's now up to their parties to move on from them. If they don't, they risk getting bludgeoned by the populist parties of Pierre Poilievre and Donald Trump.

There's still hope both Mr. Biden and Mr. Trudeau will do the right thing. They both experienced disasters last week. There was President Biden's pathetic debate performance against Mr. Trump, and there was the Tru-

deau Liberals losing a by-election in a Toronto riding they had owned for decades.

Conservatives here and Republicans south of the border delighted in the debacles. But they may well end up wishing these moments never had happened. There's a good chance now they won't get the election opponents they wanted.

Sometimes for change to happen you have to hit rock bottom. That's what occurred and, for progressives, it's a blessing in disguise.

Had the Liberals won the Toronto-St. Paul's by-election, there wouldn't be anywhere near the pressure on Mr. Trudeau to leave that there is now. In the debate, Mr. Biden was up against a convicted felon, a sexual abuser, an election denier, a twice-impeached serial liar. Had he performed just passably he would not be facing mounting demands to quit the race.

Liberals and Democrats now have no excuse not to be rid of

both the Prime Minister and the President. Loyalty to the leader is not owed, not to someone who showed himself as incapacitated as did Mr. Biden. Not to someone like Mr. Trudeau who has already been in office nine years and has completely worn out his welcome. The stakes, given the huge values divide between progressives and populists, are too high.

Mr. Biden's salvation plan sees his supporters trying to argue his debate performance was just an aberration. But the President's cognitive difficulties have been increasingly apparent in recent months. He will try in public appearances, such as an upcoming extended interview with George Stephanopoulos on Friday, to show he can speak lucidly and coherently without a teleprompter.

Like Mr. Biden, Mr. Trudeau sounds as if he is doubling down on his intention to stay in power. If he does, “there will be a massive defection of voters from the Liberal Party in the next election,” Tom d'Aquino, the former head

of the Business Council on National Issues and former special assistant to Pierre Trudeau, said in an e-mail.

The impression I got from talks with about a dozen Liberals in the past few days is that barring a miracle turnaround in the polls, the pressure on Mr. Trudeau to vacate will become intense. Nothing he has tried, they say, is working. People's minds are made up.

No big names in the Biden or Trudeau circles are coming out publicly against either of them yet. It takes courage to do so, knowing that you'll be seen as a traitor by loyalists if you do.

Catherine McKenna, who served in Mr. Trudeau's cabinet, was one who showed grit. “The Liberal Party isn't about one person,” she said in a statement to the CBC. “The Prime Minister has a legacy to be proud of, but it's time for new ideas, new energy and a new leader.” For those words, she's taken a lot of abuse, she told me later. But a lot of support is coming her way as well,

with many telling her she should run to be the next Liberal leader.

Former British Columbia premier Christy Clark has also called for Mr. Trudeau to step down. She might plan a run for the leadership herself, a source told me, with a campaign to bring the party back to the centre. A pollster told me that from the soundings he's taken, the two Liberals garnering the most support for succeeding Mr. Trudeau are former Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney and Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly.

Polls don't show alternative candidates faring much better than Mr. Biden and Mr. Trudeau. But that could well change with the visibility and promotion such candidates would get from leadership campaigns, which would be the focus of enormous attention.

Changing leaders is a gamble. But it is not as much of a gamble as staying the course – the losing course – with the leaders the Liberals and Democrats have now.

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## ‘This is about a love of movies’: How Revue Cinema became a success story

The curators who introduced the shows and held postscreening Q&As started to become as much of a draw as the films themselves

BARRY HERTZ

Just a few days after it seemed like Toronto's oldest movie theatre would have its doors abruptly boarded up, Serena Whitney is sitting in the back row of the 220-seat auditorium, breathing a tentative sigh of relief. As the programming director of the Revue Cinema, Whitney is coming off an unusually hectic few days, which began when lease-renewal negotiations broke down between the theatre and their long-time landlords and ended with a last-minute judicial reprieve.

Late last week, Danny and Leticia Mullin, who bought the Revue's building on a prime stretch of Roncesvalles real estate in 2007, announced they wanted to take over the business from the Revue Film Society, the volunteer board that runs the not-for-profit cinema, effectively evicting cinema management. Late on Friday, the board obtained an interim injunction from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, preventing the landlords from “evicting, locking out, or otherwise interfering with Revue's business operations” until July 8, when the court will decide whether or not to leave the order in place until trial.

In the meantime, the Revue has garnered 18,000-plus signatories on an online petition urging immediate government action.

“We weren't expecting the overwhelming response – and it wasn't just from the local Roncevalles community, but from community theatres all over,” Whitney says. “This is about a love of movies, and what happens when you bring people together to share that love.”

To understand why everyone has rallied around the Revue, it helps to understand how Whitney helped the Revue buck industry trends to become a rare brick-and-mortar success story in a streaming-first world.

In 2023, the theatre earned \$1.3-million in revenue, a 45-per cent jump from the prepandemic year of 2019 (revenues are funnelled back to staff salaries and infrastructure). The business has more than 1,000 paid memberships. Its screenings are regularly sold out. And some of Canada's best-known filmmakers, including *BlackBerry's* Matt Johnson and *Infinity Pool's* Brandon Cro-



Serena Whitney, programming director of the Revue Cinema, says she wasn't expecting the overwhelming community effort to save the theatre.

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nenberg, regularly sing its praises.

“The majority of the public wants to see films that they grew up with, so we give them what they want: *Star Wars*, *Jaws*, *Terminator*. But then they come in and see trailers and posters for our other movies and programs, which they might not have seen on a big screen or at all, and they're hooked,” Whitney says.

A few years ago Whitney dreamed up the idea for an “interactive” cult-film series called *Drunken Cinema*. By 2018, what started as a raucous theme for her own house-parties had moved inside the Revue, part of then programming director Eric Veillette's revitalization efforts.

“I came in with a good pitch for the monthly event, because I noticed there was a real lack of 24- to 44-year-olds at the theatre. The first one sold out, and it kept bringing in audiences,” says Whitney, whose background in search-engine optimization and social-media marketing helped drive crucial word-of-mouth.

In the fall of 2021, Veillette returned to journalism with the CBC, which is when Whitney took over – just as the Revue was reopening its doors for the first time after the pandemic had shuttered them.

“Before the pandemic, in 2019, I saw a shift in people going to more event-based cinema – I could see that strictly second-run

movies weren't going to work as much,” says Whitney.

Soon, she was overseeing 15 different programs, including *Neon Dreams* (focusing on neo-noir cinema from the 1970s and 80s) and arts journalist Nathalie Atkinson's *Designing the Movies* (which highlights production designers, art directors and set decorators). The curators who introduced the shows and held post-screening Q&As started to become as much of a draw as the movies themselves.

“We have people coming from outside Toronto on the weekend, even audiences from the U.S. if we play something on 35mm.”

The work can be intense – “I've put literal blood, sweat and tears into this,” – the reward is in bringing people together. And possibly offering lessons to other independent theatres across the country.

“Multiplexes are a different thing, but indie exhibitors can make it work. They just need to give audiences a reason to get off their butts at home,” Whitney says. “It takes a little bit more creativity and a lot more time.”

This week, Whitney and the rest of the Revue staff and programmers – all of whom issued joint statements Tuesday noting they would only continue to work under the current leadership – will be celebrating their short-

term victory to remain open. Yet the issue is far from resolved.

Reached on Tuesday, Danny Mullin – who handed over operations to the Film Society after he and his wife bought the building – said that he intends to fight the injunction. The Film Society, though, owns the equipment, possesses the business licence and maintains all the industry relationships necessary to operate the theatre.

“When I die, and that's not going to take too long because I'm 96 years old, I'm going to put my ashes in the bricks of the wall. These people have had it for 17 years and they haven't done anything with it,” Mullin said.

According to Grant Oyston, chair of the Film Society, Revue's board has spent more than \$500,000 on improvements, including asbestos removal, masonry work, ceiling and wall repair, and replacing the building's original 1911 plumbing.

Whitney, meanwhile, is trying to be sanguine on the matter.

“The most important thing to get across to our landlord is that no one in the community wants to see him known as the person who destroyed the legacy of the Revue,” she says. “He saved it before in 2007, and he still has a chance to save the Revue again. We're hoping we can all work together to make that happen.”

## A star-spangled top 10 list of the greatest Canadian songs about America

BRAD WHEELER

America, America – Canada shed its songs on thee.

How do Canadians feel about the United States? You could form a focus group or take a poll, or you could listen to what this country's songwriters have had to say on the topic over the years. This top 10 list of Canadian songs about the U.S., reveals a range of thoughts and emotions – some angry, some euphoric and many satiric.

Songs about specific events that happened in our south, such as Gordon Lightfoot's *Black Day in July* or Neil Young's *Ohio*, were avoided. And if you're wondering why Wilf Carter's *I've Been Everywhere* is missing, it is because that rapid-fire ode to Rand McNally was written by an Australian, Geoff Mack.

There will undoubtedly be disagreements over the following tunes and rankings. But then, what's the Fourth of July without some fireworks?

10. *Lebanon, Tennessee (1995)*, by Ron Sexsmith

In a gentle tune that is more daydream than American dream, the singer-songwriter Ron Sexsmith modestly muses about disap-

pearing to an idyllic locale: “I'll work in some factory and I'll buy myself a home down there.” For those who find Sexsmith naive, you are welcome to your opinion. But you are not welcome in Lebanon, Tennessee.

9. *Big American Headliner (1997)*, by Mike Plume

Jay Leno! Rolling Stone magazine! Cocaine! A hustling acoustic number warns against the supposed big time.

8. *Amerika (2016)*, by Paul Murphy, Tim D'Eon and Loel Campbell (*Wintersleep*)

“What am I trying to find? Are you alive, oh my Amerika?” A bold guitar-rock message of hope from the Halifax-born trio was inspired by the Walt Whitman poem, *Out of the Cradle, Endlessly Rocking*. Speaking of which, why hasn't someone used that poem's name for an album title?

7. *Rising Down (2016)*, by Kaia Kater

In the spirit of the Black Lives Matter movement, the Grenadian-Canadian banjo player and songster Kaia Kater plucks and moans with haunting, elegant defiance: “Arise, arise – to fight these dogs biting at my heels, arise.”

6. *Tie: California (1971)*, by Joni Mitchell; (*Talk to Me of Mendocino (1976)*), by Kate and Anna McGarrigle

Find someone who loves you like Joni Mitchell loves California: “I'm your biggest fan,” she gushes, homesick while on a European vacation. Up the coast from Laurel Canyon in Los Angeles, Kate and Anna McGarrigle sing a stateful ode to a seacoast and sunsets.

5. *Democracy (1992)*, by Leonard Cohen

When he wrote “Democracy is coming to the USA,” was the godfather of gloom being ironic or optimistic? The latter, we think. (Extra points for the rat-a-tat-tat, Revolutionary War-era drums.)

4. *California Dreamline (1992)*, by Martin Tielli (Rheostatics)

Tired of writing Canadian anthems, Rheostatics' Martin Tielli (the guy with the double-neck maple leaf guitar) came up with an art-rock epic about surfing, disillusioned porpoises and sand in one's tequila. Not all that glitters is gold in the Golden State.

3. *Tie: Rockin' in the Free World (1989)* and *American Dream (1989)*, by Neil Young

Some dummies still think Rockin'

in the *Free World* is pro-USA. Neil Young released it in 1989, the same year that CSNY's *American Dream*, about Gary Hart's scandal-marred presidential run, came out. The solo-acoustic version found on Neil Young's *Summer Song* album from 2021 is much preferable.

2. *1957 (2007)*, by Buck 65

Ah, the United States of the late 1950s, all hula hoops, sock hops and giant cars that got three miles to the gallon, but nobody cared because gasoline was free. For his unromantic song *1957*, clear-eyed rapper Buck 65 (a.k.a. Rich Terfry) dug up a more nuanced time capsule – drugs, Ku Klux Klan and the death of Humphrey Bogart.

1. *American Woman (1970)*, by the Guess Who

When an American croons *O Canada* before a Leafs-Rangers game at Madison Square Garden, it's just a paying gig for the singer. Same thing when Lenny Kravitz performs his hit cover of the Guess Who's *American Woman*.

But from the throat of Winnipegger Burton Cummings, who wrote the lyrics, the Vietnam War-era stream of consciousness is a statement of preference for Canada over the Super Power to the south: “I don't need your war

machines; I don't need your ghetto scenes.” Guitarist Randy Bachman's stuttering riff and outrageously cool solo complete a snarling anti-anthem. Imagine the Guess Who crossing into the United States in 1970, a border guard asking them if they have anything to declare. Did they ever?

Honourable mentions:

*Alabama*, Neil Young; *America*, K'naan; *America's Veins*, Max Webster; *American Wife*, Art Bergmann/Jammy Koch; *Build My Home in the USA*, Tom Wilson (the Florida Razors); *An American Draft Dodger in Thunder Bay*, Sam Roberts; *Burn*, Bruce Cockburn; *Clifton Springs*, Steven Page; *Empty Threat*, Kathleen Edwards; *Everybody Sings in Nashville*, Ann Vriend; *IOWA*, Donovan Woods/Aoife O'Donovan; *Le voyage à Miami*, Luc Plamondon/François Cousineau (Pauline Julien); *Mississippi, You're On My Mind*, Jesse Winchester; *Monster*, Jerry Edmonton/John Kay (Steppenwolf); *My Country 'Tis of Thy People You're Dying*, Buffy Sainte-Marie; *The Americans*, Gordon Sinclair; *The Beaver and the Eagle*, Kelly Jay (Crowbar); *The Fiddle and the Drum*, Joni Mitchell; *The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down*, Robbie Robertson (the Band).

# Even a macho man needs his mother's comfort

FIRST PERSON

As far back as I can remember, mom meant safety. During my medical mystery, as soon as I saw her, I began feeling better, **Zac Easton** writes

**M**y mom has always been an overdoer. Too many snacks out for guests to finish. Too many words on your birthday card. Too many emotions for that one John Cusack movie. Naturally and professionally, working as a night nurse for nearly 35 years, the woman's purpose on this planet is to care.

She has spoiled not only me, but every living thing within a five-kilometre radius of herself for her entire life.

As an adult, Mom's affection seemed to be too much for me to match. I moved three hours away for work, and with Mom's fear of highway driving, a lot of our communication was boiled down to calls and texts, most of which would get declined and unanswered. My repeated response of "In a meeting" became a favourite catchphrase of hers.

Mom understood but I knew she had a tough time dealing with it as well. Pretty soon our text threads just became a back and forth of heart emojis, a quick symbol that demonstrated in some way that we were thinking of one another at that precise moment.

Everything changed when I was woken up by sharp chest pains. I wrenched around my bed for a few minutes, contemplating why a 29-year-old who regularly works out and eats well was having what I thought and felt was a heart attack.

I was rushed to the hospital in my small town where I was immediately hooked up to every test they had and drained of blood like it was crude oil. Nurses raced around my room. Doctors stoically checked charts. The beeps of my heart rate monitor machine taunted me, saying: "This ... is ... It" with every offbeat pulse.

Still clueless as to what was really going on, confusion left the room and fear came tap dancing in.

I kept repeating to myself: "You're going to be okay. You're going to be okay. You're going to be okay." Then, I finally said it. I closed my eyes, took a deep

breath and realized: "I want my MOM."

After a few more tests, I was driven to a larger city where I would be met by a cardiologist for even more tests and, hopefully, answers.

Thankfully I slept through most of the three-hour ambulance ride. I awoke to the paramedics wheeling me through the hospital. As they pushed me through the double-wide doors of the cardiology unit, I unfixed my eyes from the speckled ceiling tiles and waiting there with a tear clinging from the side of her cheek – was my mom.

As soon as I saw her, I began feeling better. And I knew it wasn't the colourful pills I had recently swallowed. She was immediately in half-mom, half-nurse mode and asking about my charts but I just wanted her to sit down beside me and never leave. I wanted to go back in time and respond to all those texts I ignored and stop in for more dinners and call her first instead of her calling me. Because as far back as I can remember, mom meant safety. And – with EKG stickers waxing off my chest hair and two IVs jabbed into my

hands – at this point, safety felt like something of a myth.

After checking into the cardiology unit, I was taken to emergency triage and wheeled into a tiny curtained-off room. I could hear everything around me – like the old guy next to me farting or the woman three curtains down screaming for help. There was barely enough room for a bed, but Mom brought in a chair and reassured me that everything was going to be okay.

At this larger hospital, the tests got scarier and the results more dramatic. There were X-rays, ultrasounds and even an angiogram. It became more and more evident that I wasn't going home any time soon.

The first night I stayed alone – with the farting, yelling and fear – but Mom was there in the morning when I woke up with my favourite magazines and Gatorade. Because when you're bedridden with chest pains, you need to fuel like you're about to run hurdles.

Throughout my three days and nights

in the hospital, she sat beside me on this emotional roller coaster. The fear of not knowing what was going on. The seriousness of my chest pains. And finally, the triumph of my cardiologist informing me that I had no serious damage or long-term issues with my heart. I'd be okay, after all.

Mom and I walked hand in hand through the hospital and out the doors to my new, changed life. I was finished with nearly dying. Now I'd have to figure out a way to return to living. Even though I'd lost the invincibility I felt so strongly as a young man, I was force-fed a newfound gratefulness for my life, my health and most of all, my mom.

As I was met with my car to take me back home, I looked at her, fighting back tears.

"Call you later," she said.

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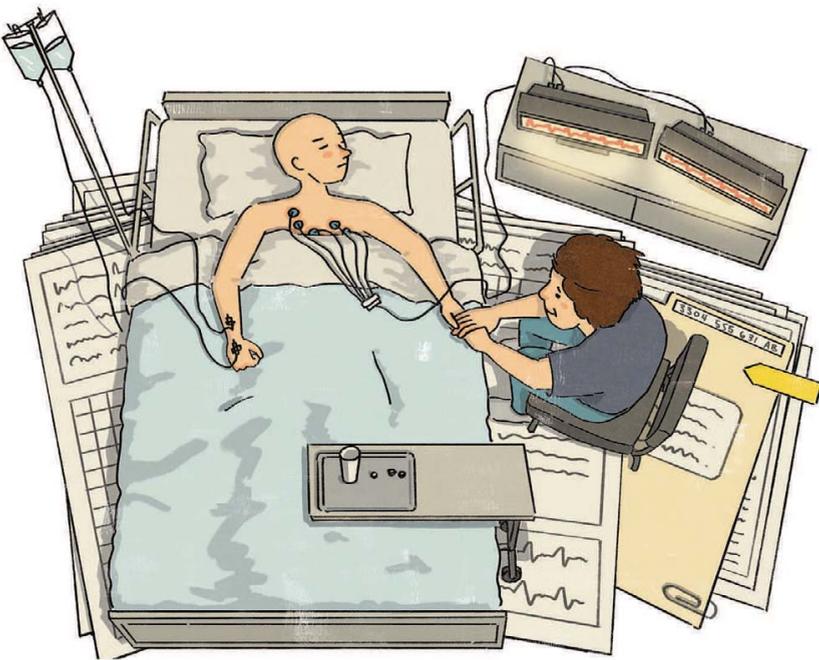


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## Confused by TikTok terms? This glossary might help

HALELUYA HADERO

**A**nyone who shops or uses the internet probably has encountered a TikTok trend – whether they know it or not. Since the social-media platform made its debut almost six years ago, short videos posted there have created a rapidly changing menu of food and fashion fads. Many of these latest rages have gone on to inspire sales of countless products and to shape news coverage despite having names that can confuse people who are not chronically online.

TikTok also has popularized phrases like "I'm looking for a man in finance" – from a satirical song about searching for a tall, wealthy man who works in the finance industry and "the ick" – an expression of disgust or repulsion, as Merriam-Webster puts it. Here are a few of the more ubiquitous trends the platform has spawned – or helped spread – so far.

### FASHION AND STYLE

**Barbiecore:** Barbie is known for pink, and so is Barbiecore. The colour crept into fashion, beauty and food in 2022, and was even recommended by the Associated Press for holiday gifts that year. According to the fashion company LYST, the trend began after pictures of a pink-clad Margot Robbie surfaced online in June, 2022, a year before the actor's *Barbie* movie came out and toy maker Mattel launched its own marketing blitz to promote the colour.

Barbiecore was a heavy hit both on Instagram and TikTok, where more than 72,000 videos have been posted with the trend's name as a hashtag.

**Coastal grandma:** A beachfront, white linen-clad fashion look that incorporates light blue and loose clothing in a way that subtly communicates a peaceful and care-free lifestyle. Lex Nicoleta, a TikTok creator who has 325,000 followers on the platform, coined the term.

**Cottagecore:** This style captures colours and patterns from countryside meadows. Think greenery, long flowery dresses and the aesthetic of Middle-earth, the planet's mythological past as imagined in J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*.

**Mob wives:** An aesthetic that incorporates the bold cheetah prints, fur and big (often teased-out) hair seen on women in mafia-themed films and TV shows. The term appears to have been coined by TikTok creator Kayla Trivieri, who posted a video on the platform early last year saying: "Clean girl is out, mob wife era is in."

**Office siren:** Corporate clothing with form-fitting pieces such as pencil skirts and cinched blazers. It's often paired with



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slim Bayonetta glasses that resemble the pair model Gisele Bündchen's character, Serena, wore in the 2006 film *The Devil Wears Prada*.

**Y2K fashion:** An umbrella term that describes various trends from the early-2000s, such as cargo pants, mesh tops and baguette bags. TikTok has helped resurrect such turn of the century styles. They overlap with the so-called McBling era, which emphasizes flashier items personified by brands such as Juicy Couture and designer Kimora Lee Simmons's Baby Phat.

### BEAUTY

**Clean girl aesthetic:** A no-makeup makeup look that often typically features glistening, hydrated skin and glossy lips. Oftentimes, it's paired with slicked-back buns and minimalist clothing such as a white T-shirt, gold jewellery and jeans. Critics say components of the trend have been embraced for decades in Black and Hispanic communities.

**Cold girl makeup:** Think red or pink blush for rosy-flushed cheeks and nose, combined with sheer lipstick or gloss. TikTok creator Zoe Kim Kenealy posted the term and the look in 2022.

**Latte makeup:** This look incorporates smoky shades of brown and nude tones. The term was coined by TikTok creator Rachel Rigler, who was – in part – inspired by a 2018 makeup look from Australian makeup artist Tanielle Jai.

**Strawberry makeup:** Model and trend-setter Hailey Bieber named this makeup look,

which incorporates components of latte makeup but focuses on pink and red hues. Bieber first posted the look on Instagram last August and followed up with a video tutorial on TikTok.

### FOOD

**Chopped Italian sandwich:** An Italian sub that includes chopped meats and toppings, such as salami, lettuce and banana peppers.

**Girl dinner:** Girl dinners can be anything, but are popularly known as a snack plate that requires less cooking and cleaning up than a typical evening meal. The phrase is credited to TikTok creator Olivia Maher.

**McDonald's Grimace shake:** A berry-flavoured milkshake that went viral on TikTok after some creators posted videos of themselves drinking it and then ending up on the ground in a messy pool of purple – or having some sort of seemingly paranormal experience.

The limited-time purple shake boosted sales at the fast-food chain during the second quarter of 2023.

**Smash burger taco:** A burger fried with a tortilla on top. Burger tacos aren't a new thing. But they went viral last year when TikTok creator Brad Prose posted a video about it.

**WaterTok:** TikTok videos of users mixing water with different types of colourful and artificially sweetened syrups or powders to create flavorful drinks, such as salted caramel apple water.

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## BTS'S JIN EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN PARIS OLYMPICS AS A TORCHBEARER

LOS ANGELES Jin, the oldest member of K-pop supergroup BTS, will be an Olympic torchbearer at the Paris Games after recently completing his mandatory military service.

The 31-year-old singer is expected to represent South Korea in the torch relay in hopes of spreading the message of "harmony" and "peace," according to a statement. He finished his 18-month military service last month.

Jin, along with the other torchbearers, are scheduled to go across various historic sites of the host country. The specific schedule has not been disclosed.

The torch relay began in April. Jin began his military service at a front-line South Korean military boot camp in late 2022. His other group members – comprising Jung Kook, V, Jimin, Suga, RM, and J-Hope – are currently serving their military duties.

