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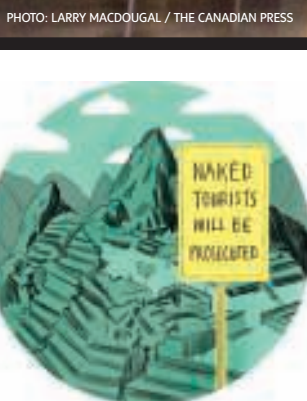
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It was wartime, but tragedy struck at home. A passenger train facing bad weather with a faulty engine and a full load of holiday travellers was behind schedule when it stopped in the station at Almonte, Ont. A train carrying soldiers ran into the back of it, tearing through its wooden carriages. The crash killed 39 people, their names since etched in a memorial stone. One name is not: John Howard, the conductor of the troop train who jumped to his death 10 days after the crash, just before the inquest began. “God is my judge. I made no mistake and I broke no rules, but I can’t stand it if they accuse me of causing [the] deaths,” he wrote in a suicide note. The inquest, in the end, blamed the Canadian Pacific Railway, not Howard, pointing to improper signals and a lack of information for crews. – Josh Wingrove, Rick Cash

TODAY'S COLUMNISTS



TABATHA SOUTHEY

Last year, just after Christmas, there was a savage cold snap in Toronto. Even people who can be relied upon to be resolute about the weather buckled and complained of the bitter cold. **Focus, Page 3**



NATHALIE ATKINSON

In a field that included Manolo Blahnik’s Hangisi satin pump and Valentino’s strappy, caged Rockstud, it is a lowly Adidas sneaker that has won the 2014 shoelympics. **Style, Page 1**



DAVID BERMAN

Russia’s economic meltdown raises a question for anyone who has dabbled in the more volatile regions of the world: Is it time to start thinking of emerging markets as individual countries? **Report on Business, Page 8**

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Elizabeth Renzetti will return

Note to readers

Globe Style will not be published on Saturday, Jan. 3. Publication resumes on Saturday, Jan. 10.

Correction

A Wednesday news story on Vancouver politics incorrectly said Raymond Louie was the chair of the finance committee and in his fourth term on Vancouver City Council. In fact, Mr. Louie is now the acting mayor of Vancouver and is in his fifth term on Vancouver City Council.



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FEDERAL POLITICS

Obama aides advise opposition parties

U.S. President's former election advisers help NDP, Liberals prepare for 2015 election, concentrating on decidedly low-tech methods



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The 2015 federal election will require political parties to work harder than ever to capture the attention of the electorate. With this story, Adam Radwanski begins a new assignment looking at how the party machines across the country are preparing.

Justin Trudeau's Liberals have quietly been getting regular advice from Jennifer O'Malley Dillon, Barack Obama's deputy campaign manager in the last U.S. presidential campaign.

Somewhat more openly, Tom Mulcair's New Democrats have been receiving guidance from Jeremy Bird, who was Mr. Obama's national field director.

Look closely enough, and it is possible to see the influence of those and other prominent Democrats on the Liberals' and NDP's election preparations – just not in the ways one might expect, based on some of the hype about high-tech methods set to be imported.

Insiders from both parties concede that some of the most ambitious techniques from the Obama campaigns – the sort that are said to use advanced data analytics to target messages to individual voters – are not applicable in a country with less money in its political system, stricter privacy laws that limit access to personal information, and a less predictable electorate than one in which voters register to support one of two parties.

As an example of Mr. Bird's input, New Democrats instead point to the "days of action" they have been holding every month or two, in which teams of canvassers talk to voters about a specific policy proposal or issue. Although part of the objective is to collect data about potential supporters, the point is mostly to engage and train volunteers in the hope of having a force ready to roll when the campaign begins in earnest.

The Liberals have been nudged toward more volunteer training as well. And as further evidence of taking advice from the Americans, party sources point to the \$3 contributions they have been soliciting from first-time donors – a minuscule amount meant to get people in the habit of giving so that larger amounts can be sought in future. If those do not jump out as revolutionary concepts, that is somewhat the point. Much of what Democratic consultants are preaching is a sort of return to basics for parties that long neglected the painstaking work needed to build national grassroots organizations.



On input from Jeremy Bird, national field director of President Barack Obama's re-election campaign in 2012, the NDP have held monthly 'days of action,' during which teams of volunteers engage the public on a specific issue, effectively sharpening the skills of grassroots organizers. PAUL CHIASSON/CP



Jennifer O'Malley Dillon, deputy campaign manager in the 2012 Obama campaign, is helping the Liberal party. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

For a time, parties got away with that neglect more easily. Television advertising and other mass communication allowed them to get their messages out. Paid phone banks became a preferred way of identifying supporters and ensuring they voted without too many on-the-ground volunteers. Lax fundraising rules allowed the Liberals to get by mostly on corporate and large individual contributions, and the NDP on union ones.

Today, changing media consumption habits make it increasingly difficult to reach voters through mass communication, people are harder to reach by phone because they have done

away with land lines or have caller ID, and corporate, union and large personal donations are banned. So parties and candidates have to work harder and more creatively to capture the attention (and dollars) of an electorate that can more easily tune them out – something that social media and other online tools can help with, but that also requires direct personal contact.

"What's been proven is that successful campaigns use an integrated approach to reach voters in one-on-one conversations, whether that's online or on the ground," Mr. Bird says. "This grassroots outreach is hard work and requires a deeper invest-

ment." (Ms. O'Malley Dillon did not respond to requests for comment.)

Low levels of civic engagement do not make it easy to get boots on the ground, but this is where the Democrats' experience comes in handy. Granted, Mr. Obama was a once-in-a-lifetime candidate, engaging people who otherwise would have been bystanders. But courtesy of their deeper pockets and other resources, they were also able to test engagement methods, some of which apply in Canada.

In the broader sense, those include empowering volunteers and making them feel part of a community. So the Liberals and New Democrats now have a better sense of how quickly they need to establish personal contact after someone expresses interest in helping; how best to keep that person engaged between (rather than just during) campaigns; how they can make her feel trusted, for instance, by giving her access to their database to enter findings from a canvass rather than just asking her to hand over her clipboards.

More nuanced are recommendations for the wording of e-mails to prospective volunteers and donors to elicit the best response, and how often to ask for help before a saturation point is reached.

And as they encourage Canadian parties to use two versions of most communications to gauge which works better, they can ad-

vice *what* to test. (When fundraising, for example, it is apparently worth checking which dollar amounts work best. Whom the request ostensibly comes from does not make a huge difference.)

As the election draws closer, the parties' focus and the Democrats' advice will shift from organization-building to connecting with the broader electorate. And by no means is that advice limited to the basics. Liberals acknowledge, for instance, that Ms. O'Malley Dillon is helping them use their limited data to make headway on voter analytics, on which they have lagged even by Canadian standards.

But for now at least, the guidance on grassroots mobilization could give the Liberals and New Democrats an advantage, relative to whom they are up against.

The governing Conservatives are not known to be working with veterans of recent campaigns in the United States or elsewhere. Consistently outflanking their rivals on fundraising, they likely do not need help there. But partly in response to a shortage of volunteers at the riding level, their voter outreach in recent campaigns has been heavily centralized – including through reliance on phone banks.

If that approach offers diminishing returns, as even some veterans of Conservative campaigns concede it might, they may wind up behind their rivals in adapting more traditional grassroots activism to the 21st century.

RETAIL

Strong Boxing Day expected to boost holiday sales

JOSH WINGROVE OTTAWA

A slumping dollar and pockets of warm weather left Canadian retailers projecting strong Boxing Day sales this year, even as shoppers increasingly turn to online and Black Friday deals.

This year's holiday sales figures were already trending upward before doors opened Friday, with retailers reporting higher spending in the weeks leading up to Christmas and strong Black Friday sales in November. However, Boxing Day remains key for Canadian retailers.

While Boxing Day sales figures typically take a few days to compile, they are expected to be buoyed by three factors in 2014, said Michael LeBlanc, a senior vice-president for digital retail with the Retail Council of Canada. One was weather, especially in Ontario and Quebec, parts of which dealt with an ice storm last year but had above-zero temperatures Friday; by contrast, much of Western Canada was in a cold spell. A second factor was low gas prices, which Mr. LeBlanc says leaves consumers with more disposable income. The third was the low value of the dollar, which discourages cross-border shopping.

"For some categories, Boxing Day and week remain huge – electronics, fashion, furniture," Mr. LeBlanc said in an interview. However, it tends to be extremely competitive among retailers, whose slashing of prices often



Shoppers carry Boxing Day purchases to their cars in Mississauga, Ont., on Friday. J.P. MOCZULSKI FOR THE GLOBE AND MAIL

produces high sales but slimmer profit margins. "It's still a fiercely competitive market. You can't lay back at all as a retailer," Mr. LeBlanc said.

While holiday retail sales typically are highest on Dec. 23, some stores still rely on Boxing Day as their busiest of the year.

"What's more Canadian than Boxing Day? It's such a strong tradition," said Jim Caldwell, president of The Brick, an elec-

tronics and furnishings chain. Boxing Day remains the retailer's highest sales day, even amid increasing online sales, Mr. Caldwell said in an interview after waking early Friday to visit some of his locations. "Boxing Day does matter. We've seen our strongest lineups [outside stores] in years." Based on early Friday results, Mr. Caldwell said he expected his chain's Boxing Day totals to meet or exceed last

year's.

Shopping patterns in Canada are evolving. The increase in popularity of Black Friday sales and online shopping have left retailers adjusting, as have an expansion of Boxing Day deals, with some sales now beginning before Christmas and extending days afterward.

Retail sales are up across Canada this month, according to data provided by Moneris, a credit

and debit card transaction processor. The agency again expects Dec. 23 to be the highest-sales day of the holiday shopping season. Spending on Dec. 20, the last Saturday before Christmas, was up between 4 and 5 per cent year-over-year, while spending in the first two weeks of the month was up 5.6 per cent since 2013, according to Moneris figures. Clothing and electronics sales, meanwhile, saw little change in early December, but strong growth on Black Friday and Cyber Monday this year, Moneris figures show.

"It's early days. We'll see how it evolves over the years," Mr. LeBlanc said of the changing retail landscape. "... Let's just say [Boxing Day] is still a very important retail holiday. It's still an important time for Canadians to shop."

In Ottawa, lineups still stretched out of some stores at the Rideau Centre mall by mid-afternoon Friday.

Jenny Strange, a therapist, left after 2½ hours of shopping, clutching bags of books, clothing, cosmetics and gifts for next Christmas. Many products were discounted by 50 per cent, she said. While Black Friday shopping "was a gong show," she said she'd come back next year for Boxing Day, where she found the crowds were lighter. "This was much better," she said. "... You almost want to do your Christmas shopping on Boxing Day and say, 'Here's your present.' "

ORDER OF CANADA

Our nation's story

Many of the 95 new appointees, both household names and relative unknowns, have distinguished themselves in the fields of mental health, medical research and cultural promotion, building a better country for their fellow citizens

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They have tasted Grey Cup victory, piloted the country's banking system through economic upheaval, sketched an internationally beloved cartoon turtle, called the greatest goal in hockey history and, to a person, worked to improve the country in ways great and small.

Rideau Hall announced 95 new appointments to the Order of Canada on Friday. As usual, the list contains a balance of luminaries and relative unknowns whose lives, taken together, tell the story of a nation.

For every renowned sports figure like broadcaster Bob Cole or football coach Wally Buono, there is a Thomas Jon Harle, who provides free dental services to homeless and vulnerable people in Ottawa and around the world. For every celebrity bureaucrat like Mark Carney, there is a Brenda Clark, illustrator of the internationally beloved Franklin the Turtle books. And for every captain of industry like Bell CEO and president George Cope, there is a Diane Morin, whose psychology research is devoted to people with intellectual disabilities.

Whether by design or accident, the recent appointments are uniquely qualified in three fields: mental health, medical research and cultural promotion.

The Order recognized Catherine Zahn, president and CEO of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Michael Phillips, a pioneering suicide researcher, Lisa Brown, founder of an arts organization devoted to people with mental-health issues, and Mr. Cope, who launched Bell's "Let's Talk" campaign devoted to destigmatizing mental health.

Twelve appointees were chosen for breakthrough health research, including Laurence Klotz, who developed the active monitoring approach to prostate cancer that is emulated around the world, and Julio Montaner, a pioneer in the use of antiretroviral therapy to treat HIV/AIDS.

Artists and their benefactors make up the biggest cohort on the list, with 19 spots earned by the likes of singer Chantal Kreviazuk and her husband, Raine Maida, frontman of the band Our Lady Peace.

The latest Order of Canada announcement concludes the official honours handed out by the Governor-General for 2014, a year that has seen first responders in Moncton and Lac-Mégantic recognized for work during tragedies in both communities and decorations of bravery handed out to search-and-rescue technicians involved in a daring, tragic Arctic Ocean rescue in 2011.



Bell Canada CEO George Cope FRED LUM/THE GLOBE AND MAIL



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- Shaf Keshavjee, Toronto
- Mark Lautens, Toronto
- Wendy Levinson, Toronto
- Norman Emilio Marcon, Toronto
- James Rodger Miller, Saskatoon, Sask.
- Peter Milliken, Elginburg, Ont.
- Julio Montaner, Vancouver
- Nancy Margaret Reid, Toronto
- Eleanor Wachtel, Toronto. This is a promotion within the order.

Members

- Caroline Andrew, Ottawa
- Jean-Pierre Andrieux, St. John's
- Jacob Austin, Vancouver
- Baidar Bakht, Toronto
- Denis Brott, Saint-Sauveur, Que.
- Lisa Brown, Toronto
- Wally Buono, Surrey, B.C.
- Peter Calamai, Ottawa
- Christina Stuart Cameron, Ottawa
- Wendy Marion Cecil, Toronto
- Brenda Clark, Port Hope, Ont.
- Robert Cecil Cole, St. John's
- Tim Cook, Ottawa
- George Cope, Toronto
- Robert W. Cox, Toronto and Waterloo, Ont.
- A. Gordon Craig, Toronto
- John W. Crichton, Manotick, Ont.
- Conrad Charles Daellenbach, Toronto
- Patrick Dolan Darrah, Saint John, N.B.
- Michael DeGagne, North Bay, Ont., and Ottawa
- Jean-Guy Desjardins, Westmount, Que.
- Alba DiCenso, Campbellville, Ont.
- Edgar J. Dosman, Toronto
- Joanne M. Sullivan Douglas, Vancouver
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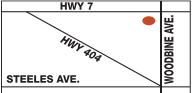
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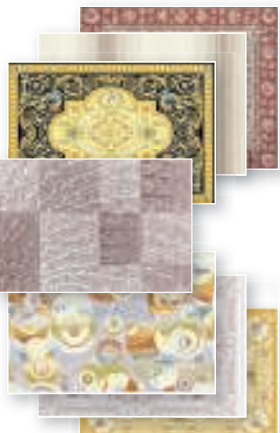


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OTTAWA

They said it couldn't be done, yet they did it. They didn't have the money, but they landed a National Hockey League franchise because the NHL didn't bother to check their pockets. They didn't have a proper rink, but said they'd build one in a rural cornfield 25 kilometres away from the heart of their city – or, as Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird put it this week, “in the middle of nowhere.” Twenty-four years after the NHL awarded Ottawa the franchise that should have gone to Hamilton – where they had the money, but asked to pay in instalments – the Ottawa Senators have set records for futility, declared bankruptcy, changed ownership three times, gone to the Stanley Cup Final and, this month, have been looking at moving to where they should have been in the first place. Not Hamilton – but downtown Ottawa. The leaked story that the Senators are sniffing around one of the

oldest parts of Bytown, LeBreton Flats, has sent shockwaves through the nation's capital. The west end is worried it is losing a franchise; downtown thinks it is getting one. You begin to see, as you read the reports and tune in to talk radio, why former Senators owner Rod Bryden once threw up his hands and declared Ottawa is “not a city at all, but a collection of small towns separated by parks.” The reason for such panic and hope lies in a “Request for Qualifications” put out by the National Capital Commission. It invited “innovative proposals” for the vacant federal lands by the war museum and set a Jan. 7 deadline for submissions. The NCC could hardly consider a hockey rink alone as a “bold, new anchor institution.” There is, after all, a perfectly good one out in that cornfield that is no longer in the middle of nowhere, but is today surrounded by housing, malls, restaurants and car dealerships. The oft renamed rink – Palladium, Corel Centre, Scotiabank Place, now Canadian Tire Centre – is in excellent shape and widely considered one of the finest facilities in the league by those who come to play and broadcast. Their complaint is the same one most local fans have – it's a pain in the butt to get to. Visiting teams and media prefer to stay downtown – hotel points being the most treasured advanced

metric among those who cover the sport – and much of the local fan base considers Kanata roughly halfway to Toronto. Current Senators owner Eugene Melnyk was in Ottawa this month to say it could be “a game-changer for us” should the Senators win the NCC competition. Certainly, Mr. Melnyk's people have been deeply involved in preparing the submission, which they made official just before Christmas. They call their internal project RendezVous LeBreton and quietly concede that “this has probably come along five years too soon for us.” The timetable, however, is set by the NCC. The Kanata rink is not quite 19 years old and in excellent condition, but there is a belief that such facilities have a 25-to-30-year lifespan. Large rinks built away from downtowns have a history of struggle, if not downright failure. In Canada, the six other NHL franchises are either already downtown or on their way (Edmonton and Calgary). Money, however, is always as much an issue as location, often more so. The Ottawa rink was built well away from expensive downtown locations to save money but, according to Mr. Melnyk, has ended up costing money. He claims to have lost more than \$100-million operating the team. Some would roll their eyes at this, given that he picked up the bankrupt team and rink for \$127-million in 2003 and Forbes magazine now values the franchise at \$400-million (U.S.). Still, the original group had to let Mr. Bryden take over for money reasons and Mr. Bryden eventually declared bankruptcy. The call for federal help has been heard before in Ottawa and if heard again will not likely find a receptive ear. Still, Quebec City got a \$200-million (Canadian) commitment from the provincial government to help build the rink it hopes will bring an NHL franchise back. Edmonton's Daryl Katz is building a \$450-million rink downtown that will have public monies in it, even though Forbes says Mr. Katz is worth \$3.5-billion. Should the Senators' pitch find traction, Ottawans will soon be swarmed by expert economists who will argue (a) such facilities are critical to downtown cores or (b) such facilities provide no perceivable benefit to citizens. Hockey played on a calculator. Mr. Melnyk tried to land the casino that Ottawa talked about building to compete with the Casino du Lac-Leamy across the river in Gatineau, but that plan was shelved after angry objections from the local racetrack and supporters. A casino remains a possibility, though the optics of placing one on taxpayers' land within sight of Parliament Hill suggest one is unlikely for LeBreton Flats. Senator insiders say that when their casino pitch fell flat they had no “Plan C” for finding a new revenue stream that would make the hockey team – currently with the lowest salary commitment in the league – more viable. “This,” says one, “is now our ‘Plan C.’” Their argument is downtown rinks work, suburban rinks don't. They point to the city's current megaproject, a \$2.1-billion light-rail line, and say that this would be a perfect tie-in with an event-driven sports and concert facility. They say they could then properly tap into the hockey-mad western Quebec market that considers Kanata, Ont., farther away than Montreal's Bell Centre. The Senators are acutely aware that a rink alone will not sell the NCC or the Ottawa public on their plans, that there has to be something magical to add to the mix. There has been no end to suggestions: building a new science and technology museum, a National Portrait Gallery, a First Nations centre. “There has to be more than an arena,” says one from RendezVous LeBreton. Much more, and a convincing argument to accompany it.



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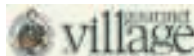
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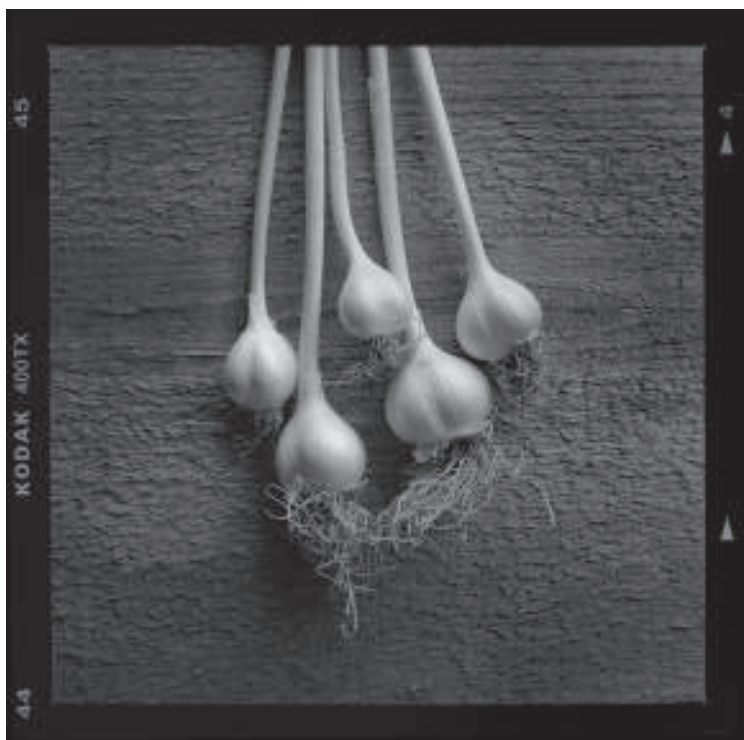
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Folio: 2014 in photos

In images carefully composed or captured on the fly, a Globe and Mail photojournalist presents a year of goodbyes, much bluster and simple joys

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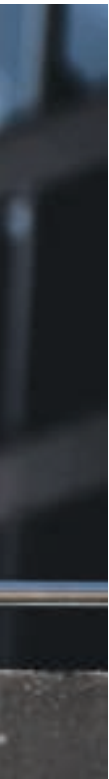
Homegrown organic garlic is photographed against weathered wooden boards. Photographer Fred Lum says he decided to do the shoot in a studio setting so he could better control the surroundings and light. The photos were later used for a story on garlic in *Globe Life*.



Above centre: Members of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders escort the casket of Corporal Nathan Cirillo past the John Weir Foote Armoury in Hamilton on Oct. 28, six days after he was killed while guarding the National War Memorial in Ottawa. His body was transported back home along the Highway of Heroes, with hundreds of Canadians turning out to salute the fallen soldier.

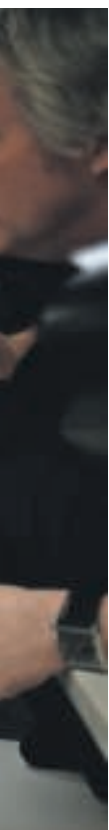
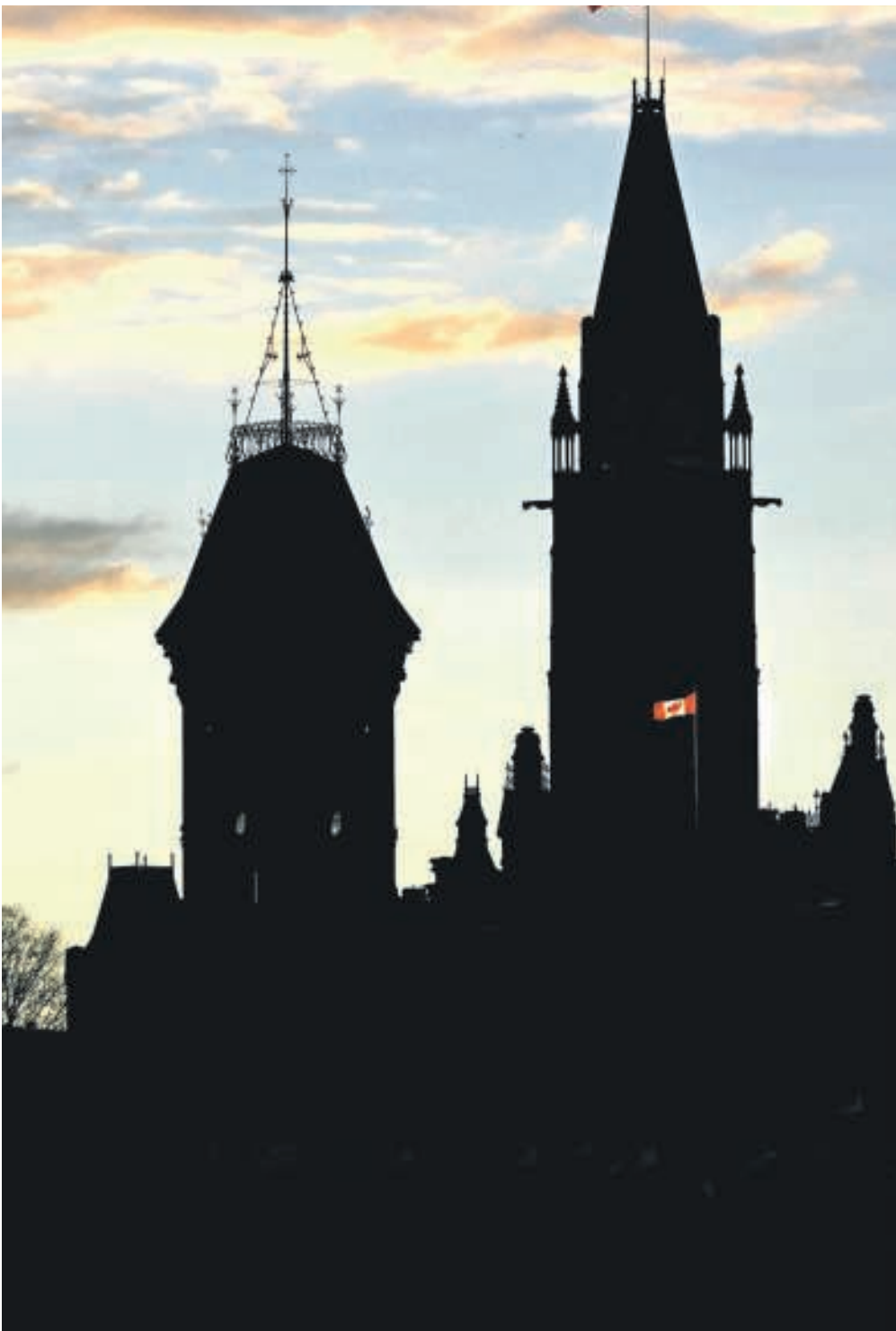
Right: In what has come to be known as the great Ford election switcheroo, with just hours remaining before the deadline to file nomination papers on Sept. 12, Councillor Doug Ford takes brother Rob's place in the Toronto mayoral race. Mayor Rob Ford had decided to drop out of the race to undergo chemotherapy for an abdominal tumour, but was re-elected as a city councillor. Doug Ford eventually lost his bid for the top job to John Tory.





Far left: Teenagers Emma McIntosh, Breanna Phillips and Julia Ratz of Cambridge, Ont., were in Toronto in July to celebrate a birthday and attend a concert. Here they are getting their photo taken atop City Hall's green roof – and having quite a time with it as strong winds whip through the square.

Left: Peter Munk, founder and chairman of Barrick Gold Corporation, dons his trademark fedora at the conclusion of the company's annual general meeting on April 30. Mr. Munk bid farewell to the company he founded three decades ago and turned into the world's biggest gold producer. "You can take, maybe, Munk out of Barrick," he said, but "you can't take Barrick out of Munk."



Above: The Maple Leaf is illuminated by the setting sun against Parliament Hill's Peace Tower on Oct. 22. This photo graced The Globe and Mail's front page the day after a gunman shot and killed Corporal Nathan Cirillo at the National War Memorial and stormed Parliament's Centre Block. The Globe's design director, Devin Slater, said the image shows "a glimmer of hope, resolve and intense patriotism – that's Canada."

Left: April can be the cruellest month in Toronto. With the snow and ice of an unusually harsh winter still a fresh memory, heavy rainfall and strong winds cause havoc for pedestrians in the financial district.

NEW YORK

NYPD officers mourn fallen colleague

Rafael Ramos and his partner were killed by man claiming revenge for the deaths of unarmed black men

JONATHAN ALLEN
SEBASTIEN MALO
NEW YORK

Police officers in dress uniform and other mourners lined up quietly for two blocks at a New York City church to pay their respects to one of two officers shot by a man who said he was avenging the killings of unarmed black men by police.

Targeted for their uniform, Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu were slain last Saturday afternoon while sitting in their patrol car in Brooklyn in what is only the seventh instance of police partners being killed together in the city in more than 40 years.

Draped in the New York Police Department's green, white and blue flag, Mr. Ramos's coffin was carried into the church he regularly attended in his suburban Queens neighbourhood by police officers as colleagues from his Brooklyn station house stood saluting.

"He was this beam of light," said Elizabeth Vidal, who had known Mr. Ramos for more than a decade as a fellow congregant and usher at Christ Tabernacle Church as she waited to go into the wake, her voice cracking with sadness.

Mr. Ramos, 40, had been on the force for two years and was raising two teenage sons with his wife, Maritza.

His funeral on Saturday will come at the end of a week in which blame swirled and heated rhetoric flashed across a city that had largely escaped some of the more violent outbursts seen in six months of nationwide protests against police use of force.

In extraordinary scenes at the hospital where Mr. Liu and Mr. Ramos were taken on Saturday, police union leaders, angered by Mayor Bill de Blasio's qualified support of the protesters, said the mayor had "blood on his hands." As the mayor arrived at the hospital, some officers turned their backs to him in a pointed display of disrespect.

A visibly angered Mr. de Blasio later snapped at some journalists



New York Police Department personnel wait to pay their respects to officer Rafael Ramos at Christ Tabernacle Church on Friday. Mr. Ramos and partner Wenjian Liu were shot and killed on Dec. 20. ANDREW RENNEISEN/NYT

at a news conference, chastising them for what he called "divisive" coverage, while urging activists to halt demonstrations until after the police funerals. In the following days, however, small groups of protesters continued to take to the streets chanting, "How do you spell murderer? NYPD" and other anti-police chants.

The mayor has said he hopes the funerals will help unite a divided city. Some people attending the visitation saw little reason to refrain from criticism.

Marta Mares, who said she only learned Mr. Ramos was a neighbour after his death, arrived with her daughter two hours before the church doors were due to open.

"We want to support NYPD officers because now we can see what danger they are in, especially under Mayor de Blasio," she said.

Thousands of police officers from departments around the country were expected to join U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden and

city and state officials for Ramos's funeral service at the church on Saturday. Nearly 700 officers had taken up a JetBlue Airways Corp. offer to fly two members of a law enforcement agency to New York free to attend, an airline spokeswoman said.

Police had yet to announce details for the funeral of Mr. Liu, 32, while federal officials helped some of his relatives in China travel to the United States.

The execution-style killing was so swift, according to the city's police commissioner, that the officers may never have seen their assailant, Ismaaiyl Brinsley, 28, who soon after shot himself and died in a nearby subway station.

The two officers had been reassigned from another precinct following complaints about violent crime from residents at a housing project in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood.

Mr. Brinsley, who was black, wrote online before travelling from Maryland to New York for the attack that he wanted to kill a couple of police officers to

avenge the deaths of Eric Garner and Michael Brown, unarmed black men killed by white policemen in New York and Missouri.

The deaths of Mr. Garner and Mr. Brown and the decision not to prosecute the officers responsible ignited protests across the country, renewing a debate about race in America that has drawn in President Barack Obama.

The killing of Mr. Ramos and Mr. Liu further frayed bonds between many New York police officers and Mr. de Blasio as he deals with the gravest crisis of his year-old mayoral administration.

Protest leaders expressed horror at the killings, saying they could not be held responsible for the actions of a man described by city officials as emotionally troubled. Mr. Brinsley shot and wounded his ex-girlfriend in Baltimore before travelling to Brooklyn. Relatives of Mr. Garner joined civil rights activist the Rev. Al Sharpton on Christmas Day to say prayers for both Ramos and Liu.

Reuters

PAKISTAN

Mastermind of school attack killed, officials say

ISHTIAQ MAHSUD DERA
ISMAIL KHAN, PAKISTAN

A suspected U.S. drone fired missiles at two compounds in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region Friday, killing at least seven who were believed to be militants, while security forces killed the alleged planner of the recent deadly attack on a school, Pakistani officials said.

Two missiles struck the compound of the Punjabi Taliban in the village of Kund, killing four militants, the officials said. They said the compound was being used as a training facility by the group's commander, Qari Imran, but it was unclear whether the leader himself was present at the time of attack.

Minutes later, another drone-launched missile struck the compound of a group of Uzbek militants in the village of Mangrotai, killing three alleged militants, the officials said.

Drone strikes are largely unpopular in Pakistan, where many consider them a violation of the country's sovereignty and resent the collateral damage.

Meanwhile, a top government official in the Khyber tribal region said security forces have killed the alleged planner of the recent school attack in the city of Peshawar. Security troops, acting on intelligence information, conducted a raid in the Bara area late Thursday night, where they engaged in a gun battle with the militant commander, known as Saddam, and his accomplices, said Shahab Ali Shah, head of police administration in Khyber.

Mr. Shah said that Saddam was killed in the hour-long shootout, while his six accomplices were injured and arrested. He said Saddam helped plan the Peshawar school attack and was also involved in attacks on health workers giving polio vaccinations in the Peshawar valley.

Associated Press

MIDDLE EAST

Air strikes target IS rocket system and vehicles

WASHINGTON

U.S. forces and their allies staged 39 air strikes on Islamic State forces in Iraq and Syria over the past two days, the Combined Joint Task Force said.

Fighters, bombers and remotely controlled aircraft were used in the strikes, a task force statement said.

In Iraq, the locations hit by 20 air strikes included Sinjar, Mosul, Beiji and Kirkuk. The strikes destroyed or damaged a rocket system, vehicles, tactical units and fighting positions, the statement said.

The 19 strikes on the Islamic State in Syria were concentrated on an area near the city of Kobani and destroyed buildings, a staging area and several fighting positions. Two large Islamic State units and four tactical units also were hit.

Meanwhile, at least 45 civilians were killed and some 175 wounded when Syrian aircraft bombed a northern city controlled by the Islamic State, as President Bashar al-Assad's government stepped up air raids, residents and a monitoring group said on Friday.

Helicopters and war planes dropped barrel bombs – steel drums full of shrapnel and explosives – on residential and industrial areas in the city of al-Bab and neighbouring Qabasin, northeast of Aleppo, on Thursday and overnight, locals said.

"People were going about scraping a living and there were no armed groups in the market, only poor people. Why is [al-]Assad killing us? May God bring vengeance on him," said Yousef al-Saadi, a resident of Qabasin and a volunteer with the local civil-defence group who was contacted on Skype.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a British-based group, which gathers information from a variety of sources, said there had been an increase in air raids by the Syrian military across rebel-held areas in the past three days.

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EASTERN EUROPE

Kiev, separatists begin prisoner exchanges

Ukrainian government also announces suspension of all train and bus service to Crimean peninsula

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Ukraine’s government and pro-Russian separatists on Friday began an exchange of hundreds of prisoners of war, while Kiev said it would suspend all train and bus service to Crimea, effectively creating a transportation blockade to and from the region. The agreement to swap 125 Ukrainian servicemen for 225 rebels followed peace talks between envoys of Ukraine, Russia, the separatists and the European security watchdog, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, on Wednesday. Markiyian Lubkyvsky, an aide to the head of Ukraine’s SBU security service, confirmed that the prisoner-exchange process, part of a 12-point peace plan, had begun. It was not clear how long it would take. It is not known exactly how many prisoners are held by the two sides, but Ukraine’s military said this month about 600 Ukrainians were in rebel hands. Meanwhile, Ukrainian transportation chiefs said the reason for suspending train and bus service was the need to protect passengers due to a “deteriorating” security situation on the Black

Sea peninsula, annexed by Russia in March. Crimea is controlled by Russia, but its only land link is with Ukraine and it has remained dependent on the Ukrainian mainland for most of its supplies, including much of its electricity and water. Ukraine already has banned sea and air traffic with Crimea, which is still serviced by Russian airlines. Other road transportation including passenger cars and trucks will still be allowed to travel into and out of Crimea. State rail company Ukrzaliznytsia said cargo trains would be suspended beginning on Friday, while passenger routes would gradually cease running on the weekend and on Monday. In addition, Visa Inc. and MasterCard Inc., the world’s two largest credit- and debit-card companies, said they could no longer support bank cards being used in Crimea following U.S. sanctions imposed this month. The United States last Friday prohibited U.S.-registered companies from investing in Crimea or providing services to companies operating there, among measures imposed over Russia’s annexation of the peninsula from Ukraine.

Russia’s takeover of Crimea, an annexation Kiev does not recognize, pushed relations between Moscow and the West to their lowest point since the Cold War. Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a new military doctrine, identifying NATO as the country’s No. 1 military threat and raised the possibility of a broader use of precision conventional weapons to deter foreign aggression, the Kremlin said on Friday, days after Ukraine made fresh steps to join the transatlantic military alliance. NATO flatly denied it was a threat to Russia, and accused Moscow of undermining European security. The new doctrine reflected the Kremlin’s readiness to take a stronger posture in response to what it sees as U.S.-led efforts to isolate and weaken Russia. The paper maintains the provisions of the previous, 2010 edition of the military doctrine regarding the use of nuclear weapons. It says Russia could use nuclear weapons in retaliation to the use of nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction against the country or its allies, and also in the case of aggression involving conventional weapons that “threatens the very existence” of

the Russian state. But for the first time, the new doctrine says Russia could use precision weapons “as part of strategic deterrent measures,” without spelling out when and how Moscow could resort to them. Examples of precision conventional weapons include ground-to-ground missiles, air- and submarine-launched cruise missiles, guided bombs and artillery shells, among other systems. The uprising by separatists began a month after Russia annexed the Black Sea peninsula of Crimea from Ukraine in March, following the popular overthrow of Ukraine’s Moscow-backed president. The conflict has killed more than 4,700 people. Kiev’s pro-Western government has said Russia orchestrated the rebellion in Ukraine’s east, a charge denied by Moscow. Violence arising from Kiev’s conflict with pro-Russian separatists has been confined almost exclusively to eastern regions of Ukraine and has not affected Crimea. But the Ukrainian government has repeatedly warned of a buildup of Russian forces on the peninsula. Reuters, with a report from Associated Press

IVORY COAST

Ex-first lady goes on trial over election charges

ANGE ABOA
ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST

Ivory Coast’s former first lady Simone Gbagbo went on trial in Abidjan on Friday for her alleged role in stealing an election her husband lost in 2010 and resisting efforts to dislodge him in a civil war that followed. The trial of Ms. Gbagbo and 82 other civilians and soldiers is the most important of its kind in the country since Laurent Gbagbo was driven from the presidency in April, 2011. Mr. Gbagbo was replaced by the winner of the October, 2010, vote, Alassane Ouattara. The trial before nine jurors began under heavy security and was being widely followed by Ivorians via radio broadcasts, witnesses said. It is expected to last at least a month, according to lawyers. “If she is found guilty, she will get 20 years to life because we are talking about a crime against state security,” said prosecutor Soungalo Coulibaly. Ivory Coast had earlier refused a request to hand over Ms. Gbagbo to the International Criminal Court in The Hague, where her husband is being held, arguing she should be tried in a domestic court. Mr. Gbagbo and an associate, Charles Blé Goudé, are being held in the Netherlands pending trial at the ICC on charges, including crimes against humanity. Accusations against all three stem from events that followed the 2010 elections. Mr. Gbagbo lost to Mr. Ouattara, but declared himself the winner and was only driven out by rebels and an international military force led by France. Some 3,000 people died in the war that was widely viewed as avoidable had Mr. Gbagbo decided to step down. Ms. Gbagbo gained a reputation during her husband’s decade in power as an influential hard-liner who rallied opposition to the country’s northern rebels. Since the war, the former first lady has been under house arrest in northern Ivory Coast. She was brought to the commercial capital Abidjan this month ahead of her trial. Reuters

IRELAND

Dublin ruling on brain-dead pregnant woman could help clarify country’s abortion laws

SHAWN POGATCHNIK DUBLIN

A brain-dead pregnant woman was taken off life support Friday after a court ruled that her 18-week-old fetus was doomed to die – a case that exposed fear and confusion among doctors over how to apply Ireland’s strict ban on abortion in an age of medical innovation. The three-judge Dublin High Court said that all artificial support for the woman should end more than three weeks after she was declared clinically dead. Her relatives gathered at a hospital in the Irish Midlands to bid farewell to the unidentified woman, who was in her late 20s and had two young children. In their 29-page ruling, the judges accepted testimony from seven doctors who said the fetus couldn’t survive for the extra two months of development needed to be delivered safely. The doctors detailed how the woman’s body

was becoming a lethal environment rife with infections, fungal growths, fever and high-blood pressure. The country’s Supreme Court was put on standby for an appeal, given the constitutional questions at stake. But lawyers representing the rights of the woman and of the fetus said they accepted the ruling from the country’s second-highest court. Ireland has the strictest abortion ban in Europe, a reflection of the country’s heavily Roman Catholic population. But Dublin’s Archbishop Diarmuid Martin had suggested before the decision came down that he would have no objection to removing life support. The woman suffered irreversible brain death on Dec. 3, four days after sustaining a severe head injury in a fall. She had already been hospitalized after doctors found a cyst in her brain. Doctors refused family pleas to turn off a half-dozen machines

that regulated oxygen, blood flow, nutrition and waste collection, citing fears they could be sued for negligence or even face murder charges if they cut life-sustaining support for the fetus. One doctor testified that he and two colleagues couldn’t agree on how Ireland’s constitutional ban on abortion should be applied, given the lack of explicit laws or guidelines for such cases. Other doctors described the woman as a corpse unrecognizable from the photo by her bedside. Another noted that the body was being pumped with drugs never authorized for use on a pregnant woman and described what they were doing as experimental and, if it persisted, grotesque. The judges said the fetus faced “a ‘perfect storm’ from which it has no realistic prospect of emerging alive. It has nothing but distress and death in prospect.” Associated Press

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Members of Master Band wait for transportation to work in New Delhi in November. Brass bands playing Bollywood tunes have long been a must-have at any Indian wedding, but tastes are shifting to more modern music, leaving band owners and musicians struggling to find gigs. MANISH SWARUP/AP

INDIAN WEDDINGS

Fewer opt to strike up the band

Young, wealthy couples forgoing the traditional brass troupe in favour of DJs playing electronic music

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The wedding season is in full swing in India, marking what should be the busiest time of year for the traditional brass bands that lead raucous processions announcing the arrival of the bridegroom to the neighbourhood. Dressed in faded military-style uniforms or long silken tunics and turbans, brass bands playing the latest Bollywood tunes have long been a must-have at any Indian wedding. But as the tastes of young, wealthier Indians shift to more modern music, young couples increasingly choose DJs playing electronic music instead of live bands. The shift is leaving band owners and musicians struggling to find gigs, exacerbating an already difficult existence. Poor wages, irregular work hours and endless travel eventually take their toll, said Shanawaz Ali, a bandmaster who plays several instruments. “At the end of more than 35 years of playing in different

bands, I have no savings. Nothing,” said Mr. Ali, who has urged his children to take up other trades. “There is no future in the band musician’s profession.” Away from the bright lights of the wedding procession, it’s a tough life for the musicians, with lots of travel, long hours and inconsistent pay. Most members of the nearly 100 wedding bands that operate in and around Delhi come from villages in neighbouring Uttar Pradesh state, and many are related by blood or marriage. Hindu weddings in India generally take place on about 90 days throughout the year – mostly during the winter months – that are deemed auspicious by astrologers. Musicians typically sign contracts with band owners for about \$1,000 (U.S.) a year. The rest of the time they return to their villages where they eke out a living as construction workers, painters or farm labourers. A typical day during the wedding season begins in the afternoon, when between 15 and 20

musicians gather at the band owner’s place and change into uniforms and collect instruments – trumpets, drums, saxophones, cymbals, clarinets, oboes and maracas – that are usually battered from long years of use. Then begins a long evening stretching into the late hours as they travel by bus or train to the groom’s home, where they wait for him to emerge. When he does, usually astride a white stallion, the band begins to play, marching ahead of the horse as the groom’s friends and relatives dance all the way to the wedding venue. Once the procession reaches the bride’s home or the hotel where the wedding is held, the band musicians wait outside, playing cards or watching movies on their cellphones. They play again when the wedding ceremonies end hours later and the newlyweds leave. “Often it is past midnight when we return to our lodgings and return the uniforms, before turning in for the night,” said Mr. Ali. During wedding season, most

band players sleep in cramped quarters in the distant suburbs of Delhi, with more than a dozen packed into a room, their instruments and clothes hanging from hooks on the grimy walls. The owners of the bands feel the pinch as their margins shrink. Sanjay Sharma, the current owner of the Master Band troupe, recalled days from his childhood when his father started the band company. “Weddings were small, family affairs, where all the music was provided by the band,” he said. “Today, the wedding ceremonies are spread over days and except for the part when the groom arrives, young people want to dance to the latest pop and electro music provided by DJs.” Some band owners have tried hiring DJs, but said they couldn’t adjust to the music or afford the electronic equipment required. “It’s different music, a different pace,” says Mr. Sharma. “I can’t relate to it.” Associated Press

WORLD DIGEST

ENTERTAINMENT

The Interview earns \$1-million in limited release

Los Angeles – *The Interview* took in more than \$1-million (U.S.) in a limited Christmas Day release, a decent start for the raunchy comedy that appeared dead after Sony Pictures pulled it from theatres last week following a devastating cyberattack blamed on North Korea. Even though the film was very much in the zeitgeist and also up for rental on YouTube and Google Play, it was unclear whether the Seth Rogen movie would recoup the \$44-million it cost to make, or the additional millions spent on marketing. The comedy, steeped in gross-out, bathroom humour that depicts a fictional plot to assassinate North Korea leader Kim Jong-un, managed to fill a few hundred theatres that made a last-minute push to screen the film. “They [Sony] got \$1-million in sales, that’s a nice bit of gravy ... knowing the main release isn’t happening the way it should be,” said Gitesh Pandya, editor of box-officeguru.com. – Reuters

MIDDLE EAST

Palestinian man stabs two Israeli police officers

Jerusalem – A knife-wielding Palestinian wounded two Israeli border police officers in the Old City of Jerusalem on Friday, police said, in the latest in a wave of attacks in recent months. The Palestinian approached the officers as worshippers dispersed after dawn prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque, stabbed one of them in the neck and wounded the other during the ensuing struggle, police said in a statement. The officers were said to have suffered minor injuries. The recent increase in Palestinian attacks against Israelis has included deadly assaults with guns, knives and vehicles in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and the Israeli-occupied West Bank. – New York Times News Service

WEATHER

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Today	Tomorrow	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
H: 7° L: 1° Cloudy with showers in the afternoon, 90% POP	H: 6° L: -1° 40% chance of snow or rain showers.	H: 3° L: -3° Mainly sunny with cloudy periods.	H: 3° L: -2° Sunny.	H: 3° L: 1° Sunny.	H: 5° L: 0° Variably cloudy.	H: 5° L: -1° 60% chance of light rain.
TEMPERATURE		High	Low	PRECIPITATION		
in degrees Celsius				in mm	DAY	MONTH YEAR
Today	7°	1°		Today	5.4 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)	
Yesterday	5°	1.1°		Yesterday	0.04	1258.2
Last year	8.4°	2°		Last year	3	65.4 929.6
Normal	5.7°	0.2°		Normal	4.7	152.2 1102.1
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Hours of sunlight: 8 hours 13 minutes.		Whistler:	o (low)			
		Comox:	o (low)	Wax: Dec 28		
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		Kamloops:	o (low)	Wane: Jan 13		
		Kelowna:	o (low)	New: Jan 20		

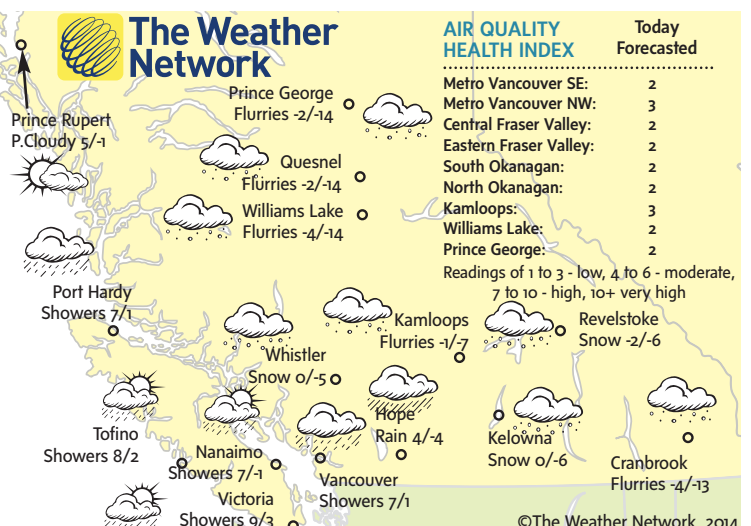
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Calgary	-4/-16sf	-10/-20c	-15/-18pc	-4/-8s	Quebec	2/-6sf	4/-14rs	-7/-20pc
Char'town	2/-2s	3/-6rs	-1/-12pc	-7/-14pc	Regina	-12/-26pc	-18/-27pc	-22/-25pc
Edmonton	-8/-20pc	-15/-22c	-18/-20pc	-5/-8pc	Saskatoon	-18/-26pc	-21/-26pc	-21/-25pc
Fredericton	4/-5s	3/-10rs	-3/-15pc	-10/-17s	St. John's	2/-3pc	0/-1pc	2/-6sf
Halifax	4/-1s	5/-5r	0/-11pc	-5/-13s	Toronto	7/-2r	3/-8pc	0/-10pc
Iqaluit	-5/-19sf	-11/-26pc	-20/-28c	-25/-30pc	Victoria	9/3r	6/0pc	3/0pc
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Montreal	4/-3c	5/-10r	-3/-15pc	-12/-19s	Winnipeg	-16/-23pc	-19/-25pc	-21/-26s
Ottawa	4/-5r	4/-12pc	-5/-16pc	-13/-16s	Yellowknife	-28/-30c	-26/-32pc	-24/-29pc

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fg-fog s-sun
fr-freezing rain sn-snow
hz-haze sf-snow flurries
na-not available sh-showers
pc-partly cloudy t-thundershowers
r-rain w-windy

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Anchorage	-3/-4pc	-1/-3c	1/-1sn	2/0rs
Beirut	20/13r	18/16r	19/15s	19/14pc
Berlin	-1/-4c	-2/-5s	-2/-6sf	-2/-6pc
Boston	9/2s	7/4r	2/0pc	0/-2s
Cape Town	25/16s	27/18s	28/18s	26/19s
Dallas	7/3r	8/1s	13/2s	5/1pc
Denver	-3/-14s	-1/-10pc	-10/-17sn	-17/-23sf
Edinburgh	6/1c	5/0s	5/0s	6/0s
Jerusalem	15/8s	13/7s	14/7s	14/6s
Las Vegas	8/1s	10/2s	10/2s	8/1s
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Los Angeles	16/7s	16/9pc	17/9s	15/9pc
Madrid	10/0pc	9/2pc	9/-2s	8/-3s
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Salt Lake	-2/-5pc	0/-9sn	-1/-3pc	-7/-18pc
Washington	13/4s	13/7r	7/5r	5/2s

SOUTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA



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Chilliwack	5/0r	4/-3pc	0/-4pc	0/-3s	Pt. Alberni	5/-1pc	3/-4pc	0/-4s	2/-3s
Dawson Crk	-10/-22sf	-16/-24sf	-18/-19s	-8/-16pc	Pt. Coquitlam	6/0r	4/-4rs	1/-4pc	2/-3s
Ft. Nelson	-15/-23sf	-17/-24pc	-18/-19s	-6/-13pc	Pt. Hardy	7/1r	4/-1s	3/-1s	4/1s
Ft. St. John	-11/-21sf	-16/-24sf	-16/-17s	-8/-12pc	Quesnel	-2/-14sf	-7/-17sf	-12/-75	-10/-14s
Golden	-5/-12sf	-7/-21c	-15/-21pc	-14/-15s	Revelstoke	-2/-6sn	-3/-14sf	-7/-15pc	-8/-12s
Hope	4/-4r	3/7pc	-4/-6pc	-2/-4s	Smithers	-2/-16pc	-6/-15sf	-11/-15s	-9/-11pc
Kamloops	-1/-7sf	-1/-14sf	-10/-15pc	-9/-14s	Tofino	8/2r	6/0s	4/0s	5/1s
Kelowna	0/-6sn	-2/-14sf	-8/-14pc	-7/-12s	Valemount	-3/-17sf	-10/-19c	-14/-19pc	-11/-15s
Mission	6/1r	4/-1pc	1/-2pc	2/-2s	Vancouver	7/1r	6/-1rs	3/-3pc	3/-2s
Nanaimo	7/-1r	3/-4pc	0/-5s	1/-3s	Victoria	9/3r	6/0pc	3/0pc	4/-1s
Nelson	-1/-5sn	-1/-10sf	-7/-11pc	-6/-9s	Whistler	0/-5sn	0/-8pc	-5/-10pc	-4/-7s
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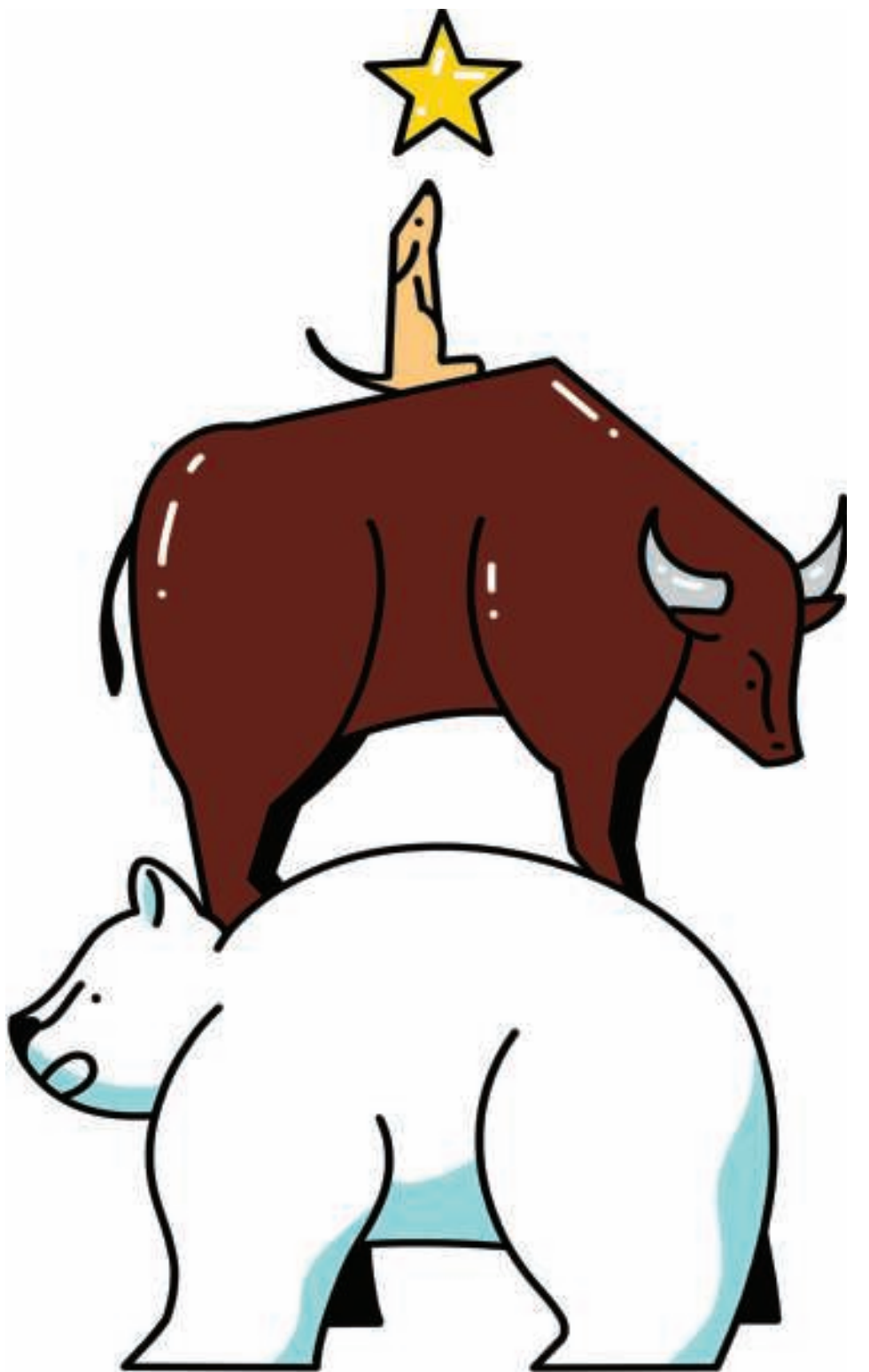
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COVER STORY

STARS AND DOGS

It was a year when crude oil got crushed, when shares of the world’s biggest tech company – and its much smaller Canadian rival – made a comeback. It was also the year when the formerly high-flying loonie went for a swim, Stephen Harper’s favourite coffee and doughnut chain ended up in the jaws of a burger joint and investors got high on drug stocks. Even as markets rose, however, some companies with outsized dividends took an axe to their payments, and not just in the oil patch. **John Heinzl** and **Tim Shufelt** bring you the highs and lows of the year that was **PAGES 4-5**

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THE YEAR AHEAD

The year of uncertainty: Retailers brace for a rocky 2015

MARINA STRAUSS
RETAILING REPORTER

Retailers are bracing for a year of uncertainty – and even some failures – as weak players scramble to turn around their flagging operations amid growing pressures from expanding low-budget and e-commerce heavyweights. U.S. discounter **Target Corp.** faces crucial decisions in reassessing its money-losing Canadian division after launching it in March, 2013. **Sears Canada Inc.**, which has been on a downward spiral for years, struggles to keep customers. And U.S. e-commerce titan **Amazon.com Inc.** is adding more products and services to its site, inevitably pinching other players in its online battle with

giant **Wal-Mart Stores Inc.** “I think there will be important milestones in 2015 in terms of who’s going to win and who’s going to lose,” said Sylvain Prud’homme, president of **Lowe’s Canada**, which is mapping out its expansion, to 62 stores in three years from 37 now, in the crowded home-improvement retail field. On the heels of two years of massive change and slowing shopper traffic to many stores in a digital age, retailers in 2015 look forward to more of the same in some segments such as electronics, books, office supplies and fashion. They will feel the urgency to keep adjusting their operations to take on rising competition. Already in 2014, a string of

retailers, such as Mexx Canada and Boutique Jacob Inc., have filed for creditors’ court protection or bankruptcy. Others are expected to follow suit in the battle with low-cost foreign giants, which include H&M (Swedish), Zara (Spanish) and Forever 21 (American). Women’s clothing specialist Reitmans (Canada) Ltd. is closing stores, including its entire Smart Set chain. “The competitive intensity is such that there will be fewer players,” said Joe Jackman, founder of retail consultancy Jackman Reinvention, which has advised on the transformation of Old Navy, Rexall and others. “But there is a lot of room for new ideas and relevant offerings.” There will be bright spots. **Retailers, Page 6**

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A look back at the columns of 2014. The strategies that paid off, the ones that didn’t – and what it all means for 2015. **Page 7**



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COMMENT & ANALYSIS

GIVING BACK BY PAUL WALDIE

Doctor provides health care for the uninsured

Volunteer clinic addresses needs of newcomers to Canada who are sick and aren't yet covered

The Donor: Dr. Paul Caulford

The Gift: Co-founding the Scarborough Community Volunteer Clinic

The Reason: To provide health care to medically uninsured new Canadians

In 1999, Dr. Paul Caulford came across a teenager with a life-threatening illness who had been turned away from a Toronto hospital because she did not have health coverage. The teenager had been sponsored to Canada by relatives who were supposed to pay for her coverage until she became eligible in Ontario. But her sponsorship had broken down and she was on her own.

Dr. Caulford, a family doctor in Scarborough, found a way to treat the girl and then discovered that thousands of others across Toronto were facing similar circumstances. They included refugees, new immigrants, asylum seekers, foreign workers, sponsored persons and undocumented arrivals. "They ended up more ill in [emergency rooms], hospitals and clinics," Dr. Caulford recalled.

In 2000, he banded together with a group of doctors and nurses and opened the Scarborough Community Volunteer Clinic. For two evenings a week, and one Saturday a month, the team treats as many as 30 patients at a time, none of whom have health coverage.

The free clinic has expanded and now includes dentists, a pediatrician, dietician, radiologist, foot care specialists and even volunteers from Doctors Without Borders. Everyone works on a



Dr. Paul Caulford examines an immigrant couple's son at his clinic on Tuesday. GLENN LOWSON FOR THE GLOBE AND MAIL

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This has been a life-long journey for me.

Dr. Paul Caulford

volunteer basis and Dr. Caulford and others raise money and rely on government grants to cover expenses.

The group is now seeking charitable status and it's looking for a permanent location (it currently borrows space from a family doctor). The group is also hoping to raise \$65,000 annually to cover rent plus another \$140,000

for supplies.

"This has been a life-long journey for me," said Dr. Caulford, 65, who still has a family practice in Scarborough. When asked what drives him after all these years, he explained: "It has been impossible to stop because this is so compelling."

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ECONOMY

Russian ministers warn of contracting growth, high inflation

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Slumping oil prices have put Russia's economy on course for a sharp recession and double-digit inflation next year, government ministers said on Friday, as authorities scaled up a bailout for the first bank to succumb to this month's ruble crisis.

The economy is slowing sharply as Western sanctions over the Ukraine crisis deter foreign investment and spur capital flight, and as a slump in oil prices severely reduces Russia's export revenues and pummels the ruble.

The government has taken steps to support key banks and address the deepening currency crisis in the past week, including a sharp and unexpected interest rate hike, but analysts are pessimistic on the outlook for both the economy and the ruble.

Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov told journalists on Friday the economy could shrink by 4 per cent in 2015, its first contraction since 2009, if oil prices averaged their current level of

\$60 (U.S.) a barrel.

Mr. Siluanov also said the country would run a budget deficit of more than 3 per cent next year if the oil price did not rise.

"Next year we will, without doubt, have to bring the Reserve Fund into play," the Finance Minister said, referring to one of Russia's two rainy-day funds intended to support the economy at times of crisis.

Crude prices have almost halved from their June peak amid a global glut and a decision by producer group OPEC not to cut output. Saudi Arabia said on Friday it was prepared to withstand a prolonged period of low prices.

"We need to have our budget break even at \$70 per barrel by 2017," Mr. Siluanov said.

Russia's government imposed informal capital controls this week, including orders to large state-controlled oil and gas exporters Gazprom and Rosneft to sell some of their U.S. dollar revenues to shore up the ruble.

Russians have kept a wary eye on the exchange rate since the

collapse of the Soviet Union. Hyperinflation wiped out their savings over several years in the early 1990s and the ruble collapsed again in 1998.

The ruble's latest fall will inevitably lead to higher inflation next year, which after years of stability threatens President Vladimir Putin's reputation for ensuring Russia's prosperity.

"The inflation forecast is tough, high. We forecast the level of 10 per cent at the end of the year [2015]," Russian Economic Development Minister Alexei Ulyukayev said on Friday.

Inflation would remain in double digits throughout 2015, peaking at the end of the first quarter or in the second quarter, he added.

The Russian currency slipped on Friday after hitting its strongest levels in more than three weeks earlier in the day.

The ruble traded at 53.9 per U.S. dollar during the evening, a sharp rebound from its recent all-time lows of 80 but still far weaker than the 30-35 range it was trading at in the first half of 2014.

"If oil goes down to \$50 [a barrel] ... I don't think our authorities will be able to artificially maintain the [ruble] rate even with higher sales by exporters," said the head of treasury at a major Russian bank, who asked not to be named because he is not authorized to speak to media.

On Friday, Russian authorities also significantly scaled up rescue funds for Trust Bank, saying they would provide up to \$2.4-billion in loans to bail out the mid-sized lender, the first bank to fall victim to the crisis.

The falling ruble has prompted panic-buying of foreign currency in Russia and a spike in deposit withdrawals, heaping pressure on a vulnerable banking sector whose access to international capital markets has already been restricted by Western sanctions.

Mr. Siluanov said on Friday that authorities would provide additional capital to the country's second-largest bank, VTB, and fellow state lender Gazprombank.

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Medical pot ball won't drop until top court decides

Re The pot stock problem (Dec. 20): Grant Robertson's "Marijuana Inc." series missed a critical component: the class-action lawsuit initiated by existing Medical Marijuana Alliance & Resources producers challenging the new Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulations legislation effective April 1, 2014, which is not expected to be heard by the Supreme Court until February.

The business plans of the newly approved (and some publicly traded) commercial producers were predicated on existing buyers being forced into their arms. Until this case is heard, buyers can continue to buy from their existing sources (i.e. no revenue for the commercially scaled operations).

There is a lot of operational and survival risk until such time as the courts opine on the confusion created by Health Canada. Curious to see the landscape once the dust settles! I predict the court rescues Health Canada and a massive consolidation play commences.

– Guy Jarvis, Toronto

Dysfunctional inflation indicator leading to inaccuracy

Re Poloz caught between debt and an oil price (Dec. 16): What links the decline in oil prices to the big increase in household debt is the clear possibility that falling oil prices may lead to a hard landing for housing markets in cities in the Oil Patch, including Calgary, Saskatoon and St. John's. Calgary has already registered a 0.2-per-cent decline in house prices in November according to the Teranet-National Bank house price index. If there were a hard landing in several of these cities, including Calgary, it would have a serious impact on growth and employment at the national level.

At the same time, a big drop in housing prices in these cities would have an undersized impact on the CPI inflation rate, since this dysfunctional measure doesn't include current changes in housing prices in the inflation indicator, only changes in dwelling prices. In the post-recession period, when housing prices were increasing rapidly, there might have been another increase in the overnight rate after September, 2010, if a better inflation indicator had been targeted and some of the household debt that has accumulated wouldn't be there.

A consumer price series with a net-acquisitions approach to owner-occupied housing (OOH) would provide a sounder inflation indicator for a central bank such as the Bank of Canada. The European Central Bank plans to add such a series to its own monetary union index of consumer prices and to this end Eurostat has asked countries in the EEA (the EU plus Iceland and Norway) to provide quarterly indexes of OOH from 2010 Q1 forward. So far, only Finland and Britain have done so.

So, "sometimes it takes a lot of work to do nothing." But how much work is the Bank of Canada actually doing? It should be working to replace its dysfunctional inflation indicator, but it's not. Right now, it looks like the 2016 renewal of the inflation-control agreement will be as damp a squib as its 2011 predecessor.

– Andrew Baldwin, Ottawa

No brotherly love for OPEC members

Re OPEC eats its own with production decision (Dec. 20): I do not agree with your conclusion that Saudi Arabia's cannibalization of OPEC runs contrary to its aim of long-term price support for oil.

As a strategy, this isn't cannibalism, more like fratricide, motivated by competition rather than brotherly love. If less capital investment goes into Nigeria's and Venezuela's oil sectors, Saudi Arabia stands to benefit over the long term.

– Levi Folk, president, Transmission Media, Toronto

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ON BUSINESS

“[If you are an entrepreneur], it is impossible to stop thinking about business. You have to have Teflon will. You have to have the ability to say, ‘I have to do this, this is who I am.’ ... It is impossible to stop thinking about it.”

– Arlene Dickinson
Entrepreneur, small business coach, *Dragons’ Den* panelist

“This may sound a little cocky and Canadian, but we’ve been serving the leaders of this country – the up-and-comers, the managers, the owners, the professionals, the entrepreneurs – for 60 years. I don’t imagine that one day they’re going to wake up and say, ‘My goodness, what’s missing from my life is an American department store experience.’ ... We love competition. Bring it on, because we shine in that environment. Now *that* is definitely cocky and Canadian.”

– Larry Rosen
CEO, Harry Rosen Inc., on his U.S. competitors

“In any industry you can be leaders for a while, but if you don’t watch out and make sure you change your business model, you can be washed away in four or five years. Just look at what happened to Nokia or Nortel or BlackBerry. That is the life of an entrepreneur. I am aware of it so I am prepared for it.”

– Shawn Qu
Founder and CEO, Canadian Solar Inc.

“I think every day is crisis management. When you’re growing sales at 40 to 50 per cent, that’s all you’re doing. You have to like it. You have to have a taste for it ... I warn everybody when they come here: This is an unreasonable place to work. Some people don’t like it – they like stability. I warn every single person I interview: ‘This place is crazy.’ ”

– Dani Reiss
CEO, Canada Goose Inc.

ON LEADERSHIP

“I try to look after the really small things and the really big things, and delegate the stuff in between.”

– Graydon Carter
Editor, *Vanity Fair*

“It’s the beauty of a transparent culture where you actually take your ideas to your people. You have to be willing to operate in a very transparent fashion with your people if you expect them to be able to support [new ideas].”

– Gregg Saretsky
CEO, WestJet

“I haven’t been imbued with copious self-confidence – and haven’t at any point in my life. I look back and think I was just an ordinary bloke who got lucky.”

– John Bond
Former chairman, Xstrata, HSBC and Vodafone

“Life is too short to create unnecessary animosities. You can compete and drive your business, but it doesn’t have to be done in a conflicting fashion. You’ve got to be above that.”

– Marc Poulin
President and CEO, Sobeys Inc. and Empire Co. Ltd.

ON WORK-LIFE BALANCE

“I don’t believe in work-life balance, I just believe in living a life where you’re kind of at 360 degrees all the time.”

– Helena Morrissey
CEO of London-based Newton Investment Management (and mother of nine)

“Work eats up most of our waking hours during our lives. So it’s good to be passionate about it. But it doesn’t mean that’s the only thing. It’s good to have things that you love. It only makes you love other things more.”

– Janet Kestin
Author, career adviser, former ad executive

“My life is my work; my work is my life ... I think I have the perfect balance because I love what I do. I don’t look to see how many hours a week I’m working. Nor do I think that work and life are very separate.”

– Dani Reiss

Reporter Omar El Akkad on Edwin Catmull, president of Walt Disney Animation Studios and Pixar Animation Studios:

Every morning ... he meditates for upwards of an hour. His reading list is composed primarily of books on neurology and psychology – books on the nature of empathy. He is an amateur admirer of archeology and of Buddhism. Taken together, these habits and interests seem to form a necessary counterweight to his high-pressure, high-risk day job.

THE LUNCH

SECOND SERVINGS

They’ve dined on gourmet sushi and steak at five-star restaurants and hotels, \$14.99 grocery store specials and pints at pubs. This year our lunch guests spanned the gamut from mining and airline CEOs to purveyors of fine fashion and television personalities. Here are their best nuggets of wisdom and stories that made us stop, think and smile



Christiana Figueres: ‘I believe in human ingenuity.’



Doug Bergeron: ‘Use your negative experiences to take inventory of who you are.’



Dani Reiss: ‘I warn every single person I interview: “This place is crazy.” ’



Peng-Sang Cau: ‘My human resources practices come from my mom.’



Helena Morrissey: ‘Take it one step at a time. That’s my biggest advice for people.’



Graydon Carter: ‘I try to look after the really small things and the really big things.’

Illustrations by Rachel Idzerda for The Globe and Mail

ON WORKING WITH YOUR FAMILY

Reporter Rita Trichur on Bradley Shaw, CEO of Shaw Communications Inc.:

When asked how his management style is different from that of his brother and his dad, Mr. Shaw chortles. “They’ll probably kill me for this article,” he starts. “Well, Jim is very controlling. You know, and very much wanted to manage every little piece of things ... For me, I am much more giving of the information. I want to allow people to grow. I am not going to be one to micro-manage you.”

Although he believes he is more “easy going” than his father, “They tell me I am a little impatient.”

Mr. Shaw hasn’t said how long he plans to serve as CEO. But he is not counting on his own kids, or those of his siblings for that matter, to take over the family business.

“When I leave ... well, will someone actually be capable? I don’t think so,” he says. “It’s been JR, Jim and then myself. And then I really see professional management after this. As a time frame, as we’ve talked about, no one is going to be ready.”

“My father has always been an enormous risk taker ... I’m probably more comfortable not being as much in the limelight as my father. I always joke: My father’s job was to build the business. My job is really not to screw it up.”

– Larry Rosen

(His father, Harry, opened a made-to-measure shop with his brother Lou in 1954 in Toronto)

“I couldn’t work with my father and brother. I said, ‘I am a control freak and so are you. It is a recipe for disaster.’ ”

– Jonathan Goodman
CEO, Knight Therapeutics
(His father, Morris, is chairman, and his brother David is CEO of the family firm Pharmascience)

“Truly, my human resources practices come from my mom. She would always talk about how she managed the employees [in the family businesses]. She would say, ‘When you compliment you do it in front of people; when you discipline you do it in private.’ We grew up listening to her talk about business.”

– Peng-Sang Cau
CEO, Transformix Engineering Inc.

ADVICE

“I said yes every time. I would never hem and haw ... You should say yes to every opportunity that comes along. Don’t think for a second that you can’t do something. Just do it and learn about it.”

– Terry Davis
CEO, Home Hardware

“I’d advise every young person to learn how to sell. It helps you in everything – putting forward your point of view. It teaches you how to convince people that they should appreciate something. Even as a parent, you’re constantly selling. Isn’t life about selling?”

– Larry Rosen

“If I was to generalize about one thing, it’s that often I find women are quite anxious about the next step and analyze things to death sometimes ... Take it one step at a time. That’s my biggest advice for people. I never had a big career plan, and maybe I wouldn’t have gotten it if I had wanted it so badly.”

– Helena Morrissey

“Women tend to believe it’s a meritocracy and you can sit back and wait for the right thing to happen ... Bosses are paying attention to 50 things at a time. You think they know all about you. No, they don’t. ... They may have your story totally wrong. So taking control of that narrative is really important.”

– Nancy Vonk
Author, former ad executive

“Not to say bad times are great. But if you use your negative experiences to take inventory of who you are, what needs to improve, how you can reposition yourself, that’s a really good thing. That’s a gift.”

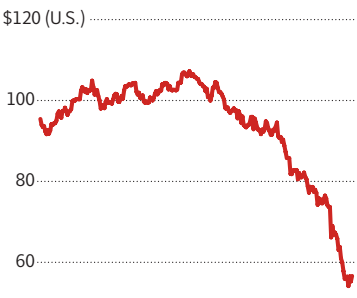
– Douglas Bergeron
Tech investor, philanthropist, former CEO, VeriFone Systems Inc.

ON PEOPLE

“I’m optimistic because I have a fundamental belief ... I believe in human ingenuity – that when we decide on a task to be done, no matter how daunting it may seem at the beginning, we are able to unleash human ingenuity and human innovative capacity that was unknown, and take us to a solution.”

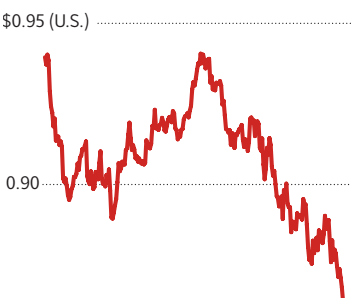
– Christiana Figueres
UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

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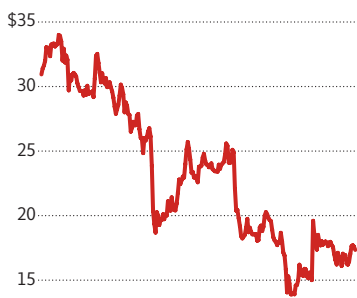
Crude oil
West Texas intermediate

Various theories have been advanced to explain the dramatic drop in the price of crude oil: The Saudis and Americans are teaming up to destroy Vladimir Putin; the Saudis are trying to kill the U.S. shale energy industry; slowing global growth has led to a glut of oil. We prefer a simpler explanation: more sellers than buyers. Whatever the cause, crude oil’s swift decline cut a swath of destruction through Canada’s oil patch, sending stocks to multiyear lows and prompting energy producers to slash dividends and scale back capital spending plans, while stoking worries about the sustainability of government budgets that depend on oil and gas tax revenues. Of course, lower oil prices have some beneficiaries, too – airlines, cruise ship operators and SUV dealers, for example. Unfortunately, the planet isn’t one of them.



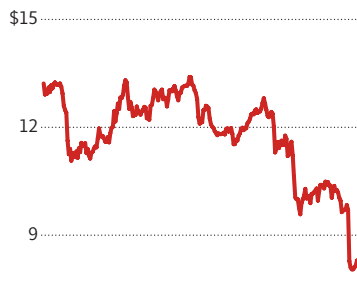
Canadian dollar

It wasn’t long ago that Canada held itself in great financial and economic esteem, our banking system a bastion of financial prudence in a world awash in risky lending, our economy, stock market and currency all reflective of the Canada’s elevated postcrisis standing within the G8. But there’s nothing quite like a crash in oil prices to expose Canadian weaknesses. The energy selloff has cast a pall over the Canadian economic outlook, dragging the dollar down to within two-fifths of a penny of crisis-era lows. Through the year, the loonie declined by about 8 cents against the U.S. dollar, which is newly invigorated from signs of a resurging economy. Going into 2015, the currency slide has juggled Canadian fortunes both by sector, with exporters and manufacturers suddenly more competitive, and by geography, with Ontario and Quebec poised for growth and Alberta set to decline.



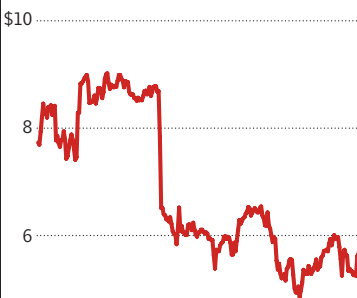
Avigilon
AVO-TSX

This former tech darling, which makes high-definition surveillance equipment, could use a little clarity at the corporate level. At the start of the year, Avigilon was coming off of two years in which its stock rose by 190 and 160 per cent respectively. Its market value topped \$1-billion in late 2013, earning Avigilon inclusion in the S&P/TSX composite index, before the stock was derailed by investor speculation. First there was a string of management departures, including the company’s chief financial officer, who left the day before first-quarter earnings were released. Suspecting something was wrong within the company, investors sold the stock down by 30 per cent over one week. In July, Veritas Investment Research detailed a number of concerns with the company’s financial reporting, including changing auditors twice in the past five years and changing how the company records revenue. There’s no “smoking gun,” Veritas said, but for investors, there was more than enough smoke. They were further encouraged to sell by earnings volatility, and the stock ended the year on a 44-per-cent decline.



AGF Management
AGF.B-TSX

With an outsized yield of 11 per cent and a business that’s been shrinking for years, AGF was perhaps the most obvious candidate for a dividend cut since that other infamous yield trap, Yellow Pages Income Fund. But investors still took it hard when the struggling fund company chopped its payout to 8 cents a quarter from 27 cents – down 70 per cent. As if that wasn’t punishment enough, the shares promptly suffered their biggest one-day rout on record. AGF is vowing to reinvest the cash to turn its business around, but with its investment products underperforming and banks increasingly dominating the fund landscape, analysts warned that AGF’s struggles are far from over: Even after the dividend cut, more than 80 per cent have a “hold” or “sell” rating on the stock.



Just Energy Group
JE-TSX

As an investment, Just Energy has been just awful. Since trading for more than \$15 in 2011, shares of the door-to-door gas and electricity marketer – infamous for its high-pressure sales tactics – have shed about 60 per cent of their value. What’s more, the cash investors counted on from the stock has also been dropping fast: Weighed down by debt and faced with growing competition, the company slashed its dividend twice – a 32-per-cent reduction in 2013, followed by a 40-per-cent cut in 2014. Just Energy is trying to strengthen its balance sheet by selling off non-core assets. In November, it closed the sale of its National Energy rental water and HVAC business for \$505-million. But given the company’s dismal track record, winning back the faith of investors – and consumers – will be no small challenge.

STARS



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Tim Hortons
THI-TSX

Great Canadian assets that slipped into foreign hands: 1) Gretzky traded to the Kings; 2) Mark Carney hired away by the Bank of England; 3) Tim Hortons gobbled up by Burger King. Apart from the obvious operational synergies of combining a doughnut and burger chain – volume discounts on hair nets, for example – the highly leveraged merger’s main advantage for BK’s Brazilian owner is Canada’s lower tax rate. If you believe the press releases, on the other hand, it’s all about taking the iconic Tim Hortons brand around the world where people who have never watched hockey or rolled up the rim will suddenly embrace the company’s mediocre coffee and baked goods. Well, we can think of at least one jurisdiction where that might be true: North Korea’s Kim Jong-un looks like he would enjoy the occasional family pack of Timbits.



Amaya
AYA-TSX

Owning stock in Amaya this year was not unlike a visit to an underground poker room – daring bets, accusations of cheating and the chance the coppers would bust down the door, flip the tables and tell everyone to scram. The Quebec-based online gambling company jolted the industry in June with a highly leveraged \$4.9-billion (U.S.) acquisition of the company that owns the PokerStars and Full Tilt Poker sites. While those two sites claim up to two-thirds of the online poker market, they have been effectively shut out of the U.S. since a Department of Justice crackdown in 2011. The Amaya deal, with the backing of Wall Street investment banking powerhouse Blackstone Group, was supposed to lend a measure of corporate legitimacy to the sites’ effort to re-enter the U.S. Then in mid-December, investors learned of an investigation by the Quebec securities regulator into trading activity surrounding the acquisition. But the 20-per-cent share price drop that followed didn’t threaten the stock’s position atop the S&P/TSX composite index’s rankings, with a 255-per-cent rise on the year, proving a good bet for Amaya’s shareholders with the stomach to let it ride.



BlackBerry
BB-TSX

Like the BlackBerry faithful still pounding out e-mails on battered Bold handsets, the company’s stock has a contingent of devoted investors convinced of a return to glory. They’ve endured years of slights from the likes of Apple investors for clinging to an out-dated tech stock while Apple shares gleam with modernity and team with value. BlackBerry CEO John Chen rewarded both users and investors for their loyalty this year, the former with the launch of the Classic smartphone – a throwback to the CrackBerry era, and the latter with the relatively successful completion of the turnaround’s first phase. While revenues continue to decline, producing much volatility in share price, the company ended the year on a relatively high note, with the goal of positive cash flow reached a quarter earlier than promised, and the stock marking a 57-per-cent gain, placing it among the top 10 on the S&P/TSX composite index.



Allergan
AGN-NYSE

Valeant Pharmaceuticals and its shareholders suffered through a furrow- and frown-inducing failure to acquire Allergan, and the Botox maker came out the big winner in rebuffing its Canadian suitor. Valeant spent more than half the year in pursuit of a deal that could have made it the biggest company in Canada by market capitalization. Things turned nasty when Valeant started a proxy fight and tried to replace the board with directors friendly to the deal. And even though the acquisitive Canadian company twice raised its offer, Allergan preferred the affections of white knight Actavis PLC in a deal valued at \$66-billion (U.S.). Through what was one of the biggest global M&A deals of the year, Allergan’s stock increased by 90 per cent on the year. The company’s investors should avoid excessive smiling, however, lest the fine lines set in.



Apple
AAPL-Nasdaq

Not long ago, investing in Apple was about as much fun as tripping on the curb and dropping your new iPhone down a sewer grate. From a high of more than \$100 (U.S.) in 2012 (adjusted for this year’s seven-for-one split), the shares plunged to less than \$56 in 2013, hammered by growing competition from Samsung, glitches with the iPhone’s mapping software and a dearth of blockbuster new products. In the post-Steve Jobs era, Apple seemed to have lost its way. Well, surprise: The stock has regained all the ground it lost and then some. Helped by the recent launch of larger-screened iPhones and slimmer and faster iPads, Apple’s market value in November briefly topped \$700-billion – a first for any company. Some analysts are predicting that Apple is on its way to becoming the first \$1-trillion company – if the gains don’t evaporate like they did last time, that is.