A day after being released from military duty, Jin hosted the annual BTS debut anniversary celebration FESTA in Seoul with activities including trying out foods, performances and dance challenges. ASSOCIATED PRESS

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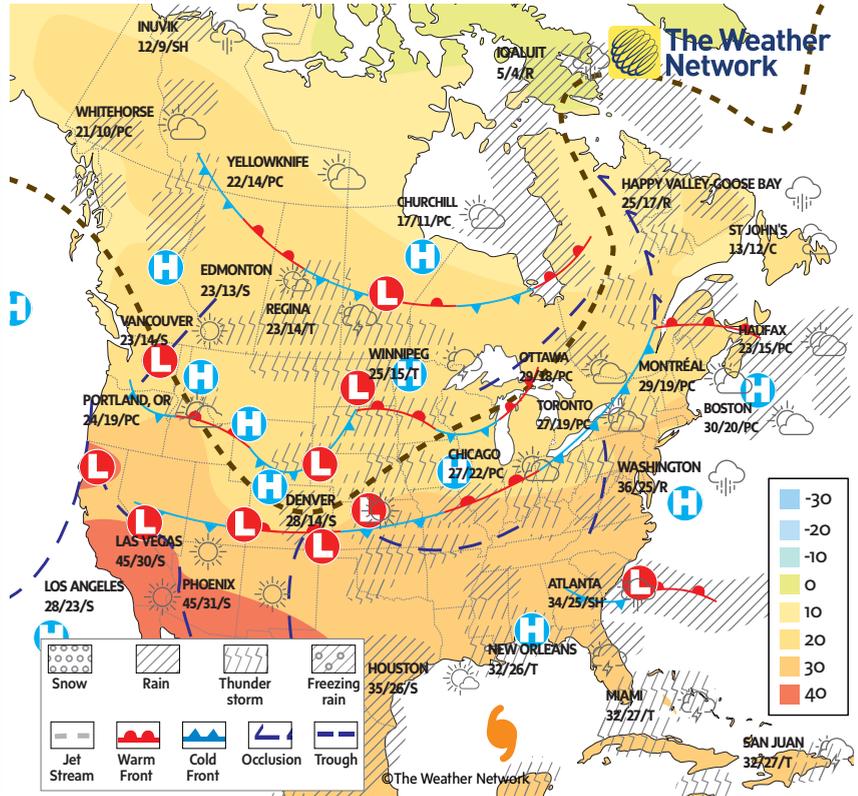
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**WORLD FORECAST**

	TODAY	TOMORROW	SATURDAY
AMSTERDAM	17/14 SH	19/15 SH	20/12 SH
ATHENS	30/21 PC	31/22 SH	33/23 S
BANGKOK	30/26 R	30/26 R	32/26 T
BEIJING	32/23 S	34/22 PC	33/23 PC
BERLIN	20/11 SH	22/14 PC	31/15 PC
BRUSSELS	19/11 SH	21/16 C	20/10 C
COPENHAGEN	18/12 SH	17/13 SH	21/14 C
FRANKFURT	19/11 SH	20/13 SH	26/15 PC
HONG KONG	29/27 T	30/27 T	30/28 T
JERUSALEM	34/23 S	32/19 S	29/18 S
LAS VEGAS	45/30 S	45/30 S	46/30 S
LONDON	19/13 S	19/14 SH	19/12 SH
LOS ANGELES	28/23 S	33/24 S	32/23 S
MADRID	36/21 S	37/22 S	33/19 S
MIAMI	32/27 T	33/26 SH	32/27 T
MOSCOW	33/21 S	30/17 SH	24/14 S
NEW DELHI	33/28 R	33/26 R	31/26 T
NEW YORK	27/22 SH	28/22 SH	30/23 T
NICE	26/20 S	26/20 S	26/21 S
ORLANDO	34/25 T	34/25 SH	35/25 S
PARIS	21/11 PC	24/18 PC	22/11 SH
PHOENIX	45/31 S	46/31 S	45/32 S
ROME	29/19 SH	30/19 S	31/20 S
SAN FRANCISCO	20/12 S	18/13 PC	19/14 S
SEOUL	29/22 PC	28/22 SH	28/23 SH
SINGAPORE	28/25 T	29/24 R	29/25 SH
SYDNEY	17/12 SH	17/12 SH	16/11 SH
TOKYO	32/25 S	33/25 S	31/25 T
WASHINGTON	36/25 R	36/26 SH	35/25 T

**NATIONAL FORECAST**

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



**LEGEND**  
Daytime high, overnight low, and conditions

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

**BRIDGE**  
BY STEVE BECKER  
THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024

**NORTH**  
♠ A 6  
♥ A 9 7 3  
♦ Q 4  
♣ J 10 7 6 4

**WEST**  
♠ K Q 10 7 4  
♥ 8 2  
♦ K 9 8 6  
♣ A Q

**EAST**  
♠ J 9 8 5 2  
♥ K Q J 10 5 4  
♦ 7 3  
♣ —

**SOUTH**  
♠ 3  
♥ 6  
♦ A J 10 5 2  
♣ K 9 8 5 3 2

In 1948, S. Garton Churchill and Cecil Head won the Life Master Pairs with the highest score ever recorded in that event, averaging 65.2% for four sessions.

More than four decades later, both were still active in the game and still scoring successes. Indeed, in the 1989 Epon Pairs, in which 80,000 players worldwide played the same deals simultaneously, Head, then 78, finished fifth overall in North America and 16th in the world. He was partnered by Dr. George Dysart.

On the deal shown, Head

achieved a top score by making five clubs doubled following a highly animated auction.

West led the king of spades, taken by dummy's ace. At first glance, it seems declarer must lose two clubs and a diamond, but Head proceeded to prove otherwise.

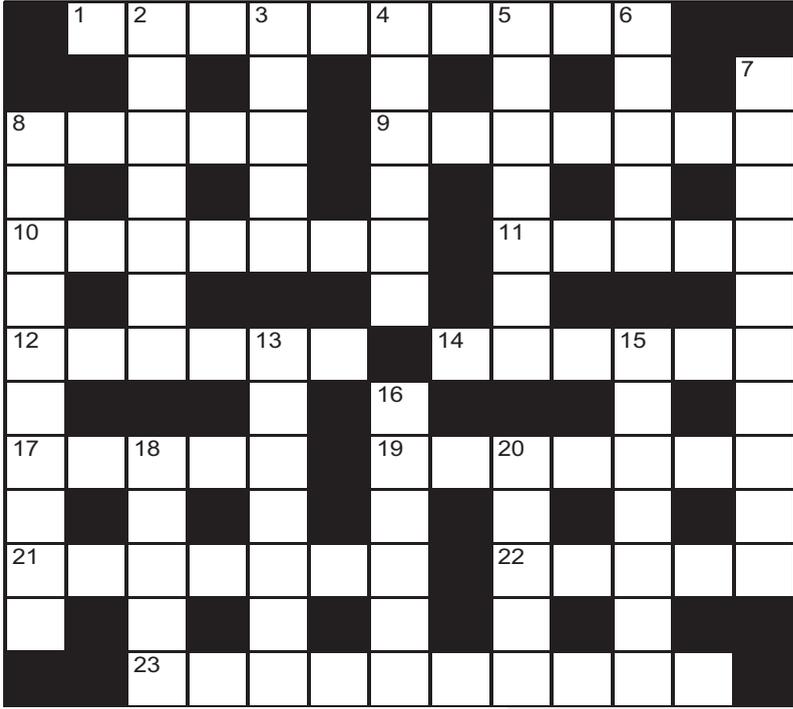
At trick two, he ruffed a spade, then crossed to the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart. Having done all he could to deprive West of safe exit cards, Head next led a low club.

West won with the queen and cashed the ace but was then in a hopeless position. In practice,

he returned a spade, on which Head discarded a diamond from dummy while ruffing in his hand.

Head cashed the ace of diamonds and led the jack for a ruffing finesse. West covered with the king (it would not have helped him to play low), dummy ruffed, and a heart was ruffed with declarer's last trump. Dummy's remaining heart was discarded on the 10 of diamonds, and dummy's two remaining trumps scored the last two tricks to give Head his doubled game.

**CHALLENGE CROSSWORD**



**CRYPTIC CLUES**

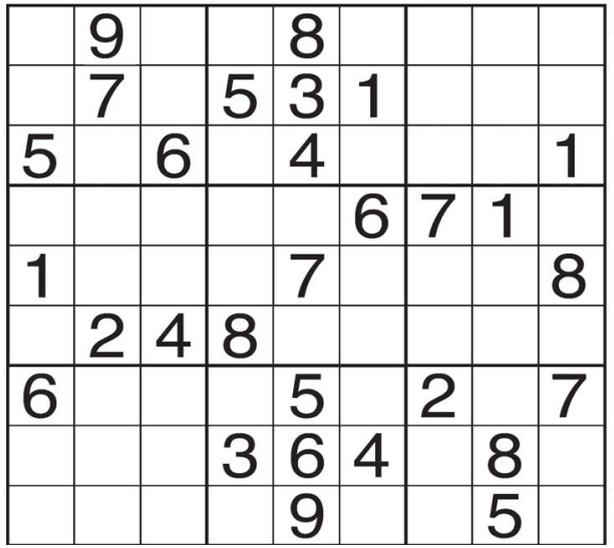
- ACROSS**
- Present-day churchman has to manage (10)
  - Artist who is male and French (5)
  - Accurately defined new recipes (7)
  - Very short measure – examination is abandoned (7)
  - Snide sort of chap (5)
  - Edison redefines being in a legal position (6)
  - Ran fast when bombarded (6)
  - Those in trouble show spirit (5)
  - A doctor appears in fast time – that's brilliant! (7)
  - Caterer involved in domestic row (7)
  - One who gets up some enterprise recklessly (5)
  - Timekeeper is little help (6,4)
- DOWN**
- Monday's arrangement for current suppliers (7)
  - In the meantime I'm after this (5)
  - Transfix politician caught in a lie that's absurd (6)
  - Vaguely related to part of a lathe (7)
  - Rule that holds George initially in check (5)
  - Dreadful Sweden riot is a job for top journalist (4,6)
  - Home building team on site (10)
  - Poor Dad is in contempt (7)
  - Deranged senator gives great offence (7)
  - Notwithstanding it's a vestment with back fastening (6)
  - Her ma strayed into the women's quarters (5)
  - A month in advance (5)

**QUICK CLUES**

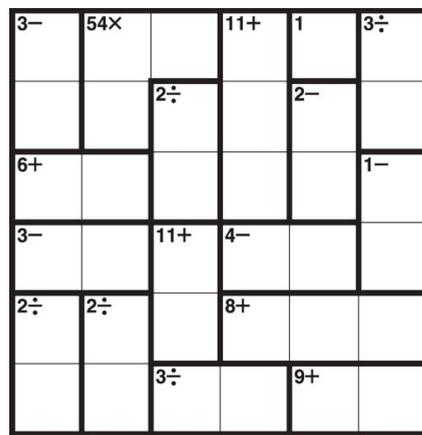
- ACROSS**
- A refuge from reality (5,5)
  - Approximately (in date) (5)
  - In brisk tempo (7)
  - Stupid (7)
  - On many occasions (5)
  - Discern (6)
  - Deprived (6)
  - Political control (5)
  - In general (2,5)
  - Appeal to (7)
  - Melee (5)
  - Dubious goings on (5-5)
- DOWN**
- A judgment (7)
  - Cook before a fire (5)
  - Deeply abstracted state (6)
  - Received gladly (7)
  - Make preparation for (5)
  - Shabby (4,2,4)
  - A simple task (6,4)
  - Inevitable (7)
  - Designate for a purpose (7)
  - To some extent (6)
  - Observation (5)
  - Constellation, the Scales (5)

**SUDOKU**

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



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**INSTRUCTIONS**

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

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

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**YESTERDAY'S CRYPTIC**  
ACROSS: 1 Scarce, 4 Defend, 9 Unearth, 10 Taboo, 11 Tempi, 12 Papyrus, 13 Take your bow, 18 Burglar, 20 Below, 22 Award, 23 Accused, 24 Slewed, 25 Enjoin.  
DOWN: 1 Shunts, 2 Abeam, 3 Cordite, 5 Estop, 6 Embargo, 7 Drowsy, 8 Shop doorway, 14 Acreage, 15 Rubicon, 16 E-boats, 17 Sweden, 19 Lodge, 21 Lasso.

**YESTERDAY'S QUICK**  
ACROSS: 1 Prompt, 4 Studio, 9 Untruth, 10 Trend, 11 Curse, 12 Compact, 13 For the birds, 18 Spin-off, 20 Serve, 22 Elite, 23 Egotism, 24 Sanity, 25 Stingy.  
DOWN: 1 Pounce, 2 Otter, 3 Prudent, 5 Totem, 6 Die-hard, 7 Oddity, 8 Chicken feed, 14 Opinion, 15 In short, 16 Assess, 17 Seemly, 19 Overt, 21 Reign.

[ CHINA ]



## Soaking in the sunflowers

A tourist takes selfies against the blooming wildflowers and sunflowers at the Olympic Forest Park in Beijing on Wednesday

VINCENT THIAN/AP PHOTO

## Liberals: PM is 'in the process of listening to all of caucus, not just those who speak with the media'

■ FROM A1

Mr. Trudeau said his calls with Liberal MPs across the country have been "about how we make sure we're continuing our work, connecting with Canadians, to make sure we're continuing to deliver for people."

Since the by-election loss, a group of nine Liberal MPs wrote a letter calling for an "immediate, in-person national caucus meeting" to discuss the results. New Brunswick MP Wayne Long signed the letter and also went further, calling on Mr. Trudeau to resign. He is so far the only sitting MP to publicly call for Mr. Trudeau's exit and has already said he doesn't plan to run in the next election.

In Montreal Wednesday, the Prime Minister was supported by backbench MP Patricia Lattanzio and Energy Minister Jonathan Wilkinson, who told The Globe and Mail he doesn't think Mr. Trudeau needs to hold a full caucus meeting.

Former deputy prime minister Anne McLellan disagreed, saying Wednesday he needs to hold a meeting and make immediate changes. Ms. McLellan served as an adviser to Mr. Trudeau in 2019.

In his responses to reporters, the Prime Minister didn't directly answer many of the issues raised, including why he thinks he can beat the odds and win a fourth mandate, whether MPs have directly told him to resign and if he will shake up his cabinet.

Instead, he spoke about the need for his government to deliver for Canadians on programs such as child care, housing and dental care. He used the word "continue" nearly two dozen times as he relied on similar responses to the concerns raised by MPs and senior Liberals in the government and party.

After repeated questions to clarify whether he would meet with his entire caucus, he said he held a meeting with the chairs of the various regional caucus groups on Tuesday.

"We talked about all sorts of different things that we could continue to do to deliver for Canadians and pull the team together



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau held a press conference Wednesday in his own riding in Montreal, after largely avoiding questions since the Toronto-St. Paul's by-election. ANDREJ IVANOV/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

er and we will continue to engage and I will continue to be engaged with the MPs across the country," he said.

"I am in the process of listening to all of caucus, not just those who speak with the media."

Mr. Trudeau has previously played down a steady stream of national polls that show voters are turned off by him and his party. But the Toronto vote was the first time previously reliable Liberal voters had weighed in on the government's performance at the ballot box. The unexpected loss of a safe seat has scared Liberals across the country, many of whom even in good times win their seats by narrow margins.

Asked at the press conference if he still has the moral authority to lead his party, Mr. Trudeau deflected and said his conversations with MPs confirm that the government's "priority needs to be to continue to deliver for Canadians."

He described those talks as "frank and direct" but he declined to say whether anyone in his caucus asked him to step down in their private discussions.

Ms. McLellan, who served in both Paul Martin and Jean Chrétien's cabinets, said her advice to the Prime Minister is that he must make fundamental changes and to "do it now."

She said he needs to make "some pretty significant changes in the agenda and how it's communicated and who communicates it."

For example, Ms. McLellan said the government must focus on economic growth and its relationship to affordability.

She said if the Prime Minister sticks to the status quo, the party will be "in a very difficult situation" in the leadup to next year's election and predicted more caucus dissension and no improvement in the polls.

Those cautions were in contrast to comments made by Mr. Wilkinson. Mr. Trudeau's cabinet colleague deferred to the course already set by the Prime Minister in the wake of the loss, saying he was reflecting on the message it sent and reaching out to caucus where needed.

"The Prime Minister continues to have the full confidence of members of cabinet and I think the vast, vast majority of caucus," Mr. Wilkinson said.

Mr. Trudeau ended his day in Montreal with a Liberal fundraiser. Pro-Palestinian protesters surrounded one corner of the hotel outside, but their megaphones couldn't be heard in the room inside, where the party says about 80 loyalists gathered to hear from Mr. Trudeau.

With a report from Emma Graney in Calgary

# Trudeau smiles and swivels his way around questions

Some in the Prime Minister's party say he's an obstacle, and he hasn't answered

CAMPBELL CLARK

OPINION



Justin Trudeau looked like a million bucks in a white shirt and a bright blue blazer as he made a funding announcement in his own Montreal riding in his usual energetic style.

Then he dodged a bunch of questions. Including the big one.

The reporters' queries were almost all about the prickly concerns about his leadership coming from inside his own party. Some were so basic that it's pretty startling that a sitting prime minister can't answer them.

Will he meet with his MPs? After all, nine Liberal MPs penned a letter last week calling for an urgent, in-person meeting of the entire Liberal caucus. They warned the Liberals' loss in the June 24 by-election in the party's long-time stronghold of Toronto-St. Paul's was a sign that Canadians aren't listening any more.

Yet Mr. Trudeau wouldn't commit to meeting his own caucus. He smiled, but swivelled and skated his way around the question three times in a manner that suggested he'd prefer to dive into a sack of electric eels than meet his own MPs all at once. He'll talk to some on the phone.

"Last week's by-election loss, not to sugarcoat it, was challenging," Mr. Trudeau said, sugarcoating it.

He said there's "always a range of perspectives and voices within the Liberal Party and listening to all those voices and giving them time to engage is really, really, important," but he obviously didn't mean all, or least not all at once.

Mr. Trudeau did meet with some caucus representatives this week, however. What was his takeaway? His answer was a Liberal brochure: People are facing challenging times so the government is "stepping up" on things such as dental care, housing construction, a school food program and so on.

Are there members of his team that have asked him to go? Mr. Trudeau said he has had frank conversations but Liberals are focused on delivering.

There was a theme to Mr. Trudeau's answers to questions about him: This is an important time.

"There is a challenge faced by democracies all around the world right now," Mr. Trudeau said. He pointed to the rise of the far right in France, "the election in the United States," widespread anxieties and what he called "an erosion of democratic principles and rights."

"This is a really important time for governments to step up and deliver concretely for citizens, to restore and encourage faith in the institutions that are there to deliver things like more child care spaces, to deliver better access to dental care for people who don't have insurance, to deliver more housing with the most ambitious housing plan this country has ever seen," he said.

But nothing about the big question Mr. Trudeau left hanging in the air: Why you?

Mr. Trudeau talked about the Liberal agenda, but didn't answer the question about why he should lead. Some in his party now say he's an obstacle, and he hasn't answered.

His insistence that the political stakes are high is also the argument put forward by backers of U.S. President Joe Biden to Democrats appalled at the prospect that Donald Trump could be elected president again. But Democrats don't have to be convinced of the importance of defeating Mr. Trump. They fear concerns about Mr. Biden's age will make voters rule him out.

Mr. Biden's halting performance in his debate with Mr. Trump and the Liberals by-election loss in Toronto-St. Paul's have been shocks with similar effects. They have shaken some members of their own parties into feeling they can't be trapped with a leader who they think is doomed to defeat.

The good news for Mr. Trudeau is that he doesn't have to prove he is hale and healthy despite his years. Still, you'd think he'd try to meet his caucus of Liberal MPs to soothe rebellious spirits.

Presumably, he's dodging that out of concerns that some of those MPs are screwing up their courage to confront him after the recent by-election loss, and he's better off not walking into a bear pit. Some Liberal MPs might not want to cancel their vacation plans to go to a caucus meeting, anyway. Maybe by September, the rebellious spirits will have cooled.

The big question his own party is asking is why he's still the person to lead them, and Mr. Trudeau is dodging.

The good news for Justin Trudeau is that he doesn't have to prove he is hale and healthy despite his years. Still, you'd think he'd try to meet his caucus of Liberal MPs to soothe rebellious spirits.

## SEX-CRIME CASE OF BILLIONAIRE ROBERT MILLER TO RETURN TO COURT IN OCTOBER

MONTREAL The case against Robert Miller has moved a step closer to trial, even as questions remain about the ailing Montreal billionaire's ability to appear in court to face multiple sex charges.

Lawyers for Mr. Miller and for the Crown appeared in a Montreal courtroom on Wednesday, but the accused was not present as a next date was set for Oct. 1.

The founder of global electronics distributor Future Electronics was arrested in May on 21 sex charges involving 10 complainants, many of whom were minors when the alleged offences occurred between 1994 and 2016. One of the alleged victims was under the age of 14.

Prosecutor Delphine Mauger confirmed the Crown had provided the bulk of the evidence

against Mr. Miller to his lawyers, in a complex case spanning many years and two separate police investigations.

"The more investigations there are, the more complexity, the more documents, the more statements, so the volume of evidence is very large in the case of Mr. Miller," she told reporters outside the courtroom. Police had opened an investigation into allegations against Mr. Miller in 2009, but at that time the province's prosecution service decided not to proceed with charges. The second investigation occurred more recently, after reports by CBC and Radio-Canada that he allegedly committed sexual offences.

Ms. Mauger said a judge will have to determine whether Mr.

Miller is healthy enough to stand trial, after the 80-year-old's lawyers argued that he's too sick with Parkinson's disease to appear in court.

In an application for a stay last month, Mr. Miller's lawyers said the illness has left the accused in an "extremely frail condition," bedridden since 2022 and unable to bathe or feed himself. They said forcing him to appear in court could put his life in danger and would violate his right to a fair trial since he can't defend himself.

A Quebec Superior Court judge declined to hear the application for a stay of proceedings, but Ms. Mauger said a hearing on the issue of his aptitude to appear will be held in front of the trial judge at a later date.

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## MANITOBA FIRST NATION REPORTS 150 ANOMALIES AT FORMER RESIDENTIAL-SCHOOL SITE

CROSS LAKE, MAN. A First Nation community in northern Manitoba says ground-penetrating radar has found 150 anomalies at the site of a former residential school, including 59 unmarked graves at a nearby cemetery.

The chief of Pimicikamak Cree Nation also says 37 anomalies have been found off-site, more than a kilometre away from St. Joseph's Residential School.

The anomalies — places where the ground has been disturbed — were found at depths of between one and two metres, Chief David Monias said Wednesday.

He said the discovery means work is now needed to determine how many of the anomalies are unmarked burial sites.

"It's quite shocking to hear that many [anomalies], because you wonder how many missing children are there," Mr. Monias said.

The St. Joseph's Residential School, managed by the Roman Catholic Church, operated in the community from 1912 to 1969 and housed children from across northern Manitoba.

Researchers earlier documented 85 deaths of children at the school, Mr. Monias said when the radar search began two years ago. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# THE CLIMATE EXCHANGE



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## Hydro-Québec to invest billions in vast wind farm project

NICOLAS VAN PRAET MONTREAL

Hydro-Québec has announced plans to develop its first mega wind farm over a vast territory to the west of Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean as it pushes forward with an aggressive clean-energy strategy under chief executive officer Michael Sabia.

The provincial Crown corporation, Canada's biggest producer of hydroelectricity, said Wednesday it has struck partnership agreements with two Indigenous communities and a regional county government to develop wind power over a 5,000-square-kilometre parcel of land known as the Chamouchouane zone. Total investment in the endeavour could be in the range of \$9-billion, the utility said in a statement.

Work will begin next month to install data collection equipment with the goal of launching an initial wind project for the area, Hydro-Québec said. The utility said the zone has the potential to host up to 3,000 megawatts of wind power capacity and several wind farms, which would make it one of the biggest wind power sites in North America.

"With our local partners, we will embark on a common and collaborative process that will have benefits for all of Quebec," Mr. Sabia said in the statement. "Together, we'll lay the foundations for well-planned and co-ordinated wind development."

■ HYDRO-QUÉBEC, B6

## LifeLabs to be sold to American buyer for \$1.35-billion

JAMES BRADSHAW  
INSTITUTIONAL INVESTING  
REPORTER

Toronto-based pension fund Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System has reached a deal to sell the country's largest medical testing company, LifeLabs Medical Laboratory Services, to U.S.-based Quest Diagnostics Inc. for \$1.35-billion, including debt.

Secaucus, N.J.-based Quest is buying all of LifeLabs' equity using cash and debt, and expects LifeLabs will generate about \$970-million in annual revenue. LifeLabs will keep its brand, its Canadian headquarters and its management team after the acquisition closes, which is expected to happen by the end of the year, subject to regulatory approvals. Quest also plans to keep patients' health data stored in Canada, according to a joint statement.

After the deal closes, however, Canada's concentrated market for lab testing will be further controlled by U.S. owners. LifeLabs is Canada's leading laboratory testing company and a household name for many people who have needed a blood test or a range of other screening, genetic and diagnostic procedures.

■ QUEST, B6

### COMPANIES

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[ AGRICULTURE ]



Cesar Humberto Suchite de Paz, left, and Juan Alberto Toto Sapo package cucumbers at Mucci Farms in Kingsville, Ont. The Mucci greenhouse is a sprawling operation where robots and people work side by side. GEOFF ROBINS/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

## On high-tech farms around Windsor, skilled-worker shortage adds to labour woes

Region's efficient greenhouses run on cutting-edge methods

KATE HELMORE

At Mucci Farms, headquartered in the Windsor area on the shores of Lake Erie, growing vegetables is a remarkably high-tech operation.

In the greenhouse, which is larger than 200 football fields, crews of pickers harvest while robots sort and package red, yellow and orange bell peppers that are ripened using irrigation and temperature systems controlled by artificial intelligence.

The growing industry has for many years experienced a shortage of low-skilled farm labour, but with more Canadian food producers transitioning to high-tech methods, the sector is also seeing a critical shortage of skilled labour.

"There's this outdated perception of farming as something old-fashioned," said Bert Mucci, chief executive officer of Mucci Farms and son of one of the two Italian brothers who started the company in the 1960s when they moved to Kingsville, Ont., southeast of Windsor.

"When we were kids, everything was done manually by hand," Mr. Mucci said. "These days, so much of what we do can be controlled by an app on my phone."

With its plentiful sunshine, rich soil and warmer temperatures, Southwestern Ontario's Essex County, situated around Windsor, is the location of North America's most concentrated greenhouse sector: Around 130 growers pump out more than 500,000 tonnes of produce annually.

Farmers can boost yields with the precision agriculture of greenhouses, which produce around 8.5 times more vegetables per area of land compared with field production.