CYBERSECURITY

Hackers attack PlayStation, Xbox networks

OLIVER RENICK
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Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox Live and Sony Corp.'s PlayStation Network, Internet services that video-gamers use to play online, were hit by connection failures on Christmas Day, with the hackers Lizard Squad claiming responsibility.

Service was restored for Xbox users Friday, while the PlayStation Network remained offline as of early Friday evening. Sony said its engineers were "working hard to resolve the network issues."

Hackers attacked the video-game networks on the same day *The Interview* was released online, after major U.S. theatres decided not to show the movie following hacking incidents at Sony's television and film unit last month. A different group called Guardians of Peace claimed responsibility for infiltrating Sony Pictures Entertainment's servers, destroying data, exposing Hollywood secrets and forcing the movie studio to cancel the release of the comedy in cinemas. That group and Lizard Squad had threatened further disruptions on Christmas Day.

"It's not yet clear whether it's just an outage of the PlayStation Network or if some personal data has been stolen, too," said Hideki Yasuda, a Tokyo-based analyst at Ace Research Institute.

Lizard Squad, which took credit for an attack on Sony earlier this year, said on its Twitter account that it was behind the incidents. The group said it would "stop hitting" the services if users called attention to the hack by retweeting its statements.

The Interview, a comedy about a fictional assassination of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, was shown in more than 300 locations on Christmas Day without incident, and was also available for rent and purchase at the Xbox store, a Sony website and Google Play, among others. The limited release brought in more than \$1-million (U.S) in ticket sales, Sony Pictures said.

Last week, U.S. President Barack Obama blamed North Korea for orchestrating the attacks against Sony Pictures and vowed to respond. North Korea has said it doesn't know the identity of the hackers claiming responsibility for breaking into Sony's computer network. The country's connection to the Internet was also disrupted earlier this week.

Satoshi Nakajima, a spokesman for Sony's games unit, said the company was investigating whether the attack on the PlayStation Network was related to the Sony Pictures hack.

By streaming the comedy via the Web, Microsoft and Sony took the risk of provoking denial-of-service hacking attacks. The hackers had warned that they intended to target the companies with such incidents on Christmas Day.

Cybercriminals targeted Sony in 2011 after it sued a young researcher when he exposed security vulnerabilities in the PlayStation 3 console. The 2011 hack involved the theft of personal data on 77 million PSN users.

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India's long-held position as the world's top diamond polisher is being challenged by soaring output from China, which is buying rough diamonds directly from African mines. AMIT DAVE/REUTERS

PRECIOUS GEMS

China eyes India's polished diamond throne

World's top exporter seeks help from Russia, avoiding middlemen, to defend market share

TANYA ASHREENA NEW DELHI

India's long-held position as the world's top diamond polisher is being challenged by soaring output from China, compelling the South Asian country to seek help from ally and top rough-diamond supplier Russia to defend its market share.

India has traditionally relied on the middlemen in trading hubs of Antwerp, Tel Aviv and Dubai for its supply of rough diamonds, which mainly come from Russia or Africa. Most of the world's diamond output is sent to India for cutting and polishing before being retailed around the world.

But China has managed to break the established trade route by getting diamonds directly from African mines in which Chinese companies have a stake. This has boosted the value of China's net exports of polished diamonds by 72 per cent in the past five years to \$8.9-billion (U.S.).

While India's exports, supplied by firms such as Asian Star,

Gitanjali Gems Ltd. and Venus Jewel, rose 49 per cent to \$14-billion over that time, shipments have seen a sharp drop this year.

"China's active procurement of rough supply from African countries was reducing the supply available to Indian manufacturers," said Sandeep Varia, an executive of Indian industry body Assocham. "Many units across the country had to lay off workers due to losses."

As a result, China's share of the global polished diamond market has tripled to 17 per cent in the past decade, according to data from the United Nations. India's share has fluctuated between 19 and 31 per cent.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who comes from the western state of Gujarat, where the polishing industry is centred, has answered calls to bolster the diamond sector by persuading Russia to sell rough diamonds directly to India.

During President Vladimir Putin's visit to New Delhi this month, Russia's state-run dia-

mond monopoly Alrosa signed a dozen deals to increase direct rough-diamond deliveries to India that would help reduce the cut taken by middlemen in the secretive precious gems trade.

The direct deals would also reduce risks linked to Western sanctions imposed over Russia's annexation of Crimea, while Mr. Modi is additionally seeking arrangements that would allow Russian jewellery makers to send rough diamonds to India and reimport polished stones duty-free.

But to compete effectively with China, India will also need to streamline its tax and import rules, industry sources said.

"China is not going to displace India as the leading diamond-polishing hub any time soon, but India needs to reform its archaic tax rules to make the Indian diamond-polishing industry more attractive for foreign miners," said Martin Rapaport, chairman of diamond and jewellery service firm Rapaport Group.

India is looking to build a spe-

cial notified zone where companies can import rough diamonds on a consignment basis and re-export unsold ones, mirroring China's investor-friendly trading zones that avoid complicated export and import taxes.

"These are positive moves for the industry," said Mehul N. Shah, committee member of India's Bharat Diamond Bourse. "It will increase profit margins of the Indian diamond manufacturing industry and make it more competitive."

Despite China's upper hand in securing rough diamonds, its cutting and polishing industry is not as organized as India's and rising labour costs are a problem.

"The Chinese diamond polishing industry works on a contract basis and through joint ventures," Mr. Rapaport said. "They are consistent at mass-producing small stones, but lack the expertise required for bigger and finer stones."

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FROM PAGE 1

Retailers: 'Next year is a pivotal year for online retail in Canada'

Department-store chain La Maison Simons is expanding outside its Quebec base and is gaining momentum in its privately held business. Canadian Tire Corp. Ltd. has enjoyed improved results as it updates its operations after relaunching its full e-commerce site last year and sharpened its sporting goods division, led by Sport Chek, which it acquired a few years ago. Hudson's Bay Co. is preparing for expansion, including investing heavily in its e-commerce and bringing its U.S. luxury Saks Fifth Avenue and sister discount chain Saks Off 5th to Canada by 2016.

"Next year is a pivotal year for online retail in Canada," said Richard Baker, executive chairman and governor of HBC. It is focused on improving its online selling and ironing out wrinkles. At times, for example, shoppers end up buying products on its website only to discover at the checkout that the items are unavailable.

"We're having a hard time keeping up with the demand," Mr. Baker said.

"We are spending money and spending time and energy improving it and fixing it. It's getting better and better every day."

The luxury retail battle will heat up in 2015 as U.S. Nordstrom Inc. adds more stores here and Holt Renfrew & Co. launches its e-commerce by the end of the year. But in the midst of the online war, Target doesn't even offer cybershopping in Canada.

Target will grapple with tough choices. Under new leadership, it put a big push in the fall on shoring up its inventory levels and slashing its prices after customers complained of high prices and empty shelves.

Amid other merchandising changes, it is now monitoring overall consumer sentiment toward the retailer, Brian Cornell, the chain's new chief executive officer said in November after releasing improved third-



Lowe's Canada president Sylvain Prud'homme says the home-improvement retailer, which is set to expand over the next three years, is interested in an acquisition if a candidate emerges in Canada. FRED LUM/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

quarter results. Customer response "will inform our perspective as we continue to assess our longer term potential in Canada," he said, adding that to succeed here the retailer needs "a major step-change in performance."

Some analysts have speculated the retailer could pull out of Canada or close stores if it doesn't see meaningful improvements. But the repercussions of a stronger player taking over Target stores could put even more pressure on incumbents, retail analyst Perry Caicco at CIBC World Markets has warned.

Wal-Mart would be the most obvious buyer of Target stores if they go up for sale, he said.

Grocer Loblaw Cos. Ltd. could use some of the space for its fashion chain Joe Fresh; and even HBC, which sold its Zellers leases to Target to pave the way for its entry into Canada, could pick up some outlets, Mr. Caicco

predicted.

Still, Mr. Baker said HBC is not looking at purchasing Target stores if they come on the market. A Wal-Mart spokesman did not respond to questions.

A new foreign entrant in the market could shake it up even more. "Fearless" European discount grocers, such as Aldi, Lidl, Rewe or Netto, which have snatched business from traditional players overseas could set up shop here, Mr. Caicco said. "We expect an entry announcement in 2015."

Even without new players, retailers will need to up their game because they can expect to get little help from the underlying 2015 economic currents, Mr. Prud'homme at Lowe's said. The chain, which has enjoyed six consecutive quarters of same-store sales growth, is counting on improved product offerings and online selling to keep stealing market share from rivals, he

said. He anticipates consumer confidence to remain relatively flat and gross domestic product to rise roughly 2 per cent in 2015.

Lowe's is still interested in an acquisition in Canada if a willing candidate emerged, Mr. Prud'homme said. The company tried unsuccessfully a couple of years ago to take over the struggling Rona Inc., which is now working to turn around its operations under new leadership.

Retail consultant Ed Strapagiel predicts retail sales will rise 4.9 per cent to \$530.8-billion in 2015, almost the same as the 4.8 per cent expected this year. E-commerce sales, on the other hand, will pick up in the double digits, although comprise about 12 per cent of total sales, he said.

A "marginally improved" Canadian economy in 2015 "will help some retailers and consumer goods companies, but not be enough to save the really bad ones," Mr. Strapagiel said.

If defensive investing feels right, do it

Modest stock market exposure with modest returns can be a valid trade-off for reduced financial anxiety



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I spent a lot of time selling the stock market to investors in 2014.

Now, I'm starting to have second thoughts. Not because of the risk of a stock market crash – those happen every so often, and recoveries always follow. The bigger question is how much exposure some people should have to stocks. Persistent investor anxiety, even in the market's good months in 2014, makes me wonder.

Columns urging investors to chill out about stocks figure prominently in the annual accountability edition of the Portfolio Strategy column. This advice can be graded only over the long term, but it's possible to report back now on a few other things I wrote. A recent column criticizing dividend exchange-traded funds was right on the money, as was a spring column on the benefits of dividend growth stocks for retirees. Duds? One has to be an April column on frontier markets, which late in December were headed to an awful year.

At midyear, selling investors on the benefits of holding stocks or equity funds should have been unnecessary after the long, sharp climb back from the market lows of early 2009. But here's what some investors were asking me as the TSX approached a six-year high: Should I sell my stocks?

Behind the question was a sense of dread at the prospect of a market crash like 2008-09 or, at least, the kind of market decline we saw in the first half of December. Although stocks have over and over proved their ability to recover from losses, some investors can't stand the volatility. In a June column (read it online: tgam.ca/EDFu), I addressed the fear of stocks by passing along views from portfolio managers and advisers that shares weren't dramatically overpriced, and that any setbacks for stocks would be normal in severity and nothing like the most recent crash.

That's pretty much how things played out in October, when the markets made a sharp but shortlived move lower. To highlight the benefits of long-term thinking about stocks even while markets are sinking, I asked 11 chief investment officers, portfolio managers and advisers for their 10-year forecasts for average annual returns from a balanced portfolio (read it online: tgam.ca/EHAL). Most predicted returns of 5 to 6 per cent before fees, which are modest but still as much as triple what today's safe investments offer.

Falling oil prices drove another decline for the Canadian market in late fall. Round about that time, I was criticizing investors for holding too much cash (read it online: tgam.ca/EGFM). Volatility like we've seen lately is exactly what drives investors to keep large amounts of their assets in risk-free cash. But Canadians keep a greater percentage of their wealth in cash than people of many other countries, and there's a price to be paid in the form of lower long-term returns.

But what if you're emotionally not suited to reaching for those



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PORTFOLIO STRATEGY PROJECTS FOR 2015

1. Update the Two-Minute Portfolio:

The 2MP has typically outperformed the S&P/TSX composite when times are tough for stocks – it will be interesting to see how things played out in 2014.

Expect the update in early January. Here's last year's 2MP update: tgam.ca/Dyk9

2. Update the five volumes of the ETF Buyer's Guide:

Canadian, U.S. and international equity funds were covered, as were bond funds and dividend funds; there are new products to add to the guide, and some lower fees to note as a result of a recent price war. Here's the current ETF Guide in five parts:

- » The Canadian stock market: tgam.ca/Dw1R
- » The U.S. market: tgam.ca/DxVz
- » The international market: tgam.ca/carrick-etf3
- » Dividend funds: tgam.ca/income-etfs
- » Bond funds: tgam.ca/carrick-etf5

3. More help for Gen Y investors:

A two-part manual for young adults who want to start investing was published in the past year or so; the plan for this year is to create a tool to automate and simplify the process of setting up a basic portfolio.

- » Gen Y investing guide, Part One: tgam.ca/DwsC
- » Gen Y investing guide, Part Two: tgam.ca/EEaV

4. Look further into annuities:

Investors need to know more about this option for turning a lump sum of money into a stream of retirement income for life.

The most recent column on annuities talked about how to use them as a component of a broader portfolio: tgam.ca/EDQw

5. Help investors evaluate their advisers:

As we head into an era of greater transparency on investing fees in 2016, it's important that people know how to gauge the value they're getting for the money they pay their advisers.

Here's an earlier column on the topic, How to Discuss Fees with Your Investment Adviser: tgam.ca/ED7T

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returns by having a big percentage of your investments in the stock market? The implications of pushing people into stocks were on my mind after recently re-reading a May column on the well-documented tendency of young adult investors to shy away from the stock market (read it online: tgam.ca/EClA).

Young people are well-positioned to benefit from long-term market growth because they can easily ride out any short-term declines. But some commentators have recently questioned this thinking. They wonder if young people who invest beyond their risk tolerance will bail out in the next market crash and swear off stocks forever. They suggest young people invest in more conservative portfolios to stay on track through market ups and downs.

This is good advice for everyone. If defensive investing feels more comfortable, do it. You will probably have to save more and save longer if you have only modest stock market exposure, but it can be a valid trade-off for reduced financial anxiety.

If the markets do crash, a July column on borrowing to invest will be tested (read it online: tgam.ca/EDg4). An argument was made that big market declines are a time when it can make sense to borrow to invest or, as investment industry people say, use leverage. If you borrowed to invest in 2008-09, you made out brilliantly. But it's worth reinforcing the warning provided in that column: If borrowing to buy an asset that can fall in value makes you nervous, do not do it.

Here's a caveat from back in March that gained relevance only late in the year. It was a call to investors to investigate how exposed they are to financial stocks, which are the largest component of the S&P/TSX composite index and a dominant sector in many dividend, corporate bond and preferred share funds (read it online: tgam.ca/EAh4).

Energy stocks proved to be a bigger drag on Canadian stocks this year, but financials quietly began to decline in late Novem-

ber on concerns about slowing earnings growth and the impact of falling oil prices on Canada's economic health. There's still time to make sure you're not excessively exposed to financials throughout your entire portfolio.

Dividend investing is a topic this column covers frequently, most recently in a November column that raised questions about using dividend-focused exchange-traded funds (read it online: tgam.ca/EG69). One of the ETFs mentioned, the iShares S&P/TSX Canadian Dividend Aristocrats Index ETF (CDZ), was criticized for having AGF Management as its second-largest holding. AGF, a long-time dividend payer but not a dividend aristocrat, announced a 70-per cent cut in its quarterly payout in early December.

A May column looked at how investing in dividend growth stocks can help retirees generate a rising flow of income over the years (read it online: tgam.ca/ECOV). In 2014, it became apparent that companies are making a priority of delivering dividend growth to their shareholders. Enbridge Inc. jacked up its dividend by 33 per cent and projected further increases of 14 to 16 per cent from 2105 through 2018, while TransCanada Corp. said it plans to double its dividend growth rate through 2017. That would take the growth rate to 8 to 10 per cent from 4 per cent.

You don't often see this column straying from core investments, but that's what happened in an April look at frontier markets, or those that are even less developed than emerging markets (read it online: tgam.ca/EB6t). It's not so much that frontier markets – Africa is a big component – tanked in 2014. For adventurous investors, this could be a buying opportunity. Rather, the problem is that the risk level in developed markets is enough for most investors. As I reconsider how I sell the stock markets to investors, this is an important message.

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What can mortgage shoppers expect in 2015?

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If you were a well-qualified borrower in the mortgage market in 2014, you enjoyed a fifth straight year of historically cheap mortgage rates.

Another major theme this year was Ottawa's mission to contain mortgage risk. As we head into the new year, here are five predictions for what to expect.

1. More mortgage restrictions to come.

With Ottawa paring its mortgage exposure, the Bank of Canada

estimating up to 30-per-cent overvaluation in Canada's housing market, overindebted consumers and average home prices incessantly breaking records, policy makers will restrict the mortgage market yet again. New limits on government-backed mortgage funding will make it more expensive for lenders to fund mortgages, or new underwriting rules will make it harder to qualify for a mortgage. Maybe both.

2. Record discounts for variable mortgage rates.

Lenders' funding costs should

continue to improve for variable-rate mortgages in the next 12 months. As a result, we'll see a small number of lenders and/or brokers advertising discounts better than prime minus 1 per cent before the end of 2015.

3. Brokers will break into three camps.

We will see full-service brokers who create detailed mortgage plans to support one's financial goals, online mortgage brokers who provide less advice for a lower rate, and your run-of-the-mill everyday broker. That latter

type will suffer job losses in 2015 as their rates and service offerings prove uncompetitive relative to other brokers, banks and credit unions.

4. A glut of private money.

Alternative mortgage lenders – such as mortgage investment corporations – will grow flush with cash, as investors chase higher yields and as Ottawa's stricter mortgage rules create opportunity for them. That abundance of capital will motivate subprime lenders to take more risk in search of higher returns.

In turn, we'll see some of them offer mortgages with only 10- or 15-per-cent down.

5. Brokers will pitch you other financial products, too.

Declining margins will motivate many mortgage brokers to diversify their revenue streams. They'll take a page from banks' playbooks and cross-sell you everything from GICs, to insurance, to credit cards, to RRSPs.

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Fine-tune your focus on emerging markets



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Russia's economic meltdown in 2014 raises an interesting question for anyone who has dabbled in some of the more volatile regions of the world: Is it time to start thinking of emerging markets as individual countries rather than a bloc?

Most of us invest in emerging markets through a single exchange traded fund or mutual fund, giving us broad exposure to everything from South Korea and South Africa, to China, India, Brazil – and Russia.

The iShares MSCI emerging markets ETF is one of the most popular choices (well, I own it), with a market capitalization of \$32-billion (U.S.). With one purchase, you get instant diversification.

Trouble is, that diversification isn't delivering returns right now. Developing economies are moving in radically different directions, depending upon their respective inflation rates, external deficits, economic growth and exposure to commodities.

As a result, the iShares Emerging Markets ETF is no higher today than it was in 2010, while the S&P 500 has zoomed up more than 85 per cent over the

same period.

Look at the performances of individual countries and you can see the problem: Russian and Brazilian stocks this year are down by double-digits, while Indian stocks have shot higher and China is flat. Longer-term performances show a similar divergence.

Okay, big deal. You could say the same about stocks within an index. Does the fact that some stocks rise and some fall discredit the idea behind index investing – that it is awfully hard to pick the winners consistently?

But index investing has never really been about assembling baskets of countries. Otherwise, index investors would simply buy the whole world and be done with it. Instead, they tend to pick and choose among indexes that track the S&P 500, the S&P/TSX 60 and others.

Perhaps it is time to approach emerging markets in a similar way. That way, you can avoid the most messed-up cases and focus on those countries with the most potential.

It is certainly easy with exchange-traded funds. There are iShares ETFs for just about any

country you can think of.

And the time seems right, too, given how far emerging markets have progressed. MSCI created its first emerging markets index in 1988, with just 10 countries representing a mere 1 per cent of the world's market capitalization. It was fringe investing.

Now it is approaching the mainstream: 24 countries make the index, representing 11 per cent of the world's market cap – or nearly three times Canada's weighting. India and China alone account for about 20 per cent of global gross domestic product, up from less than 5 per cent in 1980.

Yet the connection among these different countries is no longer clear as overall economic performance slows.

"The era of disruptive BRIC ascendance is over," The Economist declared in 2013, using the acronym that stands for Brazil, Russia, India and China.

China is a bet that slowing economic growth and a dangerous real-estate market won't implode. Mexico is a play on the U.S. economy. South Africa gives exposure to commodities and rising affluence throughout much

of sub-Saharan Africa. India is a promise for economic reform from its new pro-business government. And Russia is, at best, cheap.

From a risk perspective, investing in one country is akin to investing in a single stock. It exposes you to similar risks related to poor leadership (hello, Mr. Putin) or dismal economic conditions (you again, Vladimir).

But the upside is compelling: With the right choice, you get access to a dynamic economy, a young population and undervalued stocks – and you avoid disasters.

South Africa looks like a terrific option, through the iShares MSCI South Africa ETF (ticker EZA in New York). True, the market gives you exposure to volatile commodities. More importantly, though, it serves as a base for the development and rising affluence throughout much of sub-Saharan Africa, making it a play on most of the continent.

In many ways, it exemplifies what emerging markets are all about.

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Small town, smaller debts

But if they move from the city, couple would likely face drop in income and fewer job prospects

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For city-dwellers such as Iris and Ryan, the birth of a first child often prompts thoughts of leaving urban living behind for less-expensive digs in a small town where they will be closer to family.

But is it worth the likely drop in income and diminished job prospects?

Iris, who is on mat leave with a three-month old baby, has a management job grossing \$107,000 a year. Ryan brings in \$50,000 annually working as a house painter. They are planning to have a second child and wonder if Iris can afford to work part time to spend more time with the children.

She is 34, he is 38. "We are considering moving to a smaller community to be closer to family and use the equity in our home to be either mortgage-free or close to it," Ryan writes in an e-mail. "Is this a good idea?" he asks. They value their home at \$675,000. They bring in \$8,400 a year renting out their basement apartment, which they would continue to do in their new house if they moved.

They are concerned about earning and saving enough to pay for their children's higher education and to maintain their current standard of living when they retire. Neither has a work pension plan. "How much will we need to set aside annually?" Ryan asks. He is hoping to retire by age 60.

We asked Jason Pereira, a financial planner and investment adviser at Bennett March/IPC Investment Corp. in Toronto, to look at Iris and Ryan's situation.

What the expert says

Selling their home and moving to

CLIENT SITUATION

The people: Iris, 34, Ryan, 38, and their three-month-old child.

The problem: Does it make sense to move to a smaller town to reduce their debt load sooner and improve their cash flow?

The plan: Sell the city home and buy in the smaller town. Pay down all debt except for a \$200,000 mortgage. Plan to have the mortgage paid off in 11 years or so.

The payoff: Plenty of money for the children's education and their own retirement.

Monthly net income: \$5,885

Assets: Cash \$13,000; her RRSP \$45,000; residence \$675,000. Total: \$733,000

Monthly disbursements: Mortgage \$1,300; property tax, insurance, utilities \$650; transportation \$430; groceries, clothing \$450; home equity line of credit \$200; gifts \$50; vacation, travel \$200; dining, drinks, entertainment \$350; clubs, sports \$140; grooming \$25; pets \$75; other personal discretionary \$100; health and dental insurance \$125; cell-phones \$125; TV, Internet \$115. Total: \$4,335

Liabilities: Mortgage \$280,000; HELOC \$28,000; family loan \$25,000. Total: \$333,000

a smaller town makes sense financially provided they can find work in the new location, Mr. Pereira says. It would also enable Iris and Ryan to pay down a fair amount of debt.

But there is a risk: It will lower their income substantially and may limit their career opportunities, the adviser says.

"If Iris is confident she can earn the \$50,000 that she has projected, then they can be confident the move will not affect their ability to meet their desired goals," he says.

They can use some of the proceeds from the house sale to pay off their debts and help fund their savings, Mr. Pereira says. Their new home will cost about \$500,000, so they will have to take a mortgage of about \$200,000.

"Once the move has been made, they can use all cash flow [after RRSP and registered education saving plan contributions] to pay down the mortgage. They will be debt-free in 11 years," he estimates. He suggests they contribute \$5,000 a year to each of their registered retirement savings plans (currently only Iris has one), rising with inflation. Once the mortgage has been paid off, any free cash flow should go first to their tax-free savings accounts (yet to be opened) and then to a joint investment account.

By the time they retire in 2036, they should have \$840,000 in their RRSPs, \$523,000 in their TFSAs and \$80,710 in their joint investment account, Mr. Pereira estimates. This assumes an average annual rate of return on their investments of 7.4 per cent, or 4.27 per cent after subtracting inflation.

He recommends they open an RESP to take full advantage of the federal education savings grant,

contributing \$5,000 in 2015 to make up for not contributing in 2014. This will result in a government grant of \$1,000. (The grant is 20 per cent for the first \$2,500 you save in your child's RESP each year, or \$500, up to a maximum of \$7,200 for each child.)

Starting in 2016, they should contribute \$2,500 a year until the child reaches age 14 (that's per child, taking into account their plans for a second). The year after that, he suggests they contribute \$1,000 each. This will bring the total for each child up to \$7,200.

Assuming the savings grow by 5 per cent a year, the children should have about \$160,000 available to them. This will cover about three and a quarter years of schooling, so the rest could come from Iris and Ryan's TFSAs or general cash flow. Mr. Pereira's calculations assume tuition of \$8,000 a year, rising by 8 per cent a year, and expenses of \$1,000 a month for each child.

So can they get by if Iris makes \$50,000 a year in the new location? The calculations assume Ryan makes \$50,000 a year after the move as well.

Yes, their goals are achievable, Mr. Pereira says. For Iris, to work part-time in their city location could put a squeeze on their finances and endanger their goals, he adds. He notes they are short on insurance and recommends they get as much disability insurance as they can, especially since Iris is planning to change jobs and her new employer may not offer it.

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ME AND MY MONEY BY LARRY MacDONALD

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Occupation
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The portfolio
Includes Cameco Corp., Encana Corp., Talisman Energy Inc., Kinross Gold Corp. and TransAlta Corp.

The investor
In his 16 years of investing, Jim Wallingford figures he has made about every classic investing mistake that can be made. Like buying a quality stock and getting off at the next stop – in particular, buying Apple Inc. at \$90 (U.S.) and selling at \$97. "Nothing like leaving \$60,000 on the table," Mr. Wallingford quips.

He's wiser because of the experience, reading lots of books and articles on investing, and taking the Canadian Securities Course. He now writes down his thoughts to bring greater precision to his analyses – and publishes them on seekingalpha.com to get feedback from readers.

How he invests
"I am primarily a 'bargain bin' investor," Mr. Wallingford says. "I look for companies that have been beaten down severely." Then he reads extensively and examines financial statements to assess "the firm's ability to withstand and recover from its current troubles." If the company looks like it can weather the storm, he'll use technical analysis to pick an entry point.

One of his holdings is Kinross Gold. Although its stock is down approximately 75 per cent since the high in 2011, "the fundamentals ... remain robust."

Current assets exceed current liabilities by four times, debt is less than 50 per cent of equity, and company operations generated almost a billion dollars in cash over the past 12 months. Proven/probable gold reserves equate to 15 years of production, and are valued at \$42 a share.

Best move
Adopting a long-term focus.

Worst move
Back in 2008, he borrowed to buy volatile stocks and the Horizons BetaPro Nymex Natural Gas Bull Plus exchange-traded fund. When he got a margin call, he had to sell out near the bottom.

Advice
"It takes a lot of time and research to be ... a stock picker. You have to love the hunt for those stocks that will reward you. For most people, a major index fund is by far their best and safest investment"

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BEST & WORST INVESTMENTS

Even Nobel laureates learn investing lessons the hard way

It's the time of year for reflection. We asked successful people in the world of finance and beyond about the best or worst investments they ever made.

Eugene Fama, Nobel laureate in economics (2013) and finance professor at the University of Chicago:

Best: a 50-year policy of never investing with active managers.
Worst: \$15,000 lost in a 1960s investment in a private oil-exploration company. The shale revolution might have saved them, but they were gone by then.

Burton Malkiel, emeritus economics professor at Princeton University and author of *A Random Walk Down Wall Street*:

I have bought a number of individual stocks in my lifetime. Some have done really well and others less well. The most consistently best investment I have ever made is a total-stock-market

index fund.
Investing is fun. If the large core of your money is invested in index funds, and you want to invest in something around the edges, do it. I do it. I remember the successes better than the failures. I got some Alibaba at the initial public offering. I'll keep doing it because of fun. And I'll keep doing it because I'm not fooling myself that I'm going to make a lot of excess return.

William Sharpe, Nobel laureate in economics (1990) and emeritus finance professor at Stanford University:

When I taught Investments at the MBA level at Stanford, I started the first class by writing a phone number on the board. I then told the students that it was the most valuable information they would get from me.
You probably guessed that it was the number for Vanguard. Of course, now it would be a website

address. And other firms should probably be included.
But my devotion to low-cost, broadly diversified index funds hasn't flagged.

Daniel Loeb, chief executive of activist-investing firm Third Point:

Worst: It happened while I was in college and trading stocks in my spare time. I had made \$120,000 and proceeded to invest all of it in an idea I was particularly passionate about: Puritan Bennett, a medical-respirator manufacturer. The company suffered massive losses after its products were associated with several deaths. In the years it took to remake my lost profits, I had a lot of time to absorb the important lesson of not overconcentrating positions.

William Bernstein, investment manager at money management firm Efficient Frontier Advisors:

The worst investment I ever made was about 30 years ago when I learned the hard way – by trading platinum – why individual investors shouldn't dabble in commodity futures. The price collapsed and I lost something in the low five figures. I applied the lesson to speculation in general, and it's been paying dividends ever since.

The best, back around 1994, was shares in [Mexican telecommunications giant] Telmex, a combination of astuteness and dumb luck. It was dirt cheap, around five times earnings, and I made something like 20 times my money on the stock and its spinoffs. I later realized that a much safer and smarter move would have been to buy an emerging-markets index fund. Telmex could easily have gone bankrupt, but not one or two dozen whole markets.

John Bogle, founder of fund giant Vanguard Group:

The best investment I ever made was one I had to save.
I've been investing in the Wellington Fund since July, 1951, when I went to work at Wellington Management and 15 per cent of my pay, or \$37.50, went into it every month as part of the firm's retirement plan. Then, in the late 1960s, the fund became aggressively risky and abandoned its focus on safe, income-paying stocks. It ended up with the worst 10-year record of any balanced fund.

By 1978, it was broken, and I was determined to fix it. We established clear objectives and strategies to achieve them, including higher bondholdings and a list of 50 income-paying stocks to choose from. The fund came back from the brink and has outperformed the average balanced fund in 27 of the 35 years since 1979.
Dow Jones Newswires

Strong U.S. economy should boost Canada

Even with serious concerns about the low price of oil, experts have rosy views for the Canadian economy thanks to our neighbour



DAVID MILSTEAD
VOX

The financial market strategists at RBC Dominion Securities put plainly what many see as the key to 2015: "It's still a matter of US[A] and Them."
Specifically, that the U.S. economic recovery "is strong enough to shoulder what has been a jagged, and at times, inconsistent global recovery."
Rather than relying on international trade, the U.S. rebound is a consumer story, the RBC strategists say. And that domestic strength should lead to higher U.S. stock prices in 2015, as well as U.S. demand that can pull many other countries along with it.
That thesis, in turn, supports generally rosy views about the Canadian economy and its equity markets.

Yes, the turmoil in the oil patch is expected to last well into 2015, with an attendant decline in capital expenditures by Canadian oil and gas concerns. But the view from many of the economists and strategists at Canada's Big Six banks is that a falling Canadian dollar, coupled with U.S. demand for Canadian exports, can go a long way toward offsetting those negative effects. As a result, their expectations for Canadian GDP growth have been trimmed, rather than chopped, in recent weeks.
That view, however, depends on at least some rebound in oil, which was still below \$55 (U.S.) a barrel Friday. The banks' economists and strategists generally see oil at \$65 to \$70 a barrel in 2015.

Douglas Porter, chief economist at BMO Nesbitt Burns, notes that the oil industry represents one-third of Canada's private-sector investment, four times as important to the domestic economy than that of the United States. That means BMO's forecasts call for the U.S. economy to outpace Canada's by the biggest margin since 2003, and possibly 1996. "It's all about the oil," he says.
Before we continue, let's note that the economic and market forecasts from the mainstream, establishment institutions are generally positive, if not bullish. Calls for the markets to decline, or the economy to tip into recession, are the province of hedge funds or notably contrarian analysts who look prescient when things go wrong.

The past few years have not belonged to the pessimists, however.
"Admittedly, seven consecutive years without an annual loss is rare for U.S. stocks, but not totally unheard of based on history," say BMO's investment strategists, led by Brian Belski. "We continue to believe that the current bull market is part of a longer cycle that will eventually last 15 [to] 20 years in totality. Nonetheless, this has been a bull market whose underlying trend and proposed duration remains firmly doubted and distrusted by most of our clients, in our view. In other words, this is the largest stealth bull market



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WHAT THE BIG BANKS ARE PREDICTING					
CANADIAN GDP		THE LOONIE		CANADIAN 10-YEAR BOND	
This month, Scotiabank lowered its Canadian GDP forecast for the next two years because of the "sharp falloff in oil prices....The Canadian economy continues to benefit from strengthening U.S. demand, the competitive boost from a weaker Canadian dollar, and lower gas pump prices for consumers. At the same time, however, lower oil prices will weigh on capital spending." RBC, which has the highest GDP forecast, looks at the third-quarter growth rate of 2.8 per cent and believes U.S. demand for Canadian exports in the coming year will largely offset the hit from declining energy investment.		CIBC's economists weakened their targets for the Canadian dollar by several cents early in December. Why? They believe any increase in interest rates will come late in the year, and because of "the impact of even a \$70 average oil price on Canada's 2015 current account." The U.S. dollar, as well, "is king of the hill" for now, they say. Toronto Dominion Bank's economics squad sees the loonie bottoming out in 2015's third quarter before rising again, crossing the 88-cent mark in the first half of 2016. (Forecasts expressed in USD per CAD.)		Canadian economists don't see a rapid rise in interest rates; indeed, the economists at National Bank Financial cut their rate forecasts in their more recent monthly publication. They reduced their expectation for the Bank of Canada's year-end overnight rate by half a percentage point, to 1 per cent, and for the year-end 10-year bond yield by 0.39 percentage points, to 2.49 per cent. RBC's economists, which have the highest GDP forecast, are the only ones to see the 10-year rate hitting 3 per cent by year-end. (Figures below are the arithmetic averages of each bank's four quarterly 2015 rate forecasts.)	
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NBF: 2.2%		NBF: .833		NBF: 2.19%	
RBC: 2.7%		RBC: .8547		RBC: 2.65%	
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TD: 2.3%		TD: .8525		TD: 2.44%	

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of our collective careers, one that no one believes, and everyone is looking over their shoulder to diagnose its end."
BMO sees the Standard & Poor's 500 finishing 2015 at 2,250, a roughly 8 per cent gain from current levels. (BMO suggested a 12 per cent gain when it issued its forecast Dec. 1, but strong returns in the latter half of December have already provided one-third of the gain.) The 2,250 mark is nearly 18 times BMO's forecast for S&P 500 earnings, which, BMO, notes, is "slightly above-average valuation" that "makes significant gains more difficult." In addition, BMO says, expect

more frequent volatility, which "strongly favours fundamental over momentum-based strategies."
BMO expects the S&P/TSX composite to finish 2015 at 15,600, about 7 per cent above current levels. That would be the fifth consecutive year the Canadian index underperforms the major U.S. one. "We expect Canada to become increasingly correlated to U.S. strength; however, sentiment around emerging markets and Europe will continue to drive broad swings above and below our target."
National Bank Financial pegs the S&P 500 at 2,200 at year-end 2015 and the S&P/TSX at

16,200 (implying the return on Canadian equities will be double that of the U.S.). Chief economist and strategist Stéfane Marion said that financial markets in mid-December were "[continuing] to ponder" the steep decline in oil. "For some, it is a clear symptom of a weakening global economy. ... For others, declining energy prices are rooted in a supply-shock experiment from OPEC in order recapture lost market share."
"Since we have to choose a camp, we will side with the optimists," Mr. Marion said. "From our standpoint, the potential stimulus to households should not be underesti-

mated."
The RBC equity strategists note that "while many investors are evaluated on a calendar year basis, investment themes tend to persist." As a result, they say, they begin their outlook "by asking why [and how] market behaviour will differ from last year." And their answer: The U.S. and global economic backdrops will be markedly similar, with oil being the big difference. "Our constructive 2015 outlook is predicated on an elongated economic cycle, which should drive multiples and earnings higher."
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FRIDAY'S MARKETS

WHAT HAPPENED

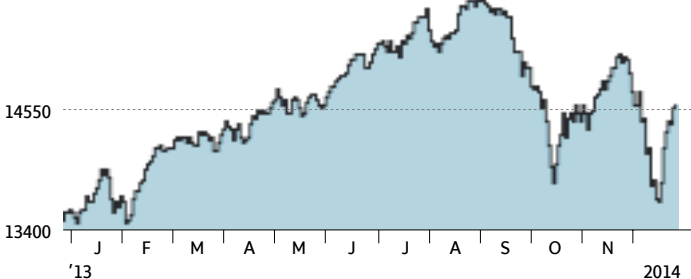


U.S. markets continue surge Wall Street stocks rose to fresh records, as investors savoured an outstanding U.S. GDP report released earlier this week. Retail stocks were mostly higher on generally positive commentary about the holiday shopping season. Target, Wal-Mart Stores and Best Buy all rose 0.6 per cent, while Williams-Sonoma rose 0.4 per cent. Amazon picked up 2 per cent as it said that it added more than 10 million new members to its Amazon Prime shipping service during the holiday shopping season. Biotech stocks continued to outperform the broader market. Gilead Sciences gained 2.7 per cent. Canadian markets were closed for the Boxing Day holiday.