And Canada is one of the most efficient producers worldwide. The greenhouse growers of Southern Ontario raise more per area of land than any other global greenhouse heavyweight, including the Netherlands, Spain and Mexico.

At Mr. Mucci's 150-acre greenhouse, hundreds of hidden sensors constantly measure temperature, humidity and sunlight.

■ WINDSOR, B6

## Yukon First Nation calls for halt of mining on its traditional territory after Eagle gold mine accident

NIALL MCGEE  
MINING REPORTER

A Yukon First Nation is calling for a stop to mining in its traditional territory as uncertainty swirls over the scale of environmental damage caused by the failure of a gold processing plant.

Giant piles of cyanide-laced rocks collapsed June 24 at a heap leach facility at the Eagle gold mine in central Yukon operated by Victoria Gold Corp., triggering a landslide that likely released toxic cyanide into the environment.

The rockslide, which satellite imagery shows to be more than 1,400 metres long by up to 370 metres wide, caused widespread damage to mine infrastructure in-

cluding the heap leach facility.

Heap leaching involves stacking mined ore into outdoor piles and then sprinkling it with water laced with cyanide, which collects in a lined pond. The operation at the Eagle mine was designed to hold as much as 92 million tonnes of ore.

Neither the company nor the Yukon government, which is investigating the incident, has revealed specifics around the extent of the damage from last week's rockslide.

The open-pit mine is about 375 kilometres north of Whitehorse and 85 kilometres north of the village of Mayo, on the traditional territory of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun.

The First Nation on Wednesday demanded "an immediate halt of all mining

activity" on its traditional territory and called for an independent investigation of the incident in the face of what it called "negligent government oversight."

Donna Hope, chief of the Na-Cho Nyak Dun, said in an interview that she had little faith in the government's investigation and pointed to other mining disasters such as the 2014 Mount Polley tailings dam failure in British Columbia, which was probed by the B.C. government in conjunction with external independent engineers and consultants. They determined the accident was caused by a multitude of factors, including design problems and inadequate on-site monitoring by the mining company and its consultants.

■ YUKON, B6



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Big rise in rental housing starts matched by soaring demand: RBC report ■ B2

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# Ontario government mandates a quarter of its advertising to news organizations

Agencies including Metrolinx, OLG and LCBO together spend more than \$100-million a year on marketing, documents say

ALEXANDRA POSADZKI

The Ontario government is directing Crown corporations and government agencies to spend at least a quarter of their advertising budgets with Ontario-based news organizations to help offset declining revenues at the province's publishers.

The directive is outlined in letters sent June 28 to organizations such as transit agency Metrolinx, Ontario Lottery Gaming Corp., Ontario Cannabis Retail Corp. and the Liquor Control Board of Ontario, or LCBO. The policy is to be implemented by Sept. 3.

Ontario's major government agencies together spend more than \$100-million annually on marketing, the letters state.

"When in place across Ontario's major agencies, this new initiative promises to flow over \$25 million to Ontario-based publishers, helping to protect jobs and promote local content and culture," it reads.

The Ontario government is making a similar commitment with its own advertising spending.

The news was welcomed by the news publishers, who are grappling with financial challenges. In Ontario, a court approved the insolvency proposal of Metrolinx, a sister company of the Toronto Star, earlier this year. And SaltWire Network Inc. and The Halifax Herald Ltd., publisher of The Chronicle Herald in Halifax, were pushed into insolvency by a creditor in March.

News Media Canada, which has been advocating for such policies, welcomed the news.

"We commend the Ford government for this smart, forward-looking policy that will support trusted news brands while delivering value to taxpayers. We encourage other governments and corporate Canada to support our domestic news businesses rather than foreign giants who do little to combat misinformation," Paul Deegan, president and chief executive officer of News Media Canada, said in a statement.

Andrew Saunders, president and chief executive officer of The Globe and Mail, said he applauds the Ontario government's decision.

"The policy will keep money within the province, support local journalism, Ontario workers, and will provide an effective advertising solution for government agencies," Mr. Saunders said in a statement.

Mr. Deegan said he is not aware of any other provinces considering similar directives.

News Media Canada pushed for the federal government to earmark 25 per cent of its domestic advertising spending toward "trusted Canadian news sources" ahead of the 2024 federal budget, and has continued lobbying Ottawa for such an initiative.

The Department of Canadian Heritage did not answer questions about whether the federal government would make a similar commitment.

The federal government spent \$86.09-million on advertising in the 2022-23 fiscal year, with 71 per cent – or \$48.08-million – going toward digital marketing such as social media and search engine optimization.

The remaining 29 per cent went to traditional media, with the bulk of it – \$9.93-million – being spent on television ads. A smaller portion – \$945,000 – went to print.

Lori Henson, government advertising policy manager at Rebuild Local News, a non-profit that advocates for policies to address the local news crisis, said redirecting government ad spending can be an effective tool.

"It has real bipartisan appeal and it doesn't cost additional money," Ms. Henson said.

In the United States, a number of major cities – including New York, Chicago and San Francisco – have introduced similar measures.

In New York, for instance, the city's mayor in 2019 signed an executive order mandating all municipal agencies to spend at least half of their advertising budgets with community and ethnic media outlets.

That mandate generated \$1-million of revenue for those publications in just the first year, said Ms. Henson, growing to between \$16-million and \$17-million in the few years since.

"We've seen the city agencies in New York grow more compliant and more intentional with their spend, so we expect that number to continue to grow," she said.



Housing starts are up 11 per cent from last year, an RBC report says, with anticipated interest-rate cuts from the Bank of Canada set to keep that trend on track. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## More rental housing development needed in Canada despite recent rise: RBC report

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Rental housing construction in Canada has picked up significantly and is expected to keep growing this year, according to a new Royal Bank of Canada report.

However, the report says more supply is needed to fill the backlog of demand.

RBC economist Rachel Battaglia said rental housing starts reached their highest levels in decades in 2022 and 2023, with more than 80,000 new units started each year.

That number is set to rise even more this year thanks to surging demand, as well as new policy measures helping tip the scale for developers despite their challenges with inflation and labour, Ms. Battaglia wrote in a report published Wednesday.

Rapid population growth thanks to immigration and interprovincial migration are pushing demand higher, she said in an interview.

"We're also seeing a shift to rental housing in general in Canada. It's been happening since 2011, with more baby boomers entering the rental market and cost pressures keeping home ownership out of reach for a growing number of Canadians," Ms. Battaglia said.

Housing starts are already up 11 per cent from last year, the report said, with anticipated interest-rate cuts from the Bank of Canada set to keep that trend on track.

Most home-building activity comes from new rental construction projects, which have nearly doubled from six years ago, Ms. Battaglia wrote in the report, while the construction of single-family homes has "dwindled to just three-quarters of the housing start activity seen in 2017."

A severe imbalance in rental housing supply and demand has caused rent prices to soar, the report said, with annual rent growth in 2023 outpacing both inflation and wage growth. The rate of home ownership has fallen since it peaked in 2011 as homes have skyrocketed in value.

The rental market has been "exceptionally tight," Ms. Battaglia said, with the rental vacan-

cy rate falling to an all-time low of 1.5 per cent last year. That's well below the 3-per-cent rate that would signal a more balanced rental market, she added.

"If you boost that supply ... we're hoping to see a little bit of a rebalancing in the rental market there," Ms. Battaglia said.

"But there is this backlog that we have to account for. Because over the last few years, new rental demand well surpassed additions to the purpose-built rental stock, which means that that gap has been growing."

Demand for rentals increased more than three times faster than the purpose-built rental stock grew between 2017 and 2023, she said in the report, while secondary suites and condo apartments have only filled part of the gap.

"If we look at vacancy rates in the secondary rental market, those vacancies are even lower than in the primary market, which suggests that Canada's secondary rental market is very limited in its capacity to absorb new rental demand," Ms. Battaglia said.

Governments at all levels have responded to the imbalance with rule changes and incentives to promote high density and rental housing construction, especially over the past five to seven years, Ms. Battaglia said.

The federal government's National Housing Strategy in 2017 was "pretty pivotal," she said, and the more recent housing plan helps continue that work.

Provinces such as Ontario and B.C. have made moves of their own, while municipalities like Vancouver and Toronto – the most expensive major cities in the country – have also taken steps to expand their social housing stock and encourage rental construction projects, the report said.

Strong demand for rental housing combined with government support have contributed to a significant uptick in rental construction, even as most other types of development projects are at a standstill, Ms. Battaglia wrote in the report, adding that policies in Canada's latest housing plan are expected to help carry the momentum forward.

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## HBC, with help from Amazon, to buy Neiman Marcus for \$2.65-billion

The parent of Saks Fifth Avenue sealed a US\$2.65-billion deal to buy rival Neiman Marcus with help from Amazon.com Inc., which will take a minority stake in the combined company, the Wall Street Journal reported on Wednesday, citing people familiar with the matter.

The deal would unite the two luxury retailers that have struggled to operate as standalone brand owners as consumers curb discretionary spending after a bout of inflation and high interest rates.

Salesforce Inc. would be another minority shareholder in the new company, which will be called Saks Global, and assist with the adoption of artificial intelligence, while Amazon would provide technology and logistical expertise, the report added.

Saks already does business with both Amazon and Salesforce, so the transaction would deepen their partnerships, the report said.

The boards of Saks parent Hudson's Bay Co. and Neiman Marcus have approved the transaction, and an announcement could come as soon as this evening, the WSJ report said, adding that Marc Metrick, chief executive of Saks's e-commerce business, will run the combined company.

Amazon declined to comment, while HBC, Saks Fifth Avenue, Salesforce and Neiman Marcus did not immediately respond to Reuters requests for comments.

There was a boom in luxury demand once pandemic-related restrictions eased in 2022, helping sales of companies such as LVMH, Ralph Lauren and Tapestry, but it has since cooled.

Neiman Marcus went bankrupt in 2020 in one of the high-profile collapses among retailers forced to temporarily close stores in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Wall Street Journal said there were no current plans to close stores once the deal is completed. There are 39 Saks Fifth Avenue stores and 95 Saks Off 5th discount stores. Saks.com operates as a separate business, which is owned by HBC.

Neiman has 36 department stores, two Bergdorf Goodman stores and five Last Call discount stores. There are eight malls that have both a Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus store, according to Green Street, a real estate research firm.

HBC is financing the deal with US\$2-billion it raised from existing investors, the report said.

Existing investors include Rhone Capital, the Abu Dhabi Investment Council and NRDC Equity Partners, a private-equity firm run by Richard Baker, HBC's executive chairman, and his son Jack Baker. Apollo Global Management APO is providing US\$1.15-billion in debt financing.

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### GM TO PAY \$145.8-MILLION PENALTY AFTER U.S. PROBE FINDS EXCESS EMISSIONS

General Motors Co. will pay a US\$145.8-million penalty and forfeit credits worth hundreds of millions of dollars after a U.S. government investigation found excess emissions from approximately 5.9 million GM vehicles, government agencies said on Wednesday.

The Environmental Protec-

tion Agency said GM has agreed to give up approximately 50 million tonnes in carbon allowances after the multiyear investigation found vehicles from the 2012-18 model years were emitting more than 10 per cent higher carbon dioxide on average than GM's initial compliance reports claimed.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration separately said GM will pay a US\$145.8-million penalty for fuel economy compliance issues and cancel more than 30.6 million fuel economy credits for the 2008-10 model years to resolve the issues identified by EPA's light-duty vehicle in-use testing

program.

GM said Wednesday that figure is "consistent with the costs of the final resolution of these matters with the federal government."

GM has previously purchased 38 million emissions credits to meet EPA requirements.

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# Group overreacted to Bill C-59 measures: Wilkinson

Oil sands alliance's removal of website content after legislation on truth in advertising was likely a political message, minister says

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An oil sands industry group that scrubbed its website of all content in response to a new federal rule requiring truth in advertising was grossly overreacting, Energy Minister Jonathan Wilkinson says.

Several Canadian oil companies and lobby groups added disclaimers to their websites and social-media feeds last month in the face of the contentious new federal legislation, which aims to stamp out false or exaggerated environmental claims via a provision in Bill C-59 that makes changes to the Competition Act.

The Pathways Alliance, a coalition of oil sands producers pro-

posing a multibillion-dollar carbon capture and storage project to help bring production to net zero by 2050, replaced its website and social-media content with a disclaimer that it said was in response to the anti-greenwashing measure.

"I think it was a gross overreaction – and I think it was probably a political message," Mr. Wilkinson told The Globe and Mail this week.

And he doubts that scrubbing its website will serve the group's long-term interests.

While it's fair to want clarification on the methodology the Competition Bureau will use to assess environmental statements, removing all content from the website "leaves the message for a lot of folks that actually none of it was true," Mr. Wilkinson said.

He said he believes the vast majority of Canadians want companies to tell the truth.

"And at the end of the day, what is being asked of the oil and gas sector is no different than what's being asked of the pharmaceutical sector, which is you

just have to have a basis for the claims that you make," he said.

The Alberta government has loudly protested the new rule, labelling it "draconian" and "authoritarian" in a joint statement by Premier Danielle Smith, Energy Minister Brian Jean and Environment Minister Rebecca Schulz.

They said it would irreparably harm Canadians' ability "to hear the truth about the energy industry and Alberta's successes in reducing global emissions," adding that it would also stifle billions of dollars in investment in emissions-reducing technologies.

"This is being done to intentionally intimidate boards and shareholders, silence debate, and amplify the voices of those who oppose Canada's world leading energy industry. Indeed, it would appear to be part of an agenda to create chaos and uncertainty for energy investors for the purpose of phasing out the energy industry altogether," they said.

Disquiet about the legislation will likely be part of discussions around the table of the Energy

and Mines Ministers' Conference this week in Calgary.

The annual gathering of federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible for energy and mining portfolios sees them discuss shared priorities and collaborative action to advance development across the country.

Speaking with The Globe ahead of the conference, Mr. Wilkinson said the meeting will include discussions around cybersecurity and the importance of protecting energy infrastructure. Canadian oil and gas giant Suncor Energy Inc. was hit by a massive cyberattack last year that affected some internal systems and many of the company's Petro-Canada retail locations.

Also on the agenda is the development of critical minerals and how to secure supplies and investment nationally, instead of relying on other countries such as China.

"Virtually every province and territory has a significant interest in critical minerals, so we will be having some conversations about how we are moving forward with

some of the tools that we have, like the critical minerals Infrastructure fund and the processing fund," Mr. Wilkinson said.

And while he acknowledged the likelihood of disagreements around the table – particularly with Alberta on a planned greenhouse gas emissions cap on oil production and draft clean electricity regulations – Mr. Wilkinson said the tenor of conversations around energy and mining has recently shifted toward the economic opportunities.

The Alberta government and industry have slammed the planned emissions cap. But Mr. Wilkinson said his government made a commitment to Canadians to implement a cap and intends to follow through, because oil and gas sector emissions continue to grow at an unsustainable pace.

"But we need to be thoughtful about how this is done," he added. "I continue to say that the numbers that are embedded in the draft that was brought forward are the numbers that industry itself told us were achievable."



Statistics Canada says May was the largest drop ever in exports to the rest of the world, excluding the U.S., since current records began in 1997, helping to grow the deficit. GRAHAM HUGHES/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

## Canada records third straight monthly trade deficit in May, data show

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Canada recorded a bigger-than-expected trade deficit of \$1.93-billion in May, the third consecutive monthly shortfall, as exports declined faster than imports, data showed on Wednesday.

Total exports fell 2.6 per cent to \$62.45-billion, the lowest level in 10 months, while imports decreased by 1.6 per cent to \$64.37-billion, Statistics Canada said, in what was seen as a broad-based decline in both exports and imports.

Analysts polled by Reuters had forecast a \$1.20-billion trade deficit for the month. The deficit for April was revised to \$1.32-billion from the previously reported \$1.05-billion shortfall.

Canada's international trade is largely skewed toward the United States, its biggest trading partner, which buys more than three quarters of its total exports and

accounts for more than 60 per cent of its total imports.

Statscan said this was the largest drop ever in exports to the rest of the world, excluding the U.S., since current records began in 1997, helping to swell the deficit.

The drop in exports were "a bit of a fall back to reality," said Stuart Bergman, chief economist at Export Development Canada.

While there is a general softness in the global economy, the large drop in monthly exports in May is on the back of a big gain seen in April when Canada's exports rose by 2.6 per cent, he said, cautioning that the drop should not be construed as a trend.

The decline in exports was led by gold, energy and aircraft, Statscan said. Exports of motor vehicles and parts increased in May, partly offsetting the overall decline.

Exports of energy products, Canada's biggest export category at close to a quarter of the total,

decreased 2.4 per cent in May, largely due to lower prices of crude oil, while export volumes were flat.

Exports of unwrought precious metals, a category largely composed of unwrought gold, saw the biggest drop of 17.1 per cent in May. Gold exports have been volatile in recent months, with fluctuations recorded in both volumes and prices, the statistics agency said.

Exports of aircraft and other transportation equipment also nosedived, posting the second-biggest drop of 11.5 per cent among all categories, Statscan said.

The Canadian dollar strengthened with the loonie trading 0.23 per cent stronger at 1.3645 against the U.S. dollar, or 73.29 U.S. cents.

The drop in imports was also driven by gold as well as motor vehicles and parts, and energy products.

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## Fed sees signs inflation is cooling but says more data needed for rate cut

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U.S. Federal Reserve officials at their most recent meeting welcomed recent signs that inflation is slowing and highlighted data suggesting that the job market and the broader economy could be cooling.

Both trends, if they continued, could lead the Fed to cut its benchmark interest rate in the coming months from its 23-year peak of 5.3 per cent.

The minutes of the Fed's June 11-12 meeting, released Wednesday, showed that the policy makers saw several factors that could further ease inflation in the coming months. These factors included the slower growth of wages, which reduces pressure on companies to raise prices to cover their labour costs.

The policy makers also pointed to several cases of retail chains and other businesses lowering prices and offering discounts, a sign that customers are increasingly resisting higher prices.

Yet the officials also said more evidence was needed to demonstrate that inflation was returning sustainably to the Fed's 2-per-cent target. They signalled that they were in no rush to reduce borrowing costs.

The minutes of the Fed's meetings sometimes provide key details behind the policy makers' thinking, especially about how their views on interest rates might be evolving. The financial markets are eagerly awaiting more clarity about the likely timetable for the Fed to begin cutting its benchmark rate. Rate cuts by the Fed would likely lead, over time, to lower borrowing costs for mortgages, auto loans and credit cards as well as business borrowing, and could also boost stock prices.

In a noticeable shift from previous minutes, the officials cited concerns that a further cooling of the job market would likely lead to layoffs. So far, slowing demand for workers has mostly appeared in the form of fewer job postings. Their stated concern about a possible increase in layoffs suggests that the Fed needs to more fully consider both its policy goals: Stable prices and full employment. That is a shift from the previous two years, when the Fed was focused solely on curbing inflation, which reached a four-decade high in 2022 of 9.1 per cent.

"The vast majority of participants assessed that growth in economic activity appeared to be gradually cooling, and most participants remarked that they viewed" the central bank's benchmark rate as high enough to slow growth and inflation.

After last month's meeting, Fed officials issued a statement saying that inflation had resumed declining toward their 2-per-cent target. But they also scaled back their expectations for rate cuts this year, from three cuts to just one.

At a news conference, though, chair Jerome Powell downplayed the forecast for a single cut and said either one or two cuts were equally plausible. Four of the 19 policy makers said they envisioned no rate cuts at all this year. The remaining 15 officials were nearly evenly split between one and two cuts.

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# OPINION & ANALYSIS

## Canada needs smart industrial policy

Ottawa's excessive and dramatic intervention in the economy is a detriment to the country

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OPINION

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Canada needs to harness competition and open markets to drive productivity and prosperity. Sadly, the country has gone in the other direction in recent years.

Government intervention has grown dramatically through industrial policy, which is government efforts to shape economic outcomes by targeting specific industries, firms or activities. It involves the application of subsidies, tax incentives and regulations. The argument for such policies is the belief that free markets will not generate desired economic, social or national-security outcomes. However, the expansion of in-

dustrial policy over the past decade has been both dramatic and excessive.

To illustrate, economist John Lester published a report in March showing that Canadian federal business subsidies rose 140 per cent over the past nine years, compared with just 17 per cent over the preceding nine years. This reflects the Trudeau government's belief in the power of government to drive outcomes. In some cases, the expansion of industrial policy has been warranted to address market failures, such as measures aimed at reducing inequality and addressing climate change. However, virtually every problem has been tackled with additional business subsidies, tax incentives and regulations that have deeply distorted price signals throughout the economy.

It is important to remember that market prices provide powerful information about where to put effort or where to deploy limited resources, which increases efficiency by boosting income and lowering costs. Competition in open markets can also be a powerful catalyst for driving innovation and investment as well as constraining the ability of firms to raise consumer prices.

In March, Bank of Canada se-

nior deputy governor Carolyn Rogers delivered a speech that called for increased market competition to encourage businesses to scale up and to incent investment to address Canada's productivity crisis. Last month, Matthew Boswell, Commissioner at the Competition Bureau, reinforced this message in these pages and highlighted that his group's research showed that the competitive intensity in the Canadian economy fell between 2000 and 2020. He wrote: "Too often in Canada, laws, policies and regulations create barriers – which are outdated and no longer serve the public interest – to competition."

Past analysis by Deloitte and the Business Council of Canada has found that excessive government regulation is the single greatest obstacle to Canada's international competitiveness. The key message is that Canada needs the right balance between industrial policy that checks market failures or suboptimal social outcomes while still allowing market forces and prices to fuel efficiency and innovation.

Currently, policy is skewed toward too much intervention. Professor Lester's research shows that more than one-third of federal business subsidies are not

addressing a market failure and many federal subsidies do not generate benefits that exceed their costs. He found that 80 per cent of subsidies are currently having a negative economic impact. Getting rid of those ineffective business subsidies would save the federal government \$32-billion. And removing the market distortions created by these subsidies could boost competitive outcomes and productivity.

The preference for greater industrial policy in recent years also overlooks its inherent limitations. Governments do not have the information or the ability to predict which industry or firm will be the next global leader or will generate the greatest prosperity for its citizens. The myriad of price distortions created by the vastly increased number of industrial policy measures makes it hard to assess whether individual incentives, subsidies and regulation are having the desired effect. The conduct of policy can also be inconsistent. For example, the federal government recently increased subsidies for artificial intelligence research and development while simultaneously imposing higher capital-gains taxes on the tech sector.

Politics can undermine industrial policy and its effectiveness.

For example, when Canada launched its Innovation Superclusters Initiative, every region of Canada just happened to have an associated supercluster. Was this really identifying Canada's comparative advantages or was it an exercise in government-directed regional development? Politics can also be seen in the excessive focus on small business, which is popular with voters. Two-thirds of federal business subsidies go to small and medium-sized businesses. While startups warrant additional support, some small-business subsidies are counterproductive because they incent firms to stay small.

Choosing priority sectors or focusing on selected groups of firms is at odds with the fact that there are rapidly growing firms of all sizes and in every industry. Instead of trying to pick winners, policies to encourage growth and investment should strive to keep a level playing field across industries and firms.

Canada needs smart industrial policy that achieves the public interest with the least disruption to market prices and outcomes. Sadly, the recent dramatic expansion of industrial policy is falling well short of this mark to the detriment of Canadian prosperity.

## We must do something about these gambling ads on hockey helmets

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OPINION

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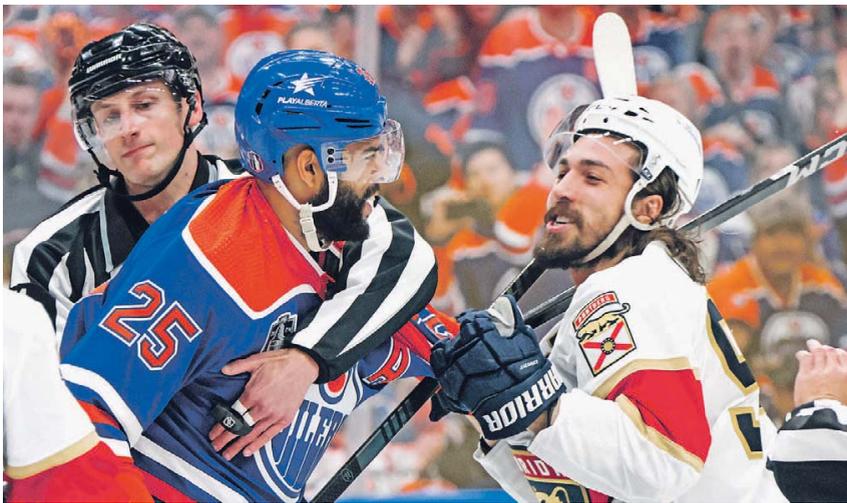
The Edmonton Oilers' impressive playoff run this season brought heightened attention to the team. When watching the Stanley Cup finals, it became apparent to a broader audience that the helmets of Oilers players – during their home games – featured advertising for Play Alberta.

At first glance, the NHL team's sponsor might be mistakenly identified as a non-profit, public entity that aims to promote exercise and healthy lifestyles. But Play Alberta is the brand name of the province's lone sanctioned gambling website.

It's quite a recent phenomenon. Advertisements first became visible on NHL players' helmets during the truncated 2020-2021 season. The National Hockey League was looking for ways to offset lost revenue as they felt the brunt of the pandemic.

Further, helmet advertising served as a stepping-stone for advertising appearing on NHL team jerseys, and evidently the game's ever-increasing commercialization. The home jerseys of the Washington Capitals feature a logo for Caesar's Sportsbook.