S&P/TSX COMPOSITE INDEX (WED)

14,609.25 » +15.22 » +0.10% » 72,371,638 VOL » +7.25% YTD

DAILY INDEX: LAST 12 MONTHS



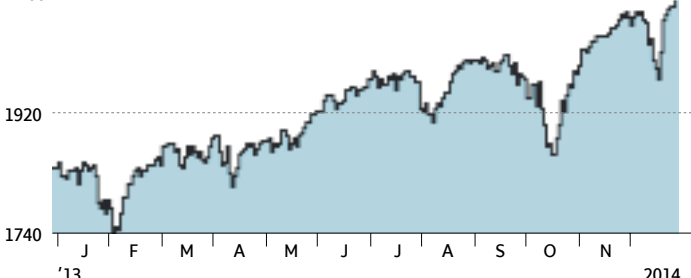
DAILY INDEX: 5-MINUTE INTERVAL



S&P 500 (FRI)

2,088.77 » +6.89 » +0.33% » +13.01% YTD

DAILY INDEX: LAST 12 MONTHS



DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE (FRI)

18,053.71 » +23.50 » +0.13% » 52,566,003 VOL » +8.91% YTD

DAILY INDEX: LAST 12 MONTHS



TSX

INDEXES (WED)

	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD%
S&P/TSX Composite	14,609.25	15.22	.10	7.25
S&P/TSX 60	853.71	.17	.02	8.93
S&P/TSX Completion	944.17	3.46	.37	2.54
S&P/TSX SmallCap	569.37	7.14	1.27	-6.77
S&P/TSX Venture	674.32	-3.13	-.46	-27.65

INDEX LIFTERS (WED)

STOCKS THAT MOVED THE INDEX THE MOST ON THE DAY

	CLOSE	CHG	MKT CAP %	*INFL. (\$B)
Goldcorp Inc.	20.57	2.95	16.73	3.9
TD Bank	55.34	.33	102.08	2.7
Brookfield Asset Mana	58.22	.83	35.97	2.2
Franco-Nevada Corp.	56.11	2.97	8.76	2.2
Barrick Gold Corp.	12.02	1.78	14.00	2.0
* Influence: How many points the stock moved the index				

INDEX DRAGS (WED)

STOCKS THAT MOVED THE INDEX THE MOST ON THE DAY

	CLOSE	CHG	MKT CAP %	*INFL. (\$B)
Suncor Energy	37.31	-1.30	54.25	-5.7
Canadian Natural Reso	36.49	-.71	39.84	-2.3
Cenovus Energy	24.04	-1.48	18.20	-2.2
Valeant Pharmaceutica	162.98	-.38	54.44	-1.6
Canadian National Rai	79.86	-.29	65.06	-1.5
* Influence: How many points the stock moved the index				

MARKET BREADTH (CA WED; US FRI)

% CHG. INDICATES INCREASE/DECREASE FROM 13-WEEK AVERAGE

	TSX	VENTURE	NYSE	NASDAQ
Advance	924	314	2,984	1,780
% Chg	18.21	-27.94	48.26	33.43
Adv. Vol (000s)	78,184	28,505	1,574,363	637,612
Decline	603	268	1,426	933
% Chg	-24.62	-45.69	-24.95	-32.23
Decl. Vol (000s)	60,558	27,704	660,296	275,713
Unchanged	784	1,846	412	257
% Chg	12.47	20.19	3.26	-18.25
Unch. Vol (000s)	13,908	40,749	113,601	11,568
Total	2,311	2,428	4,822	2,970
New High	54	7	397	141
% Chg	2.13	-65.64	126.95	67.59
New Low	26	29	89	29
% Chg	-46.01	-19.08	-6.64	-60.82
Vol (000s)	152,650	96,958	2,348,259	924,893
% Chg	-61.45	-49.44	-52.35	-54.49

HIGHS AND LOWS (FRI)

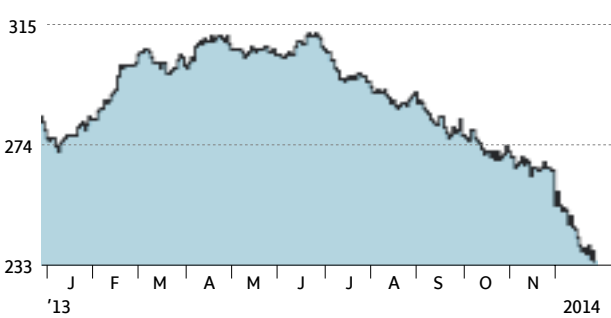
	CLOSE	CHG		CLOSE	CHG		CLOSE	CHG		CLOSE	CHG		CLOSE	CHG
NYSE HIGHS														
Air Products & Chemic	149.12	.54	Ishares Calif Muni Bo	139.35	22.29	L-3 Communications Ho	128.22	-.12	Prosh Ultra Utilities	113.21	2.58	Spdr S&P 500 Growth E	98.14	.33
Ashland Inc.	120.65	1.25	Ishares Core S&P Mid-	146.25	.40	Lennox International	95.70	.02	Proshares Large Cap C	102.27	.31	Spdr S&P 500 Value E.	102.92	.11
CVS Health Corp.	98.25	.36	Ishares Core S&P Smal	114.72	.72	Macerich Co.	83.76	.43	Proshares Ultrapro Do	146.77	.43	Spdr S&P Midcap 400 E	266.57	.67
Direx Mid Cap Bull 3x	100.80	.64	Ishares N.A. Software	95.22	.12	Mettler-Toledo	304.33	1.45	Proshares Ultrapro Fi	90.75	.43	Spdr Transport ETF	108.50	.40
Direxion Daily Mid Ca	131.57	1.28	Ishares Rusl 2000 Grw	143.71	.97	Newmarket Corp.	410.17	5.17	Proshares Ultrapro Mi	118.21	.86	Stanley Black & Decke	97.05	-.31
Direxion Daily S&P 50	144.32	.87	Ishares Rusl Mdcpr Grw	94.28	.25	Nextera Energy	109.29	1.31	Quaker Chemical	92.67	.67	Tyler Technologies	114.09	1.82
Direxion Daily Sm-Cap	136.30	2.10	Ishares S&P Mdcpr 400	161.80	.42	Pall Corp.	101.96	.10	Ralph Lauren	185.12	.77	Unifirst Corp.	123.09	1.34
Direxion S&P 500 Bull	91.64	.81	Ishares S&P Mdcpr 400	129.01	.24	Palo Alto Networks	127.43	1.44	Rockwell Collins	86.05	-.11	Valspar Corp.	87.70	-.13
DTE Energy	89.32	1.38	Ishares S&P Smcpr 600	123.44	.77	Powersh US 1000 E.T.F	92.55	.23	Rogers Corp.	81.51	1.49	Vangrd Dividend Appr.	82.29	.13
Duke Energy	85.81	.84	Ishares S&P Smcpr 600	118.50	.76	PPG Industries	231.59	.47	Roper Industries	159.81	.06	Vangrd Large Cap E.T.	95.70	.33
Entergy Corp.	90.42	.89	Ishares Small-Cap E.T	139.38	.31	Prosh Ulpro S&P 500 E	138.36	1.22	Sempra Energy	114.86	2.77	Vangrd Total Stock Mr	107.36	.32
Equifax Inc.	81.93	-.22	Ishares U.S. Utilitie	121.48	1.41	Prosh Ultra Cons Serv	99.12	.75	Sherwin-Williams Co.	264.85	.30	Vangrd Utilities E.T.	104.96	1.20
Flexm. US Mark Fac. T	89.37	.32	Ishares US Aerosp & D	116.55	.37	Prosh Ultra Dow 30 E.	138.28	.42	Snap-On Tools	139.35	.26	Vangrd Value E.T.F.	85.65	.14
Genuine Parts	107.86	.24	Ishares US Cons Servi	138.01	.44	Prosh Ultra Rusl000 G	140.40	.42	Spdr Aero & Dfns ETF	110.21	.56	Vanguard S&P 500 E.T.	191.15	.62
Guggenheim E.W. Indus	91.59	.12	Ishares US Hlthc Prov	119.88	-.04	Prosh Ultra Rusl3000	104.72	1.43	Spdr Dija E.T.F.	180.19	.16	Vanguard S&P 500 Grw	101.84	.56
Guggenheim 500 EW Con	106.27	-.15	Jones Lang Lasalle In	152.37	.85	Prosh Ultra S&P 500 E	132.05	.89	Spdr Hlth Cr Srvs ETF	113.70	.48	Vanguard S&P 500 Valu	91.30	.10
Ingredion Inc.	86.85	.76	Kimberly Clark	118.28	.51	Prosh Ultra Smallcp 6	115.72	1.29	Spdr Russell 3000 ETF	155.65	.16	Vanguard S&P Mid-Cap	97.38	.41
			L Brands, Inc.	85.55	.49	Prosh Ultra Tech E.T.	160.05	1.61	Spdr S&P 1500 Momntu	88.81	.71	Vanguard S&P Small-Ca	103.32	.56

Stocks listed in this table touched a 52-week high or low in previous day's trading. Due to space constraints, companies with lower share prices might not appear on the published list.														

COMMODITIES

THOMSON REUTERS / JEFFERIES CRB INDEX (FRI)

LAST 12 MONTHS



U.S. oil prices fell on continued worries about oversupply, despite fresh violence in oil exporter Libya. Oil prices have lost about 50 per cent of their value since June. The Thomson Reuters / Jefferies CRB Index closed at 235.22 points, down 0.70.

CLOSING PRICES (FRI)

	PRICE	CHG		PRICE	CHG
Oil West Texas US\$/bbl	54.90	-0.95	Nickel US\$/lb	6.96	closed
Oil Brent US\$/bbl	59.51	-0.73	Wheat CBOT US\$/bsh	6.11	-0.01
Nat Gas H. Hub US\$/mmbtu	3.03	0.00	Lumber KD W. S-P-F, Mill US\$	340.00	0.00
Gold US\$/troy ounce	1195.80	20.60	Framing Lumber Composite	382.00	4.00
Silver US\$/troy ounce	16.04	0.27	Corn Ont. CBOT US\$/bsh	4.15	0.07
Copper US\$/lb	2.86	closed	Soybeans CBOT US\$/bsh	10.46	0.00
Lead US\$/lb	0.85	closed	Canola InStr Vn 1Cda C\$ 1tnne	480.50	closed
Zinc US\$/lb	0.98	closed	Feed Barley Lthbr. C\$ 1tnne	202.00	closed
Aluminum US\$/lb	0.84	closed	Feed Wheat ThdrB C\$ 1tnne	231.00	closed

SOURCES: REUTERS, AP, BLOOMBERG, RANDOM LENGTHS, WINNIPEG COMMODITIES EXCHANGE, DJ

CURRENCIES

CANADIAN DOLLAR / U.S. EXCHANGE RATE (WED)

LAST 12 MONTHS: VALUE IN \$US



The U.S. dollar rose against the yen and euro in scant volume, with many major markets still closed after the Christmas holiday. The greenback approached a 7½-year peak against the yen and moved close to a 2½-year high versus the euro.

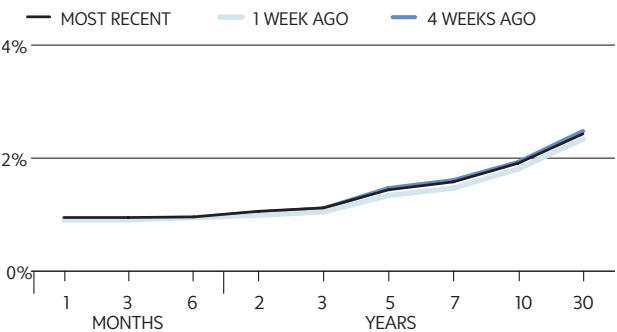
FOREIGN EXCHANGE CROSS RATES (FRI)

	CANADIAN DOLLAR	U.S. DOLLAR	BRITISH POUND	EURO	JAPANESE YEN	SWISS FRANC
Canadian dollar	-	1.1568	1.7996	1.4094	0.0096	1.1747
U.S. dollar	0.8645	-	1.5557	1.2183	0.0083	1.0154
British pound	0.5557	0.6428	-	0.7831	0.0053	0.6527
Euro	0.7095	0.8208	1.2769	-	0.0068	0.8335
Japanese yen	104.05	120.37	187.26	146.65	-	122.23
Swiss franc	0.8513	0.9848	1.532	1.1998	0.0082	-
Mexican peso	12.7217					
Australian dollar	1.0645					

SOURCES: BANK OF CANADA, BLOOMBERG, DJ, AP, CP CROSS RATES ARE FROM GLOBEANDMAIL.COM

BONDS

GOVERNMENT OF CDA BOND YIELD CURVE (WED)



U.S. Treasury prices recovered from a selloff earlier in the week in very light trading, and the yield curve was the flattest in 6½ years on the prospect of an interest rate hike in the coming months. Friday's bounce was in very light volumes with no data driving price moves.

CANADA (WED)

	YIELD	CHANGE
2 Year	1.06	0.000
5 Year	1.44	0.000
10 Year	1.91	+0.002
30 Year	2.43	+0.012

Rates

	RATE	CHG
BoC overnight target	1.00	Unch.
Canadian Prime	3.00	Unch.

U.S. (FRI)

	YIELD	CHANGE
2 Year	0.74	0.00
5 Year	1.76	0.00
10 Year	2.25	-0.01
30 Year	2.82	-0.01

Rates

	RATE	CHG
Fed Target rate	0.25	Unch.
U.S. Prime	3.25	Unch.

SOURCES: CBID-ATS, PERIMETER MARKETS INC., BLOOMBERG, REUTERS, AP, CP



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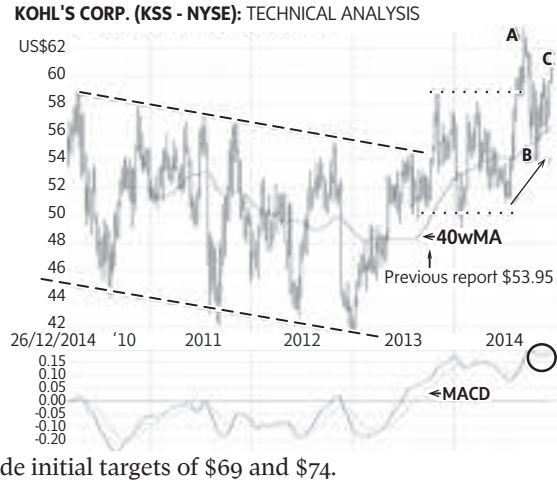


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INVESTING

WHAT THE CHARTS SAY BY MONICA RIZK AND RON MEISELS

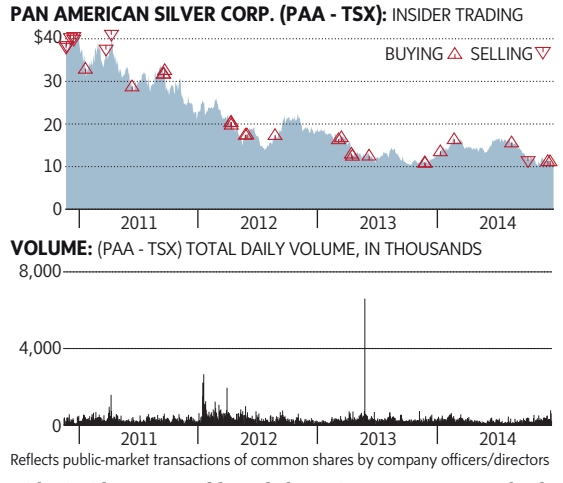
Bullish on Kohl's
In our previous look at **Kohl's Corp.** (Nov. 16, 2013 – \$53.95 U.S.) we reported a breakout above a multiyear descending parallel channel (dashed lines). Kohl's (Friday's close \$60.20) settled in a horizontal trading range between \$50 and \$59 (dotted lines). Bullish sentiment then drove the stock to \$63.54 to signal the resumption of the up-trend toward higher targets (A). Kohl's then had a minor correction to its 40-week moving average (40wMA – B) and now appears ready to resume the up-trend (C). Only a sustained decline below \$55-\$56 would be negative. Point & Figure measurements provide initial targets of \$69 and \$74.



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WHO'S BUYING AND SELLING BY TED DIXON

Buying at Pan American Silver
Ross Beatty, board chair of **Pan American Silver Corp.** (Wednesday's close \$10.51), has been buying shares in the Latin American miner as the stock trades above its 10-year low of \$9.97. On Dec. 22, he bought 500,000 shares. For the third quarter, the company reported cash costs per ounce of \$12.29 (U.S.), net of by-product credits. That helped to generate cash flow from operating activities of \$38.3-million or 25 cents a share. Looking ahead, CEO Geoff Burns has said cash generation will be a key focus at each mine.



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TSX CAPPED SECTOR INDEXES BREAKDOWN

CONSUMER DISCRETION +2.66% OR 4.46 POINTS (WEEK CHANGE) ▲

	171.91	.60	38.55	1.87	.74	172.37	131.83	2.66	26.93		
	WED	NET	P/E	DIV	ACTUAL	52WK	52WK	WEEK	YTD	MK CAP	*SECT
	CLOSE	CHG		YIELD	AN. DIV	HIGH	LOW	%CHG	%CHG	(\$BLNS)	INFL
✦☆☆Aimia Inc.	14.97	.22	n-a	4.81	.72	19.88	13.59	5.05	-23.27	2.61	.24
✦☆☆Amaya Inc.	28.20	-.28	176.25	.00	.00	39.25	5.61	-1.61	254.72	3.69	-.09
✦☆☆AutoCanada Inc.	41.85	-.14	19.47	2.39	1.00	91.72	37.10	-.40	-8.80	1.02	-.01
✦☆☆BRP INC.	24.25	.65	53.89	.00	.00	31.98	21.02	3.68	-19.57	2.87	.06
✦☆☆Canadian Tire Corpora	122.37	-.43	16.21	1.72	2.10	130.36	93.20	-.86	23.00	9.56	-.15
✦☆☆Cineplex Inc.	45.47	.37	44.58	3.30	1.50	46.14	38.16	.49	3.20	2.86	.03
✦☆☆Cogeco Cable	71.66	.66	16.67	1.95	1.40	72.64	46.85	.93	49.35	3.50	.03
✦☆☆Corus Entertainment	22.94	.24	12.96	4.75	1.09	26.05	20.08	.26	-10.81	1.97	.01
✦☆☆DHX Media	9.66	.01	n-a	.54	.05	10.58	4.38	-1.53	72.50	1.16	-.03
✦☆☆Dollarama Inc.	59.20	.13	29.02	.54	.32	59.89	40.05	2.07	34.23	7.78	.27
✦☆☆Dorel Industries	41.26	.35	16.77	3.38	1.40	41.99	31.98	2.71	1.98	1.33	.05
✦☆☆EnerCare Inc.	14.61	-.01	39.49	4.96	.72	15.70	9.48	4.21	46.54	.86	.10
✦☆☆Gildan Activewear	66.65	.21	20.08	.91	.60	68.62	53.45	1.18	17.74	8.13	.17
✦☆☆Great Canadian Gaming	20.45	-.11	21.76	.00	.00	22.34	13.08	-1.54	39.69	1.39	-.03
✦☆☆Hudson's Bay Co.	24.05	.20	27.97	.83	.20	24.83	15.53	.92	34.13	4.38	.05
✦☆☆Linamar Corp.	71.99	.61	14.69	.56	.40	72.47	41.39	8.09	62.91	4.66	.48
✦☆☆Magna International	125.41	.12	13.31	1.41	1.77	127.46	83.70	3.51	43.98	26.12	1.69
✦☆☆Martinaire Internation	10.36	.54	103.60	1.16	.12	14.70	6.96	4.65	32.82	.88	.07
✦☆☆Quebecor Inc.	32.66	.32	54.43	.31	.10	32.76	23.29	3.29	23.52	4.01	.17
✦☆☆RONA Inc.	13.86	.05	27.72	1.01	.14	14.75	10.80	3.13	4.92	1.61	.08
✦☆☆Shaw Communications	31.56	.15	17.15	3.49	1.10	31.68	24.28	.90	22.09	14.58	.20
✦☆☆Thomson Reuters	47.62	.25	83.54	3.22	1.54	47.91	36.86	3.48	18.55	38.06	1.05

CONSUMER STAPLES +5.95% OR 24.46 POINTS (WEEK CHANGE) ▲

	435.21	-1.10	33.08	1.78	.76	436.31	297.70	5.95	44.79		
	WED	NET	P/E	DIV	ACTUAL	52WK	52WK	WEEK	YTD	MK CAP	*SECT
	CLOSE	CHG		YIELD	AN. DIV	HIGH	LOW	%CHG	%CHG	(\$BLNS)	INFL
✦☆☆Alimentation CoucheT	47.50	-.20	26.99	.34	.16	49.08	25.63	11.66	78.39	26.88	13.04
✦☆☆Cott Corp.	8.01	-.05	n-a	3.48	.28	9.45	6.66	4.57	-6.32	.75	.22
✦☆☆Empire Company	88.31	.09	33.84	1.22	1.08	88.98	64.63	3.64	21.67	8.15	1.11
✦☆☆George Weston	100.33	-.36	135.58	1.67	1.68	104.00	75.15	1.85	29.46	12.81	.56
✦☆☆Jean Coutu Group (PJC)	28.21	.10	4.29	1.42	.40	28.34	18.15	2.62	53.23	5.11	.39
✦☆☆Loblaw Companies	62.53	-.242	084.33	1.57	.98	63.27	41.32	4.08	47.55	25.75	3.68
✦☆☆Maple Leaf Foods	19.40	-.07	2.27	.82	.16	20.81	15.09	6.19	15.54	2.76	.71
✦☆☆Metro Inc.	91.22	-.52	17.82	1.32	1.20	93.25	60.95	2.45	40.55	7.71	1.20
✦☆☆North West Company	26.06	.10	19.74	4.45	1.16	26.24	21.93	1.13	1.24	1.26	.09
✦☆☆Saputo Inc.	34.68	.08	24.08	1.50	.52	34.93	23.94	6.15	43.34	13.57	3.47

ENERGY +3.76% OR 8.12 POINTS (WEEK CHANGE) ▲

	224.16	-2.18	19.03	4.47	.63	224.16	187.59	3.76	-17.80		
	WED	NET	P/E	DIV	ACTUAL	52WK	52WK	WEEK	YTD	MK CAP	*SECT
	CLOSE	CHG		YIELD	AN. DIV	HIGH	LOW	%CHG	%CHG	(\$BLNS)	INFL
✦☆☆RMP Energy	4.67	.03	11.39	.00	.00	10.07	3.57	5.66	-16.90	.57	.03
✦☆☆Cenovus Energy	24.04	-.36	15.71	4.41	1.06	34.79	18.72	9.92	-20.92	18.20	1.49
✦☆☆Husky Energy	27.26	-.25	13.23	4.40	1.20	37.31	21.39	5.50	-19.11	26.81	.36
✦☆☆Imperial Oil	51.19	-.37	10.40	1.02	.52	57.96	44.99	2.67	8.82	56.31	.28
✦☆☆Suncor Energy	37.31	-.49	17.94	3.00	1.12	47.18	30.89	4.48	.19	54.25	1.99

OIL & GAS EQUIPMENT & SERVICES

✦☆☆Calfrac Well Services	10.15	-.07	18.45	4.93	.50	22.57	8.60	-1.55	-34.52	.96	-.01
✦☆☆Canyon Services Group	8.69	-.06	20.69	6.90	.60	20.05	7.16	1.28	-27.70	.60	.01
✦☆☆Cdn. Energy Services	6.37	.05	10.11	5.18	.33	11.68	5.84	-2.90	-17.34	1.36	-.03
✦☆☆Enerflex Ltd.	16.26	.16	22.58	2.09	.34	21.50	14.49	1.82	8.40	1.27	.02
✦☆☆Ensign Energy Service	10.35	-.10	12.18	4.54	.47	17.87	9.59	-2.08	-38.14	1.58	-.02
✦☆☆Mullen Group	21.40	.44	21.19	5.61	1.20	31.34	19.08	.61	-24.62	1.96	.01
✦☆☆Pason Systems	21.49	-.06	19.90	3.16	.68	35.51	20.82	-1.42	-6.48	1.78	-.02
✦☆☆Precision Drilling	7.24	-.04	9.65	3.87	.28	15.65	6.11	-.14	-27.16	2.12	-.00
✦☆☆Secure Energy Service	17.18	.05	35.79	1.40	.24	28.05	13.61	5.27	-2.77	2.08	.07
✦☆☆ShawCor Ltd.	42.31	-.11	18.48	1.42	.60	60.63	37.01	-2.87	-.40	2.71	-.06
✦☆☆Trican Well Service	5.75	-.06	n-a	5.22	.30	18.19	5.00	-3.04	-55.70	.86	-.02
✦☆☆Trinidad Drilling	5.48	.15	14.42	3.65	.20	12.89	4.68	.00	-44.37	.76	.00

OIL & GAS EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION

✦☆☆Advantage Oil & Gas	5.41	-.04	n-a	.00	.00	7.85	3.84	-9.68	17.35	.92	-.07
✦☆☆ARC Resources Ltd.	26.10	-.32	29.66	4.60	1.20	33.68	22.74	-2.68	-11.73	8.30	-.18
✦☆☆Athabasca Oil	2.62	-.03	n-a	.00	.00	8.84	2.02	10.08	-59.57	1.05	.08
✦☆☆Bankers Petroleum	3.18	-.09	7.95	.00	.00	7.45	2.32	4.61	-27.23	.83	.03
✦☆☆Baytex Energy Corp.	19.99	.00	11.23	6.00	1.20	49.88	14.56	7.65	-51.99	3.33	.21
✦☆☆Bellatrix Exploration	4.09	-.05	5.31	.00	.00	11.65	3.45	.49	-47.63	.78	.00
✦☆☆Birchcliff Energy	7.81	-.02	8.68	.00	.00	14.97	7.17	-13.70	7.43	1.19	-.09
✦☆☆Bonavista Energy Corp	7.23	-.07	20.66	11.62	.84	17.85	6.66	-5.12	-48.06	1.54	-.06
✦☆☆Bonterra Energy Corp.	40.43	-.57	14.76	8.90	3.60	65.99	32.87	2.30	-25.34	1.30	.02
✦☆☆Canadian Natural Reso	36.49	-.26	12.67	2.47	.90	49.57	31.00	5.68	1.53	39.84	1.85
✦☆☆Canadian Oil Sands	10.76	-.26	8.34	13.01	1.40	24.68	8.20	10.47	-46.15	5.22	.45
✦☆☆Crescent Point Energy	28.11	-.37	31.23	9.82	2.76	48.68	21.20	6.08	-31.85	12.46	.62
✦☆☆Crew Energy Inc.	5.92	-.18	n-a	.00	.00	12.74	5.42	-10.44	-7.21	.73	-.06
✦☆☆EnCana Corp.	15.95	-.07	3.58	2.04	.33	26.85	13.31	4.87	-16.84	11.82	.47
✦☆☆Enerplus Corp.	11.70	-.12	13.30	9.23	1.08	27.05	9.02	6.36	-39.38	2.40	.13
✦☆☆Freehold Royalties	19.26	-.10	19.26	8.72	1.68	28.15	17.02	1.74	-12.89	1.43	.02
✦☆☆Gran Tierra Energy	4.49	-.06	13.21	.00	.00	8.69	3.57	4.66	-42.06	1.29	.05
✦☆☆Kelt Exploration	7.19	-.21	119.83	.00	.00	15.61	6.64	-12.64	-23.51	.91	-.08
✦☆☆Legacy Oil Gas	2.17	-.07	13.56	.00	.00	10.03	1.62	-2.25	-64.60	.43	-.01
✦☆☆Lightstream Resources	1.21	-.04	n-a	14.88	.18	9.09	1.16	-12.32	-79.42	.24	-.03
✦☆☆MEG Energy Corp.	19.70	-.44	n-a	.00	.00	41.29	13.30	18.96	-35.64	4.41	.48
✦☆☆NuVista Energy Ltd	7.49	-.18	n-a	.00	.00	12.47	5.89	1.49	4.90	1.04	.01
✦☆☆Paramount Rubiales Ener	7.54	-.09	4.10	10.18	.77	23.86	4.81	12.54	-58.89	2.38	.19
✦☆☆Painted Pony Petroleu	9.61	-.09	n-a	.00	.00	14.75	6.23	-8.65	38.47	.90	-.07
✦☆☆Paramount Resources	28.44	-.56	76.86	.00	.00	66.37	25.57	-3.72	-26.85	2.98	-.05
✦☆☆Parex Resources Inc.	7.59	-.01	12.86	.00	.00	15.49	6.08	5.71	15.35	1.02	.04
✦☆☆Pangrowth Energy	3.82	.01	n-a	12.57	.48	7.78	2.77	3.24	-41.86	2.03	.05
✦☆☆Penn West Petroleum	2.60	.06	n-a	21.54	.56	11.00	2.27	2.36	-70.69	1.29	.02
✦☆☆Peyto Exploration & D	33.05	-.37	21.74	3.99	1.32	41.95	30.50	-7.40	1.66	5.08	-.31
✦☆☆PrairieSky Royalty	32.64	-.12	n-a	3.89	1.27	42.60	28.59	1.68	n-a	4.24	.06
✦☆☆Raging River Explorat	7.40	-.05	12.76	.00	.00	11.25	5.58	1.51	9.79	1.33	.01
✦☆☆Surge Energy Inc.	3.82	-.12	10.61	15.71	.60	8.82	3.23	-6.14	-43.41	.83	-.04
✦☆☆Talisman Energy	9.10	-.01	n-a	3.45	.31	13.13	3.96	2.25	-26.32	9.39	.16
✦☆☆TORC Oil & Gas Ltd.	8.05	.05	20.13	6.71	.54	16.33	6.71	2.81	-23.77	.76	.01
✦☆☆Tourmaline Oil	39.31	-.34	27.30	.00	.00	59.25	34.47	-4.82	-12.06	7.93	-.26
✦☆☆Trilogy Energy Corp.	8.25	-.31	16.50	5.09	.42	32.30	7.41	-10.71	-70.11	.87	-.05
✦☆☆Vermilion Energy Inc.	57.56	-.74	19.19	4.48	2.58	78.24	44.05	9.30	-7.68	6.15	.47
✦☆☆Whitecap Resources	11.75	-.22	9.71	6.38	.75	18.70	9.99	-2.49	-7.04	2.89	-.06

INCOME TRUST +1.87% OR 3.45 POINTS (WEEK CHANGE) ▲

	187.83	.85	19.59	5.84	1.43	193.22	170.66	1.87	7.86		
	WED CLOSE	NET CHG	P/E	DIV YIELD	ACTUAL AN. DIV	52WK HIGH	52WK LOW	WEEK %CHG	YTD %CHG	MK CAP (\$BLN)	*SECT INFL
REAL ESTATE											
▲Allied Properties REI	37.44	.19	18.26	3.63	1.36	38.39	31.95	3.11	14.29	2.80	.30
▼Artis REIT	14.37	.03	16.71	7.52	1.08	16.36	13.75	.70	-3.30	1.95	.05
⬆Boardwalk REIT	63.45	.60	13.00	3.22	2.04	71.40	57.99	1.18	6.02	3.30	.10
▲☆☆Brookfield Property P	27.29	-.03	6.59	4.26	1.16	27.55	20.41	2.25	28.48	6.66	.42
▲☆☆Calloway REIT	27.66	.19	13.49	5.78	1.60	28.34	24.33	-.32	9.94	3.76	-.03
▲☆☆CAP REIT	25.15	.12	19.05	4.69	1.18	26.12	20.63	3.41	18.35	2.76	.33
⬆☆☆Cdn. Real Estate Inve	45.58	-.41	37.06	3.84	1.75	50.00	41.50	.46	5.10	3.16	.05
▲Chartwell Retirement	12.00	.03	n-a	4.50	.54	12.24	9.68	.76	20.12	2.08	.05
▼☆☆Cominar REIT	18.45	.12	10.31	7.97	1.47	19.75	17.66	1.49	.05	2.90	.14
▼☆☆Crombie REIT	12.90	.04	26.88	6.90	.89	13.93	12.13	.86	-4.73	1.68	.03
▼Dream Office REIT	24.76	.17	8.66	9.05	2.24	29.90	23.80	.69	-14.09	2.68	.06
⬆☆☆Granite REIT	42.70	1.00	13.82	5.39	2.30	42.79	36.80	6.43	10.45	2.01	.44
▼☆☆H&R Real Estate Inves	21.83	.28	n-a	6.18	1.35	23.93	20.72	2.10	2.01	5.98	.43
▼☆☆Northern Property REI	23.65	-.03	n-a	6.89	1.63	30.20	23.29	-1.46	-14.77	.75	-.04
▼☆☆RioCan Real Estate In	26.95	.06	11.09	5.23	1.41	28.11	24.36	2.16	8.80	8.32	.63
OTHER BUSINESS											
▲☆☆♣Brookfield Renewable	34.88	-.08	79.27	5.17	1.80	36.84	27.16	2.59	25.20	5.00	.32
▼☆☆♣Chemtrade Logistics I	20.40	.14	n-a	5.88	1.20	22.47	18.36	2.00	4.35	1.28	.10
▼☆☆Dream Global REIT	8.59	.12	n-a	8.96	.77	10.03	7.93	2.14	2.02	.95	.07

FOREIGN MARKETS

CHINA



Chinese stocks rallied after a drop in money-market rates, amid speculation the government will take more measures to bolster the economy. The Shanghai composite index has risen 49 per cent this year and 1.6 per cent this week. It is valued at 11.9 times future earnings, the highest level since May, 2011.

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	CLOSE	FRIDAY NET CHG	P/E	DIV YIELD	5-DAY %CHG	YTD %CHG		CLOSE	FRIDAY NET CHG	P/E	DIV YIELD	5-DAY %CHG	YTD %CHG
Amsterdam AEX	425.57	-1.20	21.43	2.8	5.5	5.9	New York S&P 500	2,088.77	6.89	18.48	1.9	1.3	13.0
Caracas General	3,794.02	-6.99	13.72	1.7	-3.7	38.6	Paris CAC40	4,295.85	-19.12	25.69	3.3	4.5	0.0
Frankfurt Xetra Dax	9,922.11	56.35	17.43	2.7	3.7	3.9	Russia RTS	828.57	-15.52	4.66	5.3	2.2	-42.6
Hong Kong Hang Seng	23,349.34	15.65	9.88	3.9	3.4	0.2	Sao Paulo Bovespa	50,144.63	-745.18	16.95	4.8	2.9	-2.6
London FTSE 100	6,609.93	11.75	18.88	4.6	4.3	-2.1	Seoul Kospi	1,948.16	1.55	28.80	1.1	2.7	-3.1
Mexico C IPC	43,002.17	-0.70	24.74	1.5	1.2	0.6	Shanghai Composite	3,157.60	85.07	15.05	2.1	1.6	49.2
Madrid IBEX 35	10,481.80	4.10	22.05	6.1	4.3	5.7	Singapore Straits	3,353.68	7.77	13.60	3.3	3.4	5.9
Milan S&P/MIB	19,352.13	278.09	N.A.	3.0	4.2	2.0	Sydney All Ord	5,369.50	13.09	20.34	4.4	4.5	0.3
Mumbai Sensitive	27,241.78	33.17	19.08	1.4	0.4	28.7	Taiwan Taiex	9,214.07	55.37	15.23	3.2	2.4	7.0
New York DJIA	18,053.71	23.50	16.13	2.2	1.6	8.9	Tokyo Nikkei Stock	17,818.96	10.21	21.85	1.4	3.5	9.4
New York Nasdaq	4,806.86	33.39	46.96	1.3	1.2	15.1	Toronto S&P/TSX	14,609.25	15.22	18.67	2.9	2.8	7.3

TSX CAPPED SECTOR INDEXES BREAKDOWN

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY +3.88% OR 1.77 POINTS (WEEK CHANGE)

	47.41	-18	35.66	.76	.84	47.61	34.86	3.88	34.88		
	WED	NET	P/E	DIV	ACTUAL	52WK	52WK	WEEK	YTD	MK CAP	*SECT
	CLOSE	CHG		YIELD	AN. DIV	HIGH	LOW	%CHG	%CHG	(\$BLNS)	INFL
↕☆☆Avigilon Corp.	17.25	.03	26.14	.00	.00	34.50	13.15	1.23	-43.90	.80	.01
↕☆☆BlackBerry Limited	12.41	-.17	n-a	.00	.00	14.26	7.44	6.80	57.09	6.56	.50
↕☆☆Celestica Inc.	13.74	.20	16.36	.00	.00	14.00	10.04	2.77	24.46	2.44	.07
↕☆☆CGI Group	44.61	-.22	16.05	.00	.00	45.55	32.71	5.44	25.52	13.94	.74
↕☆☆Constellation Softwar	331.06	.06	59.01	1.41	4.65	345.84	212.65	.08	47.14	7.02	.01
↕☆☆Descartes Systems Gro	17.53	.05	70.12	.00	.00	17.93	13.32	2.04	23.36	1.32	.03
↕☆☆DH Corporation	37.00	.14	32.74	3.46	1.28	38.00	27.00	.11	24.20	2.99	.00
↕☆☆Open Text	68.35	-.63	29.21	1.17	.80	69.39	48.20	3.88	39.90	8.29	.40

MATERIALS +.59% OR 1.24 POINTS (WEEK CHANGE)

	211.15	3.42	18.10	1.91	.37	269.92	198.91	.59	-6.41		
	WED	NET	P/E	DIV	ACTUAL	52WK	52WK	WEEK	YTD	MK CAP	*SECT
	CLOSE	CHG		YIELD	AN. DIV	HIGH	LOW	%CHG	%CHG	(\$BLNS)	INFL
↕☆☆Alacer Gold Corp.	2.27	.23	12.61	.00	.00	3.65	1.77	-1.30	4.61	.66	-.01
↕☆☆First Quantum Mineral	16.19	.09	16.19	.86	.14	27.29	15.31	-2.53	-15.41	9.72	-.23
↕☆☆HudBay Minerals	9.90	.18	n-a	.20	.02	11.85	7.93	5.43	13.27	2.31	.12
↕☆☆Lundin Mining	5.74	.09	22.96	.00	.00	6.57	4.35	7.29	24.78	3.36	.24
↕☆☆Osisko Gold Royalties	15.55	.40	n-a	.77	.12	16.48	13.30	6.58	n-a	.74	.05
↕☆☆Pretium Resources	5.91	.20	n-a	.00	.00	9.43	4.60	-4.83	7.85	.69	-.02
↕☆☆Primero Mining Corp.	4.00	.21	n-a	.00	.00	9.05	3.25	.00	-14.53	.64	.00
↕☆☆Sheriff Internationa	3.05	.17	n-a	1.31	.04	4.90	2.16	6.27	-17.57	.91	.05
↕☆☆Teck Resources	15.50	-.07	19.38	5.81	.90	29.10	12.79	7.56	-43.94	8.93	.52
↕☆☆Turquoise Hill Resour	3.37	-.03	28.08	.00	.00	4.82	3.20	.00	-3.99	6.78	.00

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

↕☆☆Agnico Eagle Mines	27.54	.79	n-a	1.35	.37	45.92	25.05	2.00	-1.75	5.76	.11
↕☆☆Alamos Gold	8.03	.23	n-a	2.90	.23	13.92	7.39	-2.43	-37.61	1.02	-.02
↕☆☆AuRico Gold	3.61	.15	n-a	.29	.01	5.91	3.33	-.28	-7.44	.90	-.00
↕☆☆B2Gold	1.84	.09	4.49	.00	.00	3.69	1.65	-1.08	-15.60	1.25	-.02
↕☆☆Barrick Gold Corp.	12.02	.21	n-a	1.94	.23	23.78	11.67	-4.45	-35.76	14.00	-.58
↕☆☆Capstone Mining	1.88	.06	n-a	.00	.00	3.35	1.65	4.44	-37.33	.71	.03
↕☆☆Centerra Gold	5.57	.16	15.47	2.87	.16	6.90	3.16	7.12	28.94	1.32	.06
↕☆☆China Gold Intl. Reso	1.96	.09	21.78	.00	.00	3.91	1.82	-5.31	-27.41	.78	-.02
↕☆☆Detour Gold	8.35	.44	n-a	.00	.00	15.62	3.51	-4.13	103.66	1.32	-.05
↕☆☆Dominion Diamond	20.58	.33	23.93	.00	.00	21.12	12.89	-1.15	35.22	1.75	-.02
↕☆☆Eldorado Gold	6.97	.25	n-a	.29	.02	9.37	5.65	-3.99	15.59	4.99	-.18
↕☆☆First Majestic Silver	5.53	.24	n-a	.00	.00	13.74	3.98	2.03	-46.98	.65	.01
↕☆☆Fortuna Silver Mines	4.99	.09	n-a	.00	.00	6.59	2.75	.60	63.61	.63	.00
↕☆☆FrancoNevada Corp.	56.11	1.62	311.72	1.66	.93	67.12	41.84	.95	29.61	8.76	.08
↕☆☆Goldcorp Inc.	20.57	.59	n-a	3.39	.70	32.46	19.18	-1.58	-10.72	16.73	-.24
↕☆☆Iamgold Corp.	2.83	.10	n-a	.00	.00	4.82	1.62	.00	-19.83	1.07	.00
↕☆☆Kinross Gold	3.13	.11	n-a	5.95	.19	5.99	2.27	.00	-32.69	3.58	.00
↕☆☆Nevsun Resources	4.30	.17	11.62	4.33	.19	5.30	3.36	-4.23	21.81	.86	-.03
↕☆☆New Gold	4.90	.26	n-a	.00	.00	7.28	3.85	2.51	-11.87	2.47	.06
↕☆☆NovaGold Resources	3.30	.14	n-a	.00	.00	5.11	2.39	-5.17	22.22	1.05	-.04
↕☆☆OceanaGold	1.87	.11	10.39	.00	.00	3.74	1.47	-5.56	14.02	.56	-.03
↕☆☆Pan American Silver	10.51	.27	n-a	5.53	.58	17.41	9.97	-2.69	-15.31	1.59	-.04
↕☆☆Semafo Inc.	2.80	.14	n-a	1.43	.04	5.48	2.39	-5.08	.36	.78	-.04
↕☆☆Silver Standard Resou	5.40	.28	n-a	.00	.00	13.52	4.47	1.89	-26.73	.44	.01
↕☆☆Silver Wheaton	23.20	.51	30.53	1.20	.28	30.09	18.92	-1.99	8.16	8.45	-.15
↕☆☆Tahoe Resources	15.46	.63	28.63	1.81	.28	30.15	13.19	8.34	-12.51	2.28	.10
↕☆☆Torex Gold Resources	1.17	.06	n-a	.00	.00	1.82	.92	2.63	24.47	.92	.02
↕☆☆Yamana Gold Inc.	4.54	.19	n-a	1.54	.07	11.86	3.93	3.65	-50.44	4.00	.13

OTHER

↕☆☆Agrium	111.55	.25	18.75	3.25	3.63	117.56	92.81	1.47	14.80	16.06	.22
↕☆☆Canexus Corporation	3.12	-.01	n-a	12.82	.40	7.56	2.60	1.96	-56.42	.60	.01
↕☆☆Canfor Corporation	29.15	.14	23.13	.00	.00	30.02	21.75	2.86	9.34	3.95	.06
↕☆☆CCL Industries	126.43	2.40	22.74	.81	1.02	128.42	76.95	4.45	59.59	4.08	.14
↕☆☆Chemtrade Logistics I	20.40	.14	n-a	5.88	1.20	22.47	18.36	2.00	4.35	1.28	.03
↕☆☆Interfor Corporation	21.26	.19	24.16	.00	.00	22.02	13.02	15.36	58.18	1.42	.19
↕☆☆Intertape Polymer Gro	18.99	.06	12.41	2.94	.56	19.95	11.12	.21	35.35	1.15	.00