Looking beyond team-level sponsorships, the NHL now includes an astounding number



Darnell Nurse of the Oilers, left, wears a helmet with the Play Alberta logo on it during the Stanley Cup finals. The website's activity was at an all-time high as many placed bets on the Oilers to win. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

(16) of partners which pertain to sports betting, including BetMGM, FanDuel, Betway, DraftKings, ESPN Bet, Bet365, Bet99, Sports Interaction, and the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. (OLG).

This is a problem. Canadian federal legislation leaves it to provincial and territorial governments to determine how single-event sports betting is regulated. In Ontario, standards now ban the use of athlete endorsers in sports betting advertising owing to their youth appeal. Still, as the Play Alberta partnership with the Oilers shows, stars such as Connor McDavid continue to be associated with betting promotions.

Provincial standards have been unsatisfactory to date, which prompts calls for federal legislation that more rigorously restricts sports betting promotion, including measures that curtail its reach among youth.

Look how successful the Play Alberta helmet ads were.

The Play Alberta website, which is overseen by Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC), launched in 2020. The website's traffic and usage were at an all-time high during the recent Stanley Cup finals when many Albertans placed bets on the Oilers to win.

As Dan Keene, AGLC's vice-president of gaming, told the Ed-

monton Journal: "This run with the NHL playoffs is the largest in terms of activity that we've ever seen for Play Alberta in sports."

Mr. Keene indicated that more than 300,000 Albertans had signed up at Play Alberta during the Stanley Cup finals.

For Play Alberta, "the NHL is always the most active sport on the site. ... And we are seeing unprecedented betting activity going on right now," claimed Mr. Keene, referring to the playoff run of the Oilers. That unprecedented betting activity comes at a cost. The AGLC's stated mandate is to uphold the integrity of gaming activities while maximizing its financial returns.

Yet, maximizing financial returns at Play Alberta comes at the expense of mounting losses among many Albertans who are betting. Amid those losses are bettors with uncontrollable desires to wager despite the negative consequences of their actions.

The "Gambling Policy Framework" from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) – released this year – reveals that gambling is related to a multitude of harms. Adverse outcomes include the possibility of significant financial losses, further contributing to poor mental health, experiencing difficulties with friends and family, and prompting potential criminal activity.

Play Alberta also offered several promotional incentives during the NHL playoffs, including prizes such as ticket giveaways.

Marketing and advertising functions tend to increase overall consumption. And with Play Alberta being the only sanctioned online gambling site offered to Albertans, the role of its marketing activities affecting market share is minimal.

Play Alberta prominently highlights that generated revenue goes toward supporting worthy public initiatives such as education and health care. Largely overlooked in its marketing communication are the harms related to betting and gambling.

Hockey is an important part of Canadian identity. But the plethora of sports betting promotions, when watching our beloved NHL teams in action, has crossed the line and should be considered offside.

## Blood nickel: What electric-vehicle hunger has wrought, and how Canada can help

MARK SELBY

OPINION

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Blood diamonds, blood cobalt and now blood nickel. Governments leading the global shift toward electric vehicles promise cleaner cities and a new era of sustainable energy and improved resource usage. But just as governments promote EVs on environmental grounds, manufacturers are forced to source nickel from a region enabling the wanton destruction of ecologically sensitive lands, reckless treatment of workers, and the fundamental deterioration of living conditions. There is only one solution to this problem: The world needs more Canadian nickel.

Chinese and Indonesian companies mining and processing nickel on the east coast of Sulawesi and the surrounding Indonesian islands are responsible for a long series of tragic and fatal

work accidents. Buried under slag, crushed by heavy equipment, and killed in falls, workers in Indonesian nickel mines and processing plants face conditions that thankfully have been largely eliminated from Western workplaces. And the communities that surround them suffer daily from heavy pollution.

The two processes that Chinese companies use to produce nickel in Indonesia come with a heavy environmental footprint. One uses large amounts of coal and coal-fired electricity, resulting in nickel products with a carbon footprint of 50 to 80 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per tonne of nickel. That compares with less than five tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> for Canadian ultramafic nickel deposits, and certain Canadian deposits which capture enough CO<sub>2</sub> to have a net negative carbon footprint. The other uses high-pressure acid leaching, which results in large volumes of chemically reactive tailings that are either dumped in the ocean or stored on land in a seismic region and monsoon rainfall climate. Neither are conducive to the safe

storage of tailings.

A recent Bloomberg investigation found that nickel from the Indonesia Morowali Industrial Park is present in the supply chain that feeds virtually every major seller of EVs. Nickel is essential to EVs because the more you use in a battery, the farther the car can drive on a single charge. While each of the major EV manufacturers have adopted extensive pledges on responsible sourcing, they are still dependent on supply from regions where nickel is being mined in a manner that poses serious risks to workers and the environment.

From 2015 to 2022, Trend Asia, an NGO based in Jakarta, tracked 53 fatalities at Indonesian nickel facilities. In the first 11 months of 2023, it recorded 17. The data around injuries, unfortunately, are much harder to come by and often go unrecorded.

When confronted with the realities of how certain diamonds and cobalt resources were being produced, consumers demanded responsible manufacturers stop using blood diamonds and blood cobalt in their products. It is time

consumers demand the same from car manufacturers and others using blood nickel.

Canada has an important role to play in providing an alternative source for cleaner, safer nickel. After pressure from Premier Doug Ford, Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland recently initiated a consultation that will consider a surtax on Chinese electric vehicles. In doing so, Canada would join other Western countries in their efforts to balance economic interests with environmental, labour and trade policy concerns.

But there is more Canada must do to take the lead in reshaping North America's EV market. We must incentivize North American investors to support the development of more Canadian mines, powered by our greener energy grids, and employed by workers protected by some of the best labour and safety standards in the world. Simply put, Canada has an opportunity to secure North America's supply chain in a safe, clean, and most importantly, ethical way.

Canadian ultramafic nickel

deposits, found in certain regions, not only minimize environmental harm but also contribute to the process of carbon capture. Some of the minerals contained in these deposits have the capacity to spontaneously absorb and sequester CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere through a natural process called mineral carbonation, one of the only known ways to permanently capture and store CO<sub>2</sub>. Canadians should be proud of these mining resources, and we should promote them to the world as a clean, green alternative to Indonesian nickel.

It is time for Canadian policy makers to recognize the strategic imperative of getting our nickel out of the ground and into the market – fast. It is estimated by BloombergNEF that Indonesia may account for nearly two-thirds of the global nickel supply by 2030. We cannot allow the blood nickel trend to continue for moral, ethical, and environmental reasons. Canada must provide a real alternative to blood nickel and help to ethically support global supply chains.

# Saskatchewan, Alberta lag on climate policy: report

Study finds approach on policies, action in Canada was piecemeal, with gaps that urgently needed to be addressed

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ENERGY REPORTER

Alberta and Saskatchewan are lagging behind other Canadian jurisdictions in reducing their greenhouse gas emissions, while British Columbia and Ottawa lead the pack, according to a new study that examines climate policies and actions across the country.

The report, All Together Now, revisits a 2021 assessment of climate policy making across Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments by the Pembina Institute, an environmental think tank. That study found that the approach to climate action in Canada was piecemeal, with glaring gaps that urgently needed to

be addressed.

There have been signs of progress. Canada's overall emissions have started to meaningfully decline, according to the new report released Wednesday, falling by 7.1 per cent since 2005.

However, some governments continue to do far less than others, said Sarah McBain, a senior analyst who helped pen the report.

Five years away from the deadline to meet targets set by the Paris Agreement on climate change, Canada is on track to reduce its emissions "by a lot, but not enough," Ms. McBain said in an interview.

Ms. McBain's hope is that the results of the latest score card from Pembina will encourage Canadian governments that are making progress to stay the course. And for those that aren't, it will demonstrate that there are attainable and well-designed policies already in place in other jurisdictions from which they can learn.

"Alberta and Saskatchewan have some easy wins that are

available to them," Ms. McBain said, particularly around changing building codes to develop low-carbon buildings, implementing sales incentives and regulations for zero-emission cars and freight vehicles, and creating economic plans that will support workers through the energy transition.

"There's opportunity to really look at those who are leading with this report. It shows where to go for advice, to see other governments that are proposing attainable and well-designed policies in the real world," she said.

The report assessed jurisdictional performance by using a broad range of indicators that represent the best practices in climate and energy policy.

Both Alberta and Saskatchewan fall behind other jurisdictions on many of those, including accountability on climate policies, transportation, green buildings and electricity. Saskatchewan is also the only province without a comprehensive plan and policy to support the transition to a clean economy, and no

road map to phase out coal by 2030.

Sam Sasse, of Saskatchewan's executive council, said in an e-mail that the province acknowledges the significance of the changing climate and has taken steps to address the associated challenges and effects.

Mr. Sasse pointed to 40 commitments in place designed to increase Saskatchewan's climate resilience, as well as several measures to reduce emissions, including its Methane Action Plan, the Oil and Gas Emissions Management Regulations, the Output Based Performance Standards and the Saskatchewan Technology Fund.

At the top of the report card is B.C., showing strong results in the most areas with a wide range of policies and plans in place.

The federal government comes second, followed by Quebec.

Federal Energy Minister Jonathan Wilkinson said in an interview that the report shows promising progress. And he wasn't surprised by the jurisdictional ranking – particularly for Saskatchewan, which he said doesn't have a climate plan or targets, or a pathway to achieve net zero.

"The point that they make in the report is provinces that don't rank that highly perhaps can look at provinces that do, and learn some of the things that are being done. I think that's always useful," he said.

He was also pleased to see the report emphasize the importance of governments thinking about climate policy as economic policy.

Ms. McBain agreed. "In 2024, climate policy is economic policy – these things are very tied together," she said.

While each jurisdiction faces unique challenges and opportunities when it comes to climate policy, the report says, "all governments should be held equally accountable and work together" to reduce emissions and help Canada meet its targets, focusing on areas where there is the greatest scope for rapid, deep emissions reductions.

## Russian regulator encourages businesses to use cryptocurrencies to counter Western sanctions

**ELENA FABRICHNAYA**  
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Russia's central bank told businesses they should use "multiple choice solutions" including cryptocurrencies and other digital assets to facilitate payments with foreign partners to counter Western sanctions imposed over the Ukraine conflict.

Russia's booming trade with China, India, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey and other countries which have not imposed sanctions has suffered major setbacks in the past few weeks.

Recent Western sanctions have targeted major Russian financial institutions, including the Moscow Stock Exchange and Russia's domestic alternative to the SWIFT global payments system.

Elvira Nabiullina, governor of the central bank, admitted that payment problems were one of the key challenges for the Russian economy.

"Different alternatives are being discussed. Businesses have become very flexible, very enterprising. They find ways to solve this and often don't even share them with us," Ms. Nabiullina told a financial conference in St. Petersburg.

Ms. Nabiullina said Russia's business partners in various countries were under "tremendous pressure" but said a new



Payment problems have been a key issue for the Russian economy as recent Western sanctions have targeted Russia's domestic alternative to the SWIFT global payments system. NATALIA KOLESNIKOVA/GETTY IMAGES

global payment system not involving Western institutions would gradually emerge since many countries felt vulnerable using only one international payment system with no alternatives.

Ms. Nabiullina said Russia and other countries from the BRICS grouping of countries were in discussions over the BRICS Bridge payments system, which would be designed to bridge the financial systems of member countries.

But she added that the discussions were difficult and that it would take time to create such a system.

Andrei Kostin, head of Rus-

sia's second largest lender VTB, which recently had sanctions imposed on its branch in Shanghai and was sitting alongside Ms. Nabiullina, said that any information about mechanisms to facilitate international payments should be made a "state secret" by law owing to its sensitivity.

"I can see very well that right now somewhere at the U.S. embassy, a second secretary is sitting and writing down every public statement of ours. Maybe he is even sitting here. Whatever steps we take, we can see that the reaction [from Western countries] is very quick," he said.

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## OpenText to cut 1,200 jobs as part of business optimization plan

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OpenText Corp.'s chief executive says the company plans to shed about 1,200 roles as part of a business optimization plan.

In an open letter to stakeholders released Wednesday, Mark Barrechea describes the cuts as a way of "placing the right talent in the right locations of our business, funding growth and innovations, and completing these objectives with higher productivity, lower cost, and expanded margin."

The Waterloo, Ont.-based software company did not immediately respond to questions about the extent and nature of the layoff, but data provided by LSEG Data & Analytics showed OpenText employed 24,100 staff last June.

Mr. Barrechea's note said the job reduction will come with one-time costs of about \$60-million but will generate about \$150-million in savings a year.

The move will be combined with plans to create 800 new roles in sales, professional services and engineering and comes as the company is ushering in a new chapter.

Mr. Barrechea's letter called that chapter "OpenText 3.0 – Information Reimagined" and said it builds on former stages of the company that centred on content management and then information management based in the cloud.

The new stage taking the form of a three-year plan focused on cloud, security and artificial intelligence innovations. In the cloud segment of the business, Mr. Barrechea said the company will find ways to automate and drive productivity for workers, and in the AI portion, it will seek out ways to transform business processes.

Across all of its technology, it will work to ensure it offers security and compliance for global businesses. Richard Tse, an analyst with National Bank of Canada, believes the moves will drive "some organic growth in the interim until the company can pursue a more active level of acquisition activity."

"Overall, we believe the above actions signal challenging operating results in the short term, including the upcoming FQ4 results," he wrote in a note to investors.

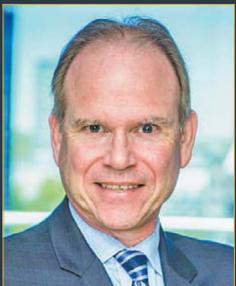
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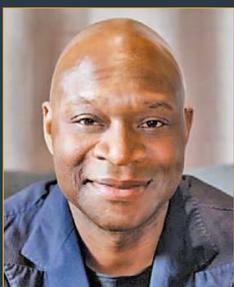
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## Windsor: Canada's share of global agricultural exports is falling

■ FROM B1

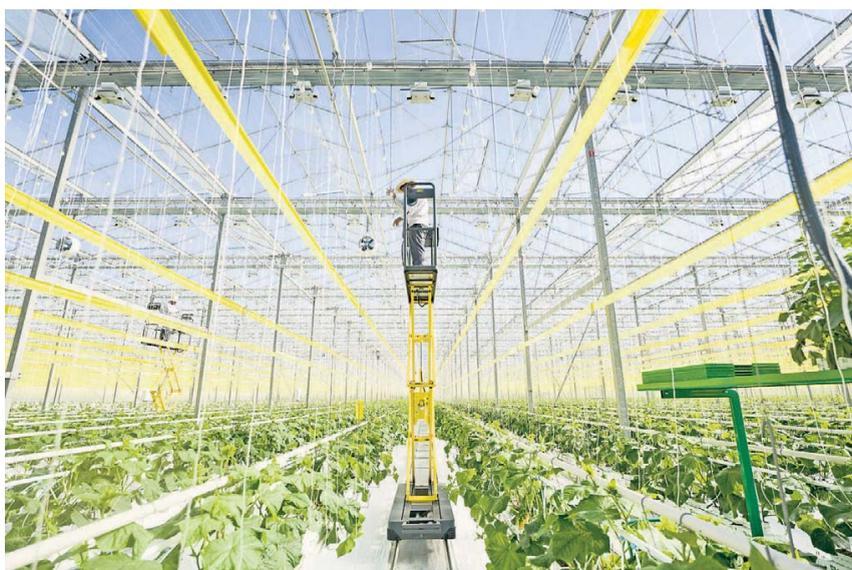
The data is fed back to AI software that helps growers adjust conditions by changing irrigation, blinds and lighting.

Access to high-skilled labour is a continuing frustration, Mr. Mucci said. Producers need experts in information technology, finance, marketing, logistics and sales. But above all, they need growers who can run extensive operations. A typical grower will oversee 100 acres of vegetables. Pay is in the six figures, before incentives and production bonuses, Mr. Mucci said.

A recent Royal Bank of Canada report said Canada has one of the worst skills crises compared with other major food-exporting countries. The country has the land, water and market access to stay ahead in a race that could bring gains of \$11-billion a year to the economy, according to RBC. That would make agriculture's contribution to gross domestic product larger than that of automobiles and aeronautics combined.

The country is a leader in what the RBC report called "the fourth agricultural revolution." Instead of being propelled by diesel and engineered seeds, this next transformation is being driven by high-tech innovation and data. And Canada has the physical resources, alongside a well-funded and established education system, to surpass rivals.

Yet Canada's share of global agricultural exports is falling, as countries such as China, India, Indonesia and Brazil produce and sell more. Our country's productivity is also stalling, with RBC



Cucumber plants are tend to in a greenhouse at Mucci Farms in Kingsville, Ont., southeast of Windsor, on June 24. Canada is one of the most efficient producers worldwide. PHOTOS BY GEOFF ROBINS/THE GLOBE AND MAIL



forecasting that the sector will grow by just 1.8 per cent a year compared with the 10-year annual average of 3 per cent. The number of operators below age 55 has also declined by 54 per cent since 2001, according to RBC.

Hazel Farms Group is a greenhouse operation with around 200 acres in Essex County's Leamington, southeast of Windsor. Like Mucci Farms, it also lacks growers and other highly skilled workers such as engineers and roboticists.

"It's one of the hardest areas to grow," said Jamie Lefaute, general manager at Hazel Farms group, adding that working in a green-

house requires a knowledge of farming and technological know-how. "Most of the people who are good we get them at a young age. They're homegrown."

Staying ahead in the global food production race takes effort on the part of agriculture schools, said Lisa Ashton, agriculture policy lead at RBC.

Programs need to evolve to meet the demands of farming today. No full-time MBA program in Canada's top 10 business schools offers elective courses in agribusiness, and agricultural schools typically don't offer classes that integrate farming with engineering and social sciences.

But Ms. Ashton said change is coming on that front. This year, the University of Guelph launched an AI and food program. The initiative came from the university's college of engineering and physical sciences.

Ms. Ashton said the shortage of labour also reflects a more substantive change in Canada's demographics. "The urban and rural divide is widening," she said, adding that rural areas are growing 15 times slower than urban ones, according to Statistics Canada.

Mr. Mucci hopes high salaries, a lower cost of living and an innovative, expanding industry will attract talent that will accelerate the pace of innovation.

He recognizes that geography is a significant hurdle. Not only is agriculture out of sight (and therefore out of mind) as a career option, the lifestyle it offers to young graduates is different.

"Young people want to be where the action is," he said. "Being in a small community makes relocating a hard sell."

## Hydro-Québec: Billion-dollar plan for new energy infrastructure aims to wean province off fossil fuels

■ FROM B1

Mr. Sabia is lining up partners and financial backers as he carries out a \$185-billion strategy for new energy infrastructure that aims to wean Quebec off fossil fuels. Under the plan, Hydro-Québec would spend up to \$110-billion from now until 2035 on new clean-power generation facilities and another \$50-billion to improve the reliability of its electrical grid. Additional operating expenses will make up the balance of the estimated spending.

Tripling wind power generation is a key part of the plan. Wind farms have been in place in corners of the province such as the Gaspé peninsula and Quebec City region for years but Mr. Sabia wants to go bigger and faster with their development, and he's changed Quebec's tack on how to achieve that.

Until now, much of the province's wind power has been developed by the private sector, with producers such as Boralex Inc. and Kruger Energy carrying out small to medium-sized projects in response to tenders launched by Hydro-Québec as buyer of the electricity. Mr. Sabia unveiled a new approach in late May stating that Hydro-Québec would assume control of all new wind power projects bigger than 1,000 megawatts, and strike income-sharing partnerships with First Nations communities and other stakeholders to get them done.

Projects of scale are necessary to achieve economies of scale in construction costs, Mr. Sabia has said. The new development model should also help achieve social acceptability. Each new wind power site is expected to host hundreds of wind turbines – development on a scale that is



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rare if not unprecedented in Canada.

Based on recent wind power projects announced in Quebec, notably the Des Neiges development, the Chamouchouane zone could see as many as 600 wind turbines in place. Turbines have grown in size in recent decades and the biggest onshore tower now tops 98 metres from the ground to the centre of the rotor, higher than the Statue of Liberty.

Hydro-Québec has cemented partnerships for the Chamouchouane zone development with the Pekuakamiulnuatsh First Nation, the Wemotaci Atikamekw, and the MRC Domaine-du-Roy regional government. Each of the partners will help shape wind projects in the zone and also become shareholders in them, according to the information made public Wednesday.

"This partnership represents not only a significant economic

opportunity for our community but also an important contribution to Quebec's energy transition," said Viviane Chilton, head of the Atikamekw Council of Wemotaci. "This is a unique opportunity to promote the region's wind potential while respecting our traditions and our environment."

"Our communities must be at the heart of large-scale projects such as this," said Gilbert Dominique, chief of the Pekuakamiulnuatsh First Nation. "This historic partnership represents an important milestone in the lasting relationship that we hope to see develop between First Nations, Hydro-Québec and our partners."

Chamouchouane is the first of what is expected to be a handful of mega wind farms in the province. Hydro-Québec is also eyeing la Haute-Côte-Nord and the Baie-James regions for future wind development.

## Yukon

■ FROM B1

They determined the accident was caused by a multitude of factors, including design problems and inadequate on-site monitoring by the mining company and its consultants.

For generations, Na-Cho Nyak Dun members have hunted, trapped and fished in the vicinity of the Eagle mine.

"We actually have a spring fishery that we are highly concerned about now," Ms. Hope said. "Our elders were concerned about even putting the mine there above our fishery."

The Yukon government last week said that Victoria Gold had built dams to hold back contaminated water from the heap leach failure that was being pumped into storage ponds. However, the government has not revealed how long it took the company to build the dams, how much of the contaminated water the company was able to capture, and the quantity of cyanide that may have escaped into the environment.

So far, government officials have said that the risk of drinking-water contamination in Mayo is extremely low. Government workers have been monitoring water on-site, as well as water upstream and downstream of the mine.

"We remain committed to working with the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun to determine a path forward," Laura Seeley, a spokesperson with the Yukon government, wrote in an e-mail to The Globe and Mail. "Our top priority in the immediate term is safeguarding the health and wellbeing of people and the environment."

The territory of the Na-Cho Nyak Dun covers an area of more than 160,000 square kilometres with roughly 130,000 square kilometres within the Yukon. Almost half of Yukon's mining activity encompassing more than 80,000 claims occurs within the First Nation's territory. In addition to Victoria Gold, Idaho-based Hecla Mining operates the Kino Hill silver mine in the Yukon, which is also situated on the First Nation's territory.

Shares in Victoria Gold have been decimated since the heap leach disaster with its market value down by nearly 90 per cent.

Investors are concerned that Victoria Gold won't be able to generate enough cash to service its debt. The company had more than \$230-million in debt at the end of March, with US\$16.7-million due in September. A further US\$119.9-million is due by the end of next year.

Whitehorse-based Victoria Gold has so far put out only one statement on the incident. John McConnell, chief executive of Victoria Gold, has not responded to multiple requests for comment.

Cord Hamilton, a consulting engineer working for the Na-Cho Nyak Dun, estimated at a June 28 technical briefing hosted by the Yukon government that between 800,000 and a million cubic metres of cyanide had leaked into the environment.

## Quest: Labs face shortage of qualified staff to meet testing demand, society CEO says

■ FROM B1

The company, which employs 6,500 staff, performs 112 million tests each year at 382 collection centres and 16 laboratories in Ontario, British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

LifeLabs' major domestic rival, Dynacare, is owned by one of the largest U.S. medical testing companies, Laboratory Corp. of America Holdings, commonly known as Labcorp. Together, LifeLabs and Dynacare form a key part of Canada's lab-testing infrastructure, especially in the country's most populous province, Ontario.

OMERS has owned LifeLabs for 17 years, and The Globe and Mail reported in January that the pension fund had put the testing company up for sale, drawing interest from multiple bidders. OMERS – which manages about \$129-billion on behalf of approximate-

ly 600,000 Ontario public-service workers, including nurses, firefighters and police officers – pitched LifeLabs to potential buyers as an infrastructure-sector investment, with dependable revenues from providing medical services to an aging population.

The two leading contenders were Quest and Vaughan, Ont.-based Andlauer Healthcare Group, which runs a medical logistics business that delivers drugs to pharmacies and hospitals, and appeared to represent the best chance for LifeLabs to stay Canadian-owned.

By May, Quest emerged as the front-runner after a six-month auction, outbidding Andlauer by \$100-million. The sale took months to negotiate because OMERS and the bidders were seeking to settle long-term contracts setting out the prices for tests with the Ontario Ministry of Health,

which is LifeLabs' largest customer. Other large clients include insurance companies, and clients have pushed laboratory testers and other medical suppliers to cut costs.

"Our purchase in 2007 and subsequent investments have helped LifeLabs grow into a great Canadian success story," said Michael Hill, OMERS's global head of infrastructure, in a statement. "Quest is uniquely equipped to expand the service offering at LifeLabs, bringing new innovations to this market while extending access for patients in Canada."

An OMERS spokesperson declined to comment beyond the company news release.

Hannah Jensen, a spokesperson for Ontario Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, said in an e-mailed statement that "LifeLabs has ensured the Ministry that services will continue to be available for

people across the province and there will be no changes to any staffing."

The Saskatchewan Health Authority is nearing the end of a seven-year contract with LifeLabs, signed in 2018, for collection services in Saskatoon and Regina. The province's Ministry of Health said in a statement to The Globe that it is "optimistic the quality service provided by LifeLabs over the last six years will continue under the new ownership group."

Laboratories in Canada "are hurting right now," suffering in particular from a shortage of qualified laboratory professionals to meet demand for testing, said Christine Nielsen, chief executive officer of the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science, in an interview. But Quest is a sophisticated company with experience operating in a complicated U.S. regulatory system and

could have the capacity to make investments that would expand community testing to more municipalities and provinces, she added. "There's no alarm bells for us with the sale of LifeLabs to Quest," Ms. Nielsen said. "It's a known entity in the community and we're confident that the regulatory structure will be respected."

LifeLabs and Quest already have business relationships through which Quest provided some advanced tests, and LifeLabs participated in a Global Diagnostic Network to share expertise, led by Quest.

"This transaction is predicated on our strong belief that we can help LifeLabs accelerate growth and improve health care," Jim Davis, Quest's chairman, chief executive officer and president, said in a company statement.

With a report from Andrew Willis.

# Toronto home sales rise, but activity expected to slow

June saw increase in deals after four months of declines, but still 12.6% lower than same time last year, report says

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REAL ESTATE REPORTER

Toronto home sales rose 4.2 per cent in June after four straight months of declines, but realtors expect activity to slow as prospective buyers are faced with an abundance of options.

There were 5,406 sales last month after removing seasonal influences, according to the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board's monthly report. Although that was higher than May, sales were 12.6 per cent lower than June of last year.

More buyers had been expected to enter the market after the early June interest-rate cut. But as more homeowners put their properties up for sale, prospective buyers have much more choice and have less incentive to act quickly.

"The rate cut has really not affected activity at all," said Josie Stern, a realtor with Sutton Group-Associates Realty Inc., who has sold homes in Toronto for 35 years. "Buyers are feeling that there's choice and there's no rush," she said.

The number of new listings rose 9.3 per cent from May to June on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to real estate board or TRREB. That was the steepest increase since September of last year when sales started to slow after the Bank of Canada's surprise summer interest-rate hikes.

The central bank's next rate announce-



According to the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board, the number of new listings in the city rose 9.3 per cent from May to June on a seasonally adjusted basis. That was the steepest increase since September of last year. GRAEME ROY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ment is at the end of July. But even if the bank cuts again, realtors are not sure that will motivate buyers given the amount of inventory available.

"The June sales result suggests that most home buyers will require multiple rate cuts before they move off the sidelines," said TRREB president Jennifer

Pearce said in the report.

The cost of borrowing is still relatively high with the common five-year fixed mortgage

# Greater Vancouver home sales down 19.1% in June, real estate board says

VANCOUVER

Greater Vancouver's real estate board says the number of homes sold in June tumbled 19.1 per cent from the previous year as inventory continued accumulating to levels not seen since the spring of 2019.

Greater Vancouver Realtors

said there were 2,418 home sales in the region last month, 23.6 per cent below the 10-year seasonal average for June and down from 2,988 sales recorded in June, 2023.

That came as the number of Metro Vancouver homes listed for sale soared 42 per cent year-over-year to 14,182, which is around one-fifth higher than the

10-year seasonal average.

Andrew Lis, the board's director of economics and data analytics, said the June data mark the continuation of a trend where buyers appear "hesitant," despite sellers remaining keen to list their properties.

He said the result is improved selection for buyers and more balanced conditions.

"With an interest rate announcement from the Bank of Canada in July, there is a possibility of another cut to the policy rate this summer," Mr. Lis said in a press release.

"This is yet another factor tilting the market in favour of buyers, even if the boost to affordability is modest."

The composite benchmark

home price was \$1,207,100, up 0.5 per cent from a year ago, but a 0.4-per-cent decrease from May.

In June, there were 5,723 detached, attached and apartment properties newly available for sale – a 7-per-cent increase compared with June, 2023.

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# There's rot in the economy and it's costing you

Climbing productivity ratings would mean more pay for workers and potentially better investment returns

**ROB CARRICK**

OPINION



Canada's biggest economic problem has a name that sounds like an accusation you're not pulling your weight.

Productivity is about the amount of economic output per hour worked. We rank 18th among industrialized countries on productivity, well behind the United States. Climbing the ranking would mean more pay for workers, higher profits for business and potentially better investment returns.

Economists talk a lot about productivity right now, and the Bank of Canada singled it out a few months ago in an address by a senior deputy governor that included the word "emergency." Weak productivity explains a lot about why people feel so discouraged about their financial prospects.

Politicians prefer to address our economic challenges in a micro sort of way – a policy on housing, on dental care or grocery costs. Improving productivity helps affordability across the board, but it's an abstract concept that seems tone deaf in these emotional times. In reality, productivity is the one economic problem that rules them all.

First, let's be clear that increasing productivity is not code for an assault on workers.

"It's not about automating people out of their jobs, or strictly boosting business profits," said Nathan Janzen, assistant chief economist at Royal Bank of Canada. "It's really fundamentally about raising wages and living standards over time. You can't have sustained wage growth without productivity growth."

Mr. Janzen said Canada's productivity problem is a result of a lack of business spending on new technology, factories and equipment. To achieve more economic output per hour worked, you need these types of investments.

Canadian businesses are sitting on piles of cash, Mr. Janzen noted. His take on why this money is not flowing into productivity-improving projects includes barriers to trade between provinces and the fact that it can be difficult to meet regulatory re-

quirements and gain approvals from various levels of government.

"If you have your business thinking about making a significant investment, you want to be able to project how much it's going to cost and how long it's going to take," he said. "And that's more difficult to do in Canada than other parts of the world."

It sounds naive to imagine that freeing up business to do more business will make us all wealthier. But there are reams of data to show how low productivity is costing workers. For example, a recent RBC Economics report on productivity said wages for Canadian workers are roughly 8 per cent below those for U.S. workers.

The same report says the productivity gap can be seen in the relative performance of the Canadian and U.S. stock markets. A \$1,000 investment in the main Canadian stock index in 2000 would be worth \$4,400 today, compared to around \$6,000 for the S&P 500.

The underlying trend here is that our productivity has been slipping. According to RBC, Canada has fallen from the sixth most productive economy in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in 1970 to 18th in 2022.

The rising cost of living is the economic condition that weighs heaviest on the personal finances of the country. But we feel inflation more acutely because weak productivity has for years depressed wage growth and left us with declining purchasing power.

Current wage growth is running ahead of inflation, which is a complication for the Bank of Canada as it assesses how it will follow up on the interest-rate cut it made in June. Inflation itself has declined, but workers are mindful of their lost purchasing power and looking for wage hikes that they feel will offer some compensation.

There's too much catastrophizing these days about money, the economy, the country and so on. Not everything is broken.

But there's no question that our standard of living is declining in a way that rewrites the script for a middle-class life. Decisions about home ownership and starting a family are dominated more than ever by economics in some cities and are no longer near-automatic life events.

Improving productivity is the best way to stop this trend. A question to ask in elections to come is which parties and politicians get this.



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## Clever planning can make a cottage transfer tax-smart

**TIM CESTNICK**

OPINION



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Every summer my kids try to convince me to try some new extreme sport. Kite surfing is on their list this summer. I suggested cheese rolling instead (an activity dating back to 15th-century England where participants run down a steep hill chasing a wheel of cheese). Getting their father to take part in an extreme sport is a game they call "Let's see if we can get our inheritance early."

And speaking of early inheritances, my friend Mark has decided to transfer ownership of his cottage to his kids very soon. Both of his children use the cottage and the plan is to keep the property in the family long-term. He wants to see them learn to co-own and share the cottage while he's around. His initial thought was to sell the cottage to his children for a very low price. We talked about the best way to structure all of this.

THE ISSUES

A few things come to mind here. First, there are tax issues around the transfer of the cottage to the kids. Mark wants to sell the cottage to his kids at a price of just \$100,000. It's an amount the two kids can afford – just \$50,000 each. The problem is that our tax law will deem Mark to have sold the cottage to the kids at fair market value – which is \$1.5-million. He paid \$300,000 for the place years ago. This will trigger a \$1.2-million capital gain on the sale to the kids.

As you're probably aware, the capital-gains inclusion rate increased on June 25 for gains of more than \$250,000 for individuals. So, if Mark sells the cottage to the kids, the first \$250,000 of the capital gain will be subject to a 50-per-cent inclusion rate, while the balance will be two-thirds taxable.

To make matters worse, the adjusted cost base to the children will be just \$100,000 – the selling price. So, if the kids were to sell the property later, they'd pay tax on any proceeds over \$100,000. This is a double tax problem, because Mark will have already paid tax on the gain in

value from his cost of \$300,000 to the fair market value of \$1.5-million.

Finally, there's a non-tax, or governance, issue to consider. The kids will need to agree on how to share everything from time at the cottage, to maintenance costs, and will need to have a mechanism for making decisions around the cottage if they can't agree on things. Just as there's a solution to the tax issues I've raised above, there's also a solution for the governance issue.

THE SOLUTIONS

Mark can structure the transfer to the kids differently. One option is to give – not sell – the cottage to the kids. This will still trigger a capital gain in the year of the transfer, but the adjusted cost base for the kids when they sell it at some future point will be the current fair market value of \$1.5-million. This would prevent the double tax problem I mentioned. But there is still the problem of Mark having to pay tax on most of the capital gain at the two-thirds inclusion rate. That can be solved too.

Mark could, instead, sell – not give – the cottage to the kids for the full fair market value of \$1.5-million. He could take back promissory notes, or a mortgage, from the kids for the balance owing. Mark could then forgive all or a portion of the balance owing on the cottage at the time of his death, with no negative tax consequences.

I like this last alternative best because Mark can choose to be paid some cash – or no cash – for the sale to the kids, with the balance being forgiven on his death. Further, since he's not collecting the full \$1.5-million in sale proceeds in the year of the sale, he'll be able to claim a capital gains reserve under our tax law. This allows a taxpayer to pay tax on a capital gain over a period as long as five years when the sale proceeds are not fully collected in the first year.

If Mark were to pay tax on his capital gain over a five-year period of time, this would be \$240,000 a year for five years (\$1.2-million divided by five years is \$240,000 a year). Since the first \$250,000 of capital gains each year is subject to an inclusion rate of just 50 per cent, Mark would be able to take advantage of this lower rate on the entire capital gain resulting from the sale to the kids.

Finally, Mark is going to work with the kids to create a cottage agreement, which will address the governance issues around how the property will be shared (see my article from May 21, 2020, for more).

## The economic and investing consequences of a U.S. election now thrown into turmoil

**DYLAN SMITH**

OPINION

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The U.S. presidential election has been thrown into a state of high uncertainty after last week's debate, with the biggest question being whether President Joe Biden will stand down and trigger a hurried candidate selection process for the Democratic party. But whatever happens on the candidate front, it is ultimately economic policy that matters for markets, and our baseline is that we don't expect the Democratic platform to change considerably.

Donald Trump's policy agenda, meanwhile, looks like a clear case of "doubling down" on aspects of his first presidency, which would be implemented by a more coherent and "bought-in" administration and Republican caucus than Mr. Trump worked with in his first term. The race remains too close to call according to most recent polling and election models and has become more uncertain post-debate, with Mr. Trump gaining an edge on Mr. Biden, but the like-

lihood Mr. Biden gets replaced on the ticket is rising substantially.

So, we're outlining how an investor might position for either outcome, but are recommending staying tactically flexible and favouring overweights in assets that will perform well whoever may win (gold is particularly attractive in this regard) and focusing on secular themes with less sensitivity to politics.

Expect stable but disappointing price moves on a Democratic win and higher volatility on a Trump win. If the Democrats retain office, climate-transition technology players, utilities and engineering and construction (tied to flagship Biden programs) are all good bets, while on a global scale, the winners from global value-chain reorientation will continue to boom (Mexico, India, Japan and parts of Southeast Asia).

Under a Trump win, the U.S. hydrocarbon industry is a sure beneficiary, and prospects of a corporate tax cut will boost equities in general (but hurt the long end of the Treasury curve).

Key to all this is that the platforms of both candidates should be taken with a big pinch of salt. The ability of the White House to pursue its agenda will hinge on the makeup of both houses of Congress. The Senate looks likely to be Republican-controlled, so a Democratic White House would

be a weak one limited to what can be achieved by executive order, at least according to current polling.

The House of Representatives was looking like a toss-up before last week's debate, but we would not be surprised to see polls start to trend toward a Republican sweep as the most likely outcome.

However, we must recognize how little coherent policy content there is in this U.S. election cycle. The race is being run on personality (and the perceived sprightliness of the two oldest-ever candidates), then social policy (e.g., abortion, climate, Israel/Palestine, trans rights), with economic issues a distant third. Compared with the highly detailed pledges in the British and French elections, the U.S. party platforms are very poorly spelled out – to the detriment of the electorate and democratic system.

While there is a temptation to dismiss Mr. Trump's sometimes extreme and seemingly off-the-cuff policy pronouncements, we take him and his statements seriously. The lesson of his first presidency – for markets and citizens alike – is that you write off his election policies at your own risk. The steady "calmer voices" of respected business leaders and elder statesmen that surrounded Mr. Trump in 2016 likely won't be in the administration this time around.

That said, there is far less consideration and far more posturing in Mr. Trump's economic policy compared to Democrats, so we have much less confidence in his actual agenda. A level of strategic ambiguity works in his favour because it gives him the option to claim a mandate and enact seemingly extreme policy, or to walk his position back without loss of credibility.

Mr. Trump's plan contains by far the largest risks to growth and is more inflationary. That stems from his stated intention not only to curtail immigration but to enact mass expulsions, coming alongside a blanket 10-per-cent tariff on imports (even a softer version of that policy is extreme, and would trigger a global tit-for-tat trade war). That would mean a simultaneous shock to the labour force and supply chain that would devastate the supply side of the economy and, in all likelihood, be highly inflationary. Leaning on the Fed's independence to keep rates low, as Mr. Trump has repeatedly implied he will do, would not help to contain the fallout. The only other clear element of Mr. Trump's plan is his warm attitude on fossil fuels, so look no further than the oil and gas sector for a place to position your portfolio if you believe Mr. Trump will win.

The Democrats' agenda prom-

ises consistent policy on immigration, encouraging the (legal) growth of the labour force while acting tougher on illegal immigration. Government-directed and -funded industrial policy development will remain at the heart of the growth agenda, and a Democratic administration would be judged primarily on whether costly programs from Mr. Biden's first term deliver results in heartland manufacturing growth and job creation.

From a fiscal perspective, both potential administrations would move the U.S. budget balance in the wrong direction. Mr. Trump has suggested fresh corporate tax cuts on top of making his 2018 tax reduction bill (a large share of which is set to expire in 2025) permanent. Democrats would extend the tax cuts on incomes below \$400,000 and have plans for higher spending on social programs. With debt service eating up an increasingly massive share of current revenues, tax increases or spending cuts are required just to keep treading water on the deficit front.

Neither party has openly recognized the importance of rationalizing the U.S. fiscal position, and the only sure outcome of the coming election is that the urgent need for action on the budget will probably dominate the 2028 election.

# Making sense of AI investments

Citi report highlights opportunities in computing, networking, external storage

SCOTT BARLOW

OPINION



The growing complexity and breadth of the technology sector is reflected in research reports dominated by a mish-mash of unfamiliar acronyms that make investing in related individual stocks a frustrating experience. Thankfully, Citi analysts led by Atif Malik recently published a report helping simplify the considerable investment opportunities available in artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure.

Citi divides AI infrastructure into three segments: computing, which includes high bandwidth memory, networking and external storage.

The first segment, which includes Advanced Micro Devices Inc. but is dominated by Nvidia Corp.'s graphics processor (GPU) chips, has seen related stocks ramping higher in a broad investor frenzy. The computing segment is likely too hot for risk-averse investors at this stage.

Things are cooler so far in the second segment: networking. Mr. Malik writes that networking is divided into switching and transceivers. Switches are situated on top of AI servers to direct in-

formation traffic and transceivers accelerate the movement of data between servers. The transceivers facilitate AI clustering, "a machine learning (ML) process to organize datasets with similar attributes into subgroups.

These AI clusters are projected to drive an important need for both bandwidth and scale across compute layers including networking," writes Mr. Malik.

Nvidia has its tentacles in both areas but Arista Networks Inc., a much cheaper stock than Nvidia, is also expected to be a major beneficiary in switching. Marvell Technology Inc., Broadcom Ltd., Coherent Corp. and China-based Zhongji Innolight Co. Ltd. are poised for sales growth by producing transceivers.

Citi believes that data storage is a critical priority for AI networks - the computing power needs to speed through datasets quickly. This is particularly the case when AI networks digest new information to train their models. The analyst cites Dell Technologies Inc., NetApp Inc., Cisco Systems Inc. and Pure Storage Inc. as likely beneficiaries, although the last of those is now trading at 152 times trailing earnings.

I consider the Citi report as a companion piece to the Goldman Sachs report I detailed last month wherein Goldman's chief U.S. equity strategist David Kostin attempted to identify the stock market winners for the next stage of AI development. It is a good sign for Broadcom, Marvell Technology, Advanced Micro Devices, Cisco Systems and Arista Networks that they were touted in both reports.

# S&P 500, Nasdaq post record closing highs as data stoke hope for rate cut

The S&P 500 Index and technology-laden Nasdaq rose on Wednesday to post record high closes, as data pointing to a softening U.S. economy raised hopes the Federal Reserve could cut interest rates in September. Canada's main stock index rose to a near four-week high, with metal mining stocks leading a broad-based rally as the U.S. dollar weakened.

Both the U.S. ADP Employment report and weekly jobless claims data pointed to easing labour market conditions ahead of Friday's closely watched non-farm payrolls report. Markets hope signs of weakness in the labour market will encourage the Fed to cut interest rates.

"It's quite a strong unemployment claims number, and it's fitting in with an overall trend that's probably an indication of loosening up in the jobs market. It must be quite welcoming for the Fed," said David Morrison, Trade Nation senior market analyst.

Also, PMI data from the Institute for Supply Management were weaker than expected, and factory orders unexpectedly slumped. Investors boosted bets of a September rate cut to more than 70 per cent, as per LSEG's FedWatch tool.

The S&P/TSX Composite Index ended up 269.87 points, or 1.2 per cent, at 22,223.67, its highest closing level since June 6.

The U.S. 10-year Treasury yield eased about eight basis points to 4.35 per cent and the U.S. dollar touched a near three-week low against a basket of major currencies.

The TSX materials group rose 3.4 per cent, as a weaker U.S. dollar boosted gold and copper prices.

The price of oil also rose, settling 1.3 per cent higher at US\$83.88 a barrel.

That helped the energy group, which was up 0.6 per cent.

All 10 major sectors on the Toronto market ended higher, with heavily weighted financials up 1 per cent and industrials adding 1.4 per cent.

The utilities group, which is dominated by high dividend-paying stocks that could particularly benefit from lower interest rates, climbed 1.5 per cent.

In Toronto stock moves, shares of Open Text Corp. ended 1.5 per cent higher after the company announced a business optimization plan expected to result in the reduction of nearly 1,200 positions.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed slightly lower, pressured by selling in health care and consumer stocks during a shortened trading session ahead of the Fourth of July.

The market will stay closed on Thursday for U.S. Independence Day, keeping trading volumes thin throughout the week.

Tesla Inc. jumped 6.5 per cent, trading near a six-month high after rising more than 10 per cent on Tuesday after a smaller-than-expected drop in second-quarter vehicle deliveries.

Nvidia Corp. closed 4.6 per cent higher, after slipping on Tuesday, while some other megastocks were weaker such as Amazon.com Inc., closing 1.2 per cent lower.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 23.85 points, or 0.06 per cent, to close at 39,308.00, the S&P 500 gained 28.01 points, or 0.51 per cent, to 5,537.02 and the Nasdaq Composite gained 159.54 points, or 0.88 per cent, to 18,188.30.

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# Go-anywhere balanced funds that have gone to the right places

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WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Tactical Balanced funds that have outperformed peers.

THE SCREEN

In a recent article covering the Bank of Canada's interest-rate direction, The Globe's Mark Rendell reports that our central bank does indeed see it reasonable to assume a continued lowering of interest rates gradually, with caveats around incoming data and continued monitoring. This contrasts with the United States, where inflation seems to be more stubborn and interest-rate cuts not expected until closer to

September. When we factor how this divergence will affect the foreign exchange rate (with lower interest rates typically resulting in a relative devaluation of currency), we start to paint a complicated picture of considerations when thinking about how to tactically change your asset allocation (i.e. mix between stocks and bonds) and geographic allocations. Luckily, like most financial conundrums, there's a fund for that.

For those that believe there is an opportunity to take advantage of shifting market dynamics but perhaps lack the time and know-how to navigate them, tactical allocation funds could be a worthwhile consideration. These "go anywhere" funds typically have generous allowable asset allocation ranges, allowing the portfolio manager the discretion to quickly pivot between asset classes and geographies, in the hopes that they can beat benchmark

market returns by being in the right place at the right time (for example, during a shift in interest rates). Of course this is a tall order, but today there exist a handful of funds that have shown that they can do this effectively. To find these funds, I used Morningstar Direct to screen across the Tactical Balanced category (a universe of 77 unique funds and ETFs) for those that have received:

■ A four- or five-star Morningstar Rating for Funds, indicating that the fund has historically outperformed respective category peers after fees, on risk-adjusted basis. Our data show that although the star ratings are backward-looking, funds that have received five stars as a group outperform those that have received four stars, three stars etc. in periods after receiving the rating. In other words, it's more likely that a fund manager with a track record of outperforming peers will

continue to outperform in the future, as compared with those that have historically underperformed peers.

■ A Morningstar Medalist Rating of gold, silver or bronze, isolating funds that Morningstar believes will produce excess after-fee returns in the future, based on our analysis of people (quality of the management team), parent (stewardship of the fund company) and process (robustness of investment decision making).

For comparability, only fee-based share classes of mutual funds were included in the screen (alongside ETFs). Readers are reminded that the listed MER for fee-based share classes exclude the cost of advice and distribution, which is charged separately by the adviser.

WHAT WE FOUND

The funds that qualified in the

screen are listed in the table accompanying this article, alongside MERs, trailing performance, inception dates, broad asset class exposure and ratings. Also included is a breakout of the funds' recent asset allocations and the longest tenure within the portfolio management team. Though the category included five ETFs, none of them qualified under the above criteria. I note importantly that investors with lower risk tolerance or shorter investment horizons are unlikely a good fit for these types of funds given the potential for these funds to quickly shift toward stocks, which tend to be riskier and less suitable for conservative investors with imminent liquidity requirements.

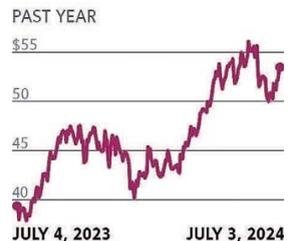
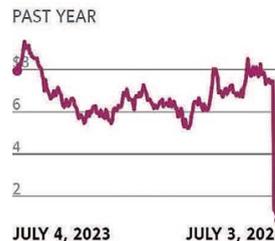
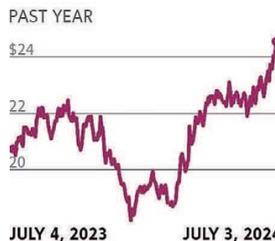
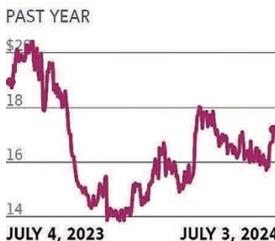
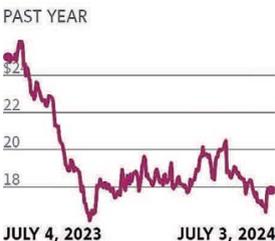
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## Outperforming tactical balanced funds

NAME	MER (%)	MORNINGSTAR RATING FOR FUNDS	MORNINGSTAR MEDALIST RATING	TOTAL RET YTD (%)	TOTAL RET 1 YR (%)	TOTAL RET 3 YR (%)	TOTAL RET 5 YR (%)	TOTAL RET 10 YR (%)	TOTAL RET 15 YR (%)	INCEPTION DATE	CAN. EQUITY (%)	U.S. EQUITY (%)	INT'L EQUITY (%)	FIXED INCOME (%)	CASH (%)	OTHER (%)	PORTFOLIO DATE	LONGEST MANAGER TENURE (YEARS)
Dynamic Strategic Yield Class Series FH	1.05	5 Stars	Gold	7.0	10.2	6.4	5.4	7.3		2/7/2012	28.3	24.1	0.6	22.9	9.3	14.8	3/31/2024	15
Fidelity Tactical High Income Sr F	0.96	5 Stars	Gold	9.0	13.3	5.4	9.3	9.3		5/28/2014	5.6	36.1	3.0	46.9	0.1	8.4	3/31/2024	10
Fidelity Tactical High Income CN F	1.03	4 Stars	Gold	5.4	9.1	1.4	7.6	6.1		5/28/2014	5.6	36.1	3.0	46.9	0.0	8.4	3/31/2024	10
Canoe Asset Allocation Portfolio CI F	1.29	5 Stars	Silver	6.7	12.5	7.9	10.9	7.7		2/11/2011	37.5	34.2	2.8	20.3	3.9	1.3	5/31/2024	11
Dynamic Premium Balanced Private PI CI F	1.03	5 Stars	Silver	7.6	14.8	7.3	9.9	6.8		6/6/2014	2.5	52.7	4.5	0.0	38.7	1.5	3/31/2024	10
Dynamic Asset Allocation Private Pool F	0.97	4 Stars	Silver	6.2	10.8	1.4	5.4	5.8		6/6/2014	18.7	28.1	13.9	33.1	4.2	2.0	3/31/2024	5
Fidelity Tactical Strategies Series F	1.14	4 Stars	Silver	11.9	17.9	4.4	6.5	6.6		4/4/2011	1.0	40.9	21.3	26.7	5.2	4.9	4/30/2024	4
Manulife Tactical Income F	1.56	5 Stars	Bronze	8.0	13.0	7.2	8.3			11/3/2014	14.8	31.6	12.7	32.9	7.4	0.6	5/31/2024	12
Picton Mahoney Fortified Mlt Asst CI F	1.36	5 Stars	Bronze	8.7	12.7	4.0	7.6			10/29/2015	10.2	23.7	16.5	15.6	23.4	10.5	5/31/2024	9
Scotia Diversified Balanced F	1.06	5 Stars	Bronze	9.1	15.3	5.4	8.1	7.1	8.3	3/23/2001	20.3	28.4	15.5	32.7	3.1	0.1	5/31/2024	2
TD Tactical Monthly Income F	0.82	5 Stars	Bronze	10.9	16.9	6.0	7.2	7.0		9/12/2012	31.3	31.1	1.9	34.1	1.1	0.5	5/31/2024	12
Meritage Tactical ETF Balanced Port F	0.83	4 Stars	Bronze	4.3	8.9	2.3	4.9			3/1/2016	17.1	21.1	15.0	42.6	3.4	0.8	5/31/2024	8
Meritage Tactical ETF Growth Port F	0.82	4 Stars	Bronze	6.2	11.1	3.7	6.4			3/1/2016	22.1	27.4	19.3	27.7	3.6	0.0	5/31/2024	8

Source: Morningstar Direct | Data as of July 2, 2024

## EYE ON EQUITIES DAVID LEEDER



The investor pessimism swirling around Air Canada feels "overdone," according to National Bank Financial analyst Cameron Doerksen. "We appreciate that the market is concerned about the sustainability of air travel demand and pricing as well as the ongoing contract talks with Air Canada's pilot union," he said. "However, we believe that the current share price reflects an overly dire scenario." **Target:** His target slid to \$28 from \$30 with an "outperform" rating. Consensus is \$26.72.