U.S. STOCKS

S&P 500 200 LARGEST STOCKS BY MARKET CAP

	FRI CLOSE	WEEK %CHG	52WK HIGH	52WK LOW	DIV YLD		FRI CLOSE	WEEK %CHG	52WK HIGH	52WK LOW	DIV YLD		FRI CLOSE	WEEK %CHG	52WK HIGH	52WK LOW	DIV YLD		FRI CLOSE	WEEK %CHG	52WK HIGH	52WK LOW	DIV YLD
3M Co.	166.26	.47	168.16	123.61	2.5	Chubb Corp.	104.43	.78	105.28	82.98	1.9	Goldman Sachs	195.45	1.12	198.06	151.65	1.2	Praxair	132.23	1.68	135.24	117.32	2.0
Abbott Labs	45.85	-.43	46.50	35.65	2.1	Cigna Corp.	104.00	-.51	105.73	73.47	.0	Google	541.52	4.13	614.44	497.19	.0	Precision Castparts	241.26	1.80	275.09	215.09	.1
Accenture plc	91.26	.83	91.94	73.98	2.2	Cisco Systems	28.35	2.09	28.59	21.27	2.7	Halliburton Co.	39.73	-1.88	74.33	37.21	1.8	Procter & Gamble	93.46	1.53	93.89	75.26	2.8
ACE Ltd.	116.21	1.32	117.89	92.00	2.2	Citigroup	54.43	.78	56.95	45.18	.1	Health Care REIT	76.79	.38	78.17	52.82	4.2	Prudential Financia	91.23	1.59	94.30	75.89	2.5
Activis, Inc.	257.09	-3.13	272.75	164.07	.0	CME Group	90.39	-2.13	93.91	66.44	2.1	Hewlett-Packard Co.	40.70	2.01	40.95	27.27	1.6	Public Storage	187.96	1.63	190.19	148.04	3.0
Adobe Systems	74.67	.30	77.56	57.15	.0	Coca-Cola	42.96	2.41	45.00	36.89	2.8	Home Depot	103.75	1.79	104.38	73.96	1.8	Qualcomm	75.62	2.98	81.97	67.67	2.3
Aetna	89.84	-1.10	91.87	64.68	1.1	Cognizant Technolog	53.84	.65	54.89	41.51	.0	Honeywell Internati	101.63	.46	102.39	82.89	2.0	Raytheon Co.	110.08	3.05	111.47	87.64	2.2
Aflac	61.94	1.24	67.62	54.99	2.5	Colgate Palmolive	70.88	1.29	71.31	59.75	2.0	IBM Corp.	162.34	2.42	199.21	150.50	2.4	Regeneron Pharmaceu	413.48	-3.31	437.64	262.97	.0
Air Products & Chem	149.12	1.41	149.61	102.73	2.1	Comcast Corp.	58.39	2.13	58.55	47.74	1.6	Illinois Tool Works	97.03	1.05	97.79	76.25	2.0	Reynolds American I	65.71	2.30	67.59	46.55	4.1
Alexion Pharmaceuti	187.49	-1.08	203.30	126.76	.0	ConocoPhillips	69.88	-1.55	87.09	60.84	4.2	Intel	37.55	3.24	37.90	23.50	2.4	SalesForce.com	60.80	1.57	67.00	48.18	.0
Allergan	211.95	-.32	214.66	108.31	.1	Corning Inc.	23.32	2.91	23.52	16.55	2.1	IntercontinentalExc	221.88	.12	229.50	182.40	1.2	Schlumberger Ltd.	87.13	-.45	118.76	78.47	1.8
Allstate Corp.	70.93	1.49	71.25	49.18	1.6	Costco Wholesale	143.44	1.18	146.82	109.50	1.0	Intuit Inc.	94.19	-.29	95.84	69.02	1.1	Sempra Energy	114.86	4.32	115.03	86.73	2.4
Altria Group Inc.	50.60	.08	51.67	33.80	4.1	Covidien	103.21	.30	104.06	65.97	1.4	Johnson & Johnson	105.06	-.46	109.49	86.09	2.7	Sherwin-Williams Co	264.85	1.84	266.23	174.29	.8
Amazon.com	309.1	3.06	408.06	284.00	.0	Crown Castle Intern	79.05	2.26	84.97	68.44	4.2	Johnson Controls	48.87	1.35	52.50	38.60	2.1	Simon Property Grou	184.63	.60	188.18	140.66	2.8
American Electric P	61.99	3.51	62.39	45.80	3.5	CSX Corp.	36.68	2.57	37.99	25.84	1.8	JP Morgan Chase & C	62.55	1.00	63.16	52.97	2.6	Southern Company	50.47	2.96	50.87	40.27	4.2
American Express	94.29	1.50	96.24	78.41	.1	Cummins	146.53	2.43	161.93	122.64	2.1	Kellogg	67.01	.28	69.50	55.69	2.9	Southwest Airlines	41.91	4.10	42.94	18.60	.6
American Internatio	56.42	1.15	56.78	46.80	.0	CVS Health Corp.	98.25	2.66	98.62	64.95	1.4	Kimberly Clark	118.28	2.11	118.83	98.54	2.9	Spectra Energy	36.90	-.46	43.12	32.50	4.0
American Tower	100.64	1.12	106.31	78.34	1.5	DanaHER Corp.	86.73	.53	87.49	70.12	.5	Kinder Morgan	42.70	2.57	42.81	30.81	4.2	Starbucks	81.93	3.01	84.20	67.93	1.6
Ameriprise Financia	135.27	.70	137.33	100.94	1.7	Deere & Co.	90.24	.16	94.89	78.88	2.7	Kroger Co.	64.29	1.16	64.67	35.13	1.2	State Street Corp.	79.90	.21	80.77	62.67	1.5
Amgen	163.46	-3.94	173.14	108.20	2.0	Delta Air Lines	48.39	2.13	49.62	26.86	.8	L Brands, Inc.	85.55	2.28	86.08	50.78	1.6	Stryker Corp.	95.64	.90	98.24	74.02	1.4
Anadarko Petroleum	83.19	-1.97	113.51	71.00	1.3	Devon Energy	60.83	-.78	80.63	51.76	1.6	Lockheed Martin	196.84	2.07	198.72	144.69	3.1	Sysco Corp.	40.59	.30	41.16	34.07	3.0
Anthem, Inc.	126.36	-1.24	129.96	81.84	1.4	DIRECTV	87.05	1.85	89.46	66.81	.0	Lowes Companies	67.50	.90	68.35	44.13	1.4	Target Corp.	75.06	1.50	75.37	54.66	2.8
Aon Corporation	96.26	-.44	98.10	76.49	1.0	Discover Financial	66.27	1.81	66.75	51.63	1.5	Marsh & McLennan Co	58.06	.12	58.84	44.25	1.9	TE Connectivity Ltd	64.75	1.86	65.21	51.03	1.8
Apache Corp.	63.96	-1.33	104.57	54.34	1.6	Dominion Resources	79.28	5.15	79.85	63.14	3.1	Mastercard	87.77	1.54	89.87	68.68	.7	Texas Instruments	54.75	.95	56.00	40.33	2.5
Apple	113.99	1.98	119.75	70.51	1.7	Dow Chemical	46.48	1.40	54.97	41.45	3.7	McDonald's Corp.	94.78	1.67	103.78	87.62	3.6	The Priceline Group	1,156.2	4.22	1,379.01	1,017.28	.0
Applied Materials	25.19	1.21	25.71	16.40	1.6	Duke Energy	85.81	3.57	86.43	67.05	3.7	McGraw-Hill Compani	89.92	-.14	93.94	71.93	1.3	Thermo Fisher Scien	127.67	-.61	129.77	107.33	.5
Archer Daniels Midl	53.42	2.26	53.91	37.92	1.8	DuPont	75.13	2.51	75.82	59.35	2.5	McKesson Corp.	210.15	-.46	214.37	159.45	.5	Time Warner Cable	152.83	2.36	155.32	128.78	2.0
AT&T Inc.	34.17	1.88	37.48	31.74	5.5	Eaton Corp.	69.43	-.39	79.98	57.11	2.8	Medtronic Inc.	73.61	-1.35	75.65	53.33	1.7	Time Warner Inc.	86.71	2.10	88.13	58.21	1.5
Automatic Data Proc	85.20	.58	86.54	63.08	2.3	eBay	57.04	-.18	59.70	46.34	.0	Merck & Company	57.78	-3.02	62.20	49.30	3.1	TJX Companies	68.07	3.01	68.46	51.91	1.0
Avago Technologies	100.62	.47	105.00	51.89	1.2	Ecolab Inc.	107.11	.45	118.46	97.65	1.2	MetLife	54.87	1.95	57.57	46.15	2.6	Travelers Companies	106.70	.90	107.44	79.89	2.1
Baker-Hughes	56.33	-1.43	75.64	47.51	1.2	Eli Lilly & Co.	70.39	-2.78	75.10	50.52	2.9	MetLife	35.00	1.48	36.59	20.64	.0	Twenty First Centur	38.89	.99	39.27	30.67	.7
Bank of America	17.98	2.04	18.10	14.37	1.1	EMC Corp.	30.89	2.49	30.92	23.47	1.5	Microsoft	47.88	.46	50.05	34.63	2.6	Union Pacific	120.39	1.62	123.61	82.18	1.7
Bank of New York Me	41.29	1.08	41.79	30.82	1.7	Emerson Electric	62.78	.72	70.66	57.76	3.0	Mondelez Internatio	37.76	1.23	39.54	31.83	1.6	United Parcel Servi	111.93	.87	113.10	93.19	2.4
Baxter Internationa	74.56	.11	77.31	66.34	2.8	EOG Resources	93.82	-1.26	118.89	80.63	.7	Monsanto Company	121.44	-.26	128.79	104.08	1.6	United Technologies	117.24	1.43	120.66	97.30	2.0
BB&T Corp.	39.21	2.30	41.04	34.50	2.5	Equity Residential	73.59	-.31	74.72	51.47	2.7	Morgan Stanley	38.72	.55	39.17	28.31	1.0	UnitedHealth Group	102.55	.06	104.00	69.57	1.5
Becton Dickinson	139.34	-.34	142.56	105.21	1.7	Estee Lauder	77.45	1.57	77.98	63.63	1.2	National Oilwell Va	66.70	-.55	86.55	60.88	2.8	US Bancorp	45.74	1.19	46.10	38.10	2.1
Berkshire Hathaway	151.35	-.14	152.94	108.12	.0	Exelon	38.21	1.60	38.65	26.45	3.3	NextEra Energy	109.29	3.23	109.69	83.97	2.7	Verizon Communicati	47.86	1.79	53.66	45.09	4.6
Biogen IDEC	342.40	-5.07	361.93	270.62	.0	Express Scripts Hol	85.74	5.88	86.27	64.64	.0	Nike	96.83	2.10	99.76	69.85	1.2	Vertex Pharmaceutical	118.41	-.41	124.35	59.79	.0
Blackrock Inc.	363.63	.97	368.64	284.78	2.1	Exxon Mobil	93.21	-.46	104.76	86.19	2.9	Norfolk Southern	111.54	2.28	117.64	87.14	2.1	VF Corp.	75.04	2.22	75.43	55.14	1.7
Boeing Co.	131.63	4.28	144.57	116.32	2.8	Facebook, Inc.	80.78	1.12	82.17	51.85	.0	Northrop Grumman	151.55	1.10	153.19	109.17	1.9	Viacom Inc.	76.91	1.30	89.76	65.86	1.7
Bristol Myers Squib	59.58	-2.81	61.77	46.30	2.5	FedEx	175.90	.96	183.51	128.17	.5	Occidental Petroleu	82.05	.65	101.37	72.32	3.5	Visa Inc.	266.62	1.89	269.32	194.84	.7
Broadcom Corp.	43.33	1.08	44.33	28.30	1.1	Ford Motor	15.45	2.79	18.12	13.26	3.3	Oracle Corp.	46.10	.22	46.71	35.44	1.0	Wal-Mart	86.91	2.05	88.09	72.27	2.2
Capital One Financi	83.21	.95	85.39	67.86	1.4	Franklin Resources	57.13	.78	59.43	49.12	1.1	Paccar Inc.	69.13	-.16	71.15	53.59	1.3	Walgreen Co.	76.46	4.01	77.98	55.27	1.8
Cardinal Health	81.84	-1.45	83.40	63.06	1.7	Freepoint-McMoRan In	23.51	.47	39.32	20.94	5.5	PepsiCo Inc.	97.05	1.69	100.70	77.01	2.7	Walt Disney	95.03	2.30	95.31	69.85	1.2
Carnival Corp.	45.78	2.21	46.06	33.11	2.2	General Dynamics	141.39	1.12	146.13	93.77	1.8	Pfizer	31.65	-.91	33.12	27.51	3.6	Waste Management	51.36	1.14	51.61	40.35	2.9
Caterpillar Inc.	94.23	2.75	111.46	85.88	3.0	General Electric	25.78	.62	28.09	23.69	3.6	PG&E Corp.	54.86	3.39	55.24	39.43	3.3	Wells Fargo & Co.	55.28	1.52	55.74	44.17	2.5
CBS Corp.	55.98	1.45	68.10	48.83	1.1	General Growth Prop	28.52	1.28	28.70	19.38	2.4	Philip Morris Inter	83.34	.35	91.63	75.28	4.8	Western Digital	113.09	-.69	114.69	80.78	1.4
Celgene Corp.	113.35	-3.27	119.84	66.85	.0	General Mills	54.38	1.06	55.64	46.70	3.0	PNC Financial Servi	92.51	.87	93.45	76.06	2.1	Williams Companies	45.63	-.80	59.77	37.70	5.0
Charles Schwab	30.53	2.11	31.00	23.35	.8	General Motors	33.73	2.80	41.85	28.82	3.6	PPG Industries	231.59	1.62	232.79	171.56	1.2	Yahoo!	50.86	-.04	52.62	32.15	.0
Chevron Corp.	113.25	.28	135.10	100.15	3.8	Gilead Sciences	93.79	-13.52	116.83	63.50	.0	PPL Corp.	37.34	3.69	37.56	29.40	4.0	Yum! Brands	73.14	2.77	83.58	65.81	2.3

ECONOMY AND MARKETS

Three investing resolutions for 2015

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Here is a sobering reminder for the new year: One of these days, making money in the markets is going to get much harder.

Many investors worried that 2014 would be a bad year – and it looked like they were right for a few bracing moments this month. But stocks now are poised to deliver gains for the sixth year in a row, and bonds often have paid off handsomely, as well.

Still, investors need to guard against an inevitable reversal of fortune, whenever it comes. Here are three moves you can make for 2015 that could improve the odds you will be comfortable with your investments when the party ends.

Expect the unexpected.

It was particularly expensive to get caught off-guard in 2014.

General Motors, Russian stocks and just about any company involved in pumping crude oil were among the unfortunate places to have your money parked this year when the unexpected occurred, whether that meant safety problems or armed conflict or falling oil prices.

For example, investors have lost 15 per cent this year on GM shares, including dividends, through Wednesday, according to FactSet; 43 per cent on the Market Vectors Russia exchange-traded fund (which focuses on Russian stocks) and 59 per cent on Transocean, a drilling-rig company that is one of six fossil-fuel firms to rank among the 10 firms in the S&P 500 whose share prices have fallen the furthest in 2014.

By contrast, the S&P 500 itself has gained 15 per cent this year.

Consider it a reminder that diversification isn't dull – it is far-sighted. No one knows what 2015 will bring, which means you are better off spreading your stock-market bets.

If you own a stock that has rallied so much that the shares now make up a significant percentage of your portfolio's value, the end of the year can be an easy time, psychologically, to pocket winnings. Think of it as a new beginning. Do it before the market cuts the value first.

Anticipate price swings.

Cheaper oil has hit energy stocks hard – but it also has made it

tempting to place bets based on how the consequences could play out. Resist that urge.

If you respond now by buying or selling stocks or bonds that seem poised to rise or fall, you are essentially relying on oil prices to stay low or drop further.

“You don't know what a commodity market's going to do,” says Phil Verleger, an economist based in Carbondale, Colo., who tracks the oil markets. “Markets overreact.”

A major supply disruption in the Middle East, for example, could send oil prices back up. Even if prices stay low, it is hard to say which companies will take advantage of the opportunity and which won't – or whether some other problem will arise and swamp the benefit of lower energy costs.

Don't get scammed.

This month marked another unhappy anniversary for investors who got burned in Bernard Madoff's multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme, which fell apart as the stock market tanked in late 2008.

Keep those investors in mind when you are reviewing your own



Don't be caught off guard like GM investors this year. REBECCA COOK/REUTERS

portfolio. The long bull market in stocks could make it easier for scammers to evade close scrutiny or hide their tracks.

“It's a time when people may let their guard down a little bit in regards to the stock market,” says Richard Riley, an accounting professor at West Virginia University and director of research at the Institute for Fraud Prevention, a research group affiliated with the university.

“Fraudsters could try to take advantage.”

Take a few simple steps to avoid

being easy prey. Mr. Riley recommends making sure you know who the custodian of your investments is. Verify that the custodian is independent of your broker or financial adviser.

If you are invested in risky assets like stocks that generally earn a relatively high return, expect their value to go up and down at times, he says.

It could be a red flag if your account statements show only reassuringly steady gains.

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SPENDING AND SAVING

MORTGAGES

MORTGAGE RATE: MONTHLY



BASED ON A \$100,000 MORTGAGE	NATL AV. RATE	NATL BEST RATE	MTHLY PAYMENT	TOTAL INTEREST COSTS (LIFETIME)
Variable, closed	2.887	2.450	\$467.46	\$40,240.91
1 year, open	6.092	3.000	\$645.28	\$93,587.64
1 year, closed	3.086	2.750	\$477.66	\$43,302.30
3 years, closed	3.393	2.690	\$493.63	\$48,093.24
5 years, closed	3.983	2.950	\$525.09	\$57,531.60
7 years, closed	5.171	3.700	\$591.37	\$77,415.45

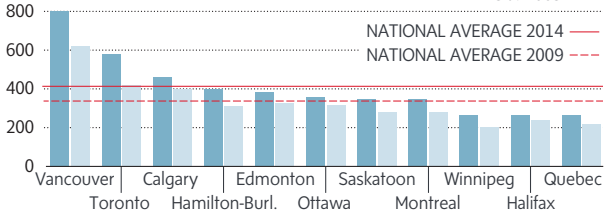
Calculations are based on monthly payments with a 25-year amortization

SOURCES: CANNEX, CANADIAN REAL ESTATE ASSOCIATION

OTHER LOANS

AVERAGE HOUSE PRICES OF MAJOR CITIES

Five-year change in thousands of dollars



	NATL AV. RATE	NATL BEST RATE	MTHLY PAYMENT	TOTAL INTEREST COSTS
New Car Loan	7.393	5.500	\$399.74	\$3,984.40
(\$20,000 paid down after 5 years)				
Secured Line of Credit	4.449	3.500	\$930.99	\$5,859.40
(\$50,000 paid down after 5 years)				
Unsecured Line of Credit	7.731	5.500	\$1,007.39	\$10,443.40
(\$50,000 paid down after 5 years)				

Monthly Payments and Total Interest Costs for all tables are based on the average rate

SAVINGS VEHICLES

WHAT \$10,000 WOULD HAVE BEEN WORTH IF:

YOU INVESTED 10 YEARS AGO

	\$10,208	1-year GIC end of term
	\$11,724	5-year GIC end of term

YOU INVEST AT CURRENT RATES

	\$10,142	1-year GIC end of term
	\$11,138	5-year GIC end of term

	NATL AV. RATE	NATL BEST RATE	MTHLY INCOME	TOTAL INTEREST INCOME
30 dys (paid at maturity)	0.541	1.750	N/A	\$4.51
90 dys (paid at maturity)	0.830	2.100	N/A	\$27.67
1 year (paid at maturity)	1.425	2.250	N/A	\$142.50
3 years (paid at maturity)	1.748	2.500	N/A	\$533.62
5 years (paid at maturity)	2.180	2.850	N/A	\$1,138.57
3 years (paid monthly)	1.447	2.300	\$12.06	\$434.16
5 years (paid monthly)	1.888	2.700	\$15.73	\$943.80

N/A = paid at maturity

WEEKLY BIG MOVERS

TOP 15 GAINERS TSX

	CLOSE \$ (WED)	WEEK NET CHG	AVG DLY VOL FOR WK (00s)	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW	WEEK %CHG	YTD %CHG
HBP Nymx NatGas Bear	10.25	2.91	24,996	11.54	4.77	39.65	-1.06
Altius Minerals Corp	13.05	2.90	1,072	16.32	9.86	28.57	6.53
Journey Energy Inc.	5.35	1.06	382	12.25	3.69	24.71	n-a
MEG Energy Corp.	19.70	3.14	13,824	41.29	13.30	18.96	-35.64
Vecima Networks	9.87	1.40	152	9.98	4.99	16.53	91.65
Currency Exchange Int	24.55	3.40	143	24.85	10.96	16.08	118.81
Sierra Wireless	54.99	7.49	5,922	56.91	18.48	15.77	114.05
Interfor Corporation	21.26	2.83	3,377	22.02	13.02	15.36	58.18
Verezen Inc.	17.83	2.31	11,669	19.80	13.86	14.88	24.95
Danier Leather	5.50	.70	15	11.51	4.79	14.58	-50.00
Equity Financial Hold	10.11	1.20	113	12.42	8.02	13.47	-18.14
Trillium Therapeutics	8.52	.96	19	22.20	6.30	12.70	-30.73
Canadian Tire Corpora	260.0	29.25	8,260.00	117.00	12.68	109.00	
Inter Pipeline	33.77	3.77	78,015	38.95	25.12	12.57	30.74
Pacific Rubiales Ener	7.54	.84	18,631	23.86	4.81	12.54	-58.89

TOP 10 GAINERS VENTURE

	CLOSE \$ (WED)	WEEK NET CHG	AVG DLY VOL FOR WK (00s)	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW	WEEK %CHG	YTD %CHG
Kicking Horse Energy	3.10	2.87	3,729	3.30	.15	1,247.8	900.00
Hemostemix Inc.	1.25	.55	352	1.25	.38	78.57	233.33
Aphria Inc.	1.07	.32	3,476	1.20	.40	42.67	167.50
Abitibi Royalties	2.60	.50	21	4.44	.35	23.81	642.86
Advent Wireless	1.71	.28	38	2.03	1.20	19.58	-14.50
Stonehaven Exploratio	1.61	.26	19	2.40	1.00	19.26	61.00
Mapan Energy Ltd.	1.00	.14	4,556	2.52	.42	16.28	38.89
Stellar Biotechnologi	1.42	.18	541	2.55	.65	14.52	-24.47
Asian Television Ntwr	2.80	.34	113	3.05	2.00	13.82	-2.44
Wanted Technologies	1.30	.15	339	1.55	.88	13.04	-9.72

NYSE

	CLOSE US\$ (FRI)	WEEK NET CHG	AVG DLY VOL FOR WK (00s)	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW	WEEK %CHG	YTD %CHG
Navigator Holdings	21.41	4.06	8,736	31.90	15.00	23.40	-20.53
Amira Nature Foods	12.91	2.41	4,046	25.00	9.50	22.95	-18.08
Voxeljet AG	9.21	1.64	4,944	47.98	7.13	21.66	-76.68
Ishares Calif Muni Bo	139.35	22.09	196	139.35	108.78	18.84	28.08
Cryolife Inc.	11.75	1.47	1,744	12.14	8.40	14.30	5.95
AU Optronics	5.30	.66	8,395	5.47	2.71	14.22	69.87
eHi Car Services	9.21	1.12	1,262	13.00	7.91	13.84	n-a
Omega Protein	10.52	1.26	2,255	15.92	9.00	13.61	-14.40
Global X Msci Nigeria	11.05	1.31	461	16.48	8.80	13.45	-31.11
Emerge Energy Service	64.37	6.89	4,939	145.72	39.90	11.99	45.21

NASDAQ

	CLOSE US\$ (FRI)	WEEK NET CHG	AVG DLY VOL FOR WK (00s)	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW	WEEK %CHG	YTD %CHG
Sky Solar Holdings, L	11.99	4.31	772	14.00	6.00	56.12	n-a
Cytosorbents Corporat	10.89	3.69	1,708	11.00	3.00	51.25	248.48
Advaxis	7.97	2.36	14,588	8.01	2.46	42.07	87.97
Juno Therapeutics, In	48.73	13.73	26,062	49.71	34.71	39.23	n-a
Peerless Systems	6.85	1.62	684	6.94	3.39	31.04	88.38
Energous Corporation	10.34	2.35	4,095	16.44	7.11	29.41	n-a
Gopro, Inc.	69.23	15.33	112,681	98.47	28.65	28.44	n-a
Misonix Inc.	12.98	2.81	262	14.90	4.85	27.63	130.55
Cytokinetics Inc. (D)	6.14	1.25	8,888	13.26	3.05	25.56	-5.54
Virgin America Inc.	43.42	8.49	19,823	44.39	26.50	24.31	n-a

TOP 15 LOSERS TSX

	CLOSE \$ (WED)	WEEK NET CHG	AVG DLY VOL FOR WK (00s)	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW	WEEK %CHG	YTD %CHG
HBP NYMEX NatGas Bull	5.70	-2.66	44,839	20.69	5.56	-31.82	-54.80
HBP S&P500 VIX ST Fut	11.47	-2.43	4,826	59.25	9.88	-17.48	-68.87
Birchcliff Energy	7.81	-1.24	8,932	14.97	7.17	-13.70	7.43
Kelt Exploration	7.19	-1.04	4,772	15.61	6.64	-12.64	-23.51
Horizons Natural Gas	6.04	-.86	301	9.06	6.04	-12.46	-24.97
Black Diamond Group	13.30	-1.75	3,458	35.99	12.59	-11.63	-55.67
Trident Performance C	9.00	-1.15	1	10.63	9.00	-11.33	-10.18
Trilogy Energy Corp.	8.25	-.99	6,588	32.30	7.41	-10.71	-70.11
Crew Energy Inc.	5.92	-.69	8,218	12.74	5.42	-10.44	-7.21
Advantage Oil & Gas	5.41	-.58	4,906	7.85	3.84	-9.68	17.35
Total Energy Services	13.00	-1.25	967	24.00	12.89	-8.77	-36.95
Painted Pony Petroleu	9.61	-.91	6,059	14.75	6.23	-8.65	38.47
HBP S&P/TSX Energy Be	15.63	-1.42	707	23.00	8.16	-8.33	18.41
TransAtlantic Petrole	6.50	-.53	93	13.29	5.77	-7.54	-28.57
Cardiome Pharma	9.94	-.81	210	12.02	6.36	-7.53	48.36

TOP 10 LOSERS VENTURE

	CLOSE \$ (WED)	WEEK NET CHG	AVG DLY VOL FOR WK (00s)	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW	WEEK %CHG	YTD %CHG
Questfire Energy	5.80	-1.20	5	7.50	2.49	-17.14	132.00
Petroshale Inc.	1.25	-.20	238	3.00	.93	-13.79	-10.71
Ikuma Resources	1.05	-.14	2,343	6.90	.35	-11.76	200.00
Medicure Inc	1.97	-.22	103	3.15	.22	-10.05	720.83
Imperial Equities	4.60	-.39	0	5.95	4.50	-7.82	-8.00
MRRM Inc.	3.00	-.25	4	4.19	2.60	-7.69	-28.40
Avino Silver & Gold M	1.33	-.11	271	3.13	1.13	-7.64	9.92
Storm Resources Ltd.	4.25	-.30	4,915	6.16	3.37	-6.59	4.94
Gold Reserve	3.51	-.24	22	4.96	3.00	-6.40	-1.13
UGE International	1.58	-.09	6	2.97	.03	-5.39	6,220

NYSE

	CLOSE US\$ (FRI)	WEEK NET CHG	AVG DLY VOL FOR WK (00s)	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW	WEEK %CHG	YTD %CHG
Ocwen Financial	14.32	-7.58	179,562	56.82	12.81	-34.61	-74.17
VOC Energy Trust	5.42	-1.93	2,696	17.24	5.41	-26.26	-62.75
Ultra Petroleum	13.14	-2.63	27,609	31.43	12.90	-16.68	-39.31
AH Belo Corp.	10.70	-1.95	1,215	13.34	7.37	-15.42	43.24
Cushing Royalty & Inc	7.92	-1.41	2,910	21.19	7.65	-15.11	-53.33
Great Northern Iron O	19.21	-3.39	928	74.36	16.80	-15.00	-71.79
Rice Energy	21.82	-3.75	12,509	34.34	20.73	-14.67	n-a
New Source Energy Par	7.00	-1.12	1,527	28.13	6.53	-13.79	-70.05
Puma Biotechnology	190.82	-30.48	3,453	279.37	53.63	-13.77	84.31
Fmsa Holdings Inc.	6.98	-1.11	8,279	16.98	6.43	-13.72	n-a

NASDAQ

	CLOSE US\$ (FRI)	WEEK NET CHG	AVG DLY VOL FOR WK (00s)	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW	WEEK %CHG	YTD %CHG
Altisource Portfolio	33.40	-14.14	13,527	164.92	28.20	-29.74	-78.94
Corium International	6.03	-1.82	174	8.49	4.30	-23.18	n-a
Rex Energy	5.07	-1.40	29,852	22.00	4.50	-21.64	-74.28
Califhera Biosciences	22.34	-5.59	1,635	33.48	6.51	-20.01	n-a
Internet Gold-Golden	6.53	-1.51	72	11.33	6.00	-18.78	-23.71
Herzfeld Caribbean Ba	9.60	-2.07	57,326	14.97	6.38	-17.74	19.25
Athens Bancshares Cor	25.40	-4.60	0	30.50	19.00	-15.33	28.15
Carver Bancorp	7.65	-1.35	7	17.87	5.40	-15.00	9.44
Vitae Pharmaceuticals	18.56	-3.25	1,148	23.35	5.41	-14.90	n-a
Gilead Sciences	93.79	-14.66	430,595	116.83	63.50	-13.52	24.89

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EMPLOYMENT

Program helps students land that first job

TalentEgg Challenges gives recent graduates and people still in school a way to add practical experience to their résumé

JARED LINDZON

Students and recent graduates often find themselves in a Catch-22 scenario – requiring work experience in order to get a job, but unable to acquire that experience without first landing one.

And after the Ontario government cracked down on unpaid internships earlier this year, and other organizations faced criticism over the practice, students now have even fewer opportunities to prove their abilities to potential employers, especially if their particular area of career interest isn't directly related to their educational studies.

"If only a small percentage of students are enrolled in degree programs that incorporate work experience [such as co-op programs], and laws forbidding unpaid internships for everyone else are being enforced, how are students who don't study [subjects] where their degree is relevant to a job title show an employer that they have what it takes?" asked Lauren Friese, founder of TalentEgg, an online resource and job board for students and recent graduates.

This obstacle inspired Ms. Friese to create TalentEgg Challenges, which seeks to provide practical work experience to students while giving employers an opportunity to discover potential candidates' true skills.

This is how it works: Employers provide a real-world problem the organization faces, and call on students and recent graduates to submit proposals to solve the dilemma. Each employer provides awards to top submissions, ranging from employment opportunities to cash prizes.

Though only a few of the hopefuls will take home a prize, every applicant is given a personalized report assessing his or her submission in comparison to other competitors. The reports are broken up into categories in order to help students learn which areas they excel in, and where they need to improve, and can help demonstrate those skill sets to potential employers as they look for work.

"They then have something quantifiable and real that they can put on their résumé or LinkedIn profile to say, 'look, I



TalentEgg founder Lauren Friese says Challenges helps students discover the type of work they actually enjoy doing. MICHELLE SIU FOR THE GLOBE AND MAIL

participated in this challenge, and guess what? In the analysis section I came in the top 10 per cent," said Ms. Friese. "When an employer is then assessing them they can look beyond where they went to school and what they studied."

Above all else, said Ms. Friese, the program is designed to help students and recent graduates discover the type of work they actually enjoy doing, which can be especially beneficial for those who haven't had an opportunity to work in a professional environment.

"Without having some sort of relevant experience in the workplace, it's really hard to know what it is you bring to the table," said Ms. Friese.

The inaugural challenge this year was posed by Canadian courier giant Purolator, who gave competitors 30 days to propose strategies to leverage social media in order to expand the

company's business and brand identity. Applications were judged on three criteria – creativity, feasibility and submission structure. Second and third place applicants were awarded \$1,000, with the top submission receiving \$3,000 along with paid summer employment.

"When I heard about the opportunity for TalentEgg Challenges I was very interested in the possibilities of getting new ideas from students," said Erik Ragotte, manager of strategy and innovation at Purolator. "I knew they would think of something out of the box, and even if it's not something that you can immediately implement, it just gets your thinking going in a different direction, and gives us an opportunity to come up with new ideas and innovations."

More than 600 applicants submitted proposals to Purolator's challenge and, after a lengthy selection process, the top three

were called in for interviews, with the grand prize eventually awarded to Queen's University bachelor of commerce student Tusaani Kumaravadivel.

"You can tell that she really had a great understanding of the business, and I found by reading her submission it was much easier to see her level of talent, rather than looking at a one-page résumé," added Mr. Ragotte.

Ms. Kumaravadivel was surprised when she received the phone call from Mr. Ragotte, knowing that she was competing against older students and graduates.

"I was more looking for an opportunity to get noticed by recruiters or by Purolator as an organization," said Ms. Kumaravadivel, adding that her career path following graduation is still "up in the air," though she has an interest in strategy and management. "TalentEgg gives you feedback even if you don't win,

and I think that's a really useful way of helping you grow."

With the first competition completed, TalentEgg moved on to new challenges posed by Metro News Canada, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto, Travel Cuts and the Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board. It's also planning challenges with Procter & Gamble, RBC and Queen's University.

"As more and more companies participate in Challenges and more students start to as well I think we're going to help pave the way for a new way of assessing young people and what they can bring to the workplace," said Ms. Friese. "We can solve some of the problems employers have in finding the right people for entry-level opportunities and help students make better, more informed decisions about what they want to do."

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LEADERSHIP LAB

Three skills to succeed at work

NINA DHAR

I was recently asked by a former executive client how I've made myself indispensable. He had been asked by a professional women's organization to give a lecture on the topic and wanted some input. I had to give the question some serious consideration. I thought about the implications of the question and, if I was in his shoes, what I would want to say. This is what I shared.

I find the question interesting and a bit disconcerting. Is there any value in asking ourselves, "How have I made myself indispensable?" By definition "indispensable" means "absolutely necessary" implying that organizations cannot do without them. However, we all know that people leave, circumstances change, markets evolve, technologies disrupt, "coup d'états" unravel nations and so on. Different types of individuals become indispensable – perhaps – in certain circumstances, in certain contexts, but it's not everlasting and the impact is never infinite.

Since being indispensable is temporal, professionals would do well to ask themselves, "why am I asking myself this question?" If the answer circles around notions of job security and demand in the market then these notions will only lead to disappointment. We are all subject to context (operational, organizational, market, political) – even the most senior leaders.

Sometimes corporations seem to make radical shifts in their leadership. If you look "under the covers" you may observe that these types of changes are reflec-

tions of changing needs. A bank, for example, at a time when they are losing market share, may hire a leader with expertise in customer strategy and channel management. That same bank may make a big change if it is slammed with security regulation compliance violations and hire a CEO who has strength in making radical governance reforms. So, context is key to deciphering who may be indispensable at any given moment.

Social media discussions about this issue suggest that being a "generalist" rather than a "specialist" is key to indispensability.

I'd prefer to frame the thinking around valuable capabilities. Here are some of the top capabilities that I believe add value, are highly transferable across industries, and can be cultivated and nurtured.

Being able to state the problem

The ability to gather and examine various types of information and distill the salient points and then articulate them is a key skill. The more insightful the points, the greater the value. The more effectively the points are articulated, the easier it will be for others to rally around the insights.

Being able to connect the dots

Cultivating understanding requires individuals who can paint a picture that people truly understand and can make the connection between the information and what it means. Key questions to help articulate interpretation include: What are the issues?; what are the implications for the organization?; what

are the potential risks and advantages? Considering these points facilitates real discussion and debate encourages thoughtful decisions to be made.

Be a facilitator

There are individuals in organizations with this title, and sometimes they are also called mediators or negotiators. The fundamental skills of these individuals are valuable because they help to overcome roadblocks and barriers in devising or implementing a solution. They can be catalysts.

Even if your role doesn't include facilitator in the job description, you will always do well to develop this capability, since your role will help to facilitate thoughtful progress.

Combined, these are powerful capabilities that will contribute to anyone's career progression and opportunities. They will allow you to find new avenues to explore ideas and devise options to improve the organizations where you work. Focusing on being indispensable won't encourage you to develop the right skills and capabilities. So instead, find ways to add value to your role.

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DIVERSIONS

The answers — yeah, all of 'em

The full solution grid to last week's holiday crossword

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Globe Focus

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BEARING WITNESS

We look back at the major news stories of the year through the eyes of the people who watched them unfold – bystanders, participants and journalists. As they deliver their firsthand accounts of pivotal moments from 2014, they recount, as well, how observing those events altered their own lives



Kim Thúy on her journey as a witness

The day the tanks rolled through the streets of Saigon, my parents ordered us children to hide behind the biggest sofa of our home. As the city celebrated the end of the war between North and South Vietnam, and for many years after, life became silent, and every day had to be lived in secrecy. The fear of being forced to betray a relative who had listened to forbidden music or had read a banned book led us to turn a blind eye and a deaf ear, to turn away from activity and motion. My uncle told me that guards needed only to hear gossip that a tear of sadness had escaped from a prisoner's eye in the re-education camp to make him disappear forever.

Three years after the war ended, in the hollow of the boat that carried us across the Gulf of Thailand, we held our breath and numbed our senses to the endless immensity of the sea, trying to prevent the fear of a shipwreck from suffocating us. When we were squeezed against each other in the refugee camp in Malaysia, I learned to stay asleep, or at least to feign it, so my neighbour wouldn't know that I'd heard him demand that his wife fulfill her conjugal duty. At that time, it was better not to know, and, as much as possible, not to be a witness of anything.

After many years living in Canada, a country that had not experienced wars of flesh and blood in its territory for over two centuries, I realized that the freedom to live had not changed my natural tendency to withdraw from moments that could turn me into a witness. I still remember

tearing through a park after my four-year-old, running through the streets to reach the riverbank, and realizing it had occurred to me that perhaps I should slow down, so that I would not lay eyes on a possible collision between my son's body and a car as they headed toward each other at full speed.

I'd like to think that my experiences during the dark years of Vietnam's history aren't the reason for my lack of interest in capturing life in pictures. But I have to admit that I don't own a camera. I am blessed to have friends who take photographs of my sons to share with me. Otherwise, there would be no tangible proof of my boys' first breaths or first injuries, their first Halloween costumes, their first pimples, their first birthdays. ... And somehow, I rarely feel the need to see with my own eyes the moment when a marathon runner crosses the

finish line, to meet an astronaut in person, or to get autographs from my heroes. I prefer to stay away, to keep a safe distance and not witness the pain caused by toenails turning blue or to be aware of the human needs of these larger-than-life heroes.

In spite of these tendencies of mine, in December, 1989, I accepted a young man's invitation to join him in Berlin. I had never consciously wished to stand high on the wall in front of the Brandenburg Gate, nor to pass by Checkpoint Charlie before it became a museum – to witness history in the making. It took me 20 years to realize what a privilege it had been to be there, sensing the courage of that first person, who encouraged the next, until an entire population had come together, without machetes or guns, to tear down a concrete wall.

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Tsunami Anniversary

Lessons in giving from the wave that took all



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Ten years ago today, I arrived at the remains of a beachside town in northeastern Sri Lanka. The first person I encountered there, standing blank and motionless outside an improvised shelter, was a woman who less than a day earlier had seen her two small children ripped from her arms by a tidal wave, as she tried desperately to hold them above water.

I could not think of anything to say to her. During the next two hours, I would meet at least a dozen parents who had endured exactly this horror, and hundreds more people who could not find their families. The beach was speckled with corpses, most of them children, and dotted with adults looking vainly into the ocean for their loved ones.

I'd had my Boxing Day in Lon-

don interrupted by news of the Indian Ocean tsunami, and spent much of the next month along the coasts that had been devastated by the catastrophe; I would return several times over the next years, living with families in shelters and observing the changes wrought by the disaster.

Not only was it one of the worst natural disasters in history, killing at least 230,000 people in a matter of hours and leaving millions homeless in a dozen countries, it also spurred the largest worldwide charitable, humanitarian and aid-agency response. History's first Internet-driven, crowd-sourced disaster charity effort generated \$5.4-billion in private donations on top of \$8.4-billion in government spending.

It also provided an advanced course in helping damaged people back on their feet. Here, a decade later, are that catastrophe's lessons in how to be charitable, and how not to be:

Helping can hurt.
It was three days before any aid arrived in this region – and the first aid trucks to reach this largely Muslim fishing village were

from the Church of Scientology. Their assistance came with copies of *Dianetics* and overt conversion efforts, which were met with vacant stares. Christian and Muslim agencies were far more ethical and didn't proselytize, but still sent the wrong message. Your religion probably preaches giving (most do), but getting your faith mixed up with your charity can cause people to lose hope.

Good intentions are a bad idea.
Within weeks, there were about 200 organizations operating in and around the village. Most were tiny. Some were devoted to single causes: water wells, sports training or marriage counselling. Some were vanity projects of celebrities. Even worse were the vanity projects of business people, who thought their product would be just the right thing. In the end, only the big United Nations bodies – Unicef and the High Commission for Refugees – and the Red Cross possessed the scale and organizational talent to help rebuild, and to keep the small groups out of everyone's hair. Small charities may sound charming, but it's better to give big.

Don't go there.
One of the most extraordinary sights in the cities of Colombo and Jaffna were dozens of hotels entirely filled with doctors who'd arrived from North America and Japan, hoping to lend a hand. They weren't needed. Even the tiniest villages each had three or four foreign medical teams, treating people who were largely healthy. (Decomposing human corpses do not cause disease outbreaks.) Never have very poor communities been so well treated for venereal disease and hernias. What was needed were framing crews, diesel mechanics and electrical technicians; the agencies scrambled to hire these locally. The doctors simply assumed they would be needed, which was heartwarming – but they should have asked.

Don't send stuff.
Most very poor people make their livings growing and selling food or fish or selling cheap goods to one another. A flood of free food was necessary at first, but it soon began to hurt the recovery: It's hard for a poor rice farmer to compete with free dinners. Send-

ing a planeload of toys, shoes or used clothing probably sounded like a good idea to people who'd seen a lot of forlorn kids playing in dust patches on television. But bringing these things to a faraway country and overseeing their distribution cost a fortune and tied up the time of hundreds of people who could have been doing actual good (or buying those things from locals who needed the business).

Give, but don't be specific.
This was the first of many recent disasters in which the charitable donations far exceeded the amount needed, often by hundreds of millions of dollars. That should have been a good thing: When aid agencies run a surplus, they can set up permanent stations in many countries so they can respond fast. But too much of the aid was given to "the tsunami" rather than Unicef, Oxfam or the Red Cross. Giving is a good idea, but keep it non-specific. Charity works best when combined with trust.

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Humanity

Dare to toast your good fortune

Despite wars, plagues and population explosions, we are living in a period of unprecedented flourishing



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Is the human race doomed? You can be sure of it. If climate change doesn't get us, we'll go extinct some other way ... eventually.

Meanwhile, there's a lot to celebrate. In spite of wars, plagues, population explosions, North Korean hackers and the Kardashians, we are living during a period of unprecedented human flourishing. Read on. And for the next few minutes, dare to be an optimist.