Calling it "a repositioned company" as it transitions from a predominantly oil and gas company to a more industrials-oriented business, RBC Dominion Securities analyst Arthur Nagorny upgraded **Mattar Corp.** to "outperform" from "sector perform" previously. "We believe top-line growth will begin to accelerate in H2 and beyond," he said. **Target:** Mr. Nagorny's target rose to \$20 from \$18. Consensus is \$22.78.

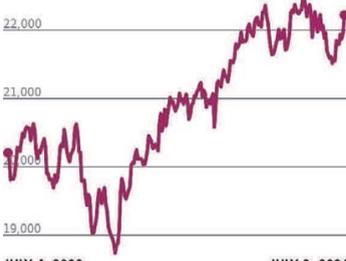
National Bank Financial analyst Dan Payne sees **Topaz Energy Corp.**'s \$100-million infrastructure deal with Whitecap Resources Inc. as "very much an on-strategy acquisition for the company, with a number of strategic tailwinds, and the accretion of which should serve to maintain the positive momentum of shareholder value and its associated equity performance." **Target:** Reiterating his "outperform" recommendation, Mr. Payne raised his target by \$1 to \$28.50. Consensus is \$28.25.

In response to the heap leach pad failure at its Eagle gold mine in central Yukon last week, Venum Capital Markets analyst Alex Terentiew moved his recommendation for **Victoria Gold Corp.** to "under review" from "buy" previously, calling the incident, which has caused its shares to drop by almost 85 per cent, "significantly negative." **Target:** Mr. Terentiew removed a target. His previous target was \$14, exceeding the \$11.19 consensus.

Seeing its turnaround "in full stride," RBC Dominion Securities analyst Greg Parry thinks **Suncor Energy Inc.** is "well positioned to demonstrate ongoing operating and financial momentum, while addressing its longer term development opportunities." **Target:** Reaffirming it as his favourite integrated energy producer in Canada and its place on the firm's "Global Energy Best Ideas" list, he maintained an "outperform" recommendation and \$65 target. Consensus is \$59.79.

**S&P/TSX COMPOSITE INDEX**  
PAST 12 MONTHS

22223.67 | 269.87 | 1.23% | 6.04% YTD | 166705 VOL(000)



**TSX INDEXES AND SUB INDEXES**

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
TSX COMPOSITE IND	22223.67	269.87	1.23	166705	6.04
TSX 60 INDEX	1326.23	16.94	1.29	101587	4.85
TSX COMPLETION I	1363.05	13.01	0.96	65117	11.17
TSX SMALLCAP INDE	766.64	11.55	1.53	64378	9.20
TSX VENTURE COMPO	576.27	9.51	1.68	20370	4.23
TSX CONSUMER DISC	278.66	1.98	0.72	2491	1.98
TSX CONSUMER STAP	977.00	4.49	0.46	2937	12.87
TSX ENERGY CAPED	289.37	1.68	0.58	27547	19.54
TSX FINANCIALS CA	398.38	4.07	1.03	42147	3.79
TSX HEALTH CARE C	24.18	0.21	0.88	1804	1.94
TSX INDUSTRIALS C	456.55	6.44	1.43	7356	8.06
TSX INFORMATION T	219.20	1.42	0.65	9757	3.03
TSX MATERIALS CAP	368.42	12.03	3.38	34986	16.23
TSX REAL ESTATE C	294.65	2.06	0.70	3966	4.79
TSX GLOBAL GOLD I	326.97	10.34	3.27	42507	15.12
TSX GLOBAL MINING	122.14	3.64	3.07	114973	8.03
TSX INCOME TRUST	195.66	3.10	1.61	5149	-5.73
TSX PREFERRED SHA	588.61	1.14	0.19	948	10.95
TSX COMMUNICATION	146.75	0.45	0.31	7025	-14.96
TSX UTILITIES CAP	276.82	4.19	1.54	9005	-2.00

**S&P 500**  
PAST 12 MONTHS

5537.02 | 28.01 | 0.51% | 16.08% YTD | 1549367



**TSX VOLUME**  
TOP 20 FOR STOCKS \$1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
TRP TC ENERGY COR	52.16	0.56	1.09	13271	0.77
TD TORONTO-DOMINI	76.04	0.46	0.61	12275	-11.19
TYA-B TVA GROUP I	1.25	0.07	5.93	9249	15.74
CM CANADIAN IMPER	66.24	0.54	0.82	5657	3.82
BNS BANK OF NOVA	62.24	-0.37	-0.59	5547	-3.50
XI ISHARES S&P T	33.60	0.46	1.39	5436	4.93
NA NATIONAL BANK	110.22	1.00	0.92	4465	9.13
RY ROYAL BANK OF	23.72	1.01	4.45	4085	-0.92
RY ROYAL BANK OF	149.22	2.25	1.51	3786	11.36
ENB ENBRIDGE INC	48.83	-0.10	-0.20	3375	2.37
BCE BCE INC	42.83	-0.01	-0.02	3156	-17.90
CNO CANADIAN NATU	49.82	0.54	1.10	3123	14.78
MFC MANULIFE FIN	36.58	0.43	1.19	2955	24.93
HNU BETAPRO NAT G	3.66	-0.11	-2.92	2923	-44.71
CVE CENOVUS ENER	27.46	-0.15	-0.54	2832	24.37
SU SUNCOR ENER	53.42	0.43	0.81	2722	25.84
BTC BAYTEX ENER	4.91	0.05	1.03	2643	12.10
CPLF COPPERLEAF T	11.86	0.01	0.08	2597	96.36
T TELUS CORP	20.56	0.15	0.73	2403	-12.81
BTO B2GOLD CORP	3.76	0.07	1.90	2401	-10.26

**DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE**  
PAST 12 MONTHS

39308.00 | -23.85 | -0.06% | 4.29% YTD | 202071 VOL(000)

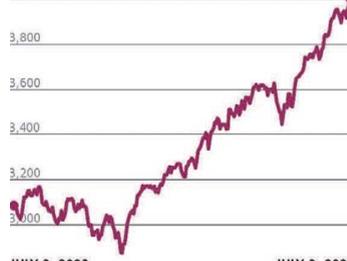


**TSX 52-WEEK HIGHS**  
STOCKS \$1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
BN-PF-E BROOKFIEL	18.79	0.14	0.75	13	19.99
BP-PR-A BROOKFIE	22.05	-0.05	-0.23	4	29.63
BEP-PR-R BROOKFIE	18.56	-0.14	-0.75	2	9.18
BRF-PR-C BROOKFIE	21.15	0.35	1.68	6	27.10
CWB CDN WESTERN B	44.09	0.74	1.71	417	42.82
CSH-N CHARTWELL	13.12	0.11	0.85	767	11.95
CMG COMPUTER MOTE	13.75	0.35	2.61	134	35.74
CSU CONSTELLATION	4043.02	70.37	1.77	26	23.07
EMA-PR-H EMERA IN	23.49	1.00	0.43	8	7.26
FFH FAIRFAX FINAN	1566.97	-4.16	-0.26	41	28.18
FFH-PR-K FAIRFAX	24.25	1.00	0.41	3	10.48
FTS-PR-K FORTIS I	19.51	-0.12	-0.61	5	12.00
WN GEORGE WESTON	203.41	1.97	0.98	113	23.65
GSY GOEASY LTD	205.00	5.17	2.59	62	29.70
IFC-PR-E INTACT F	21.49	0.08	0.37	1	9.03
IPCO INTERNATIONAL	19.34	0.06	0.31	44	22.64
MFC MANULIFE FIN	36.58	0.43	1.19	2955	24.93
MRU METRO INC	77.46	0.35	0.45	295	19.93
NA-PR-E NATIONAL	24.30	0.07	0.29	11.52	
NA-R NATIONAL BAN	109.50	0.47	0.43	10	5.29

**S&P GLOBAL 100 INDEX**  
PAST 12 MONTHS

4001.84 | 33.01 | 0.83% | 22.45% YTD



**TSX GAINERS**  
TOP 20 FOR STOCKS \$1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
XMF-PR-C M SPLIT	2.99	0.44	17.25	160.00	
ASM AVINO SILVER	1.32	0.13	10.92	101	91.30
WILD WILDBRAIN LT	1.25	0.12	10.62	190	14.68
SHLE SOURCE ENER	12.10	1.16	10.60	79	103.02
NUJAE NEW PACIFIC	2.19	0.20	10.05	39	-12.75
SNB S SPLIT CORP	2.07	0.18	9.52	39	-18.18
ACB AURORA CANNAB	6.72	0.54	8.74	704	3.38
SLS SOLARIS RESOU	3.98	0.31	8.45	265	-3.63
EDR ENDEAVOUR SIL	5.23	0.38	7.84	760	101.15
PRYM PRIME MINING	1.95	0.14	7.73	162	30.00
DCA DUNDEE CORP	1.28	0.09	7.56	33	39.13
HGU BETAPRO CDN G	18.26	1.27	7.47	421	30.34
PTM PLATINUM GROU	2.51	0.17	7.26	22	67.33
ESP BROMPONT ENER	4.60	0.31	7.23	37	37.72
CBX CALIBRE MININ	1.94	0.13	7.18	1740	42.65
MDP MEDEXUS PHARM	1.95	0.13	7.14	74	-21.05
WDD WESDOME GOLD	11.91	0.78	7.01	421	54.47
SSRM SSR MINING I	6.52	0.42	6.89	480	-54.15
MUX MCEWEN MINING	13.27	0.85	6.84	12	39.24
NGD NEW GOLD INC	2.88	0.18	6.67	1159	50.00

**TSX LOSERS**  
TOP 20 FOR STOCKS \$1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
OPT OPTIVA INC	5.85	-1.06	-18.13	2	77.27
CRWN-NT CROWN CAP	60.00	-8.00	-13.33	16	-35.48
TYA-B TVA GROUP I	1.10	-0.09	-7.56	18	-18.52
SBN-PR-A S SPLIT	8.98	-0.64	-6.65	8	8.19
HGD BETAPRO CDN G	3.47	-0.24	-6.47	546	-33.14
HZD BETAPRO SILVE	8.04	-0.53	-6.18	107	-43.14
MDNA MEDICENNA TH	1.81	-0.10	-5.24	76	330.95
EBIT-U BITCOIN ET	21.50	-1.14	-5.04	39	39.07
PNC-B POSTMEDIA N	1.17	-0.06	-4.88	20	-20.95
ETHX-B CI GALAXY	15.95	-0.77	-4.61	140	44.47
ETHH-B PURPOSE ET	15.36	-0.74	-4.60	89	44.09
ETHR ETHER UNHEDG	15.23	-0.73	-4.57	15	42.60
GFR GENFIRE RES	9.50	-0.45	-4.52	11	39.71
FBTC-U FIDELITY A	19.57	-0.92	-4.49	38	38.79
ETHX-U CI GALAXY	16.95	-0.68	-4.44	33	40.87
ETHQ-U 3IQ COINSH	13.03	-0.60	-4.40	39	39.36
ETHH-U PURPOSE ET	14.11	-0.64	-4.34	24	41.10
PRQ PETRUS RESOUR	1.34	-0.06	-4.29	256	2.29
FETH FIDELITY ADV	60.11	-2.65	-4.22	43	43.39
HFD BETAPRO S&P T	9.10	-0.38	-4.01	8	-7.05

**TSX 52-WEEK LOWS**  
STOCKS \$1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
CRWN-NT CROWN CAP	60.00	-8.00	-13.33	16	-35.48
DXAU DYNAMIC ACT	2.05	0.00	-0.05	1	-0.05
EPRX EUPRAXIA PHA	3.46	-0.03	-0.86	66	-35.57
FRX FENNEC PHARMA	8.16	-0.10	-1.21	4	-46.17

**TSX 52-WEEK LOWS**  
STOCKS \$1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
RE-UN RIOCAN REA	17.04	0.05	0.29	421	-8.49
RCB-B ROGERS COMM	50.13	0.64	1.29	938	-19.18
RY ROYAL BANK OF	149.22	2.25	1.53	3786	11.36
RYV RUSSEL METALS	36.81	-0.28	-0.75	81	-18.25
SSL SANDSTORM GOL	7.71	0.21	2.80	150	15.77
SAP SAPUTO INC	30.98	-0.64	-2.02	933	15.47
SEA SEABRIDGE GOL	19.33	0.65	3.48	39	20.36
SES SECURE ENERGY	12.10	-0.04	-0.33	290	28.31
SHOP SHOPIFY INC	91.84	1.51	1.67	1466	-10.97
SIA SIENNA SENIOR	14.48	0.12	0.84	117	26.02
SIL SILVERCREST M	11.61	0.37	3.29	168	33.60
ZZZ SLEEP CENTRY	25.75	-0.22	-0.85	21	0.55
SRI-UN SMARTCENTR	12.28	0.11	0.50	150	-10.49
ATRL SNC-LAVALIN	58.60	-0.21	-0.36	235	37.37
TOY SPIN MASTER C	28.25	0.07	0.25	42	-18.96
SI SPROTT INC	58.17	0.78	1.36	19	29.61
SSRM SSR MINING I	6.52	0.42	6.89	480	-54.15
STN STANTEC INC	116.52	3.62	3.21	242	93.51
STC STELCO HOLDI	36.12	0.03	0.08	81	-28.03
SVJ STELLA JONES I	88.28	-0.12	-0.14	55	14.47
SWI STORAGEWAVE	4.50	-0.06	-1.32	300	-13.96
SUF SUN LIFE FINA	67.60	0.63	0.94	1316	-1.63
SU SUNCOR ENERGY	53.42	0.43	0.81	2722	25.84
SPB SUPERIOR PLUS	8.72	0.18	2.11	836	-9.45
TRP TC ENERGY COR	52.16	0.56	1.09	13271	0.77
X TMX GROUP LTD	38.68	0.19	0.49	134	20.69
YTS TAMARACK WALL	3.82	0.04	1.06	1541	24.43
TECK-B TECK RESOU	68.84	2.50	3.77	924	22.91
T TELUS CORP	20.56	0.15	0.73	2403	-12.81
TFII TFI INTERNAT	198.26	-0.03	-0.02	285	-10.00
NWC THE NORTH WES	42.05	0.14	0.33	51	7.08
TRI THOMSON REUTE	231.51	1.51	0.66	675	19.50
TILRY TILRAY INC	2.39	0.12	5.29	697	-21.90
TPZ TOPAZ ENERGY	24.54	0.30	1.24	202	26.63
TGX Torex Gold RE	21.86	0.74	3.50	249	49.52
TH THOROMINT LTD	122.02	0.86	0.71	59	5.10
TD TORONTO-DOMINI	76.04	0.46	0.61	12275	-11.19
TOU TOURMALINE OI	62.11	-0.34	-0.54	1506	4.23
TA TRANSLATA CORP	9.46	0.00	0.00	359	-14.16
TCL-A TRANSCONTIN	15.13	-0.10	-0.66	103	14.44
TSU TRISURA GROUP	41.71	0.33	0.80	31	22.68
VRN VEREN INC	11.12	0.07	0.63	1480	-7.10
VET VERMILION INC	15.56	0.31	2.03	903	-2.57
WSP WSP GLOBAL IN	219.89	6.31	2.95	165	18.39
WST WASTE CONNECT	242.01	2.55	1.06	270	22.31
WDO WESDOME GOLD	11.91	0.78	7.01	421	54.47
WFG WEST FRASER T	103.32	0.11	0.11	128	-8.86
WTE WESTSHORE TR	22.86	0.16	0.70	62	-16.63
WPM WHEATON PRECI	74.36	2.43	3.38	471	13.75
WCP WHITECAP RESO	10.17	-0.01	-0.10	1353	14.66
WPK WINPAK LTD	43.91	-0.34	-0.77	15	7.36

**S&P/TSX COMPOSITE INDEX STOCKS**  
LARGEST STOCKS BY MARKET CAPITALIZATION

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
AAV ADVANTAGE OIL	10.42	0.06	0.58	229	22.16
AOI AFRICA OIL CO	2.56	0.01	0.39	319	2.81
ADM AGRICOLA EAGLE	93.25	3.48	3.88	1109	28.36
ACR ACR CANADA	17.80	-0.14	-0.78	1040	-4.76
AGI ALGOMA GOLD I	21.97	0.67	3.15	409	23.29
ASTL ALAMOS STEEL	9.59	0.11	1.16	65	



# SPORTS

Riders QB to make first start as Argonauts come to town ■ B12

Jays closer Romano out at least six weeks after arthroscopic surgery ■ B14

[ WIMBLEDON ]



## Andreescu advances to third round

Mississauga's Bianca Andreescu hits the ball during her second-round match against Czech Republic's Linda Noskova at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in London on Wednesday. Andreescu defeated 26th-seed Noskova in straight sets ■ B13

ISABEL INFANTES/REUTERS

## Porter will be charged in betting case, court papers indicate

JENNIFER PELTZ NEW YORK

Former Toronto Raptors player Jontay Porter will be charged with a federal felony connected to the sports betting scandal that spurred the NBA to ban him for life, court papers indicate.

Federal prosecutors in Brooklyn filed what's known as a criminal information sheet on Tuesday. The document doesn't specify a court date or the charge or charges, but it does show the case is related to an existing prosecution of four men charged with scheming to cash in on tips from a player about his plans to exit two games early.

The Associated Press sent voice and e-mail messages Wednesday to Porter's St. Louis-

based lawyer, Jeff Jensen. He said last month that Porter had been "in over his head due to a gambling addiction" but was getting treatment and co-operating with law enforcement.

Brooklyn U.S. Attorney Breon Peace's office declined to comment on the new developments.

An NBA investigation found in April that Porter tipped off bettors about his health and then claimed illness to exit at least one game, creating wins for anyone who'd bet on him to underperform expectations. Porter also gambled on NBA games in which he didn't play, once betting against his own team, the league said.

The four men charged last month appeared in court but

An NBA investigation found in April that Porter tipped off bettors about his health and then claimed illness to exit at least one game, creating wins for anyone who'd bet on him to underperform expectations.

haven't yet entered pleas. They're charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and were released on bonds in various amounts.

A court complaint against those four — Ammar Awawdeh, Timothy McCormack, Mahmud Mollah and Long Phi Pham — accused them of using prior knowledge of an NBA player's plans so that they or their relatives could place winning bets on his performance.

The complaint identified the athlete only as "Player 1," but details about him and the game — and a quote from an NBA news release — matched up with the league's probe into Porter.

According to the complaint, the player owed "significant gambling debts" to Awawdeh,

who encouraged the athlete to settle them with a "special": intentionally exiting games so that bettors in the know could successfully wager on him falling short of what sportsbooks figured he'd do.

"If I don't do a special with your terms. Then it's up," the player responded in an encrypted message early this year, according to the complaint.

"And u hate me and if I don't get u 8k by Friday you're coming to Toronto to beat me up."

The player told some of the four already-charged defendants that he would claim health problems to take himself out of games early on Jan. 26 and March 20, the complaint says.

■ PORTER, B15

## Campbell to be first woman on an NHL bench as assistant coach with Kraken

TIM BOOTH SEATTLE

Once her playing career ended, Jessica Campbell found a new passion in coaching.

At the time, she may not have expected it would eventually lead her to the NHL, let alone as the first woman to work on the bench of an NHL franchise.

"I've had maybe in a naive way had the courage to believe this is possible and even though I didn't see it, I believed I could do it," Campbell said. "And I think with that inner belief, whatever it is in sport and life, you can create whatever you believe in."

Campbell was hired as an assistant coach for the Seattle Kraken on Wednesday, becoming the first woman to hold an on-the-bench role as an assistant or associate coach in NHL history.

She has spent the past two seasons working as an assistant coach for Seattle's AHL affiliate in Coachella Valley alongside



Seattle Kraken's Jessica Campbell, seen during a news conference Wednesday, will be the first woman to hold an on-the-bench role as an assistant or associate coach in NHL history. JASON REDMOND/AP

Dan Bylsma, who was hired in late May as the head coach for the Kraken. There were immediate questions about whether Campbell would be making the

move. She will and in doing so break through another barrier for women in hockey. Emily Engel-Natzke was hired by the Wash-

ington Capitals in 2022 as video coach, making her the first woman with a full-time assistant role in the league.

Now, there will be a woman on the bench.

"I'm humbled, obviously, to be in this position and you speak to the word first, to be the first, but that's never really where my focus is. It's always on the work. It's on the impact. It's on the job. There's a lot to this game and to this job, so I've never taken it for granted," Campbell said.

"I think the biggest thing is I'm reminded often and it puts a lot of meaning into the work, and I know that if the team has success and my impact is a good one then it could potentially open up doors for others and maybe open eyes for others to maybe think differently."

Campbell was a decorated player in the NCAA, the Canadian Women's Hockey League and Canada's women's national team, with whom she won silver at the 2015 world championship.

With the exception of a short stint with the Malmo Redhawks in Sweden in 2019-20, she hung up her skates in 2017 and had become highly regarded as a skating coach when she joined Coachella Valley in 2022. She had also worked as an assistant coach for Germany during the 2022 IIHF World Championships.

She said it was during her time running her own business as a skating and skill-development coach that the idea of coaching in the NHL felt like an aspiration worth pursuing. Campbell specifically noted the time she spent working with Brent Seabrook during his recovery from injury.

"I realized this is what I want to do. These guys are showing up for my skates in numbers and maybe I want to pursue this goal in a different light, get behind the bench and I felt like what I was teaching, what I was working with them on was translating and it was hitting in a different way," Campbell said.

■ KRACKEN, B15

[ ORLANDO CITY VS. TORONTO FC ]



## Up close and personal

Orlando City midfielder Wilder Cartagena, right, battles for the ball against Toronto FC defender Nicksoen Gomis during first-half MLS action at BMO Field on Wednesday. Orlando won 2-1. Read the game story at ■ [GLOBESPORTS.COM](https://www.globesports.com)

DAN HAMILTON/USA TODAY SPORTS VIA REUTERS CON

# Canadian women to face Australia in preparation for Olympic title defence

Closed-door friendly will be used to prepare for game against New Zealand

Canada will face 12th-ranked Australia in an International friendly on July 13 in Marbella, Spain, as part of its final preparations for defence of its Olympic women's soccer title.

After facing the Matildas, the eighth-ranked Canadians will play a match behind closed doors on July 17 against a yet-to-be-announced opponent.

Canada opens Olympic Group A play against No. 28 New Zealand on July 25 before facing No. 2 France on July 28 and No. 22 Colombia on July 31.

The game against Australia will likely give the Canadians a chance to get a taste of what New Zealand has to offer. The Canadian women are coming off a two-game series against Mexico, which was seen as a chance to experience the kind of game Colombia plays.

The camp in Marbella will see Canada's

European-based players arrive Thursday with North American-based players joining on July 8.

The Canadians will continue in camp until the team heads to France for its Olympic opener in Saint-Étienne.

Canada has a 10-8-3 record against Australia, including 5-0 and 1-0 wins in B.C. in December in a series that marked long-time captain Christine Sinclair's final international outings.

They were the first meetings of the teams since co-host Australia ended Canada's World Cup with a humbling 4-0 win last July in Melbourne. That defeat consigned Canada to third place in Group B and a trip home while Australia went on to finish fourth.

**CANADA'S BUCHANAN HAS SURGERY TO REPAIR BROKEN TIBIA**

Canadian midfielder Tajon Buchanan had surgery on Wednesday in Fort Worth, Tex.,

to repair a fractured tibia suffered while training for the Copa America quarter-finals, Canada Soccer said.

The 25-year-old Buchanan, who also plays for Serie A club Inter Milan, suffered the injury on Tuesday during a training session that was cancelled after he was taken away in an ambulance.

"We wish Tajon the best in his recovery process and look forward to seeing him back on the pitch soon," Canada Soccer said in a statement.

Buchanan, who has been capped 40 times by Canada, had all three of his country's group-stage games at the Copa America where Canada have reached the knockout stages in their tournament debut.

Canada finished second behind Argentina in Group A at the Copa America with a 1-1-1 record and are scheduled to face Venezuela on Friday in Arlington, Tex.

THE CANADIAN PRESS, with a report from Reuters

# Patterson to make first CFL start when Riders host Argonauts

DAN RALPH

It will now be up to Shea Patterson to keep the Saskatchewan Roughriders on their winning path.

Patterson makes his first career CFL start Thursday night when Saskatchewan (3-0) plays host to the Toronto Argonauts (2-1). Patterson has at least had time to prepare as the Riders are coming off the bye week.

Trevor Harris, 38, went on the six-game injured list with a knee ailment. Last season, Saskatchewan won three of its first four regular-season games before Harris suffered a season-ending tibial plateau fracture in his right leg that required surgery.

The good news this time around is head coach Corey Mace has said Harris suffered a moderate MCL sprain.

Harris was injured in Saskatchewan's 36-20 home win over Hamilton on June 23. Patterson saw action in that game, completing four-of-10 passes for 41 yards while also running for a Riders' TD.

The 6-foot-2, 202-pound Patterson is in his third CFL season, second with Saskatchewan. But in 21 career regular-season games, he has completed eight-of-16 passes for 73 yards with no TDs or interceptions.

The 27-year-old American has run 29 times for 61 yards and four TDs.

Patterson played collegiately at Mississippi and Michigan, passing for 8,800 yards, 68 touchdowns and 27 interceptions. He began his CFL career with the Montreal Alouettes in 2021 before joining the Riders last season.

Toronto is coming off a 30-20 home loss to the Montreal Alouettes. This is the Argos' first road game this season.

Starter Cameron Dukes was 22-of-32 passing for 199 yards but threw his first interception of the season. Backup Bryan Scott came in late and provided Toronto its only TD of the night, a 40-yard scoring strike to Makai Polk.

But Toronto didn't do itself any favours

with 11 penalties for 120 yards.

The contest features an interesting family twist involving Saskatchewan defensive line coach Phillip Daniels and his son, Toronto receiver DaVaris Daniels. The elder Daniels is in his first season as a CFL coach but served as a defensive line coach with the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles (2016-19) and earned a Super Bowl ring following a 15-year career as a defensive lineman with Seattle, Chicago and Washington.

DaVaris Daniels is in his eighth CFL season, fourth with Toronto. The league's top rookie in 2018 with Calgary, the junior Daniels is a two-time Grey Cup champion ('18, '22).

Saskatchewan is looking to go 4-0 for the first time since 2013 when it last won the Grey Cup. The Riders currently sit atop the West Division but the B.C. Lions (3-1) are close behind.

The Riders will also be minus American receiver Shawn Bane Jr., who had three TDs in their season-opening 29-21 win over Edmonton. However, running back A.J. Ouellette, a former Argo, had a season-high 98 yards rushing on 20 carries versus Hamilton.

Toronto leads the CFL in rushing (136.3 yards per game) while Saskatchewan (57.7) ranks last. Both defences have been very solid against the run with the Riders tops (32.7 per game) and Toronto second (40 yards).

Each unit is allowing a league-low 2.9 yards per rushing attempt.

**Pick:** Toronto.

**OTTAWA REDBLACKS VERSUS WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS (FRIDAY NIGHT)**

At Winnipeg, Zach Collaros (thorax) is expected to start for the Bombers (0-4). He was hurt in last week's 22-19 overtime loss to Calgary and didn't practise Tuesday. The Bombers' losses have been by a combined

24 points but the last three have been by just nine points. One was a 22-19 road loss in Ottawa (2-1) on June 13 to former Bomber quarterback Dru Brown, who threw for 265 yards and a TD in last week's 26-24 home win over Hamilton.

**Pick:** Winnipeg.

**CALGARY STAMPEDERS VERSUS MONTREAL ALOUETTES (SATURDAY NIGHT)**

At Montreal, the Alouettes (4-0) play just their second home game but come off a solid 30-20 road win in Toronto. Cody Fajardo threw for 284 yards and a TD while backup Caleb Evans had a touchdown pass and rushing score. Canadian rookie Geoffrey Cantin-Arkin had two sacks in the Als' solid defensive performance. Linebacker Cam Judge and cornerback Demerio Houston had seven tackles each for Calgary (2-1) last week against Winnipeg, adding a sack and interception, respectively.

**Pick:** Montreal.

**B.C. LIONS VERSUS HAMILTON TIGER-CATS (SUNDAY NIGHT)**

At Hamilton, B.C. (3-1) makes its second trek East after its season-opening 35-27 loss in Toronto but last played June 27 in a 24-21 home win over Edmonton. Vernon Adams Jr. has a CFL-best 1,369 passing yards with seven TDs and one interception while Alexander Hollins has 27 catches for a league-leading 457 yards with three TDs. The Ticats (0-4) led 24-19 late last week in Ottawa but couldn't hold on as Lewis Ward's game-ending 46-yard field goal sealed the Redblacks' win.

**Pick:** B.C.

**Last week:** 4-0.

**Overall:** 9-7.

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# Canada draws on MLR talent for game against Scotland

NEIL DAVIDSON

Flanker Lucas Rumball will lead a Canada team drawing almost exclusively on Major League Rugby talent on Saturday in Ottawa against sixth-ranked Scotland.

Canada's matchday 23 features 15 MLR players including 12 starters. The starting 15 contains four members of the MLR champion New England Free Jacks with another on the bench.

Rumball is one of three Chicago Hounds in the matchday squad. There are also four players from the Dallas Jackals, two from RFC Los Angeles and one from the San Diego Legion.

The three starters outside of the MLR are No. 8 Siaki Vikilani (who plays in England for Clifton Rugby Club), fly-half Peter Nelson (Dungannon RFC, Northern Ireland) and fullback Cooper Coats (Canada sevens team).

Saturday's game is the first for Canada on home soil since a 57-34 win over No. 19 Spain in Ottawa in July, 2022. The Canadian men have gone 2-3-0 since with wins over the 27th-ranked Netherlands and No. 29 Brazil.

"Players are excited to be reassembled on home soil and taking on the challenge of a strong Scottish side, and are committed to each other and the team as a whole, which has been reflected in their focus and hard work in training," Canada coach Kingsley Jones said in a statement.

"Along with the seasoned, experienced players named to the roster are several who will have the opportunity to represent Canada at this level for the first time," he added. "These players have put their hands up with their strong, consistent performances this season in both competition and training."

The Canadian men have gone 2-3-0 since with wins over the 27th-ranked Netherlands and No. 29 Brazil.

Australian-born winger Nic Benn, a former Toronto Arrow and current Dallas Jackal who spent part of his childhood in B.C. and qualifies for Canada via his Canadian-born mother, earns his first cap for Canada.

Five others - Vancouver Highlander twins Takoda and Talon McMullin, Dallas Jackals scrum-half Brock Gallagher and the Pacific Pride development academy's James Stockwood and Jesse Mackail, could earn their first caps off the bench, one of whom could become the 500th men's player to take to the pitch for Canada.

The 21st-ranked Canadian men face No. 20 Romania at TD Place in Ottawa on July 12 before travelling to the United States and Japan to open Pacific Nations Cup play in August.

After Canada, touring Scotland faces the 17th-ranked U.S., No. 23 Chile and No. 18 Uruguay.

Scotland finished fourth in this year's Six Nations tournament at 2-3-0 with wins over No. 6 Wales (27-26) and No. 5 England (30-21). But Scottish rugby has been since buoyed by the Glasgow Warriors' 16-13 win over South Africa's Bulls in last month's United Rugby Championship final.

Gregor Townsend's tour squad includes 11 uncapped players. Players left at home to rest include star fly-half Finn Russell as well as Ben White, Ali Price, Blair Kinghorn, Darcy Graham, Richie Gray, Zander Fagerson, Jack Dempsey, Hamish Watson, Grant Gilchrist and Sam Skinner. The tour roster features seven starters, including British and Irish Lions winger Duhan van der Merwe, as well as six of the bench players from Scotland's Six Nations finale against Ireland in March.

Canada and Scotland are competing for the Douglas J.L. Horn Memorial Cup, which was first played for in 2008. The cup was sponsored by the late Alan Horn, who named the trophy after his father and former Scottish rugby player, Douglas Horn.

The two teams have contested the trophy since 2008. Canada and Scotland last met in Edmonton in June, 2018, with Scotland winning 48-10. Rumball, Ben LeSage, Djustice Sears-Duru, Cole Keith and Conor Keys, members of Saturday's squad, all took part in that match.

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# Cavendish wins record-setting 35th career Tour de France stage

Veteran Isle of Man sprinter eclipses long-standing record in what may be his last appearance at the race

SAINT-VULBAS, FRANCE

Mark Cavendish wrote a new chapter of Tour de France history in what is expected to be his last appearance at cycling's biggest race.

The veteran Isle of Man sprinter eclipsed Eddy Merckx's long-standing record for most career Tour de France stage wins with his 35th victory on Wednesday.

The 39-year-old Cavendish sprinted for the win in the fifth stage of the Tour, pulling away some 100 metres from the line despite being bunched in. He crossed the line ahead of Jasper Philipsen and then celebrated with teammates.

Norwegian rider Alexander Kristoff, who had crashed earlier, finished third. They were given the same time of 4 hours 8 minutes 46 seconds.

Sixteen years after his first Tour stage win, Cavendish spoke of his constant hunger for victory.

"I always needed to win one more, more more," said Cavendish, who was joined by his children on the podium. "It takes a lot to get there every year. I've got incredible people around me."

Two-time champion Tadej Pogacar narrowly avoided a crash and finished nestled in the main pack in 35th place. While Pogacar retained the race leader's yellow jersey, the day belonged to Cavendish.

He equaled Merckx's mark of 34 wins during the 2021 Tour and went close to No. 35 in the seventh stage last year when he was narrowly beaten by Philipsen. He crashed a day later and broke his



Mark Cavendish celebrates after crossing the finish line to win a record 35th Tour de France stage win in the fifth stage of the Tour de France race over 177.4 kilometres on Wednesday. DANIEL COLE/AP

right collarbone.

Merckx, the Belgian considered the most dominant rider in cycling history, won his 34 individual stages at the Tour from 1969-75.

Cavendish's decision to give it one more shot paid off.

"I just wanted to get the run-in to do it. I'm a little bit in disbelief. Astana put a big gamble on this year to make sure we're good at the Tour de France," Cavendish said. "We've done it."

With his 2023 race ending early, Cavendish decided to put off retirement by a year and came back to try again.

Finally, Cavendish made cycling history, after winning his first Tour stage back in 2008.

Other riders were happy for Cavendish, with several stopping to speak with or hug him after the 177.4-kilometre leg from Saint-Jean-De-Maurienne to Saint-Vulbas

Merckx amassed his wins in

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I always needed to win one more, more more. It takes a lot to get there every year. I've got incredible people around me.

MARK CAVENDISH  
CYCLIST

an era during which his domination was such that he earned the nickname "The Cannibal." Unlike Merckx, one of four riders to win the Tour five times, Cavendish has never won the overall title, or come close.

But Cavendish's longevity among his fellow Tour sprinters has no equal.

He won the Tour de France best sprinter's green jersey twice. He also won stages at all three Grand Tours – the others are the Giro d'Italia and Spanish Vuelta – and became a world champion in 2011.

Cavendish joined Astana after his contract with Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl expired and he was overlooked for the 2022 Tour.

Cavendish had faced a difficult start to this Tour. During the first stage, he appeared to struggle with stomach and heat issues.

"I know how it works, my trainer and everyone around me knows how it is," Cavendish said.

"I've done 15 Tours de France. I don't like to have bad days, I don't like to suffer but I know it's just in the head and to push through it."

Meanwhile, Pogacar has another flat stage to get through safely Thursday, having reclaimed the leader's jersey Tuesday with a brilliant attack near the top of the race's first big mountain pass.

On Wednesday, he was simply relieved to avoid crashing.

"We were in the bunch and then suddenly something came up in the middle from nowhere. The guys in front of me braked and we touched wheels a little bit, but luckily I escaped," he said. "I reacted on instinct and was very lucky."

The 25-year-old Slovenian leads overall by 45 seconds from Tour debutant Remco Evenepoel, the Vuelta and world champion in 2022. Pogacar is 50 seconds ahead of two-time defending champion Jonas Vingegaard – the Danish rider who was badly injured in a high-speed crash at the Tour of Basque Country in early April.

Pogacar is aiming for the rare Giro-Tour double, and for his third Tour title after wins in 2020 and 2021. The last rider to win the Giro and the Tour the same year was the late Marco Pantani in 1998.

Wednesday's stage saw Clement Russo and Matteo Vercher forming a breakaway after 35 kilometres.

Given that French riders won the first two stages through Roman Bardet and Kevin Vauquelin, this may have motivated them. With rain falling, Russo and Vercher were caught with 36 kilometres left.

Stage 6 on Thursday is again suited for sprinters, going through vineyards to Dijon on a mainly flat trek of around 160 kilometres. The first individual time trial is on Friday.

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## Gauff reaches Wimbledon third round; Alcaraz advances

KEN MAGUIRE LONDON

Coco Gauff likes No. 1 Court at Wimbledon.

It's where she beat Venus Williams back in 2019 when Gauff made her Wimbledon debut at age 15.

On Wednesday, Gauff beat qualifier Anca Todoni 6-2, 6-1 to advance to the third round at the All England Club.

"This is the court where I first started here at Wimbledon. Court 1 is always a special place for me to play on," the 20-year-old Gauff said in her on-court interview.

The victory also allows Gauff, the No. 2 seed, to move another step away from last year's first-round exit.

"Overall, I just learned about life a lot," the U.S. Open champion said when asked about putting that three-set loss to Sofia Kenin behind her.

"I just realized that, yes, what I do I'm very passionate about, but it's not ever that serious and sometimes the world can make you feel like there's so much pressure, there's so much expectation," she said. "At the end of the [day], it's a game. It's sport."

The 19-year-old Todoni is from Romania and was making her Grand Slam debut.

"I do think I could have played cleaner at some moments," Gauff said.

Five years ago, Gauff beat Williams – a five-time Wimbledon champion – 6-4, 6-4 in the first round and eventually reached the last 16, all on her Grand Slam debut.

Emma Navarro used clean tennis to defeat Naomi Osaka: just five unforced errors compared to 16 winners; zero break points faced; a 4-for-4 success rate at the net.

Navarro reached the third round at the All England Club for the first time by eliminating Osaka – a four-time major champion and former No. 1 – 6-4, 6-1 in under an



Emma Navarro defeats Naomi Osaka 6-4, 6-1 in their second-round tennis match at Wimbledon on Wednesday. PAUL CHILDS/REUTERS

hour at Centre Court.

Navarro, who grew up in South Carolina, has been rising up the rankings quickly recently. She went from No. 143 at the end of 2022, to No. 38 at the end of last year to No. 17 this week.

She did not make it past the second round in each of her first four Slam appearances, but started this season by reaching the third round at the Australian Open, then the fourth round at the French Open and now can get that far at Wimbledon with a win Friday against Diana Shnaider, a 20-year-old from Russia who played college tennis at North Carolina State.

Defending champion Carlos Alcaraz

trailed 6-5 in the first set before coming back to beat Aleksander Vukic 7-6 (5), 6-2, 6-2, setting up a third-round meeting with No. 29 Frances Tiafoe after the American eliminated Borna Coric 7-6 (5), 6-1, 6-3.

When told by the on-court interviewer that Tiafoe said he's "coming after you," the 21-year-old Spaniard replied with a smile: "I'm going for him."

"We played a really good match in the U.S. Open," the No. 3 seed said of their 2022 semi-final that Alcaraz won at Flushing Meadows.

In other results, No. 11 Danielle Collins completed her first-round match – a 6-3, 7-6 (4) win over Clara Tauson. It had been

suspended Tuesday night at 4-4 in the second set.

No. 20 Beatriz Haddad Maia advanced to the third round by beating Magdalena Frech 7-5, 6-3.

On the men's side, No. 16 Ugo Humbert eliminated Botic van de Zandschulp 7-6 (9), 6-1, 6-3. And No. 1 Jannik Sinner got past 2021 runner-up Matteo Berrettini 7-6 (3), 7-6 (4), 2-6, 7-6 (4) at Centre Court in an all-Italian contest.

"I knew that I had to raise my level today," Sinner said. "He is a grass-court specialist. ... I'm very happy how I handled the situation."

It took Emma Raducanu all of 10 seconds to jump at the "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" to play mixed doubles with British hero Andy Murray in his farewell Wimbledon after the pair were awarded a wild card by the organizers on Wednesday.

The dream pairing of the only British players to have won Grand Slam singles titles since 1977 came about after Murray pulled out from the men's competition before his match with Tomas Machac a day earlier due to a back issue in the buildup to the grass court major.

The 37-year-old Murray, who will also be in action in men's doubles with his brother Jamie when they face Australians Rinky Hijikata and John Peers in Thursday's opener, belatedly added mixed doubles to his schedule and Raducanu grabbed the chance to partner him.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," former U.S. Open champion Raducanu told reporters shortly after her 6-1, 6-2 win over Elise Mertens.

"I think Wimbledon is Andy Murray and Andy Murray is Wimbledon."

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## Canada's Andreescu through to Wimbledon third round with win over Noskova

LONDON

Canada's Bianca Andreescu advanced to the third round at Wimbledon with a 6-3, 7-6 (5) win over 26th-seed Linda Noskova of Czechia on Wednesday.

Andreescu won on her first match point, scoring her 28th winner on a backhand.

The 24-year-old from Mississauga scored the only break of the match early to go up 2-0 in the first set. She held serve throughout, successfully defending all five break points she faced.

On the men's side, Montreal's Félix Auger-Aliassime failed to

convert four match points before eventually losing his first-round match 4-6, 5-7, 7-6 (9), 6-4, 6-4 to Australia's Thanasi Kokkinakis.

Andreescu will next face seventh-seeded Italian Jasmine Paolini, the French Open runner-up, on Friday as she looks to advance past the third round at the All England Club for the first time.

The 2019 U.S. Open winner made her return at the French Open after missing nearly 10 months with a back injury, then opened the grass season with a runner-up performance at the Libema Open in the Netherlands.

Aliassime, seeded 17th at the All England Club, entered

Wednesday leading his match after it was suspended early on the fourth set Tuesday because of darkness. But Kokkinakis had the momentum, and he capitalized.

Just before the suspension, Kokkinakis came out on top of a wild third-set tiebreaker. Auger-Aliassime came back from 5-0 down and had four match points, including two on serve, but couldn't put the Australian away.

Kokkinakis took control of the fifth set when he scored a break to go up 4-3, coming back from a 40-15 deficit in the game. He held serve the rest of the way to complete the upset.

Auger-Aliassime, who reached

the Wimbledon quarter-finals in 2021, went out in the first round for a third straight time at the grass-court Grand Slam.

In women's doubles action, the second-seeded team of Ottawa's Gabriela Dabrowski and Erin Routliffe of New Zealand advanced to the second round with a 6-2, 7-5 win over Russians Anastasia Potapova and Mirra Andreeva.

Dabrowski and Routliffe will next face either Brazilians Beatriz Haddad Maia and Ingrid Martins or Russians Irina Khromacheva and Kamilla Rakhimova.

Leylah Fernandez of Laval, Que., and Japan's Ena Shibahara also advanced with a 2-6, 7-6 (4),

6-3 win over China's Jiang Xinyu and Guo Hanyu.

Fernandez and Shibahara will next face 16th seeds Ingrid Neel of Estonia and Norway's Ulrikke Eikeri.

Denis Shapovalov of Richmond Hill, Ont., was originally scheduled to face Germany's Daniel Altmaier in men's second-round action Wednesday, but the match was pushed back a day.

Fernandez is set to return to action Thursday when she faces former world No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark in a women's second-round match.

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[ BLUE JAYS VS. ASTROS ]



## Arriving just in time

Blue Jays outfielder George Springer slides safely into third base ahead of the tag of Astros third baseman Alex Bregman during the first inning of Wednesday's game at Rogers Centre. Houston won 9-2. For the game story go to [GLOBESPORTS.COM](#)

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### JAYS CLOSER ROMANO OUT AT LEAST SIX WEEKS AFTER ARTHROSCOPIC SURGERY

Toronto Blue Jays closer Jordan Romano will be out several weeks after he underwent arthroscopic surgery to address an impingement in his right elbow. Blue Jays manager John Schneider said Wednesday the right-handed reliever from Markham, Ont., will not throw for at least six weeks.

It's possible Romano will return later this season if all goes well with his recovery. Romano (1-2) laboured through 13 $\frac{1}{3}$  innings this season before being put on the 15-day injured list. He has a 6.59 earned-run average over 15 appearances for Toronto this season.

He was an all-star in 2022 and 2023, earning 36 saves in each of those seasons as one of the most reliable closers in Major League Baseball. Romano had a 2.11 ERA in 2022 and a 2.90 ERA last year. Romano was already on Toronto's 15-day injured list before the surgery.

Veteran designated hitter Justin Turner was placed on the Blue Jays paternity list on Wednesday following the birth of his first child. Outfielder Steward Berroa was recalled from triple-A Buffalo to fill his spot on the roster.

Catcher Danny Jansen was already on the paternity list. He and his wife welcomed their daughter on Tuesday.

### GUERRERO VOTED INTO AMERICAN LEAGUE STARTING LINEUP FOR ALL-STAR GAME

Toronto Blue Jays first baseman Vladimir Guerrero Jr. has been named a starter for the all-star game. Guerrero will be representing the American League at the midsummer classic for a fourth time.

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## MLB

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	54	31	.635	—
New York	54	33	.621	1
Boston	45	39	.536	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tampa Bay	43	42	.506	11
Toronto	39	46	.459	15

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	53	31	.631	—
Minnesota	48	37	.565	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kansas City	47	40	.540	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Detroit	38	47	.447	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chicago	25	63	.276	30

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	47	40	.540	—
Houston	43	42	.506	3
Texas	39	46	.459	7
Los Angeles	36	48	.429	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oakland	31	56	.356	16

**Wednesday**  
Chicago White Sox 8 Cleveland 2  
Boston at Miami  
Cincinnati at N.Y. Yankees  
Houston at Toronto  
San Diego at Texas  
Detroit at Minnesota  
Tampa Bay at Kansas City  
L.A. Angels at Oakland  
Baltimore at Seattle

**Tuesday**  
Cleveland 7, Chicago White Sox 6  
Boston 8, Miami 3  
Toronto 7, Houston 6  
Cincinnati 5, N.Y. Yankees 4  
Minnesota 5, Detroit 3  
Texas 7, San Diego 0  
Tampa Bay 5, Kansas City 1  
Baltimore 2, Seattle 0  
Oakland 7, L.A. Angels 5

**Thursday**  
**All Times Eastern**  
Cincinnati (Montas 3-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Stroman 7-3), 1:05 p.m.  
Houston (Valdez 6-5) at Toronto (Bassitt 7-6), 1:07 p.m.  
Boston (Pivetta 4-5) at Miami (Tyler 0-1), 1:10 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Thorpe 2-1) at Cleveland (Lively 7-4), 1:10 p.m.  
Detroit (Maeda 2-4) at Minnesota (Ober 7-4), 2:10 p.m.  
San Diego (King 6-5) at Texas (Scherzer 1-1), 2:35 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (Contreras 1-0) at Oakland (Sears 4-7), 4:07 p.m.  
Baltimore (Burnes 9-3) at Seattle (Miller 6-7), 4:10 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (Eflin 4-5) at Kansas City (Marsh 6-5), 8:10 p.m.

**Friday**  
L.A. Angels at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.  
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox at Miami, 7:10 p.m.  
Detroit at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
San Francisco at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:05 p.m.  
Houston at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.  
Kansas City at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.  
Baltimore at Oakland, 9:40 p.m.  
Toronto at Seattle, 9:40 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	56	29	.659	—
Atlanta	46	37	.554	9
New York	42	42	.500	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Washington	40	46	.465	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
Miami	30	55	.353	26

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	51	35	.593	—
St. Louis	44	40	.524	6
Pittsburgh	40	44	.476	10
Cincinnati	40	45	.471	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chicago	39	47	.453	12

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	53	33	.616	—
San Diego	46	43	.517	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
San Francisco	42	44	.488	11
Arizona	41	44	.482	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Colorado	29	56	.341	23 $\frac{1}{2}$

**Wednesday**  
Washington 7 N.Y. Mets 5  
Boston at Miami  
St. Louis at Pittsburgh  
Cincinnati at N.Y. Yankees  
San Francisco at Atlanta  
Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs  
San Diego at Texas  
Milwaukee at Colorado  
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers

**Tuesday**  
Boston 8, Miami 3  
St. Louis 7, Washington 2, 10 innings  
Cincinnati 5, N.Y. Yankees 4  
San Francisco 5, Atlanta 3  
Texas 7, San Diego 0  
Philadelphia 6, Chicago Cubs 4  
Milwaukee 4, Colorado 3  
L.A. Dodgers 6, Arizona 5

**Thursday**  
**All Times Eastern**  
N.Y. Mets (Quintana 3-5) at Washington (Irvin 6-6), 11:05 a.m.  
St. Louis (Pallante 4-3) at Pittsburgh (Perez 1-4), 12:35 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Montas 3-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Stroman 7-3), 1:05 p.m.  
Boston (Pivetta 4-5) at Miami (Tyler 0-1), 1:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Sánchez 6-3) at Chicago Cubs (Taillon 4-4), 2:20 p.m.  
San Diego (King 6-5) at Texas (Scherzer 1-1), 2:35 p.m.  
San Francisco (Webb 6-6) at Atlanta (Morton 5-4), 7:20 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Myers 5-2) at Colorado (Quattrill 6-6), 8:10 p.m.  
Arizona (Gallen 6-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Knack 1-1), 9:10 p.m.