We're living longer than ever.
Forget wealth inequality. The true inequality is life expectancy. And that gap is narrowing fast.

Over the past two decades, global life expectancy has increased by about six years, according to a new study published in *The Lancet*. The biggest gains have come in poorer countries, such as India, where life expectancy at birth has increased from 57.3 years for men and 58.2 years for women in 1990 to 64.2 years and 68.5 years in 2013. Better disease treatment has dramatically reduced infant and childhood deaths in poorer countries. Neonatal death rates have plunged by 41 per cent since 1990, and deaths from diarrheal diseases are down 60 per cent. "The huge increase in collective action and funding given to the major infections diseases such as diarrhea, measles, tuberculosis, HIV-AIDS and malaria has had a real impact," says Dr. Christopher Murray, the lead author of the study. People in richer countries are living longer too, thanks to medical advances that have



We're richer than ever and living longer than ever – here's to that! ERIC GAILLARD/REUTERS

sharply cut deaths from cardiovascular diseases.

"By 2035, every country will have child mortality rates that are as low as the rate in America or the U.K. in 1980," predicts Bill Gates in his annual newsletter. He notes that a baby born in 1960 had an 18 per cent chance of dying before her fifth birthday. Today, the odds are less than 5 per cent, and by 2035 they're expected to shrink to 1.6 per cent. "I can't think of any other 75-year improvement in human welfare that would even come close," he writes.

We're winning the war against extreme poverty.
Two centuries ago, more than 80 per cent of the world lived in extreme poverty, the World Bank estimates. (Extreme poverty is defined as living on \$1.25 a day or less.) Today the percentage has dropped to under 20 per cent. Most of that gain has happened in our lifetimes. Since 1981, the global population has grown from about 4.5 billion to about 7

billion – but the absolute number of people in extreme poverty has shrunk by 721 million. China alone accounts for about 80 per cent of that reduction. In the rich countries of the world, the rate of extreme poverty is approaching zero.

The prospects of feeding all those people are looking pretty good.
Technology is making agriculture more productive and sustainable. How about a chip embedded in plants that will let farmers save water by precisely adjusting their irrigation schedules? It's on the way. GMOs and better agricultural equipment will also produce big efficiency gains. Scientists are now working on "plant factories" that can grow food far more efficiently than any outdoor farm. In Japan, plant physiologist Shigeharu Shimamura has teamed up with GE to open an industrial-scale farm that produces 10,000 heads of lettuce a day. It uses LED lights to simulate day and night, and controls the temperature,

humidity and irrigation so that water usage is cut to just 1 per cent of what outdoor farms require. (Thanks for this information to The American Interest's Walter Russell Mead, who keeps track of these things.)

The world has escaped the Malthusian trap.
Get used to it.

Growing older isn't so bad after all.
A new body of research has yielded some remarkably cheery news about aging. Senility and decline are not inevitable. They're not even the norm. As Paul Costa, an aging expert at the National Institutes of Health, told *The Wall Street Journal*, those who fall into the "stereotype of being depressed, cranky, irritable and obsessed with their alimentary canal" constitute "no more than 10 per cent of the older population." Most of us can look forward to overall high levels of emotional well-being, meaningful friendships, productive work

(if we want), and a better quality of life than young adults. And don't believe those tests saying that you're slowing down. "Typical laboratory tasks may systematically underestimate the true abilities of older adults," Lynn Hasher, a professor of psychology at the University of Toronto, told the *Journal*.

Crime is way down.
Canada is is the safest it's been since the 1960s, according to Statistics Canada. The murder rate dropped last year once again and is part of a long-term trend. Homicides involving firearms are at their lowest level since 1974, and the number of murders involving handguns are at the lowest level since 1998. No one really knows why murder rates have fallen, but the cancellation of the gun registry doesn't seem to have made any difference.

Canadians are richer than we've ever been.
Canadian net worth is at an all-time high. The average household was worth \$232,200 in the third quarter of 2014, up 1.3 per cent from the previous quarter, Statistics Canada reports. The reasons: real-estate gains and the falling loonie, which pushes up the value of stocks and bonds that Canadians hold in U.S. dollars. And the longer-term gain is truly impressive. According to TD economist Leslie Preston, Canadian households' net worth is up 10.5 per cent over a year ago. On top of that, the household debt-service ratio – mortgage and non-mortgage interest paid as a proportion of disposable income – is down to an all-time low of 6.8 per cent.

In other words, contrary to popular belief, the middle class isn't withering away. In fact, it's never done better. So relax. Buy yourself a bottle of fine Champagne, toast your good fortune and have a happy New Year.

Politics

Harper gears up to run against history



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Stephen Harper will enter 2015 fighting his political opponents, of course, but more important, he will be fighting history.

Since Louis St. Laurent took office in late 1948, prime ministers with majority governments have never lasted more than 11 years in office before defeat or resignation. Their average time in office: seven years.

If Mr. Harper sticks to his own election timing law, Canadians will vote in October, 2015, by which time the prime minister will have been in office for nine years, eight months.

Think of the prime ministers with majorities since 1968. Pierre Trudeau served 11 years (1968 to

1979) before being defeated. Brian Mulroney served a bit less than nine years before resigning. Jean Chrétien was prime minister for 10 years and a month before resigning.

By next fall, Mr. Harper will be around the cusp of when recent history suggests prime ministers leave office, either because the electorate boots them from office (Mr. Trudeau), because they sense they cannot win again (Mr. Mulroney), or because they cannot hold the party together (Mr. Chrétien).

Mr. Harper obviously senses he can win again, and he faces no internal party threat. What would remove him from office, therefore, would not be his sense of looming defeat or internal party strife – no, he would have to be defeated in an election. If history is any guide, defeat becomes more likely the longer a prime minister tempts fate, which this one is doing by asking for another mandate after almost a decade in office.

The most powerful anti-government sentiment in any democracy is the oldest adage in politics: "Time for a change." The economy can be reasonably sound, the political alternative untried, even shaky, the government experienced and able, but when the largest parts of the public settle on the ill-defined but powerful notion that the time has come to change, there isn't much the incumbents can do.

The tide comes in and those incumbents go out. It might be cruel and unjust, but it's also democracy's greatest safeguard against the arrogance of power.

Other democracies codify time in office: two four-year terms (the United States), one six-year term (Mexico), two five-year terms (France, Poland). British parliamentary systems let a prime minister carry on as long as he or she commands the confidence of the Commons, with elections every four or five years.

Without term limits, recent Canadian history suggests a kind of

limit by convention. After a decade or so, the electorate arises, puts its hands in a "T" formation and says "Time's up."

In Mr. Harper's case, about 60 per cent of the electorate made the "T" sign long ago, but he can win another majority under our system with about 40 per cent of the vote. He did it in 2011. He obviously feels he can do it again, or quite likely he wouldn't try.

He has an unshakable core vote of 30 to 32 per cent of the electorate. These people skew older, rural, male, western Canadian – and they vote. The Conservatives know how to mobilize them.

They have also identified minority groups – Jews, Tamils, Ukrainians – and tied Canadian foreign policy to the interests of these slices of the electorate. They have large amounts of government money in the form of tax cuts and government advertising to direct at other slices of the electorate: single-income families with stay-at-home mothers, parents with kids in ath-

letic programs. And they have a large series of targeted spending announcements yet to be made, on top of the dozens and dozens already made.

In this, Canadians see an immense contradiction in the Harper government. The government cuts all kinds of government services, slices taxes (which costs the treasury), preaches the virtues of a smaller state and expresses determination to balance the budget – all while sending Mr. Harper and his ministers across the country announcing new spending programs and projects.

With all these advantages, and with many more attack ads yet to be unleashed against the Liberals and their leader, Justin Trudeau, can the Conservatives win again? They only need 40 per cent, remember, and beyond Quebec, the opposition is divided three ways: Liberals, New Democrats and Greens.

Quite likely, the Conservatives fear their opponents less than the rhythms of history.

Baby, it’s cold inside



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Last year, just after Christmas, there was a savage cold snap in Toronto. Even people who can be relied upon to be resolute about the weather buckled and complained of the bitter, unreasonable cold. People in town from Winnipeg who are usually just smug about “Toronto cold” – and yes, they make little air-quotes around those words with their mocking and mockingly unmitten hands – mentioned the weather.

People from Winnipeg come to Toronto only for the joy of making fun of our belief that Toronto winters are cold. I’m convinced they’re on some kind of rotation and that every single Winnipegger eventually gets a chance to live in Toronto for a time and laugh at our tepid, almost English winters while commanding attention with stories of actual winter. They seem to enjoy their day in the comparative sun, swanning about like so many brides.

Last year, though, people from Winnipeg said – as if it were costing them – “It is cold,” and so there I was in my house feeling cold, and everyone and all the news outlets kept saying it

was cold, over and over, and when it got colder I lit a fire in the hearth.

Soon, I wove a nest of blankets directly in front of the fire and I stayed there as much as possible, working, writing, drinking soup and tea and occasionally hot-buttered rum, and yet still I was cold – but I wasn’t going to make a big thing out of it. That would be unCanadian.

When I looked up from my work, I saw that people on Twitter and on Facebook and in e-mails and texts were telling me it was cold. I was working hard and determined not to be distracted, and I was, frankly, somewhat relieved to have the problem of my actually shivering body articulated for me; it was cold, so *I* was cold, and *I* was not going to fuss about it.

I did sensible Canadian things like close the heavy drapes, and roll a towel up under the door. I piled more blankets on top of myself and, more importantly, on top of my dog, Tulip, who is a whippet and who, consequently (although in truth she may be a lightweight even for a whippet; she does tend to play

the whippet card rather often) is very susceptible to the cold. She can’t really be convinced to go for a walk past mid-October even with her coat on.

Tulip is very sensitive about weather, and while I believe her to be a genius, I admit that when it’s merely raining and I try to put her out the back door to pee, she will refuse to go outside, and looks at me as if I’m *not* the genius of the two of us. She will then try to persuade me to put her out the front door – where it’s *not* raining. She is always convinced of this.

Some days I have to show her that it is in fact raining on all sides of the house, and for this wet truth she, quite reasonably, blames me – the controller and dispenser of good things, after all.

Anyway, I put everything I had into keeping her warm, which somewhat distracted me from my own increasingly chilled state; I kept the fire going, set up a space heater by her bed, and just sat there working, writing and receiving various mis- sives about how ridiculously cold it was and nodding wisely. Four days into this I was

dressed like a Russian peasant. I found myself in the kitchen making borscht, wearing a thick skirt and multiple shawls and woollen tights. I found that I had donned clothes I had no idea I even possessed – some of which I appeared to have woven myself.

It was several more days before a friend e-mailed to make plans and I responded with something offhand about the weather being nasty, and about the blankets and the fire- wood situation, and he tele- phoned and said, “Are you sure your furnace is working?” and I left my nest of blankets by the fire and checked the thermostat and found it was 3 degrees inside my house.

It took another four days to get the furnace repaired – my dog giving me wicked whippet side-eye the whole time and for months afterward.

“It’s such a joy being owned by Susanna Moodie,” her little whippet face seemed to say. “We should go winter camping.”

The whippet is quite a sardon- ic animal.

I wish you all warmth and joy in the coming New Year.

HOLIDAY CROSSWORD ANSWER GRID

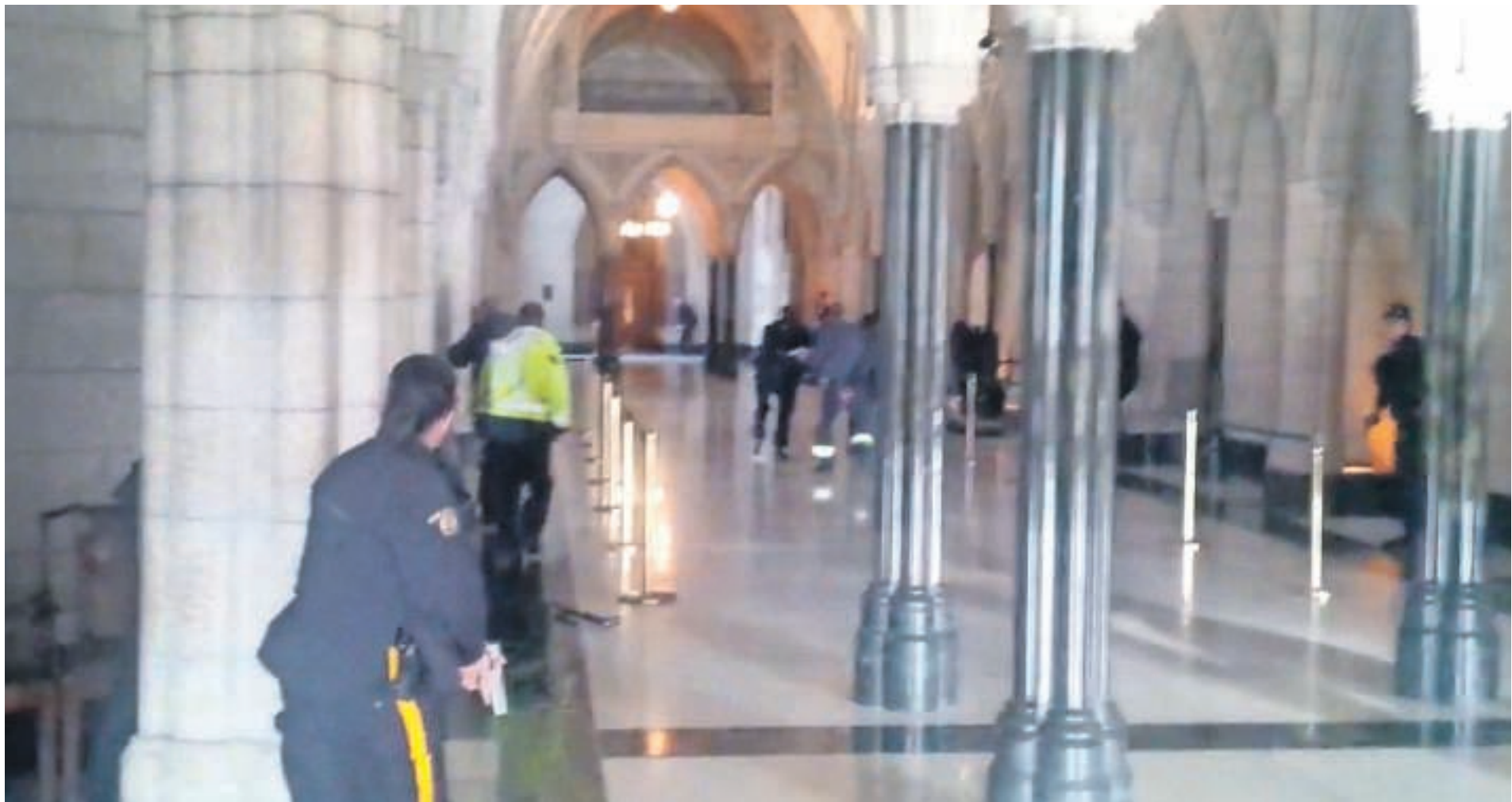


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BEARING WITNESS › 2014



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Josh Wingrove on the Parliament Hill attacks

I never saw him – alive, anyhow. Michael Zehaf-Bibeau had run past Parliament’s rotunda, after an early bout of gunshots, before I started filming with my BlackBerry. I had been in a nearby hallway when he burst in that day. RCMP and guards chased him, and I followed, before gunfire erupted again and his body slumped over.

The events of Oct. 22 happened quickly, and remain, to varying extents, a blur to me. In the hours afterward, my video went online as those of us locked down inside pieced together details – including the fact that the invader had shot and killed Corporal Nathan Cirillo moments before entering Parliament. Since then, I’ve talked about the day – with greater and greater ease, it seems – with some of the others who were there. How are you doing? What will change? What was his plan? Trauma, including the kind stirred by Mr. Zehaf-Bibeau, gets to people in different ways, researchers say. It can trigger anxiety, nightmares, irritability and interrupted sleep, among other symptoms. In a small number of cases, it develops into post-traumatic stress disorder, but most people rebound without going through that. “Usually, the symptoms are highest in the first couple of weeks,” says University of Manitoba professor Jitender Sareen, a Canadian Psychiatry Association board member. “If it’s one month to the day and you’re

still having difficulty with sleep, you’re still having irritability, you’re still not back to your normal self, that’s when the diagnostic statistical manual says, ‘Okay, you might have PTSD.’ ” Time will tell, in other words. Guards and staff have taken days off since the shooting, I’m told, as have I. For just over a week, I felt a knot around my chest, like heartburn. My heart regularly raced. I slept poorly. On Nov. 2, 11 days after the shooting, I was in another city far away from Ottawa when a car door slammed. I jumped and my heart raced once more. I later dreamed I was in a full auditorium when a man came in and opened fire on us. For a while, I avoided watching my video – which has since been viewed more than four million times – as I was wary of the sound of guns firing, over and over. But it’s been better lately. The way psychiatrists describe it, that fallout is, in a word, standard – some early symptoms brought on from the ordeal, levelling out after a month or so. Very few people see symptoms of the trauma

continue for weeks on end. “For the vast majority – the way we’re built in terms of our physiology, our emotional capability and also our processing capability – the natural defences take over, and at the end it becomes just a bad memory,” says Dr. Jacques Bradwejn, who has researched PTSD and is now dean of the University of Ottawa’s faculty of medicine. “The best thing you can do is to let the natural healing process, and the resilience that we all have, occur.” Jakov Shlik, an associate professor at U of O’s department of psychiatry, echoed that in a lecture the week after the shooting. “You have to accept that bad things happen, we feel bad and it’s going to last for a while,” he said, “but it doesn’t mean we’ll all have PTSD. In fact, we will not.” People with past trauma exposure, other mental-health issues, low IQ or a family history of problems are at greater risk of developing PTSD, according to an article written by Dr. Sareen and published in The Canadian Journal of Psychiatry. Many oth-

er factors – such as pain, brain injury and financial stress – also exacerbate the chances, the article said. Women, as well, are at greater statistical risk. In some cases, trauma symptoms can have “delayed onset,” meaning they take weeks or more to pop up. Even so, not all of those become PTSD, Dr. Bradwejn said. In other cases, known as “traumatic growth,” the trauma can even improve someone’s mental health, he says. “They actually develop more coping mechanisms than they would have if they did not have the stress.” As weeks have passed, my own recollection has faded. At the same time, my mind has been playing tricks. I’ve been told that Constable Samearn Son – the guard who grabbed Mr. Zehaf-Bibeau’s gun at the door, and was injured by a ricocheting bullet – yelled “Gun, gun, gun” to warn others. When told that for the first time, I felt immediately as if I had remembered hearing that when it happened, though I had earphones in. I still don’t know if I actually

did. I’ve since walked through those halls regularly. I see tours come by, and wonder, because Mr. Zehaf-Bibeau had taken one. A single Mountie is now typically stationed in front of the door I used the morning of the shooting. Mr. Zehaf-Bibeau went through it shortly after me that day. There are more police on Parliament Hill now, among the changes we’re growing accustomed to. A new normal. Since Oct. 22, I’ve been asked a lot of things. “What was going through your mind?” is chief among them. I don’t remember, and am not sure anything was. Then again, I can’t be totally sure if I heard Constable Son’s warning. But the knot in my heart has faded, along with the dreams, unease and restless nights. There’s a sweet spot between forgetting and reliving. And if I slide too far to the former, there’s the video. Josh Wingrove covers Parliament Hill as a member of The Globe’s Ottawa bureau.



Above: Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, who shot Corporal Nathan Cirillo on Oct. 22. Left: Armed RCMP officers head toward the Langevin Block on Parliament Hill following the shooting. FRED LUM/THE GLOBE AND MAIL; CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS; VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Witness: In solidarity, we testify to what has unfolded

» It took me those 20 years, as well, to understand the meaning of another familiar image – one of a lone man with shopping bags in his hands, braving a convoy of tanks in Tiananmen. It’s a photograph that had been tacked up on my bedroom door for years. As I walked passed it every morning I often had a lump in my

throat, noticing one detail or another. I saw the unfair balance of power, the co-existence of courage and fragility; above all, I mourned the absence and the impossibility of a next photograph, a sequence, a continuity. This man disappeared the same way he had appeared: spontaneously and anonymously. When I was younger, I wasn’t aware that he had never really left us. It’s clear to me now that his legacy is the true meaning and illustration of the “power of one.” Thanks to him, I went back to another image, too, of a Vietnamese Buddhist monk’s act of self-immolation in the streets of Saigon. The photographer who captured that moment, Malcolm Wilde Browne, reported that the man had not moved a muscle nor let out any sound. Recently, it

became clear to me that without the photographer’s picture – without this witness – this monk’s strength, his “power of one” would probably not have been able to change the course of history, or leave a lasting impression. Ever since this revelation, I have set myself the task of visiting the World Press Photo exhibition during its annual tour. The courage of those who serve as witnesses to our lives, who capture the superhuman, the inhumane, and the depth of ordinary moments, slowly teaches me to have the courage to look directly into the eyes of others, to be more present in my life. Three years ago, I acted as a witness at my accountant’s wedding, present for an immortal moment in the registry of love stories. Sometimes I ask my father to tell my sons about the

oral exam he took for his French baccalaureate in Saigon, or my mother to describe the first time she ever tasted Coca-Cola at boarding school. I ask my parents’ friends to share their memories of how they left Vietnam. When Mrs. Quàn recounts trying to gather a box of letters from her lover that had spilled out onto the tarmac as bombs fell around her, I am always grateful to hear her story. As for me, the books I’ve written compel me to introduce myself to readers as a witness to the history of Vietnamese boat people and to an era when refugees were expected, welcomed and hosted. Through bringing this past into the present and telling my story over and over, I’ve learned to calmly embrace this role. Thanks to these opportunities, I finally understand

that it is my duty to pay attention to the society I am a citizen of, that everybody’s presence matters, that each person holds the “power of one.” I recognized this when I went to my first protest in Canada, watching people rally for a cause that was dear to them. There will be many more to come. It is an act of solidarity, too, to be there and be able to testify to what unfolded. With these first few steps, I have become a witness. Translated from the French by Marie Eve Gosemick. Special to The Globe and Mail Montreal writer Kim Thúy’s first novel, Ru, won the Governor-General’s Award for French-language fiction. Her latest book, Mãn, was published in 2013.

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Thelma Favel on Tina Fontaine

There was nothing different about the evening of June 30. Thelma Favel, a revered matriarch and veteran foster parent, gathered her family in her rural Manitoba living room for nightly prayers. They asked for healing and protection.

The next morning, Ms. Favel embraced Tina Fontaine, the great-niece she raised as her own, and said goodbye. The 15-year-old was leaving the Powerview-Pine Falls home to visit her biological mother in Winnipeg, 130 kilometres to the southwest. “She said, ‘I’ll see you in a week, Mama,’ ” Ms. Favel remembers. “I never thought anything of it. I never thought something like this would ever happen to her.”

“Something like this” are Ms. Favel’s words for homicide. Tina was found dead in Winnipeg’s Red River on Aug. 17. When Ms. Favel got the news, by phone at home, she went numb. She screamed for her husband of 35 years. “Joe!” she cried out. Then, as a result of a long-time disorder, she had a seizure. “When I came to, I said, ‘Tell me it’s not true,’ ” she recounts. “Joe said, ‘I can’t.’ ”

The dramatic recovery of Tina’s body – police divers were looking for someone else when they happened upon her corpse, wrapped in plastic – immediately reignited calls for a national inquiry into Canada’s murdered and missing aboriginal women. It also cast fresh scrutiny on the child-welfare system, since Tina had been voluntarily placed in Child and Family Services care shortly before her death. She died a ward of the province.

In Ms. Favel’s words, “the system failed her.” And the 56-year-old is familiar with the system. She has cared for 67 children over the past 30-odd years. Some came to her through formal foster-care arrangements; others came more informally – she raised her sister’s three children, including Ms. Fontaine’s father, for example. Most of the children she reared for various periods of time were aboriginal, but some were not. About half of her charges, she says, were fleeing broken homes rife with neglect and substance abuse. Some were hungry. All needed love.

Asked what it took to care for so many children, over so many years, the residential-school survivor says, “If you’re willing, you just have to open yourself, be willing to love somebody else’s child, a child who is in need.” The hardest part, she says, is saying goodbye.

In her caregiving, Ms. Favel has witnessed the challenges children face growing up in dysfunctional families. She has also seen the cracks in the CFS system through which those children sometimes fall. She has watched as child after child has been turned over to her because their parents had turned to drugs or alcohol. She has heard of these same parents seeking treatment, only to be told there are no services on their reserve or that they must add their names to a waiting list.

This past spring, she tried to get Ms. Fontaine into grief counselling for help dealing with the beating death of her father, but Ms. Favel says she was told that support was contingent on Ms. Fontaine being in CFS care. After Tina entered the provincial system, she was placed at a downtown Winnipeg hotel. The same fate befalls dozens of foster children on any given night.

The Manitoba government has announced it is taking action to reduce the number of hotel stays and to overhaul its emergency-placement system, but Ms. Favel is skeptical. “I don’t think they’ll follow through,” says the woman who lost her own father when she was 6 and who was raised by her mother and an aunt.

She is speaking out now, no matter how painful it is, in the hope that Tina’s story will resonate with others – that it will compel parents to take responsibility for their families, spur improvements to the child-welfare system, and inspire young women to seek support. “I hope it helps bring change,” she says. “I hope it helps other girls down the road. I want them to reach out for help and not end up like my daughter.”

Thelma Favel spoke with Kathryn Blaze Carlson, a member of a team of Globe journalists reporting on Canada’s missing and murdered aboriginal women.



Ms. Favel holds a photo of her great-niece, Tina Fontaine, found dead in Winnipeg’s Red River on Aug. 17. LYLE STAFFORD FOR THE GLOBE AND MAIL



Cemetery workers place a body in a grave in Freetown, Sierra Leone. FLORIAN PLAUCHEUR/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Stephen Douglas on the wrath of Ebola

The smells were overwhelming yet familiar. As I parked my little motorbike across from the Kingtom Cemetery, the tropical West African breezes bore only chlorine, garbage and exhaust fumes. There was no sweetness in the air. Ebola, and its devastating consequences, had settled over the land.



According to the World Health Organization, on Dec. 7 there were 1,768 dead and 7,897 confirmed, probable or suspected cases of Ebola in Sierra Leone. Freetown, the capital and crowded home to almost a million people, regularly records one-third of all new cases, making it the epicentre of the disease.

Ebola has ravaged Sierra Leone. It has infected people. It has killed people. It has wiped out families. It has orphaned children. It has killed doctors, nurses and health-care workers. It has tainted the social fabric of the normally friendly and open Sierra Leone that I know.

My first visit to the Kingtom Cemetery was several years ago; I was attending a friend’s funeral. It was a sad event. My second visit, this past August, was sad for a different reason: I was mourning for a nation. As I strode the well-worn path through the cemetery to the Ebola section, I could feel my throat tightening. It was the fumes, combined with fear and frustration. The tightening grip of Ebola was choking Sierra Leone.

The caravan of dilapidated minivans deposited the dead. Some of the vans carried as many as seven black or white body bags soaked in chlorine. As one minivan emerged from the cemetery trail, another entered. The procession of Ebola dead seemed to be unending. Abdul Rahman, the cemetery caretaker, continually warned me not to

touch anything or to let anything touch me. He also warned me to keep watch for snakes and to avoid the wild pigs roaming the outer border of jungle.

I remember thinking, on my first visit to the cemetery, how lovely the huge cotton trees were, rising out of the dense green foliage of ferns and mini-palms. On this second visit, much of the jungle had been hacked away to make room for the graves of people who had died from Ebola. Freshly covered graves, open graves and crowded mounds of dirt replaced the giant fern leaves. The moist, warm intimacy of the rain forest had left.

White-suited, protected burial teams hauled the body bags, some obviously containing little children, across the bumpy mounds of the recently buried. In some graves, the larger body bags were buried with the smaller ones. According to Edison Konteh, one of the burial-team leaders, they’d picked up an entire family from a nearby neighbourhood; there was no one to attend the funeral. No prayers or biblical readings were recited as dirt was backfilled over the bodies by the shirtless young gravediggers.

I remember Mr. Rahman saying, “This is not our culture,” referring to the lack of family members at the graveside. True. Sierra Leoneans celebrate and mourn when someone dies. I’ve been to enough funerals over my five years here to know.

When I visited the Kingtom Cemetery a third time in October, the graves were crudely demarcated by a small branch of palm, placed unceremoniously by one of the gravediggers. It was an attempt to mark and memorialize. I thought the gesture was very kind. But a gravedigger reminded me, “There will be no mourning here because we don’t know who’s in the graves.” At the time, there were no records beyond Mr. Rahman’s handwritten notebook of who was collected, unloaded and buried.

Mr. Rahman looked tired when I next visited, at the end of November. The gravediggers had new rubber boots. Some of the plots had scraps of paper, stuck to the palm leaves, indicating the names of those buried. The Ebola section had grown, and the jungle was almost completely hacked away. I didn’t see any pigs, but the scattered graves seemed to go on and on. The caretaker told me they’d buried almost 3,000 bodies since July. I could see no mourners, but the line of minivans delivering bodies was just as long, if not longer.

And the smell ... the smell was the same. Chlorine, exhaust and sadness, choking the life from the country.

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Jeff Silverstein on the Ford campaigns

In just a few short months over the summer, Jeff Silverstein went from stranger to close confidant of Toronto Mayor Rob Ford. Hired in midsummer to serve as Mr. Ford’s spokesperson, he watched as the controversial politician battled addiction, defied calls for his resignation, and mounted a comeback campaign.

But on the morning of Sept. 12, Mr. Silverstein stood by as Mr. Ford made an agonizing decision. After a stunning turn of events left him in hospital with what turned out to be cancer, Mr. Ford decided to drop out of the mayoral race. His brother, Doug, would run in his place.

With just three hours to go before election nominations closed, Mr. Silverstein would be the one tasked with pulling off the candidacy switch – from the mayor known worldwide for smoking crack to his bombastic brother, a former councillor.

“Even in the face of this, he couldn’t imagine not running. It was really hard for him to accept that he was not going to be able to run,” Mr. Silverstein says. “I couldn’t believe that I was the one that was actually doing that, after everything he had been through.”

At City Hall, Mr. Silverstein was met by a crush of media. Reporters shouted questions, wanting to know about the mayor’s condition and whether he would continue his campaign. But Mr. Silverstein stayed silent.

“I knew just how monumental this moment was, and I didn’t want to be the one to make that public and tell the media at that moment that’s what I was doing,” he says. “I felt it needed more dignity than that.”

With dozens of reporters and TV cameras surrounding him, he walked into the Election Services office and submitted the paperwork. Everything seemed to be in order.

Minutes later, back up in the mayor’s office, he learned otherwise.

“We got a phone call from the head of the election office, saying, ‘Actually, you need to go back with a witness, and have the mayor sign his forms all over again.’ ”

At that point, Mr. Silverstein and Mr. Ford’s chief of staff, Dan Jacobs, had less than 45 minutes until the deadline.

Councillor Peter Leon just happened to be in his City Hall office, so they grabbed him as a witness and rushed back to hospital.

“We waited for what seemed like forever for the elevator to arrive. I’m looking at my watch, thinking, ‘I’m not sure we’re going to make this,’ ” recalls Mr. Silverstein.

“Everything was on the line. If we didn’t get there in time, the whole thing would fall apart.”

They finally got up to the 11th floor, ran down the hallway toward the mayor’s room, and then hurried back to City Hall.

At the Election Services office, Mr. Silverstein submitted the forms – completed properly this time. “We got there with minutes to spare.”

Afterward, he returned to the hospital to visit with Mr. Ford. “It was a real feeling of disappointment,” he says. “We had all been working so hard to help turn things around.”

Jeff Silverstein spoke with Ann Hui, a member of The Globe’s Toronto City Hall bureau.



Doug Ford (top) signs his nomination papers in September; Rob Ford on the hustings in his bid to return to City Hall as a councillor this fall. FRED LUM/THE GLOBE AND MAIL



RCMP officers stand guard at a roadblock in Moncton as police searched for Justin Bourque. FRED LUM/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

Garry Noel on the Moncton shootings

The smell of cordite hung in the air when Garry Noel and his wife, Flora, ran toward the body in the street. They didn’t know who he was. Nor did they recognize the young man with the rifle skulking away from the normally quiet intersection of Mailhot Avenue and Islington Street in Moncton.



Over the next 28 hours, the New Brunswick city would be on lockdown as police searched for the gunman, Justin Bourque, who is now serving a 75-year prison sentence for murdering three RCMP officers: Constable David Ross, Constable Fabrice Gévaudan and Constable Douglas James Larche – the fallen officer the Noels ran out to assist.

On the evening of June 4, when most people retreated inside and locked the doors, the Noels did the opposite. Mr. Noel recounts the events of that night, and of the days and months since.

“We heard some noise outside. I looked out and happened to see a gentleman shoot another gentleman as he was getting out of his car.

I was about 300 feet away. There are certain things about it that are vivid in your mind, and certain things that your mind makes you block out that you don’t remember. That’s just how it is with those things.

I’m from a place called Stephenville, Nfld., and my wife’s from Glace Bay, N.S. We’ve been here 23 years. And I guess that’s why we did what we did. Where we come from, people help people when they’re in need. The person that fell in the roadway here was in need. It didn’t matter that he was a police officer or who he was, he needed help.

My wife and I ran out to see if we could assist, to see if we could help the fallen gentlemen. (The assailant was still walking away by the time we ran up to the body.) And when we arrived, we realized then that he was a police officer. It was quite obvious

by the time we arrived that [he] was gone.

Every minute seemed like an hour.

My wife and I were totally amazed how quiet it was. I was on the phone to 9-1-1 trying to get some help, and we couldn’t hear sirens. We were wondering where the police were, where the ambulance was. So, yeah, it was like time stood still.

A passerby managed to stop and he happened to have a sleeping bag in his vehicle. I covered the fallen officer. Shortly after that, an armed police officer came around the corner with his gun drawn. Myself and him and another gentleman lifted the fallen officer out of the roadway and we carried him up to this driveway here and I covered him over again. I offered to stay and assist the police officer, but he advised me to get back in the house and lock the doors, as the area was very unstable. My wife left and went up on our neighbour’s step and I stayed with the fallen officer until another armed officer arrived.

It’s been a tough time, there’s no doubt about it. We saw something that day that nobody should ever have to see in the course of a lifetime.

I guess if there’s any silver lining through the cloud, it’s that my wife and I saw the same thing. So each and every day we’re there to support each other and talk to each other about it and what we saw and what happened and how we feel and that’s a good thing. I guess our emotions and what we feel are normal according to all the professional people we spoke to. But

it certainly changes you. It certainly changes your outlook on life and really makes you realize how precious life is and how easy events can change it.

We have to move on. We have to continue. Hopefully mankind will learn from the terrible acts that took place here that day.

I think Moncton will move forward because it is such a resilient community and the city and its people have been strengthened, I guess, by what’s happened here. Recently they had a block party here just to try and help people get through everything that took place in this particular area during the events back in June. The turnout was unbelievable. People were hugging people. And it’s just the sense of brotherhood and sisterhood.

The only thing we regret is that we weren’t able to help Constable Larche and do anything for him. I guess the piece of mind we have, if there’s anything, is that by being there and staying with him and covering him over and carrying him out of the roadway, we gave him some dignity in his remaining moments that he served his community and served his country as an RCMP officer.

Hopefully, some day his daughters and his family will realize and understand that he wasn’t alone.”

This interview, as told to Deborah Baic, has been condensed and edited. With files from Patrick White.

Deborah Baic is a videographer for The Globe. Patrick White is one of several Globe reporters who covered the Moncton shooting.



Valentina Lommatsch on the Philae lander

There were plenty of theories about what would happen when a refrigerator-sized spacecraft became the first to attempt to land on the surface of a comet.

Some said the Philae lander would vanish into a deep layer of comet dust; others, that it would miss the comet altogether. Instead, the lander surprised everyone by setting down right on target – and then bouncing off again when it failed to anchor itself to the comet’s surface.

“That’s definitely not what I was expecting,” says Valentina Lommatsch, an operations engineer at the German Aerospace Centre near Cologne. “I knew immediately that the lander had left the surface, because I was watching the solar-array data the whole time and I could see the lander was still turning. So I knew we were flying.”

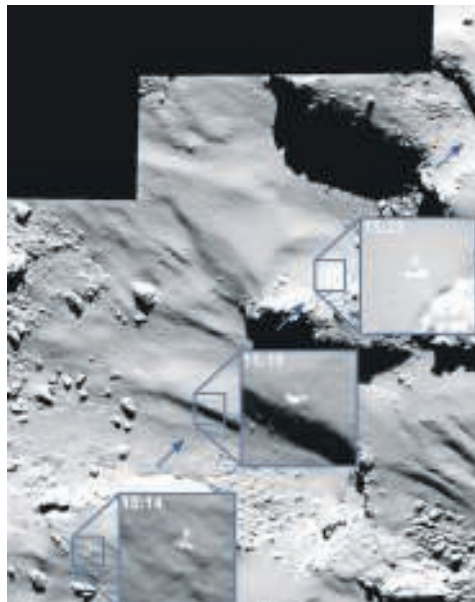
An American by birth, Ms. Lommatsch moved to Germany to do a master’s degree, which serendipitously led to her joining

the comet mission two year ago. On Nov. 12, the day of the landing, she was one of the handful of mission operators monitoring the lander’s vital signs during its fateful descent.

For the two hours after its big bounce, the lander followed an arcing trajectory over the comet’s craggy landscape. It ricocheted off something hard, then slammed into the surface again, possibly against a cliff, like a hockey player hitting the boards.

Miraculously, when the lander finally came to rest it was still alive and communicating. Scientists hadn’t the faintest clue where it was – and still don’t – but it was sending back data all the same.

Based on the power coming from the lander’s solar arrays, Ms. Lommatsch could tell it was in a partly shadowed location



The journey of the Philae as it approached and



Pro-Russian separatist fighters sit in the back of a truck in the Ukrainian city of Donetsk in July. MAXIM ZMEYEV/REUTERS

Simon Ostrovsky on the Ukraine crisis

We stood in the beams of a black Volga sedan. There were five of us and about a dozen of them. One was swinging a machete. “Let’s cut off his leg,” he said. Another had a shotgun. “Let’s shoot through his knee.” They were wearing ski masks, and someone was taking a body out of the trunk. I couldn’t tell if it was living or dead.

“Which one of you is the American?” said the one with the gun. It was April 21 and these were the first moments of what were to be the worst three days of my life, as a hostage of pro-Russia separatists in eastern Ukraine.

Following Russia’s annexation of Crimea in March, groups of armed men began taking over government buildings across the Donbass region of Ukraine in a bid to bring more territory under Moscow’s sway. It was too early to call what was happening a war, but it was far past the point of peaceful demonstrations of pro-Russia “activists,” as the gunmen liked to be called. The body count had reached double digits.

Over almost two months, our news dispatches from Crimea and the east of Ukraine had become a hit on vicenews.com and were propelling the new-media venture into mainstream discourse. Our unvarnished reports were not lost on the armed separatists who had taken control of the city in which we were now filming.

Vyacheslav Ponomarev, the self-proclaimed “people’s mayor” of rebel-held Slavyansk, was now presiding over daily press conferences, issuing threats to authorities in Kiev and to independent-minded journalists. He had taken other hostages during the previous couple of weeks, including Euromaidan activists who had demanded greater Ukrainian integration with Europe, the actual mayor of Slavyansk, a Ukrainian journalist, and pretty much anyone they came across who disagreed

with the sudden rise to power of his rag-tag gunmen deployed at checkpoints throughout the city. It was probably after taking my questions at one of these press conferences that he ordered his men to find me and bring me to the notorious basement beneath the local security-services building that his men had captured.

They put me in the back of the Volga, flanked on each side by a silent militant. My four colleagues, I found out later, were released after an hour. But for me the ordeal was only beginning. I was led into the courtyard of the security building, where the curses and punches started to fly.

A hat was pulled over my head and taped over my eyes. My arms were pulled tightly behind my back and taped together too. I was led down a set of stairs and thrown into an empty, damp room where I propped myself up in a corner. After an hour, my elbows began to ache.

I didn’t know what they wanted from me, but, every hour or so, men would come into the room and alternate between shouting that I was a sellout and a liar, and whispering into my ear that no one would ever find out or care if I died in that cellar.

Someone clapped their fists on my ears hard. Suddenly, the darkness of the blindfold exploded painfully into a flash of light in my head. I was punched and kicked in the ribs, and fell over to the ground. “You look pitiful,” said the man who enjoyed whispering threats into my ear and who prodded me with his rifle.

Eventually, I was moved into

another room, with other prisoners: a computer programmer, a body builder, a city councilman, and a Ukrainian journalist, most of whom had been there much longer than I had.

Because of international pressure and persistent questions from my friends and colleagues about my whereabouts, Mr. Ponomarev ordered my release on April 24. I was walked out of the basement with a plastic bag full of my belongings, dishevelled and stunned by the daylight, and told to “just go.” I wandered through the streets, worried it might be a trick, until I bumped into a crew from the CBC who greeted me with the words, “We’ve been looking for you everywhere,” and took me to Donetsk, where my own crew was.

I was lucky. Many prisoners had to wait months before they were either released or walked free, when the separatists abandoned the city in July.

Although Slavyansk is back under government control, there is little to celebrate in eastern Ukraine. The war is far from over and the official death toll has reached more than 4,700. Meanwhile, Ukraine has militarized and Russia continues to feed men and arms into Europe’s newest war zone.

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Justin Hansford on the riots in Ferguson

When Justin Hansford heard about the death of Michael Brown – actually, when he saw photos of the dead teen’s body – he immediately embarked on the 15-hour drive home to Missouri from Washington, where he was attending a conference.

The assistant professor at the St. Louis University School of Law first saw images of Mr. Brown’s death on his social-media stream. The unarmed 18-year-old had been shot in Ferguson, a town just northwest of St. Louis, on Aug. 9. His killer was a white cop named Darren Wilson. For Prof. Hansford, who had worked in activist circles well before Mr. Brown’s killing, there was something about the visual aspect of the shooting’s aftermath – the immediacy of seeing exactly what such a shooting looks like.

“Seeing that body and finding out how long the body had laid there was really what set it apart,” says Prof. Hansford. “There have been stories about police brutality for who knows how long in the black community, but one of the things that’s causing the sea change in reaction is that now you actually see it.”

But there was something else, too – a disturbing parallel to a barbaric practice from America’s past. For Prof. Hansford and many members of the black community in Missouri and beyond, the shooting of Mr. Brown followed what the law professor described as a decades-old pattern: A black man commits a minor infraction, is not submissive enough in his response to authority, is killed, and his body is left out in public – in Mr. Brown’s case, on the street for 4¼ hours.

“One thing you always see in these killings is a public display,” says Prof. Hansford. “In the case of lynching, they would put [the body] high up on the tree.”

Cutting his trip to D.C. short, Prof. Hansford rushed back to St. Louis. He immediately drove to Ferguson, where protesters (as well as the national media and police) had begun to amass in large numbers. There was an electricity in the air, a pointed tension brought about not only by anger over Mr. Brown’s killing but also by the seemingly militarized police response. Images of cops and National Guard troops with riot gear, tear-gas canisters and armoured vehicles have since become synonymous with the Ferguson protests.

“It was like nothing I’d ever seen in terms of people’s willingness to stand up to the police,” says Prof. Hansford, who spoke at the United Nations about what he witnessed.

“I still get chills when I think about it. People had to stand up to tear gas and rubber bullets and tasers and pepper spray, but these people were out there because they were sick of what was happening to them from a racial-injustice perspective. They were willing to be tased; they were willing to be tear-gassed. They were not going to go home.”

Prof. Hansford joined the protesters – and was tear-gassed in the process.

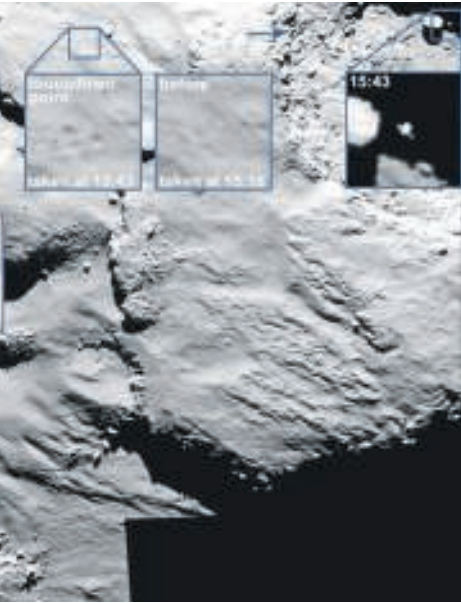
For the most part, the demonstrators were young and unfiliated with many of the well-known, more established civil-rights groups whose membership had come of age during the marches and demonstrations of the 1960s. “A lot of those groups tend to be old – they haven’t been connected with the grassroots for a while,” he says. “The reality is that those organizations would not have been able to take those risks – they wouldn’t have been out there at midnight violating curfews.”

Justin Hansford spoke with Omar El Akkad, who is The Globe’s technology reporter, based in Portland, Ore., and a frequent contributor to The Globe’s foreign coverage.

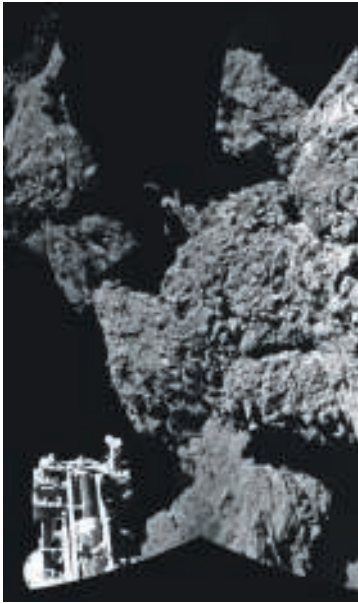


Demonstrators protest against the shooting of Michael Brown

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rebounded from its touchdown; right, Philae sits on Comet 67. EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY/AP



that received only 90 minutes of sunlight during each 12-hour rotation of the comet. That would not be enough to recharge the lander’s batteries. Mission controllers soon realized they were in a race against the clock to squeeze as much science out of the little lander as possible before it fell silent.

“Since we didn’t know what the situation [was], we had to completely change plans,” Ms. Lommatsch says. “It was the most exciting thing that I probably have ever done in my life.”

For the next 2½ days, a carefully choreographed sequence of operations that had been prepared years in advance was thrown out the window and rebuilt on the fly. Schedules went out the window, too, as the entire control room shifted to a 20-hour work day.

Each time a communication window closed, engineers had no idea if the lander would be alive when the next window opened. By the fourth window, the team was astonished that the intrepid spacecraft was still talking to them and struggling to carry out their final block of commands.

“That was the most critical block, because we redesigned an entire sequence without testing it, so we’re really lucky that everything worked fine and we got all the way to the end,” Ms. Lommatsch says. “We were sitting there watching the voltage go down, just cheering it on and hoping it would finish that last sequence. We actually saw the lander die and come back three times.”

Once the communication link was broken for good, the team broke out the champagne. It was

not the landing they had expected or trained for, but they had still managed to return data from the surface of a comet – a first in the history of spaceflight.

Come May or June, the angle at which the sun is hitting the comet will shift enough for the lander to potentially start up again and resume its adventure. In the meantime, Ms. Lommatsch – who, at 28, is still early in her career as an aerospace engineer – says she knows she’s lived through the experience of a lifetime.

“It was really interesting – extremely unexpected, but a lot of fun.”

Valentina Lommatsch spoke with Ivan Semeniuk, The Globe’s science reporter.

The Conversation

Can you spot the errors of our ways?



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This year, The Globe and Mail has published more than 450 corrections for errors made either online or in print. It's certainly a lot, but noticeably fewer than in either of the previous two years.

Why the improvement? I can't really say whether editors are catching more mistakes or writers are making fewer of them. But, on average, there is still more than one miscue a day, many of them brought to my attention (or that of other editors) by our clever and ever-vigilant readers.

How obvious are the mistakes Globe journalists make? Several were reported by more than one reader, but would you pick up on them?

Test your mettle with the fol-

lowing quiz based on just a few of this year's slip-ups. Some are painfully obvious – but anyone who gets them all right deserves a medal, or perhaps a job as a Globe editor.

1. Which is correct: (a) ruffed grouse or (b) ruffled grouse?
Answer: It's (a); the Globe published (b).

2. In Thomas Hardy's book *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*, where was the character Tess Durbeyfield hanged – (a) Stonehenge, (b) Wintonchester prison, (c) the Tower of London or (d) Talbothays?
Answer: It was (b), although The Globe said Stonehenge, which is where she was arrested.

3. How old was Jacqueline Kennedy when she led a televised tour of the White House: (a) 28 (b) 31 (c) 32 or (d) 35?
Answer: It was (c); we said (b).

4. Which royal had "alleged Nazi sympathies": (a) King George VI or (b) his brother the Duke of Windsor?
Answer: It was the Duke, but The

Globe accused the King, even though the only suggestion of such sympathies came when, in 1939, he asked the government's foreign secretary to "encourage the German government to check the unauthorized emigration of Jews" to Palestine, then administered by Britain.

5. In styling your hair, do you comb your (a) tresses or (b) trusses?
Answer: It's (a) of course, although a Globe story confused steel with hair.

6. Who captained the first circumnavigation of the world: (a) Francis Drake (b) Ferdinand Magellan (c) Juan Sebastian Elcano?
Answer: It's complicated, but not (a), as The Globe said. Magellan led the first voyage of circumnavigation, which was completed after his death by Elcano. Drake was the first to lead a circumnavigation from start to finish – half a century later.

7. The Pennine Way is a national walking trail through England to the Scottish Borders. How long is

it: (a) 198 miles (b) 256 miles or (c) 268 miles?
Answer: It's (c). When a Globe book review said (b), several readers knew it was wrong, perhaps from personal experience.

8. What is the highest mountain in Switzerland? Is it (a) the Matterhorn (b) Dom (c) Monte Rosa or (d) Nordend.
Answer: It's (c) – but we said (b), which ranks fifth.

9. What was the first film since 1976's *The Front* in which Woody Allen performed but neither wrote nor directed? Was it (a) *Fading Gigolo*, (b) *Scenes from a Mall* (c) *The Imposters* or (d) *Antz*?
Answer: *Scenes from a Mall*. (The Globe went with *Gigolo*.)

10. Who first performed the song *Don't Stop Believin'*? Was it (a) the cast of *Glee* (b) Cheap Trick (c) Journey or (d) Neil Young.
Answer: (c) – but the Globe said (b).

11. Canadian tennis phenom Eugenie Bouchard and her twin sister, Beatrice, were named after

a famous royal's daughters. Was it (a) the Duchess of Cambridge (b) the Duchess of Kent (c) the Duchess of York or (d) the Countess of Wessex?
Answer: It's York. (The Globe said Kent.)

12. Is Inuvik in (a) Yukon (b) the Northwest Territories (c) Nunavut or (d) Alaska?
Answer: (b), although The Globe said (c).

13. Which one sponsors Canadian tennis ace Milos Raonic – (a) Rolex or (b) Rolodex?
Answer: Of course, it's (a), unless, like The Globe, you have a slip of the fingers.

14. What was Ucluelet, B.C., known as years ago: (a) Long Beach (b) Tofino (c) Ucluelet or (d) Terrace Beach?
Answer: It's (c) – the name has always been Ucluelet, even if a Globe story said (a).

15. When was the country now called Yugoslavia born – (a) 1918 (b) 1925 (c) 1945 or (d) 1950?
Answer: (a) – not (c), as The Globe reported.

The top stories of 2014 on globeandmail.com

Toronto's troubled mayor, CBC's humbled ex-host, and the horror on Parliament Hill – the year's major news events drew visitors every day. But so did a lot of other thing

YOU CLICKED

The single news story that drew the most visitors this year was also the one that most shocked the nation: the Oct. 22 "Attack on Ottawa."

The burst of violence that began when a lone gunman opened fire at the cenotaph on Parliament Hill, killing a guard, and ended minutes later with his own death in the Centre Block – just down the hall from caucus meetings of both Conservative and New Democratic Party MPs – left Canadians reeling and wondering what would happen next.

Even the much-discussed travails of Rob Ford, at the time Toronto's mayor; and Jian Ghomeshi, former host of Q on CBC Radio, paled in comparison.

ALSO AMONG THE YEAR'S TOP STORIES

The April death of former federal finance minister Jim Flaherty.

The rising tension between Vladimir Putin and the government in Ukraine, especially after Russian-backed separatists shot down a civilian airliner.

The arrest of a suspect in connection with the shocking disappearance of a five-year-old Calgary boy and his grandparents.

YOU GAVE US A PIECE OF YOUR MIND

Online readers don't hesitate to let us know how they feel, but this year one issue in particular was so contentious that it produced two of the top three stories to draw comments.

The news, amid the Sochi Games in February that "Rob Ford wants rainbow flag removed from Toronto's City Hall" generated a hefty outpouring on the subject of sexual identity and athletics (as well as on a highly controversial mayor). But the Globe's Marcus Gee more than doubled that response with his column on the sorry episode: "Ford's rage over rainbow flag brings city further humiliation."

Only one subject was more popular among the Top 10: Justin Trudeau, whose three appearances included a column by Lysiane Gagnon asking, "He's sweet, but is Trudeau a PM?"

YOU WATCHED VIDEOS

The site posts footage of people from all over the world, but Globe viewers seem truly partial to homegrown talent.

The video of the year (by a clear margin) chronicled a key moment in the increasingly troubled trajectory of a certain young pop star: "Bieber relaxes in Panama following arrest in Florida."

More of a surprise, perhaps, was the runner-up: "What MP Eve Adams did when she wasn't happy with her car wash." Again, not a happy moment, this time for an Oakville, Ont., politician embroiled in a nasty nomination



Justin Bieber greets his fans in a resort in Punta Chame, on the outskirts of Panama City CARLOS JASSO/REUTERS

battle. Rounding out the Top 3 was evidence of a keen interest in the cinematic arts – critic Liam Lacey and video host Madeleine White discussing "Nymphomaniac: This film was designed to provoke."

YOU SHARED ON FACEBOOK

The Globe (and more recently Report on Business) has an increasingly active presence on Facebook. Perhaps not surprisingly, the shooting on Parliament Hill and Rob Ford's decision to take a leave from the Toronto mayor's office "as recent drug videos emerge" were the year's most shared stories.

But also in the Top 5 was a dark-horse entry from our editorial board: "Dear Scotland: An open letter from your Canadian cousins," which may have had some impact – just as the Globe asked, Scots voted clearly to remain members of the United Kingdom.

OTHERS IN THE TOP 10

"The Ghomeshi question: The law and consent" – University of Toronto law professor Brenda Crossman on the legal standing

of BDSM (bondage, dominance, sadism and masochism).

"If I could shake Harper's hand, this is what I'd tell him" – an opinion piece by left-leaning political thinker Gerald Caplan.

"WestJet releases another Christmas tearjerker" – Marketing Reporter Susan Krashinsky on the latest antics of an airline Santa.

YOU TWEETED

For people who express themselves no more than 140 characters at a time, Globe Twitter followers seem to be especially interested in the writer's craft. Yes, the top news stories were the ones they shared most often – but also widely cited were:

"Ten words to cut from your writing" – tips on how to become a more effective wordsmith.

"When Iggy Pop can't live off his art, what chance do the rest have?" – Globe columnist Elizabeth Renzetti on how tough it is for writers to get by.

YOU E-MAILED

More than anything, the passing of time seems to inspire Globe

readers when they send articles from the site to their friends and acquaintances.

The No. 1 e-mailed story was "Living in retirement: Seven things I wish I could tell my 35-year-old self," followed closely by "What a 94-year-old track star can teach us about aging."

YOU VISITED AT LUNCH

A great many Globe followers visit the site around noon, and yes it's often to check the latest stock-market analysis. But even more than that, they like to relax, either by checking out the daily photo roundup or tackling the classic Sudoku and crossword puzzles.

And they like to dream of the future. Not far behind the brain teasers was: "Want to retire in Canada? Here are seven surprisingly warm spots."

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ON REFLECTION LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

About those sales ...

The warnings from Bank of Canada Governor Stephen Poloz that Canadian homes are 10- to 30-per-cent overvalued are indeed disturbing. If it's correct that prices must revert to their historical relationship to incomes, I'll have to abandon my comfortable Canadian pessimism about the future and get ready to embrace a brave new world of lower prices for meat, motor fuel and maple syrup (but only after stocking up on electronics, clothes and long-distance calling cards).

Teri Jane Bryant, associate professor, Haskayne School of Business, University of Calgary

How irritating is that?

Re Top 10 Most Irritating Canadians 2014 (TV-Related) (Life & Arts, Dec. 22): I won a 50-cent bet with my wife that near the top of John Doyle's list would be the "Pastor Mansbridge" title he regularly hangs on Peter Mansbridge. Most people we know think he's a credit to Canada. We trust him to be honest with us. And no, I'm not a friend or a family member.

Larry Wulff, Toronto

Not fair! John Doyle can't put himself on his own list of irritations. Where's the fun in that for the rest of us?

Maira Pelletier, Montreal

'Show me the money'

As it does not appear that there will be pipelines "*a mari usque ad mare*" in the near future, if at all, perhaps it's time for a new motto for Canada.

In view of Immigration Minister Chris Alexander's recent musings about easy access for millionaire investors, I'd like to suggest "*Monstra mihi pecuniam*" as a new, more apt motto for Canada. It will succinctly describe to both Canadian citizens and potential immigrants how we roll in Canada.

David Stone, Toronto

Show me the list

So it is those dratted Saudis who, by stubbornly refusing to cut production, are single-handedly driving the price of crude so low?

Perhaps The Globe and Mail could publish a list of countries that have voluntarily lowered production to boost the price.

You might also want to explain why low energy prices are bad for the global economy.

Marc Riehm, Toronto

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

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2014 IN REVIEW (I)

Harper: From leader to liability?

I can't even get my friends to like me," Stephen Harper said this year. A joke, obviously, delivered during a moving eulogy for his close friend and political ally Jim Flaherty in April. But more than a joke, too.

The Prime Minister has never been the cuddliest of humans; he was once photographed shaking his young son's hand as he dropped him off at school. That formality can be a strength in crises. After the two attacks on Canadian soldiers in October, Mr. Harper's natural gravitas was reassuring to Canadians. It even gave his party a noticeable bump in the polls in November.

But the ring of truth in Mr. Harper's quip reverberates less because of his solemn demeanour than it does because of the unyielding way he plays political hardball. The Prime Minister is not someone you want as a friend, politically-speaking, and much less someone you'd want as an enemy. He fights ruthlessly and without remorse. He dumps inconvenient allies, sows division with abandon, treats Parliament with contempt and works 24/7 to control what Canadians know and hear about him, usually through the hearty application of muz-zles and misdirection.

That's not news, and nor is it all that peculiar to one politician. But, in 2014, the Prime Minister's bloody-mindedness began to feel like a liability. With him as leader, the party has consistently trailed Justin Trudeau's kinder, gentler Liberals in the polls in spite of the country's relatively stable economy. If the Conservatives under Mr. Harper lose the general election next fall, this year may be remembered as the one when Canadians, including members of the Conservative Party, decided their leader's ruthlessness was no longer worth the cost.

One of the more telling moments of 2014 came the day after an armed man had stormed Parliament and been killed within metres of a room where Mr. Harper was meeting with his caucus. The morning was marked by sadness and courage as MPs returned to the House of Commons in a display of solidarity; the Prime Minister spoke movingly about the symbolic importance of Parliament, and he even gamely walked across the floor to hug the Leader of the Opposition, Tom Mulcair, and Mr. Trudeau.

And then, several hours later, the Harper government dumped another monstrous omnibus bill onto the Commons, an act knowingly contemptuous of the Parliament the Prime Minister had just praised as the lodestar of Canadian democracy.

Omnibus bills are designed to defeat Parliament's oversight role. The thick bills allow majority governments to push through major policy changes with little debate by combining multiple unrelated issues into one over-sized turkey. They are an abuse of process; the Conservatives have tabled four since 2010, and the most recent was the second largest.

Mr. Harper was also a repeat offender in 2014 with regard to the dispatching of belligerent junior ministers and hapless parliamentary secretaries to defend problematic legislation in the House or derail

Question Period. Pierre Poilievre's smarmy sales job of the flawed Fair Elections Act and his subsequent climb-down in April were the low points of the year. Or would have been, had not Paul Calandra reduced himself to tears in September after a demeaning display of question-dodging on Mr. Harper's behalf. Both incidents embarrassed some Conservatives as much as they outraged opposition MPs.

This was also the year a former Conservative MP, Dean Del Mastro, was convicted of overspending his campaign limit and trying to cover it up, and a former party staffer, Michael Sona, was convicted in the robocall scandal. Mr. Harper has distanced himself from both men and their actions, of course, as he did with his former chief of staff, Nigel Wright, who somehow believed it was appropriate to pay off the ineligible expenses of a Conservative senator in 2013. No one would dare say that the Prime Minister endorses unethical activities, but there are people in his party who think that anything goes.

And why wouldn't they? Mr. Harper showed in 2014 that he will play with his elbows out even in the most inappropriate situation. That brings us to Beverly McLachlin, the respected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court whose integrity the Prime Minister deliberately impugned in an absurd and indefensible fashion. He raised a doubt about whether Ms. McLachlin had interfered with the appointment of a new judge, and was then exposed for being completely and knowingly wrong. His grievous misjudgment demonstrated once and for all that there is no Canadian institution he considers sacred if it stands in his way.

Other consequences of Mr. Harper's antipathy to Parliament and to Canadian institutions in 2014 included but were not limited to two crime bills that were sent to the Senate containing serious errors, the use of taxpayer dollars on government advertising that happens to align with Conservative election promises, and a new prostitution law that is likely to fail a Charter challenge, and which police forces across the country have little intention of enforcing, thanks to the government's refusal to listen to contrary opinions while the bill was in that former house of debate we know as Parliament.

Ask Mr. Harper how it's going after almost nine years in office and he – along with every single member of his party – will robotically respond that his government is continuing to fight for hard-working Canadian families and lowering their taxes. It's a spiel that talks past his government's many flaws. Mr. Harper is responsible for those flaws, which are mirror images of his own, and gets the credit for his party's successes. Those include an economy that is not great but better than most, shrinking deficits, a real attempt to reform immigration and native education, tax cuts targeted at core constituencies and the effort to help defeat Islamic State in Iraq.

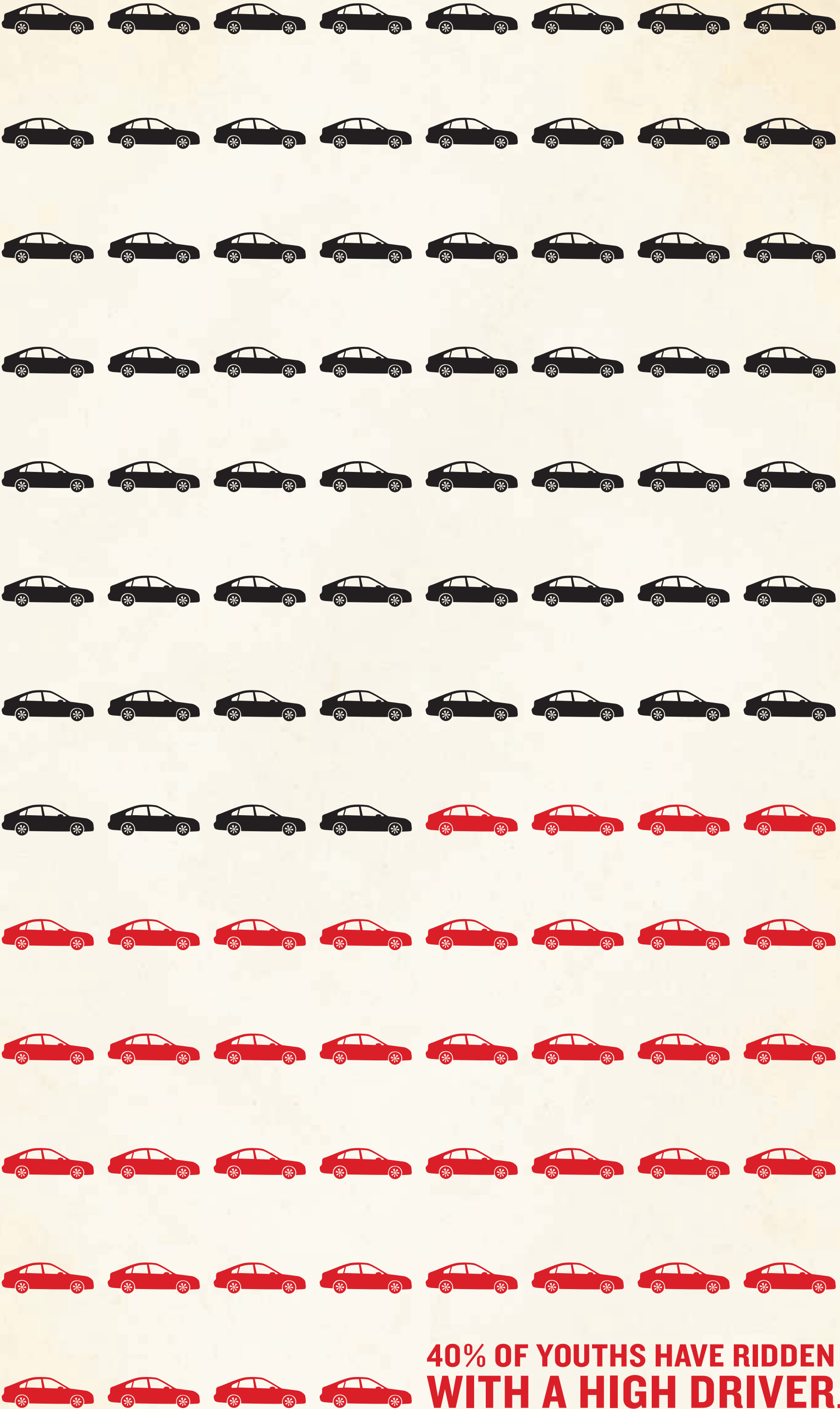
Not a bad record. The question in 2015 will be, Is it worth it? Or could someone else, inside or outside the party, achieve results on the same scale while respecting Parliament and setting a higher ethical standard?

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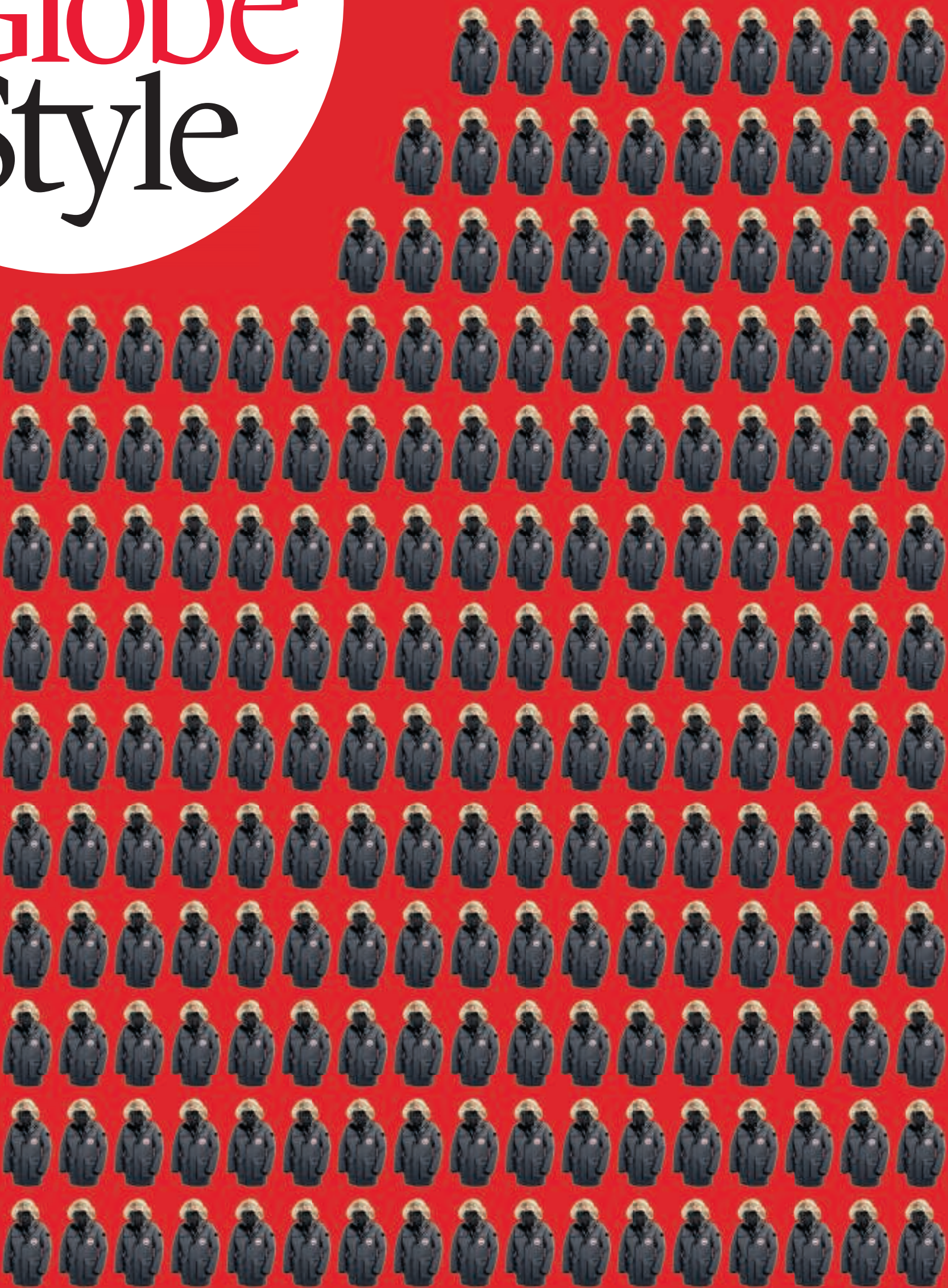
WHEN FUNNY MEETS CHIC
Comedian Andrea Martin recently hired a stylist for the first time, even though fashion isn't that important to her. As she tells **Jeanne Beker**, 'I think it just takes a lot of work' **PAGE 4**



FRENCHED CONNECTION
Asian rack of lamb might seem unusual to some, but **Lucy Waverman** makes it work. Check out her New Year's Eve-worthy recipe, adapted from a top California restaurant **PAGE 11**

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Globe Style



This year, **200** new Canadian jobs were created by haute parka maker Canada Goose, which opened a factory in Toronto and expanded another in Winnipeg. The past 12 months also saw record earnings for style poobahs and some significant fashion anniversaries. For **Globe Style's** review of 2014, turn to

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

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THE SUBSTANCE
OF STYLE
NATHALIE ATKINSON

**When it
comes to
shoes, the
world is flat**

In the new, live-action *Cinderella* that Disney will be releasing early next year, Lily James, who plays the title character, will be waltzing around the ballroom wearing a pair of \$50,000 faceted-glass Swarovski heels. While the twinkling crystal slippers are in keeping with the swirling taffeta fantasy of Charles Perrault's original story, they will be more out of step with what's happening in fashion – let alone the

real world – than ever. Talk about a fairy tale.
In a field that included Manolo Blahnik's Hangisi satin pump with its jeweled buckle embellishment, Christian Louboutin's studded Pigalle stiletto and Valentino's strappy caged Rockstud, it is a lowly sneaker that has won the 2014 shoelympics: Footwear News's Shoe of the Year award went to the Stan Smith, Adidas's antiseptic white leather tennis shoe,

the sneaker style recently championed by Phoebe Philo and worn by an otherwise naked Gisele Bündchen in *Paris Vogue*. Besides its classic iteration, the narrow, unisex shoe relaunched with variations of colours and materials, a special Raf Simons edition, Colette capsules and collaborations with the other inevitable trend of 2014, Pharrell Williams.

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The recent CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund was also awarded to an innovative footwear maker: the British designer Paul Andrew, who spends as much time on the fit details of his haute-tough luxury motorcycle boots and skimmer flats as he does on his more rarified 140-millimetre stilettos. Gone is the hauteur that resulted in anointed It shoes best suited to runway models and those with Town Car lifestyles. If 2014 was the year that women's footwear truly fell down to earth, it didn't just have to do with a epudiation of heels – there was the Lanvin- and Repetto-spurred ballerina-flats craze of a few years ago, after all – but the embrace in fashion circles of an explicitly comfort-focused shoe, from Birkenstock orthopedic sandals to New Balance and Vans (the original basic skater sneakers that have come in colourful collaborations with J.Crew or been aped by luxury brands like Céline – with the nearly four-digit price tags to match). Waiting lists not seen since the Hermes Birkin have ensued. For sneakers. Even in the highest fashion echelons, the zeal for the vertiginous heel has congealed in favour of footwear with a rubber soul. It reached apotheosis in Chanel and Dior's spring haute-couture shows. The latter are basically bead-embellished athletic water-shoes, while the former are sequinned and embroidered running shoes tied with tubular mesh tulle shoelaces – overall as substantial as gauze bandages, but, hey, they're sneakers nonetheless. What's more, the overall silhouette of the clothes wasn't otherwise modified – as they would have with high heels, models paired sneakers with gossamer gowns and then went about their runway circuit (albeit with a more purposeful and buoyant stride than usual).

This seems a fundamental pivot not seen since the late-Victorian cycling craze, the one that begat the first flats since the Greco-Roman world donned sandals. A more suitable low-heeled bicycling boot with a ridged sole to prevent pedal slippage was developed and, by World War I, Keds had launched the first canvas plimsoll sneaker for the post-Edwardian era's New Woman, the careerist suffragette type who liked to march in protests, play sports and otherwise get around on her own two feet. Is it any coincidence that on the heels of Rihanna's CFDA Icon award comes Puma's recent announcement that she would be the brand's new creative director for women's wear in 2015, including taking on decorative redesigns of the sleek Speed Cat sneaker style she herself wore as a teen?

When the question is not who will be the next Christian or Manolo but who can be the next Stan Smith or Church's (the heritage English cobbler known for its brogues and loafers), the arch-villain stiletto may as well be dead. (My answer to that question for 2015 is the Adidas Superstar and Dallas-based shoemaker The Office of Angela Scott, which makes the sort of elaborate wingtips that Gatsby, not silly Daisy, might have worn. They're what modern-minded Cinderellas dream of now.)

In the new holiday film *Into the Woods*, in fact, Anna Kendrick's pragmatic and rather more irreverent Cinderella realizes that the prince is charming but fundamentally insubstantial. She probably wishes she had a pair of decent sneakers instead of gilded retrograde stilettos that get stuck in the muck. Run, don't walk, Ella!

FLAT FOOT FORWARD
Céline was among the high-end fashion brands that embraced sneaker-style shoes this year. This look is from its spring/summer 2014 collection. PHOTO BY IMAXTREE



ON TREND

Brut force

Pop, fizz, clink: Just in time to ring in the new year, style is utterly effervescent. The pencil-style silhouette of Burberry's standout spring-2015 skirt might have skewed demure but for a cascade of shimmering, oversized sequins, which take it from pretty to party in one fell swoop. Melissa Joy Manning's earrings, meanwhile, spill over with glamorous topaz drops, while Aldo's cross-body bag mimics toting a bottle of the good stuff wherever you go. And then there's Lollia's bubble bath, a leisurely soak in which may be the next best thing to a coupe full of Dom. – ODESSA PALOMA PARKER

1. Geraldine Adams Champagne poster, \$29.80 through etsy.com. 2. Burberry's exuberant skirt for spring/summer 2015. 3. Melissa Joy Manning earrings, \$940 through www.net-a-porter.com. 4. Champagne Brut fragrance, \$39.50 for a four-ounce cologne spray through www.demeterfragrance.com. 5. Champagne purse, \$40 at Aldo (www.aldoshoes.com). 6. Wander bubble bath, \$36 through www.lollialife.com. 7. Stuart Weitzman Glo sandals, \$275 at Davids (www.davidsfootwear.com). 8. Mixology coupe set by Waterford, \$220 for set of four at William Ashley (www.williamashley.com).

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THIS WEEK IN FASHION

On Jan. 1, Italian makeup artist Lucia Pica will begin her tenure as the global creative makeup and colour designer at **CHANEL**. Pica, who has worked for publications including *American Vogue*, *Another* and *i-D*, is known for her fresh approach to faces: She made model Kate Upton up as a demure, seemingly bare-faced beauty for *British Vogue*. But Pica has also created some of the most colourful makeup looks to grace the pages of fashion's top mags. Expect to see products developed by Pica at Chanel beauty counters in 2016. – O.P.P.



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Hand this woman a bathrobe

Comedian and author Andrea Martin dishes on the one part of show biz she really can't stand: getting dressed up



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How business is an industry rife with burnout. But those who do manage to survive usually do it with such aplomb they appear ageless. Her 68th birthday is less than a month away, but the indefatigable Andrea Martin remains a firecracker, with a recently released book, an upcoming movie project and even a new stylist to help her dress like the dynamic star she is. A winner of both Tony and Emmy awards, the Maine native moved to Toronto in the early seventies, proving her comedic skills first with the improvisational Second City troupe and then turning heads on SCTV, the hit series that also starred, among others, then-unknowns John Candy and Eugene Levy. While Martin has always retained her U.S. citizenship, she made Canada her home,

raising two sons here. Much beloved for her memorable roles in movies such as *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* and *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* and hit Broadway shows such as *Candide*, *Pippin* and *Fiddler on the Roof*, Martin wasn't always as self-possessed as she has appeared. Her autobiography *Lady Parts*, which was released earlier this year, reveals that she has battled her share of demons, including suffering from bulimia and taking up with a 28-year-old lover when she was 57. But Martin's trials have made her more resilient and, these days, she's feeling – and looking – exceptionally good. We sat on my living-room couch recently to talk about survival, dressing up and the comfort of Canada.

What does it take to survive not only in business but in life?
A certain amount of luck, perseverance, curiosity and a real passion for what you do. But I think that luck has a lot to do with it.

So you must feel particularly lucky because, as you say, you're still standing.
I continue to have opportunities that pop up and I love seizing the opportunities. Do I think that I've had a lot of momentum in my life? Probably not. I tend to retreat after I've had some success. In the last few years, I'm really just on the "yes" train. I'm just saying "yes."

Why did you tend to retreat?
I don't think it was conscious. I think it was partly fear of being successful and a great need to rejuvenate. I haven't learned over the years to really balance the kind of energy I put out with my normal life. I tend to work on my project really hard and then retreat for a few months and just be by myself. I'd like not to do that. I'd like to change that.

It's interesting that this realization comes at a time in your life when you're getting older.
You know, I think I have an enormous amount of energy. That's genetic, don't you think? My mom had a lot of energy, too. I think another thing is that I've been fit all my life and when you start at an early age and you love working out and love being fit, I think it has a longevity to it. I think it has a lasting effect.

You've managed to live with one foot in the U.S. and one foot in Canada. Why do

you choose to live in that way?
My professional career started here. When you have that kind of hook, when you get married here, your kids are born here, your career starts here – that's a connection you never lose. One, I love it. And two, I'm really comfortable here. Canada has afforded me so much, all the important things in my life. So when I go to the States, I love that visibility and I love that there are more opportunities there, but I always long to come back here.

I understand you've just hired a stylist for the first time!
The one part of show business I really don't like is getting dressed before an event. I never enjoyed it. I would like to wear jeans and a T-shirt all the time. I feel much more comfortable cross-legged on the couch than worrying about who's looking at my dress. It causes me an enormous amount of stress and it really robs me of the celebration of an opening night or a book launch. I think it has to do with when I was growing up, a little Armenian girl in Portland, Maine. My dad, who was an enormously successful grocer and restaurateur, would have dinner parties all the time. And I was a bit of their entertainment. The pressure of having to get ready for those parties is that pressure I feel still.

Maybe it has to do with living up to people's expectations?
I think it just takes a lot of work. Or maybe it's a skill that I don't think I have – putting on makeup, getting my hair done right. When I look at all the beautiful movie stars out there, I think they must have an entourage around them when they're getting ready. I can't imagine Nicole Kidman doing her own hair and putting her makeup on.

In your

book, you talk about your mother being a glamorous fashion plate.
My mother luxuriated in getting ready for a party. She would have her drink in one hand and she'd be parading around the bedroom and trying certain dresses on and loving looking in the mirror. I don't enjoy it. Do you?

Yeah, I love it. When I was little, I used to spend a lot of time watching my sister getting ready for dates and I wanted to be doing that so much. So that's fun for me. And then you get to go out and present yourself.
Yeah, and then having to negotiate heels all night long and having to hold my stomach in.

But you're an actor! Doesn't dressing up help to get you into the character that you want to present to the world?
That, I think, is the crux of it. Because when I've done a play for three hours and then it's the opening-night party, I want to enjoy the evening as myself. And myself is not in character with a red dress on or Louboutin shoes and eyelashes and hair done. That's not who I am! I don't want to have to continue to perform at the party. I want to put my bathrobe on and sit with a group of friends and say, "What did you think about the play?"

Have you gleaned anything from this new stylist of yours? What's the number-one thing she has been telling you?
That I have a very cute figure and should start wearing fitted clothes even though I am highly uncomfortable in anything fitted. I don't want to be thinking, as I'm sitting talking to Conan O'Brien, "Is my dress too tight?" or "Do I have to keep pulling it down?" I'm not comfortable that way.