**Friday**  
L.A. Angels at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, 6:40 p.m.  
St. Louis at Washington, 6:45 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox at Miami, 7:10 p.m.  
Detroit at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
San Francisco at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.  
Kansas City at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.  
Arizona at San Diego, 9:40 p.m.  
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

## CFL

### WEEK FIVE

EAST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	PI		
Montreal	4	4	0	0	127	73	8		
Toronto	3	2	1	0	94	93	4		
Ottawa	3	2	1	0	68	88	4		
Hamilton	4	0	4	0	96	125	0		

WEST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	PI		
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:** Edmonton  
**Thursday**  
**All Times Eastern**  
Toronto at Saskatchewan, 9 p.m.

## CEBL

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
	GP	W	L	Pct	GB
Niagara	12	7	5	.583	—
Scarborough	12	6	6	.500	1
Brampton	13	5	8	.385	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ottawa	11	3	8	.273	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Montreal	12	3	9	.250	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE					
	GP	W	L	Pct	GB
Edmonton	12	9	3	.750	—
Vancouver	12	9	3	.750	—
Calgary	11	6	5	.545	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Winnipeg	11	6	5	.545	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Saskatchewan	12	5	7	.417	4

**Thursday — All Times Eastern**  
Calgary at Niagara, 7 p.m.  
Montreal at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

## WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	17	3	.850	—
Connecticut	15	4	.789	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Atlanta	7	11	.389	9
Chicago	7	11	.389	9
Indiana	8	13	.381	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Washington	5	15	.250	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	14	5	.737	—
Seattle	13	6	.684	1
Las Vegas	11	6	.647	2
Phoenix	9	10	.474	5
Los Angeles	4	15	.211	10
Dallas	4	15	.211	10

**Wednesday**  
Phoenix at Dallas  
**Tuesday**  
New York 76, Minnesota 67  
Chicago 85, Atlanta 77  
Las Vegas 88, Indiana 69  
Washington 82, Los Angeles 80  
**Thursday**  
**All Times Eastern**  
Connecticut at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Washington at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.

## WIMBLEDON

**Wednesday**  
At London, England  
Purse: £17,942,000  
**MEN'S SINGLES — FIRST ROUND**  
Thanasi Kokkinakis, Australia, def. Felix Auger-Aliassime (17), Montreal, Canada, 4-6, 5-7, 7-6 (9), 6-4, 6-4.  
Karen Khachanov (21), Russia, def. Aslan Karatsev, Russia, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (11), 2-0 (ref).  
Quentin Halys, France, def. Christopher Eubanks, U.S., 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

**SECOND ROUND**  
Carlos Alcaraz (3), Spain, def. Aleksandar Vukic, Australia, 7-6 (5), 6-2, 6-2.  
Daniil Medvedev (5), Russia, def. Alexandre Muller, France, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (4), 6-4, 7-5.  
Tommy Paul (12), U.S., def. Otto Virtanen, Finland, 4-6, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.  
Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Casper Ruud (8), Norway, 6-4, 7-5, 6-7 (1), 6-3.  
Ugo Humbert (16), France, def. Botić Van de Zandschulp, Netherlands, 7-6 (9), 6-1, 6-3.  
Alexander Bublik (23), Kazakhstan, def. Arthur Cazaux, France, 6-4, 7-6 (1), 6-4.  
Miomir Kecmanovic, Serbia, def. Tallon Griekspoor (27), Netherlands, 4-6, 7-6 (7), 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.  
Frances Tiafoe (29), U.S., def. Borna Coric, Croatia, 7-6 (5), 6-1, 6-3.  
Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. Zhang Zhizhen (32), China, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (8).  
Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, def. Lorenzo Sonego, Italy, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Brandon Nakashima, U.S., def. Jordan Thompson, Australia, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.  
Camila Osorio, Colombia, def. Lauren Davis, U.S., 6-3, 6-1.  
Katie Volynets, U.S., def. Maria Carle, Argentina, 6-2, 7-5.

**SECOND ROUND**  
Coco Gauff (2), U.S., def. Anca Alexia Todoni, Romania, 6-2, 6-1.  
Jasmine Paolini (7), Italy, def. Greet Minnen, Belgium, 7-6 (5), 6-2.  
Maria Sakkari (9), Greece, def. Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, 7-5, 6-3.  
Emma Navarro (19), U.S., def. Naomi Osaka, Japan, 6-4, 6-1.  
Zhu Lin, China, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (25), Russia, 6-4, 6-3.  
Blanca Andreescu, Mississauga, Ont., def. Linda Noskova (26), Czechia, 6-3, 7-6 (5).  
Dayana Yastremska (28), Ukraine, def. Varvara Gracheva, Russia, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5).  
Sonay Kartal, Britain, def. Clara Burel, France, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.  
Emma Raducanu, Britain, def. Elise Mertens, Belgium, 6-1, 6-2.  
Diana Shnaider, Russia, def. Sloane Stephens, U.S., 6-1, 6-1.  
Donna Vekic, Croatia, def. Erika Andreeva, Russia, 6-2, 6-3.

Lulu Sun, New Zealand, def. Yulia Starodubtseva, Ukraine, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.  
**WOMEN'S DOUBLES — FIRST ROUND**  
Gabriela Dabrowski, Ottawa, Canada, and Erin Routliffe (2), New Zealand, def. Anastasia Potapova and Mirra Andreeva, Russia, 6-2, 7-5.

## MLS

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PI
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	30	25	32
Charlotte	21	9	7	5	23	21	32
Nashville	20	6	6	8	24	25	26
Atlanta	20	6	8	6	28	24	24
Toronto	21	7	11	3	29	27	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	29	20
New England	18	6	11	1	18	35	19
Chicago	20	4	10	6	24	38	18

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PI
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	31	31
Houston	20	8	6	6	27	30	23
Portland	21	8	7	6	39	35	30
Minnesota	20	8	7	5	33	29	28
Vancouver	19	8	7	4	30	27	28
Seattle	21	7	7	7	29	28	27
Austin	21	7	8	6	23	27	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	3	15	2	29	54	11

### Wednesday

Nashville at Columbus  
Cincinnati at D.C.  
Miami at Charlotte  
Montreal at New York City F.C.  
Orlando at Toronto  
Atlanta at New England  
Philadelphia at Chicago  
San Jose at St. Louis  
Vancouver at Minnesota  
Houston at Salt Lake City

### Thursday

**All Times Eastern**  
Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Kansas City at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles F.C. at L.A. Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.  
**CPL**  

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PI
Ottawa	12	7	1	4	23	12	25
Vancouver	12	5	4	3	16	19	18
Hamilton	11	5	4	2	18	15	17
York	12	5	2	5	17		

# James agrees to a two-year extension with Lakers; could play with son

Star forward is coming back for a record-tying 22nd season in the NBA

TIM REYNOLDS

LeBron James is making it official: He's coming back for a record-tying 22nd season in the NBA, one where the league's all-time scoring leader could share the floor with his son Bronny as teammates with the Los Angeles Lakers.

James has agreed to a two-year contract to remain with the Lakers, a person with knowledge of the negotiations said Wednesday. The second year of the deal is at James' option and means he could become a free agent again next summer, said the person, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the agreement had not been announced publicly.

ESPN reported that the Lakers and James' agent, Klutch Sports CEO Rich Paul, may agree on a salary slightly less than the max that James could have got — a move that could keep the team from reaching the second apron and preserve some roster flexibility going forward.

Either way, the expectation is that James will make around



Lakers forward LeBron James, who is the NBA's career leader in points, will get to share the court next season with his son Bronny, who was drafted last week by Los Angeles. ASHLEY LANDIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

US\$50-million — give or take a little bit — this coming season, pushing his career on-court earnings to around US\$530-million and making him the first player in NBA history to eclipse the \$500-million mark.

It will be James' 22nd season in the NBA, tying Vince Carter for the league record. The Lakers selected Bronny James last week in the second round of the draft, putting them in position to have the first on-court father-son duo in NBA history.

Bronny James already has

signed his first NBA contract, the Lakers announced Wednesday. It is a four-year deal, the last of those years at the Lakers' option, worth US\$7.9-million — with about US\$1.2-million as his rookie-year salary.

Getting the deal done clears one logistical hurdle: LeBron James needed a new deal in place before he could take the floor with USA Basketball for the start of its training camp in Las Vegas this weekend, one where the squad will start preparations for the Paris Olympics. James will

play in the Olympics for the fourth time, his first since helping the U.S. win gold at the 2012 London Games.

He'll turn 40 in December and averaged 25.7 points, 7.3 rebounds and 8.3 assists last season — as the oldest active player in the league.

Not only is James the career leader in points (40,474), but he's fourth in assists (11,009), sixth in games played (1,492), and eighth in both three-pointers made (2,410) and steals (2,275).

His 20 All-Star selections is a record, as are his 20 appearances on the All-NBA team. He holds the records for being both the youngest player, and oldest player, to make an All-NBA squad.

James became the youngest to make All-NBA when he was voted onto the team for the 2004-05 season. This past season, he became the first player to be age 39 or older in what became an All-NBA campaign.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Tim Duncan were both just a few days from turning 39 when the regular seasons ended in what became their final All-NBA campaigns, Abdul-Jabbar's being 1985-86 and Duncan's being 2014-15. James played in 71 games this past season, the last 42 of those coming after he turned 39.

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## Sports in brief

### BREAKER PHIL WIZARD CHOSEN FOR CANADA'S OLYMPIC TEAM

Philip Kim, who competes as "B-Boy Phil Wizard," is set to make Canadian sports history this summer as the country's first-ever Olympic breaking athlete. Canada DanceSport, Breaking Canada and the Canadian Olympic Committee confirmed Wednesday that Kim will join Canada's Olympic team at the Paris Games. Kim, from Vancouver, won the first gold medal in B-Boys breaking competition at the Pan American Games as the dance sport made its debut at Santiago 2023 in November. By winning the event, he qualified to represent Canada at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, where breaking will make its Olympic debut. Kim won Canada's first world title in breaking at the 2022 World DanceSport Federation championships. He was also runner-up at the 2021 and 2023 world championships. The Olympic breaking competition takes place Aug. 9 and 10 in Paris. Breaking is an urban dance style that traces its origins to the Bronx in New York during the mid-1970s. It was added to the Paris Olympic program as a sport proposed by the Organizing Committee.

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### MAPLE LEAFS AGREE TO AFFILIATION WITH ECHL'S CINCINNATI CYCLONES

The Toronto Maple Leafs have agreed to an affiliation with the ECHL's Cincinnati Cyclones beginning next season. The Cyclones replace the Newfoundland Growlers, who ceased operations before the end of the 2023-24 campaign. The Growlers had been the Maple Leafs' ECHL

affiliate since 2018. The Cyclones have played in Cincinnati since 1990 and have won two Kelly Cups as ECHL champions. The Ohio-based team spent the previous season as the ECHL affiliate for the New York Rangers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### NEWLY BUILT CPKC STADIUM TO PLAY HOST TO NWSL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

KANSAS CITY The championship game of the National Women's Soccer League will be played Nov. 23 at CPKC Stadium, the home of the Kansas City Current and one of the first purpose-built stadiums for a professional women's team in the world. The league made the announcement Wednesday. The US\$120-million, privately funded facility opened earlier this year on the banks of the Missouri River, just north of downtown Kansas City. The Current have sold out every match so far this season at the 11,500-seat stadium. Last year's championship game drew a record 25,011 fans to Snapdragon Stadium, the home of San Diego State football and the NWSL's San Diego Wave. NJ/NY Gotham FC beat Seattle Reign FC 2-1 to win its first league title.

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### MESSI STILL A DOUBT FOR ECUADOR QUARTER-FINAL

Argentina captain Lionel Messi is still a doubt for Thursday's Copa America quarter-final against Ecuador at the NRG Stadium in Houston, coach Lionel Scaloni said. Messi, who suffered a right hamstring injury in the match against Chile, did not play in the final group game against Peru, which Scaloni also missed after being given a one-match ban by CONMEBOL. "We will wait a few hours and make a

decision. Another day is always better. We'll decide on the basis of the response we get today," Scaloni told a news conference after Messi was seen training with the team. Defending champion Argentina is bidding to win a record 16th Copa America. It will be up against a skillful Ecuador who secured their place in the quarter-finals by finishing second in Group B following a 0-0 draw with Mexico. REUTERS

### WINGS SIGN TARASENKO AWAY FROM THE PANTHERS

The raiding of the Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers continued Wednesday with the Detroit Red Wings signing winger Vladimir Tarasenko to a two-year contract worth US\$9.5-million. Tarasenko, 32, is the sixth player from Florida's Game 7 lineup to leave in free agency, not an uncommon theme around the NHL as other teams look to replicate that success. Tarasenko joins three-time champion Patrick Kane on the Red Wings as they try to end a franchise-worst playoff drought at eight seasons. Kane re-signed for US\$4-million with US\$2.5-million in additional incentives. After adding Tarasenko, Detroit traded away one of his former St. Louis Blues teammates, sending forward Robby Fabbri and a conditional 2025 fourth-round pick to Anaheim for 22-year-old goaltending prospect Gage Alexander. Sam Reinhart re-upped with the Panthers for US\$69-million over eight years and the core remains in tact, but without infinite cap space, it was not possible to keep everyone. Brandon Montour signed in Seattle, fellow defenceman Oliver Ekman-Larsson and backup goaltender Anthony Stolarz in Toronto and forwards Rvan

Lomborg in Calgary and Kevin Stenlund in Utah. The Panthers did, however, agree to a six-year US\$30-million deal with Anton Lundell. Among the other signings around the league Wednesday, veteran defenceman Jack Johnson joined Columbus on a one-year deal for the league minimum US\$775,000. The Ottawa Senators have acquired forward Jan Jenik from the Utah Hockey Club for forward Egor Sokolov. The Senators also signed defenceman Matthew Andonovski to a three-year, entry-level contract. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### OHTANI ELECTED TO START AT DH IN FOURTH SUCCESSFUL ALL-STAR GAME

NEW YORK Shohei Ohtani became the first player elected to start at designated hitter in four straight All-Star Games, joined by New York Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge as the only holdovers in the lineups announced Wednesday for the July 16 game at Arlington, Tex. Philadelphia could have three of the four National League infielders after fans voted shortstop Trea Turner and third baseman Alec Bohm to start alongside first baseman Bryce Harper, whose status is uncertain because of a leg injury. Major League Baseball said this is the first time each league has had no more than one player repeat as an elected starter since fan balloting resumed in 1970. Six teams have two starters each: Yankees outfielder Juan Soto was voted in alongside Judge, who gained his berth last week with Harper as the top vote-getters in the first round of balloting. The second round was from Sunday until Wednesday.

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## Porter

■ FROM B11

Porter played only briefly on those dates before leaving the court, complaining of injury or illness.

In both games, his points, rebounds and assists were below the betting line for his performance.

Mollah, McCormack and a relative of Awawdeh had bet the "under" and made out, though a betting company ultimately stopped Mollah from collecting most of his more than US\$1-million in winnings on the March 20 game, according to the complaint.

After the NBA and others began investigating, the player messaged Pham, Mollah and Awawdeh that they "might just get hit w a rico" — an apparent reference to the common acronym for a federal racketeering charge — and asked whether they had deleted "all the stuff" from their phones, the complaint notes.

Porter's salary for this year was around US\$410,000. The 24-year-old averaged 4.4 points, 3.2 rebounds and 2.3 assists in 26 games this season, including five starts. He also played in 11 games for the Memphis Grizzlies in the 2020-21 season.

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## Kraken: Seattle at the forefront of giving women jobs in hockey operations

■ FROM B11

The 32-year-old native of Rocanville, Sask., was the first full-time female assistant coach in the AHL when she was hired by Coachella Valley before the start of its first season. She also had a one-game stint as an assistant on the Kraken bench for a pre-season game against Calgary last September.

Bylsma noted Campbell's work in developing the likes of Ryker Evans, Shane Wright and Tye Kartye — all important players for the Kraken moving forward — while at Coachella Valley as part of the reason he wanted to bring her to Seattle.

"Tye Kartye did the work. It's all on Tye, but it's with Jessica's guidance. She's grown, she's demonstrated that over the last two years so it makes me eager for her to get a chance to do it at the NHL level," Bylsma said.

Having a woman on the bench as a coach has been an area where the NHL has lagged behind the NBA, MLB and NFL.

The NHL Coaches Association launched a Female Coaches Development Program in 2021 with the goal of growing the pool of available candidates.

Even before joining the league in 2021,

the Kraken were at the forefront of giving women opportunities in hockey operations. Current assistant general manager Alexandra Mandrycky was one of the first front-office hires made by the franchise in 2018 as director of hockey administration and was part of the group that led the search for a general manager that ended with the hire of Ron Francis.

Namita Nandakumar was hired in 2020 and is a senior analyst in hockey operations.

Seattle also hired Hall of Famer Cammi Granato as a pro scout in 2019, a role she held before joining the Vancouver Canucks as an assistant GM in 2022.

Along with Campbell, the Kraken filled another spot on the coaching staff by hiring Bob Woods as one of Bylsma's assistants. Woods was an assistant with Minnesota since 2017, but was let go when Dean Evason was fired as head coach early last season.

Assistant coach Dave Lowry, goaltending coach Steve Briere, video coach Tim Ohashi and video assistant Brady Morgan complete the rest of the coaching staff.

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## RICK CLUFF

JOURNALIST, 74

## CBC BROADCASTER PUSHED HIS STATION INTO TOP SLOT IN MORNING MARKET

In the amiable interviewer's career, he walked across Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin, stood at the Demilitarized Zone separating the two Koreas and helped thaw the Cold War by reporting on hockey behind the Iron Curtain

TOM HAWTHORN

Rick Cluff's warm voice awakened sleepy people, guided motorists through Vancouver gridlock and served as a countdown for harried parents urging children out the door for school.

The veteran broadcaster rolled out of bed at precisely 3:15 a.m. every weekday for his own drive through deserted streets to the downtown studios of CBC Radio, where he hosted *The Early Edition* for 20 years until retiring seven years ago.

Mr. Cluff, who has died at the age of 74, was an amiable interviewer and an avuncular character who pushed his station into the top slot in a competitive morning market, a spot it continues to hold under his successor, Stephen Quinn.

It was estimated he had conducted 50,000 morning interviews, asking more than a half-million questions over those two decades. Before taking the Vancouver job, Mr. Cluff spent 21 years as a CBC sports reporter and commentator in Toronto, accumulating another 20,000 interviews.

In his career, he walked across Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin, stood at the Demilitarized Zone separating the two Koreas and helped thaw the Cold War by reporting on hockey behind the Iron Curtain. He played golf with Jack Nicklaus and once piloted the Goodyear Blimp.

Mr. Cluff covered eight Olympic Games and five Commonwealth Games, as well as numerous Stanley Cup finals, Grey Cup championships, Super Bowls, and such major golf tournaments as the Masters and the U.S. and British Opens. He reported on the inaugural Toronto Blue Jays home game in the snow in 1977 and was on hand when the Blue Jays won successive World Series in 1992 and 1993.

With a voice as smooth as melted caramel on an ice-cream sundae, Mr. Cluff interviewed presidents, premiers and prime ministers, as well as a lengthy list of celebrities in arts and sports. In 1980, he interviewed Terry Fox every Tuesday during the one-legged runner's transcontinental Marathon of Hope.

"I had a front-row seat to history almost every day," Mr. Cluff once said, though he also insisted the best stories came from ordinary people sharing an extraordinary experience.

In an industry where the on-air persona of a broadcaster is not always matched away from the microphone, Mr. Cluff had a reputation among CBC colleagues for warmth and collegiality. He was especially known for showing kindness to young staffers new to broadcasting. The mentorship he offered perhaps reflected an appreciation for his own late arrival to journalism after being kicked out of Grade 10.

John Richard Cluff was born in Toronto on June 27, 1950, to the former Dorothy Adele Berwick and Harold Walker Cluff. His father was a singer heard crooning



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on network radio's *Coo-Coo Noodle Club*, a program sponsored by a chocolate bar, before serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. The boy's paternal grandfather, George Walker Cluff, was a long-time doorman at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto, as well as a well-known roofer for the Toronto Maple Leafs baseball club, where he was known as the Foghorn for his stentorian tone.

Rick Cluff would be the third male in his lineage to make a living through his voice, though it took him several years to find his vocation.

"In high school, I basically played three things: I played football. I played cello. I played hooky," Mr. Cluff told the British Columbia Institute of Technology convocation in 2018. As keynote speaker, he began by noting the school had rejected his admission application many years earlier.

After earning a diploma in municipal administration at Seneca College (now Polytechnic), he then completed a degree in political science and economics at Huron University College, which is affiliated with what is now Western University in London, Ont. After writing the law school admission test, he decided against becoming a lawyer, spending a year as a salesman before deciding to pursue journalism by earning a second bachelor's degree at Carleton University in Ottawa. He played football at Seneca, belonged to a fraternity at Huron and was active on student radio stations at all three schools.

The CBC hired him in 1976 as a copy clerk in the national radio newsroom. His ambition to be a parliamentary reporter as a path to becoming a foreign corre-

spondent seemed to have been interrupted when he was assigned to do sports two years later. In the end, he wound up travelling from the Arctic Circle to the South Pacific, winning management's admiration for his live coverage of the aftermath of a fatal bombing in downtown Atlanta during the 1996 Olympics.

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Alex Frame, the vice-president of CBC English Radio, offered Mr. Cluff the Vancouver morning show, which was seeking a replacement for the felicitously named Hal Wake, who left the public broadcaster in the wake of severe staffing cutbacks.

"I laughed and said, 'Right. Eastern sportscaster does Western current affairs, I'll last a minute and a half before they ride my ass out of town,'" Mr. Cluff told *The Globe and Mail* in 2017.

After completing a three-year posting, the CBC said Mr. Cluff could return to Toronto, but by then his children had put down roots and did not want to move again.

Among the major stories Mr.

Cluff covered in Vancouver were the fentanyl and opioid drug crises, missing and murdered Indigenous women, and the death of Polish visitor Robert Dziekanski at the Vancouver airport after he was tasered multiple times by RCMP officers.

On Sept. 11, 2001, the broadcaster watched on television, like so many others, as the second airplane deliberately crashed into the World Trade Center buildings in New York. Mr. Cluff presumed he was watching the death of a childhood friend who he knew worked in the South Tower. Instead, Brian Clark, who worked for an international brokerage firm, was one of only 18 people above the impact zone to have survived.

Mr. Cluff's sports background served him well when he was dispatched to Prague in 2003 for the selection of the site of the 2010 Winter Olympics, which was awarded to Vancouver and Whistler. Within minutes of the announcement, Mr. Cluff was conducting live interviews with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell and real estate developer Jack Poole, who led the bid committee.

The broadcaster believed the secret to his success was sincerity and not being judgmental.

"I don't impose myself on any guest," he once told John Burns of the Echo Storytelling Agency. "I laugh with them. I've cried with them. I debate them. But I don't argue with them."

The popular broadcaster often worked charitable events as a host or auctioneer.

Mr. Cluff was inducted into the journalist's section of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in Hamilton in 1999. He received a life-

time achievement award from RTDNA Canada (Radio Television Digital News Association) in 2018.

The host suffered for many years from angina and an abnormally fast heartbeat. A stent was placed in his chest in 2016, while he underwent more than six hours of open-heart surgery the following year while undergoing a quadruple bypass. He retired from the CBC at the end of 2017.

On his final day behind a CBC microphone, the host was presented with Vancouver Canucks sweater No. 41 by team president Trevor Linden to mark his 41 years with the broadcaster.

Afterward, he posted online interviews for his *Off the Cluff* show for The Orca Media in British Columbia, as well as offering communications advice through his own firm.

Mr. Cluff died just days after his 74th birthday of what CBC staffers were told was an aggressive cancer. He leaves his wife Cecilia Walters, his former on-air partner and a well-known broadcaster, as well as a son, James, and a daughter, Mallory, from his marriage to the former Carol Vandewater, and five grandchildren.

For all his adventures, Mr. Cluff insisted the most memorable of his interviews came the day Ernie Coombs died in 2001. He had befriended Mr. Coombs and knew the puppeteer got his start doing children's television in Pittsburgh under the guidance of another famed broadcaster. Producers tracked down Fred Rogers on Nantucket Island in Massachusetts. On air, listeners heard the kindly Mister Rogers consoling Mr. Cluff on the passing of his friend, Mr. Dressup.

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## I REMEMBER

ROGER GIBBONS

In the fall of 1973 I was a first year student in Roger Gibbons's political science class at the University of Calgary. I was an 18-year-old campus newspaper activist with an anti-establishment chip on my shoulder. I found my left-leaning viewpoints represented a minority in one of the lively discussions Roger orchestrated among his 80 students.

For our first essay assignment I chose to write about the burgeoning Canadian nationalism movement from a left perspective, certain that my viewpoint would earn a middling grade owing to my political stance. To my great surprise, the

marked paper was returned with an A-minus grade and an encouraging note from Roger.

It was the most important lesson I learned in his class: We should not judge or be judged on our political allegiance. What matters is civil discourse; the ability to fashion a coherent argument is key to intelligent political discussion.

Roger Gibbons challenged my naive black-and-white thinking while giving me the lifelong gift of learning to keep an open mind. I am forever grateful.

Kris Klaasen, Vancouver



Roger Gibbons