This interview has been condensed and edited.
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KEEPING IT CASUAL
'I would like to wear jeans and a T-shirt all the time,' says Andrea Martin, whose autobiography, *Lady Parts*, was released earlier this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CHRIS YOUNG



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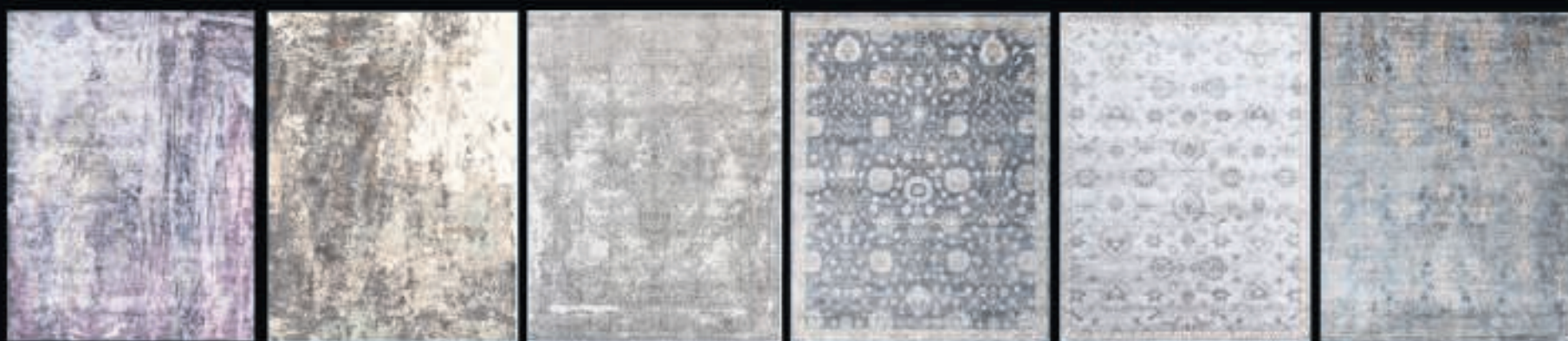
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Total pay (not including shares) of Burberry's chief creative director, **Christopher Bailey**, now that he has also assumed the role of CEO; the package makes him one of the highest-earning chief executives in Britain

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100



Age of the **modern bra**, which celebrated its centennial this year

29

Number of factories around Dhaka that have been shut down since inspection teams from the **Alliance for Bangladesh Worker Safety** and the **Accord for Fire and Building Safety** began making formal checks; they have looked at **2,000** so far



5

Number of synonyms for "white" used by Nina Ricci's **Peter Copping** to describe his spring 2014 palette (they were: "alabaster," "porcelain," "plaster," "Chantilly" and "chalk")

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98

Highest point score awarded this year by Globe and Mail wine critic Beppi Crosariol. The vintage: **Château Pontet-Canet 2010** from the organic estate in France's Pauillac commune

4

Decades since Diane von Furstenberg's first **wrap dress**, celebrated with an exhibition at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art in May



2

Full-time maids who tend to Karl Lagerfeld's spoiled pussy **Choupette**, star of a Shu Uemura make-up collection



17

Number of seasons by designer **Jeremy Laing** before he decided to put his fashion label on hold in the fall of 2014

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\$32.6 million

The gavel price at Sotheby's New York of a 9.75-carat fancy vivid blue diamond owned by American society doyenne Bunny Mellon (seven bidders vied for just 20 minutes to own it)

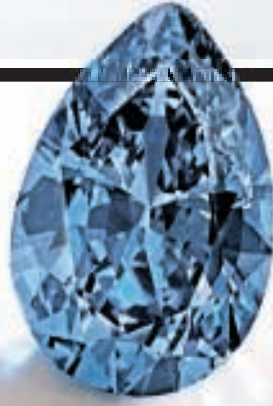


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1,700

Number of exhibitors at this year's **Salone Internazionale del Mobile** in Milan, making it the largest furniture fair in the world



31

Number of companies being sued by Converse for allegedly copying its **Chuck Taylor All Star** design elements (Ralph Lauren and Skechers are among them)



153,000

Number of Instagram posts by Toronto's **Samantha Bane**, Canada's newest (and most followed) fashion influencer

THE YEAR THAT WAS, BY THE NUM

COMPILED BY NATHALIE ATKINSON

150

Number of careers held by **Barbie**, who added Lagerfeld modeling to her resumé this year



93

Age of the still-practicing, Vancouver-based landscape-design legend **Cornelia Hahn Oberlander**, subject of a monograph released in January



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ram followers racked up by
and **Caillianne Beckerman**,
(and wackiest) fashion celebs

13

Months that **Marco Zanini** lasted as creative director of the newly revived label Schiaparelli before parting ways with the house in October



PHOTO BY IMAXTREE

2

New biographies apiece of **Gabrielle Chanel** and **Elsa Schiaparelli**, proving that their life-long rivalry lives on

€300,000

Amount awarded in May to Canadian-born, London-based **Thomas Tait**, inaugural winner of the LVMH Young Fashion Designer Prize



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67.3

Average age of the three brand ambassadors tapped by Marc Jacobs Beauty, L'Oréal and NARS this year (**Jessica Lange**, **Helen Mirren** and **Charlotte Rampling**, respectively)

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What undergarment turned 100 this year? Which young Canadian got a major chunk of change to boost his fashion brand? And what wine got the highest score in these pages? As 2014 closes, **Globe Style** takes a look at the past 12 months from a numeric point of view, including the biggest design show, the oldest practicing landscape architect in Canada (we think) and the eye-popping price paid for Bunny Mellon's diamond ring. Even Karl Lagerfeld's cat makes an appearance

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Number of days **Sriracha** fans had to do without the popular hot sauce after a much-feared production shortage was avoided



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13

Number of spring/summer 2015 fashion shows that newly minted It model (and Kardashian-clan member) **Kendall Jenner** appeared in, prompting snarky comments from peers claiming Jenner bought her way onto the runway

14

Yards of Chantilly lace appliquéd on tulle in **Amal Alamuddin's** wedding gown, designed by Oscar de la Renta for her September nuptials to George Clooney

\$30,000

Highest Canadian price for a wedding gown at **Kleinfied**, the U.S. bridal chain that opened its first Canuck outlet in Toronto in May



\$50

(U.S.)

Price of a bottle of **Christian Louboutin** nail polish, which features a seven-inch stiletto-like cap; the famed shoe-maker launched his first line of nail colour this year

17

Number of very different designers, including Tom Ford and Michael Kors, worn by **Lupita Nyong'o** on the red carpet in the lead-up to her Oscar win for *12 Years a Slave*



PHOTO BY REUTERS

53

Years spent in the fashion industry by **Oscar de la Renta**, who died in October at the age of

82



TIM FRASER FOR THE GLOBE AND MAIL

ON THE SCENE

A platonic power couple is born at the ROM's 100th

Plus, Canada's banking superstar is honoured in London and young professionals support the Special Olympics in Halifax



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This year marks the 100th anniversary of The Royal Ontario Museum, one of the most powerful cultural institutions in the country. So it was fitting that the white-tie gala held on Nov. 8 for the occasion saw the birth of a new power couple: Toronto mayor **John Tory** attended with Hudson's Bay Company vice-chair **Bonnie Brooks** as his date (the pair are just friends, of course). The evening drew a crowd of 600 guests and raised north of \$700,000 in support of the Love the ROM Centennial Campaign. Brooks, who is also chair of the ROM Board of Trustees, and Senator **Nicole Eaton** co-chaired the lavish evening, which included cocktails in the Michael Lee-Chin Crystal, intimate dinners in 11 galleries throughout the museum and post-dinner dancing in the Samuel Hall Currelly Gallery. Among those out in their finest: opening ceremonies sponsors **Robert and Sylvia Mantella**, **Belinda Stronach** and her daughter, **Nikki Walker**, restaurateur **Janet Zuccarini**, **Galen and Hilary Weston**, **Ivan Fecan** and **Sandra Faire** and ROM director and CEO **Janet Carding**, who is set to leave her post in early 2015. Perhaps the most finely attired guests of the evening were centennial ball committee members **Lynda Prince**, who wore show-stopping Ralph Lauren, and Transcontinental's **Isabelle Marcoux**, who looked statuesque in a gold sequined number by Prada.

Motionball, the national not-for-profit that organizes events across the country in support of Special Olympics Canada Foundation, hosted the second annual Halifax edition of its Legacy Gala on Nov. 15. Over 400 gen-next philanthropists gathered at Casino Nova Scotia for performances by **Paul Lamb**, **Saratonin**, **PRTY H3RO** and **DJ Skratz Bastid** (plus a bevy of casino-themed activities). In attendance were Motionball co-founder **Paul Etherington**, comedian **Shaun Majumder**, actress **Laura Kahoot** and Motionball event directors **Chris Rafuse**, **Cher Digdon** and **Dave Jones**. To date, the organization has raised over \$4.5-million.

Across the pond, the Canada Club, one of the oldest dining clubs in London, honoured **Mark Carney**, formerly of the Bank of Canada and now the governor of the Bank of England, with a swish dinner at London's Guildhall on Nov. 26. Drinks were served in its 11th-century crypt and followed by dinner in the 15th-century great hall. The organization has hosted an impressive roster of guest speakers over its 204-year history, including nearly every Canadian prime minister, a host of notable industrialists and many prominent artists. Among the 480 gusts in attendance at the Carney fete: Canada Club chair **Lisa Tomas**, **Baroness Sandip Verma**, former Canada Club chair **Margaret Egan**, RBC Capital Markets' **Doug Guzman**, former U.K. ambassador to the United States **Christopher Meyer** and his wife, **Catherine**. Not in attendance, but surely there in spirit: **Prince Philip**, who has served as the Canada Club's patron for the past 60 years.

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ROM CENTENNIAL BALL, TORONTO
1. Bonnie Brooks and John Tory.
2. Mantella Corporation CEO Robert Mantella and Mantella Venture Partners' Duncan Hill. 3. William Thorsell and Hilary Weston. 4. Sylvia Mantella and Suzanne Timmins.
5. Ivan Fecan and Sandra Faire.
6. From left, Nikki Walker, Belinda Stronach and Dr. John Dempster.

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MOTIONBALL LEGACY GALA, HALIFAX
7. From left, Brad McMullen, Lauren Steeves, Motionball co-founder Paul Etherington, Special Olympic athlete Katie Isenor, Michelle Robichaud, Jana Nickerson and Eric McCance. 8. Laura Kahoot with This Hour Has 22 Minutes comedian Shaun Majumder.
9. From left, Chelsea Wilson, Kevin D'Aguiar and Tim Lane. 10. From left, Gwen Carson, Erika Gray and Joanne Graham.

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CANADA CLUB DINNER FOR MARK CARNEY, LONDON
11. The 15th-century great hall in London's Guildhall.
12. From left, David Thomas, Doug Guzman, Patrick Meier and Josh Critchley. 13. From left, Peter Virdee, Barinder Singh Sall, Mark Carney, Baroness Sandip Verma and Paul Beavis. 14. Alex Brazier and Margaret Egan.
15. Mark Bergman and Susan Gibson.
16. From left, Richard, Stephen and Christian Foss.

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MY FAVOURITE ROOM

SAL HOWELL'S LIVING ROOM

The Calgary restaurateur purchased a neighbouring condo unit to make one open-concept home

Sal Howell, owner of iconic Calgary restaurant River Café and the more casual Boxwood in the city's Central Memorial Park, has lived in her condo since January of 2000. Well, at least part of it. Four years ago, she and her husband, Gordon, purchased the unit next door to make one 5,000-square-foot home. Having created restaurant spaces for almost 25 years, the British-born entrepreneur has developed a strong sense of how to build a comfortable yet functional space. With the help of local architect Jeremy Sturgess, Howell tore down the original walls and designed a living room with sweeping views of the Elbow River and the Rockies. "I love it here," she says, "because, after a busy day at the restaurant, I can surround myself with the serenity of nature."

- 1. THE VIEW** "It's spectacular. I like to think of our home as a sophisticated tree house because we overlook the vast expanse of treetops in Elbow Park."
- 2. THE TEEPEE** "I found this teepee online.

My children call the space their own. I am attracted to native artifacts and have collected some unique Plains Indian pieces that are displayed elsewhere in the home."

- 3. THE COWHIDES** "I grew up with a cowhide rug in my home as a little girl in Guernsey and I still have the actual piece from my father's library. It is very old and well worn. The newer and much softer cowhides were sourced from local Calgary designer Paul Hardy."
- 4. THE OTTOMAN** "This came from Domocile Interiors in Calgary. Not only is it a curiosity piece, I actually use it when I'm practicing yoga."
- 5. THE COFFEE TABLE** "I found this table at Maria Tomas in Calgary. The stainless-steel base was a perfect match for the existing railing detail in our home."
- 6. THE TRUNK** "This piece comes from Argentina. Susan Abbiati from Tango Living imported this little trunk made

- from fabulous rustic and repurposed materials. It works great as a side table and allows me a place to hide the kids' toys and games."
- 7. THE SOFA** "Domicile Interiors custom-made this champagne suede sectional for us. This sofa was my first design project; having never designed a sectional before, it was a major learning curve."
- 8. THE PAINTING** "This is a print by Stephen Hutchings, who is represented by Paul Kuhn. This was the first piece of art that I purchased for our home. I love the simplicity. It's very grounding."
- 9. THE BLOCK** "I purchased some reclaimed fir timber from an old warehouse for a restaurant project that never came about. Local woodworking artist Warren Hall of Soulworks cut and finished a variety of different shapes. We now have blocks placed throughout the house in the form of end tables, side tables and bar stools."
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THE ANTI-ARTISANAL FASHION MOVEMENT

Health goth is the latest Internet-born trend, but it has nothing to do with health or goths. As **Aaron Leaf** reports, this fetishization of high-tech sportswear is a backlash against all things twee

For the three athletic-wear aficionados behind the Facebook group Health Goth, stepping inside Adidas's North American headquarters in Portland, Ore. recently was like entering a high-tech fantasyland. Inside, the research lab was full of prototypes of the kind of cutting-edge sportswear they covet. "There was a whole room dedicated to 3-D printers," says Mike Grabarek, one of the group's founders. Grabarek had been summoned, along with Chris Cantino and Jeremy Scott (not to be confused with the fashion designer of the same name), to Adidas to explain what many people around the world wanted to know: What exactly is Health Goth?

A year ago, the trio – all Portland-based artists – launched their Facebook group, posting images and videos of sleek athletic gear, sneaker fetishism and three-dimensional renderings of suburban office parks. They soon gained a devoted following and in the process created an aesthetic movement. At its most basic, health goth is a high-tech sportswear look with a dark side – less Hot Topic and more like a monochrome dress-code for a sporty dystopian future. Having almost nothing to do with health or goth culture, it's a look that has struck a nerve online, prompting people to post their outfits on social media by the thousands with the hashtag #healthgoth.

While the name is tongue-in-cheek, the bigger cultural shift behind it is not. As retro-cool and indie-twee have reached peak saturation, health goth's appeal is part of a broader backlash against beards, earth tones, knitting and Etsy – a fetishization of mass production and synthetic materials. It's anti-artisanal fashion.

With all its online hype, health goth's potential big break has more to do with its real-life origins in Oregon, the epicentre of the North American sportswear industry (Nike, Columbia and Adidas are all headquartered there). For Berto Herrera, a designer at Adidas tasked with shaping the brand's global creative direction, meeting Grabarek and Scott through the local music scene (Grabarek and Scott are otherwise known as the electronic duo Magic

Fades) was what made an impression.

"It was enlightening to see kids around here have such a grasp of what's happening globally and then were able to distill that into their own aesthetic," says Herrera. A trusted eye within Adidas, he convinced his colleagues that the health-goth movement was something to take seriously and they designed the first meeting as a back-and-forth influence session. "There were players there," Herrera says with a laugh, "heads of departments, directors and what have you." While they may have been confused at first, "once they saw the visuals," Herrera says, "it really made sense."

"We didn't hold back," says Grabarek, who found himself describing to confused executives the clothing-destruction trend known as "wet max," wherein people film themselves stepping into baths, ponds and pools while wearing the latest must-have sneaker.

What health goth is not about, oddly enough, is working out. "We want to look at new things," says Grabarek. "You see this bearded indie



IN THE BLACK
Health-goth-approved apparel includes, from top, Nike's Pedro Lourenço collaboration, Alexander Wang X H&M, British designer Nasir Mazhar's spring 2015 collection and Adidas's Y-3 Manake shoes.

person so many times you want to rebel against it. We want new materials. New fits to clothing. We want to go to the club and feel comfortable in athletic gear." And they're not alone: Their Facebook group now has more than 18,000 members and has inspired many spinoff blogs and websites.

Chris Casuga runs Contraband, a men's-wear boutique with locations in Vancouver and Toronto, which stocks a mix of runway and luxury streetwear. He sees health goth as part of a shift in men's fashion away from the waves of retro-inspired looks that have dominated men's fashion for years.

"These heritage brands still exist and people will buy them," says Casuga, "but the more sought-after brands are futuristic and forward-looking, integrating materials like leather, neoprene and silk."

He lists designs like Juun J.'s neoprene print sweaters or Pigalle's basketball jerseys and leather basketball shorts as examples. The mix of luxury

with streetwear, Casuga says, "has been commonplace in Asia and Europe in the last five years, and Canada and the U.S. have been picking up on that trend." Casuga cites artists Kanye West and Pharrell Williams for bringing futuristic men's fashion into the mainstream, but says it "went big" with rapper A\$AP Rocky, "who really brought that androgynous street-ninja look."

In fact, health goth owes the most to "street goth," the monochrome look that has long been a staple of the New York music scene. Pioneered by artists like DJ Venus X, with her legendary GHE2o GoTH1K dance parties, the look has inspired many in hip-hop and R&B, including Azealia Banks and Rihanna, who has sported Hood by Air's hoodies and Alexander Wang's gym-ready leggings and crop top for H&M. Other street-goth inspirations are the designers Rick Owens and Yohji Yamamoto, who is arguably the original health goth with his decade-old Y-3 Adidas collaboration. In Britain, rising star Nasir Mazhar makes ensembles best described as Joe Boxer meets BDSM.

But with a reverence for avant-garde design comes a steep price tag. Grabarek and Cantino acknowledge that much of the futuristic fashion they post online is out of people's reach. "Some of these shoes we post are outside 99 per cent of the population's price range," says Cantino. "Y-3s, which are on the low end, are 450 bucks." But Grabarek points out that brands like Nike, Adidas and Underarmour are sold inexpensively at sports resale shops, meaning that just about anyone can transform from lumber jack to health goth cheaply. While neither Adidas nor the Health Goth crew will talk about the specifics of a potential collaboration, Grabarek, Cantino and Scott are wary of the people cashing in on the health-goth trend online through tacky T-shirt sales. If and when they were to create something, "it would not be some tasteless crap," Grabarek says. "We would work with designers and put everything into it. We would not mess around."

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Horoscope

SALLY BROMPTON

If SATURDAY is your birthday: A Sun-Neptune link on your birthday encourages you to be more trusting in your dealings with other people. For every rival you have there are 10 if not 20 people who are very much on your side. How can you lose?

If SUNDAY is your birthday: Capricorn has a reputation for being careful with money – some might say prudent – but the planets warn you could easily let the financial side of things slide over the coming 12 months. Don't go from one extreme to the other.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20): No task will be too much for you this weekend. You will get stuck in quickly to whatever is expected of you and do the kind of job that is beyond most people's abilities. But you're not most people – you're an Aries!

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21): If you need assistance with something over the next 48 hours you must ask for it. Cosmic activity in your fellow Earth sign of Capricorn encourages you to be dynamic but that does not mean you have to do things alone.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21): Even a Gemini has limits and it will be pretty clear over the next few days what they are. In areas where you are lacking in experience you must let others take the lead. Fortunately you are rarely lacking in common sense.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23): This is a great time for partnerships, be they personal or professional in nature. With both the sun and Venus moving through your opposite sign you will find it easy to persuade just about anyone to do your bidding.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23): Difficult decisions will be easier to make over the next 48 hours. In fact, what seemed such a hard call yesterday won't seem in the least bit difficult today, a sure sign that your outlook has changed for the better.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23): Why fight your way to the top when you have the charm to get there by a simpler route? Cosmic activity in your fellow Earth sign of Capricorn makes it easy for you to win others round to your way of thinking.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23): Go out of your way to be nice to friends and family over the next 48 hours. Not that you are not nice to them usually but this weekend you will get the chance to overcome differences and difficulties once and for all. It's worth the effort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22): Keep things simple if you want to have fun. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to travel and social plans. It's unlikely you are in the mood for too much moving about, so look for your entertainment closer to home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21): Be nice by all means this weekend but don't let someone off the hook when they clearly do not deserve it. If you want to avoid problems in the future it might be a smart move to come down on them hard in the present.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20): The year may be drawing to a close but that does not mean that you should be winding down. On the contrary, there is still so much for you to do. Push yourself even harder this weekend. Create something that is made to last.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19): Pay attention to what friends and family members say this weekend, even if their words are not entirely to your liking. You don't always know best and it could be that if you take their advice you will save yourself some embarrassment.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20): Whatever upheavals you were forced to go through in recent weeks the worst is now definitely over and what happens over the next 48 hours will give you cause to believe that 2015 will start on a high note. It's okay to smile.

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A New Year’s beast

Frenched rack of lamb is always a crowd-pleaser; adding Chinese ingredients makes it a show-stopper, too



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An Asian rack of lamb might seem unusual to some, but China’s Hunan province is famous for its lamb dishes. The most well-known is probably a slightly spicy stir fry with loads of green onions. This take is more sophisticated and influenced somewhat by a rack of lamb I enjoyed at The Slanted Door, a Vietnamese-American restaurant in San Francisco. I love sticky rice, but it is sometimes hard to get, so I made this rice dish with arborio – the variety used for risotto – which ends up having a similar texture. The sauce is a typical spicy *vinai-grette* flavoured with Thai chili and plenty of mint to enhance the lamb. If you prefer less heat, you can remove the seeds from the chili pepper before you chop it.



DANIELLE MATAR FOR THE GLOBE AND MAIL

ASIAN-STYLE RACK OF LAMB WITH STICKY RISOTTO

READY TIME: 1½ HOURS, INCLUDING MARINATING TIME

- 2 lamb racks, Frenched (8 chops each)
- ⅓ cup chopped shallots
- 1 tbsp grated lime rind
- 1 tbsp grated ginger
- 1 tsp chopped garlic
- 2 tbsp fish sauce
- 1 tsp ground star anise
- 3 tbsp vegetable oil

- SAUCE**
- 3 tbsp sugar
 - ¼ cup fish sauce
 - 1 tsp chopped Thai chili
 - ½ tsp chopped garlic
 - 2 tbsp lime juice

- 2 tbsp chopped mint leaves
- STICKY RISOTTO**
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
 - ¼ cup chopped onions
 - 1 tsp grated ginger
 - 1 cup risotto rice
 - 3 cups hot chicken stock
 - ½ cup coconut milk
 - ⅓ cup sliced green onions
 - Salt and freshly ground pepper
 - 1 tbsp vegetable oil

- GARNISH**
- Mint leaves
 - Slivered green onions

Cut the lamb racks into 2-chop portions. Combine shallots, lime rind, ginger, garlic, fish sauce, star anise and oil. Pour over lamb and marinate at room temperature for 1 hour.

To make the sauce, dissolve sugar in 2 tbsp water in a small saucepan over medium heat. Let cool. Stir in fish sauce, chili, garlic, lime juice and chopped mint. Reserve.

To make the rice, heat oil in pot over medium-high heat. Add onions and sauté for 2 minutes or until softened. Add ginger and then rice and turn in the oil until coated. Add 1 cup stock and bring to a boil, then simmer, stirring, until reduced (about 3 to 4 minutes). Add a second cup and continue cooking and stirring until rice is barely cooked (about 5 more minutes). Add remaining stock and cook, stirring, for 5 more minutes. Rice should be al dente. Add more stock if needed. Stir in coconut milk and green onions and cook until rice is quite sticky

(about 2 minutes). Season well.

Preheat oven to 450 F. Scrape marinade off chops. Heat vegetable oil over high heat in a large skillet. Brown chops on each side (about 1 to 2 minutes a side). Arrange in a roasting pan.

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until centre is slightly pink. Remove from oven and let rest for 5 minutes. Place rice on a dish and top with 2 lamb portions per person. Drizzle over a little chili sauce. Scatter with mint leaves and thinly sliced green onions.

Serves 4.

WINE & SPIRITS

SWIMMING IN BUBBLY

There’s an Olympic-sized pool worth of champagnes and sparklers available for New Year’s toasts. Here’s a selection worth uncorking



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“You must be drowning in bubbles right about now,” a public-relations specialist wrote by e-mail last week. She represents a B.C. winery and was responding to a query about the availability of a fine sparkling wine. I wasn’t drowning, exactly, but swimming merrily, I’d say, having sampled sufficient froth to fill a splash pool – or at least five columns worth of pre-New Year’s reviews. It’s tough to whittle it all down to a few selections that cover a range of prices (though you can find additional reviews online in a column published in early December).

Having a regular excuse to sip good bubbly may be the best part of a job like mine. Like most of my critics, I adore champagne in particular. If public swimming pools were filled with Cristal or Dom instead of chlorinated water, I might be in better cardiovascular shape than Michael Phelps. But, like all other wine critics, I can’t possibly swallow everything I need

to taste. It’s more of a Mark Spitz situation, if you catch my drift.

Debatable though this assertion may be, I’d submit there is no wine style on the planet more consistently successful from producer to producer than champagne and “champagne-style” sparkling wine. And it’s not just because of the cheerful bubbles they have in common. The double fermentation technique pioneered by the French, in which each bottle receives a dose of yeast and sugar to generate natural carbonation and toasty-bready characters under pressure for many months, sometimes years, calls for special care and expense. In the case of small wineries, that often means manipulating each bottle by hand. It’s not a project for winemakers who like to leave the job early to hit the golf course.

That champagne-style category – typically represented by the bone-dry “brut” style – includes not only authentic champagne but also France’s more affordably priced *crémants* as well as most premium bubbliies from the New World, including Canada. (Italian *prosecco* is another story; the vast majority is re-fermented in large tanks and is designed for easygoing pleasure – often with a touch of sweetness – rather than meditative sipping.)

And what impressive strides Canada is making, as several selections below will attest. Well, strides or breaststrokes – take your pick.

Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Brut Vintage Champagne 2004 (France)
SCORE: **93** PRICE: **\$93.95**

As the price might indicate, this is a step up from Veuve’s hugely popular non-vintage wine in the supermodel-magnet yellow-label packaging. Most premium sparkling wines are assembled as blends from several harvests to create a predictable flavour representing the house style, which is why they don’t carry a vintage-date stamp on the label. When very good growing seasons roll around thanks to exceptional weather, many producers turn out “vintage” bubbliies made from that single year’s fruit, as is the case here. The 2004 displays a rich core of cooked apple, brioche, dry sherry and cherry liqueur. And there’s a wonderful toasty nuttiness running through it. Well-balanced, it’s complex and nicely evolved for 10 years, though it could improve with perhaps five more in a cool cellar. \$94.95 in B.C., \$93.47 in Manitoba, \$99.50 in Quebec.

Lallier Rose Champagne 1er Cru (France)
SCORE: **91** PRICE: **\$56.95**

“Pink Champagne on ice.” If you’re old enough to remember that Eagles line, your savings account might have earned enough interest by now to afford a bottle of this good champers. The colour comes through the transparent glass, above the minimalist label, making for a fetching package. Pale strawberry in hue, it also suggests strawberry, among other things, on the palate. Those other things: baked bread, lemon and red apple. The acidity is lively but not severe. Available in small quantities in Ontario and at various prices in Alberta. The Grand Cru Grand Reserve Brut from Lallier is very fine, too, and available in B.C. and Manitoba for \$69.99 and \$54.54, respectively.

Louis Roederer Brut Premier Champagne (France)
SCORE: **91** PRICE: **\$69.95**

Sadly, Brut Premier is forced to live in the shadow of its bling-bling big brother, Cristal, an icon of hip-hop culture. Same producer, same cellars, same quality control but about \$200 cheaper. There was a time when this *cuvée* dipped slightly in quality, I think, but it’s made a comeback, like Eminem. Here we are with a fine, elegant non-vintage brut, which sings a medley of orchard-fruit flavours, showing good mid-palate density and a long, minerally finish. \$69.99 in B.C. (on sale for \$64.99 at BCLDB Stores till Jan. 3), various prices in Alberta, \$65.69 in Manitoba, \$65 in Quebec, \$69.29 in Nova Scotia.

Haywire Secret Mountain Vineyard The Bub 2012 (B.C.)
SCORE: **91** PRICE: **\$25**

Haywire is the house brand of Okanagan Crush Pad, a winery in Summerland, B.C., which offers production facilities and marketing services to outside winemakers. It’s a cutting-edge operation experimenting with various styles, including this excellent sparkler, sealed with a beer-bottle-style crown cap. The pinot noir and chardonnay grapes are sourced from a cool hillside site further south in Oliver. The wine, made according to the traditional champagne method, is bone-dry and bursting with orchard-fruit flavours, including green apple, peach and tart lemon. Hints of doughy bread and mineral lend elegant complexity. Available direct from okanagancrushpad.com.

Blue Mountain Brut Rose R.D. 2010 (B.C.)
SCORE: **91** PRICE: **\$32.90**

The colour is an enticing delicate rose-petal pink, like a faint blush on a pretty face. It’s serious bubbly from one of Canada’s best sparkling wine producers, aged for 36 months in contact with the bottled yeast prior to having the sediment disgorged. Bone dry in that electric Blue Mountain style, it shows bright lemon, green apple, berry and toasty baguette flavours over a satisfyingly chalky texture. Available direct through www.bluemountainwinery.com.

Tawse Spark Brut 2012 (Ontario)
SCORE: **90** PRICE: **\$24.95**

The second vintage of this blend combines the classic champagne mix of chardonnay and pinot noir with 13-per-cent pinot gris. The froth is lively, bubbling away to reveal notes of apple, brioche pastry and a punch

of razor-sharp, zesty citrus.

Steller’s Jay Brut 2009 (B.C.)
SCORE: **90** PRICE: **\$24.99**

Once a part of the Sumac Ridge stable, Steller’s Jay – named after British Columbia’s official bird – was recently decoupled from that winery’s lineup as a standalone brand. (Sumac Ridge, owned by U.S.-based giant Constellation, has been refocused as a value-oriented line of still table wines.) So, the bird has been set free to fly, so to speak, as a premium product, unencumbered by Sumac’s new affordably priced image. The 2009 edition of this B.C. favourite, just starting to hit shelves, comes across with crisp green apple and underripe peach, gentle yeastiness and active effervescence. Discounted to \$21.99 at BC Liquor Stores for December. Various prices in Alberta, \$27.20 in Saskatchewan.

Henry of Pelham Cuvée Catharine Brut (Ontario)
SCORE: **90** PRICE: **\$29.95**

Henry of Pelham takes its bubbles seriously, emphasizing long cellaring on the yeast, in this case about 30 months versus the 18-month minimum for standard champagne. Tart apple leads the way in this chardonnay/pinot noir blend, with a minerally essence not far behind and toasted bread and lemon curd bringing up the rear. It’s classic Canadian fizz. Available direct through henryofpelham.com.

Wolf Blass Gold Label Pinot Noir Chardonnay Sparkling Wine 2011 (Australia)
SCORE: **89** PRICE: **\$24.95**

There’s a goût anglais to this wine – that slightly sherried, oxidative quality said to be favoured by some British fans of champagne exposed to air or long-term cellaring. It’s subtle and attractive here, supporting notes of red apple and citrus. \$24.99 in Manitoba, \$24.99 in New Brunswick.

Ferrari Brut (Italy)
SCORE: **88** PRICE: **\$25.95**

Though it hails from northeastern Italy, land of Prosecco, this Ferrari takes things slowly, as in the traditional bottle-fermented, long-cellared champagne method. It’s also made with chardonnay rather than the glera (or prosecco) grape. Complex like champagne it’s not, but the balance is impressive, with the faintest hint of sweetness beneath flavours of pear, citrus and apricot.

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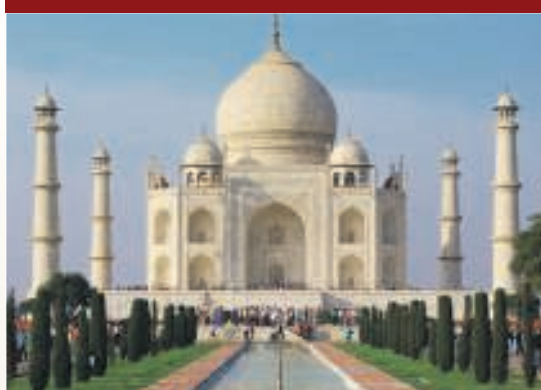
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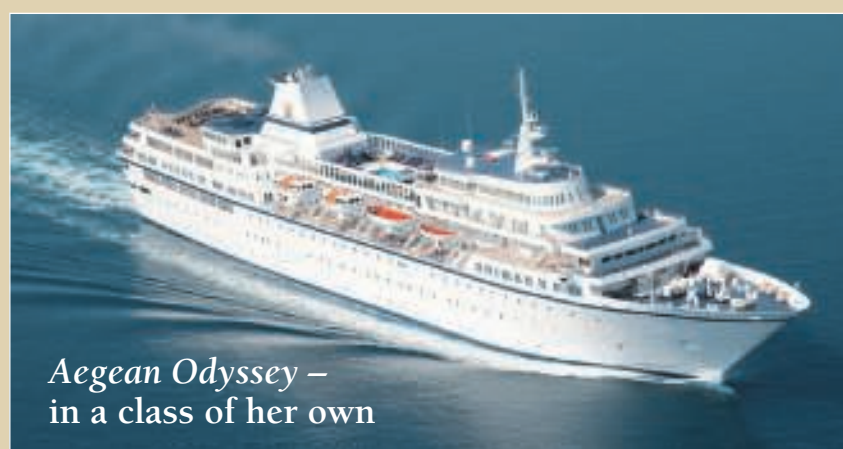
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THE CANADIAN ARTISTS OF THE YEAR



To celebrate a remarkable year of film, television, music, theatre, visual art and more, The Globe asked its writers and critics to nominate their choices for the Canadian artist of 2014. Inside, discover who they selected, and who you, our readers, chose as the winner

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The List: Top TV in a topsy-turvy year



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It started well. It ended well. And in between, it was a topsy-turvy year in television.

The year began with *True Detective*, HBO's stunning, brooding crime drama starring Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson. On Jan. 10, two days before the first episode aired, it was being called "the year's best new show." At year's end, it is a top five contender, possibly the No. 1 pick for many – the star wattage of McConaughey and Harrelson mattering less than the fatalism and grave ambition of the writer, Nic Pizzolatto.

As the year closes, *Homeland*, one of this decade's great dramas, is ending another season, unexpectedly revived as both brilliant and engrossing – a searing exploration of moral decay in U.S. foreign policy. Given that *True Detective* was essentially about moral decay in a post-industrial America, it was obviously a year of deep seriousness.

The gravity of the best of contemporary TV drama is underlined by these two shows that bookend 2014.

In fact, there was a cornucopia of fine TV this year. A top 10 list doesn't do it full justice. Across the spectrums, from network shows to cable series to Netflix inventions to online oddities, it was a year of stellar, disruptive innovation.

Yes, there were disappointments. But the great television outweighs them, easily.

Locally, the Canadian TV racket careered through one crisis after another.

The CBC dealt with less funding, the loss of NHL hockey and the Jian Ghomeshi scandal with ever-increasing ineptitude. The CRTC attempted to corral all TV-related issues into one file and found itself on the receiving end of blithe scorn from Netflix. And



The furiously energetic and creatively disruptive *Strange Empire* defies every expectation of a western drama. BETTINA STRAUSS

by the year's end there were two Canadian competitors to Netflix – Shomi and CraveTV, both full of strong programming and launched with great hope that Canadians pay attention.

There were key shared experiences through television. The sometimes unnerving collision of fantasy and reality at the Winter Olympics in Sochi; the beauty and majesty of the World Cup in Brazil; the horror of an airliner blown from the sky in a disputed area of Ukraine; the tension, chaos and confusion of a gunman's attack on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, the surreal media pandemonium of Ghomeshi's court appearance.

The images that linger and define 2014 came from live TV coverage, asserting its importance again, even while social media lay claim to instant coverage, news and images.

But, in the end, the year in TV is characterized by the quality of the programming in drama and comedy.

Herewith, a list of the top 10 TV shows of 2014, in alphabetical order.

Argue, if you like, what the order of importance should be.

Th (FX/ FX Canada)

If it seemed a clever oddity in its first season, it was uniquely eloquent in its second. Set in the early 1980s at the height of the Cold War, it offered Elizabeth and Phillip Jennings (Keri Russell and Matthew Rhys), a couple with two kids, seemingly ordinary. But they are KGB spies. The episodes this year, especially those dealing with an FBI agent Stan Beeman (Noah Emmerich, who is wonderful) and his involvement with Soviet embassy worker Nina (Annet Mahendru), reached an extraordinary level of pathos, distilling the Cold War to a very human story of lies, deceit and depravity run amok.

Th (Comedy Central/Comedy Network)

His importance is measured by how he will be missed. Colbert, a TV comedian who can stay in character, day after day, is a first-rate wit who has a lot of stamina. His creation of Stephen Colbert, the demented, right-wing, self-aggrandizing fool, mining a rich vein of self-righteous blather, was one of American TV's

greatest achievements.

F (FX/FX Canada)

It transcended any expectation that it would be a mere homage to the much-loved Coen brothers movie by emphatically creating its own warped world in wintry Minnesota. It emerged as a heightened, darker world, definitely more rife with evil. Such was the heightened sensibility that one suspected key character Lorne Malvo (Billy Bob Thornton doing his best work in years) was less real than a figment of the locality's collective imagination. At once arch and bluntly violent, it was stunningly inventive.

Ho (ABC/CTV)

It energized network drama with glorious aplomb. A murder case, but treated like no other in conventional TV. All sizzle and expertly concocted twists, it seethed with eroticism and at the same time, silliness, which made it exhilarating, top-notch entertainment. At its centre, Viola Davis was magnificent as the icy, commanding lawyer/ law professor Annalise Keating, manipulating her students like mad.

Th (HBO)

Not for the unserious. Set after a rapture-like calamity sweeps away part of the world's population, it was relentlessly bleak. The morass of crazed reaction to the calamity would make you weep for Western civilization, in both sympathy and despair.

Ma (AMC)

The penultimate batch of episodes presented most of the characters on an ever-quickening path to self-destruction. It's 1969, the culture is coming apart at the seams and a reckoning is on the horizon, a horizon that none of them sees, drenched as they are in narcissism and self-indulgence. What's happening, too, is the demise of an old male order. Don Draper is back at work, but

in a lowly position. As grim as anything, save for *The Leftovers*, but gripping as ever.

Ol (HBO)

A miniseries and a masterpiece of serious drama with dry humour. Perhaps the most urbane, poised and exquisitely delivered drama on television this year, and a testament to the power of TV storytelling at its best – intimate and trenchant. As Olive, Frances McDormand commanded the drama but her family and community came exquisitely alive.

Re (Sundance channel)

The most underrated drama of this year, *Rectify* is a glorious exercise in Southern Gothic, a wildly intense, small-scale story of great moral significance. A man is released from jail after a wrongful conviction – but is it wrongful? And the knowledge that he is released back into a world seething with corruption, horror and hatred, most of it male. Aden Young as Daniel Holden, the central character, has done one of the top acting jobs of the year.

S (CBC)

At last a furiously energetic, creatively disruptive Canadian drama. Defying every expectation, it smashed the conventional western mythology to smithereens. Female-centric and often emotionally enraged, it became poignant, too, and all the while a western of the vivid imagination, hallucinatory and unforgettable.

Tr (HBO)

Brilliant, nerve-jangling, it turned the mismatched-cops genre on its head. "Everything is a lie" was Rust Cohle's philosophy – referring to religion, marriage, order, civility – and was the drama's message. For all the optimism of its ending, the journey there was stunning TV to brood upon and admire.

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South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 6 4 2	♥ Q 10 4	♠ 9 7 3	♥ A 5
♦ 9 7 4 3	♣ A 7 3	♦ Q 8 6 2	♣ K 9 5 4

WEST		SOUTH	
♠ Q J 10 8	♥ 6 2	♠ A K 5	♥ K J 9 8 7 3
♦ K 10 5	♣ J 10 6 2	♦ A J	♣ Q 8

The bidding:
South 1 ♥
West Pass
North 2 ♥
East Pass

Opening lead — queen of spades.

There is usually little difference between playing a hand well and playing a hand perfectly, but occasionally this slight difference has a big impact.

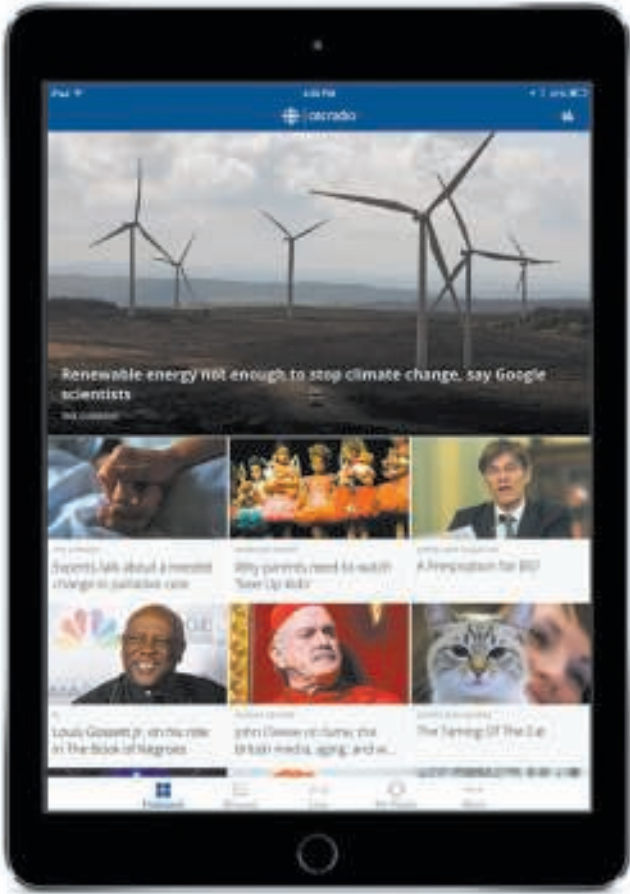
West led a spade against four hearts, and South, seeing four probable losers – one of which had to be averted for the contract to be made – decided his only real chance was to find East with the king of clubs. Declarer hoped to establish a 10th trick by leading a low club from dummy toward his queen, planning later to discard one of his losers on dummy's ace of clubs.

Accordingly, South took the spade lead with the ace and played the king of hearts to dislodge the ace. He expected that dummy's Q-10 of trumps would then provide him with the two entries he needed to accomplish his purpose. But East ducked the king of hearts and thereby foiled South's plan. Declarer could not recover from this setback and eventually finished down one.

South could and should have made the contract by leading the seven of trumps to dummy's ten at trick two! East can do no better than win with the ace and return a spade.

Declarer wins, leads the eight of trumps to dummy's queen and returns a low club, taken by East's king. The defenders cash their spade trick, but South is home free. Whatever is returned, he wins, cashes the queen of clubs, leads the three of trumps to dummy's four and discards the jack of diamonds on the ace of clubs.

East cannot stop the contract by refusing to take dummy's ten of trumps at trick two. South counters by leading a low club from dummy at trick three and later leads the heart eight to dummy's queen to produce the same outcome.



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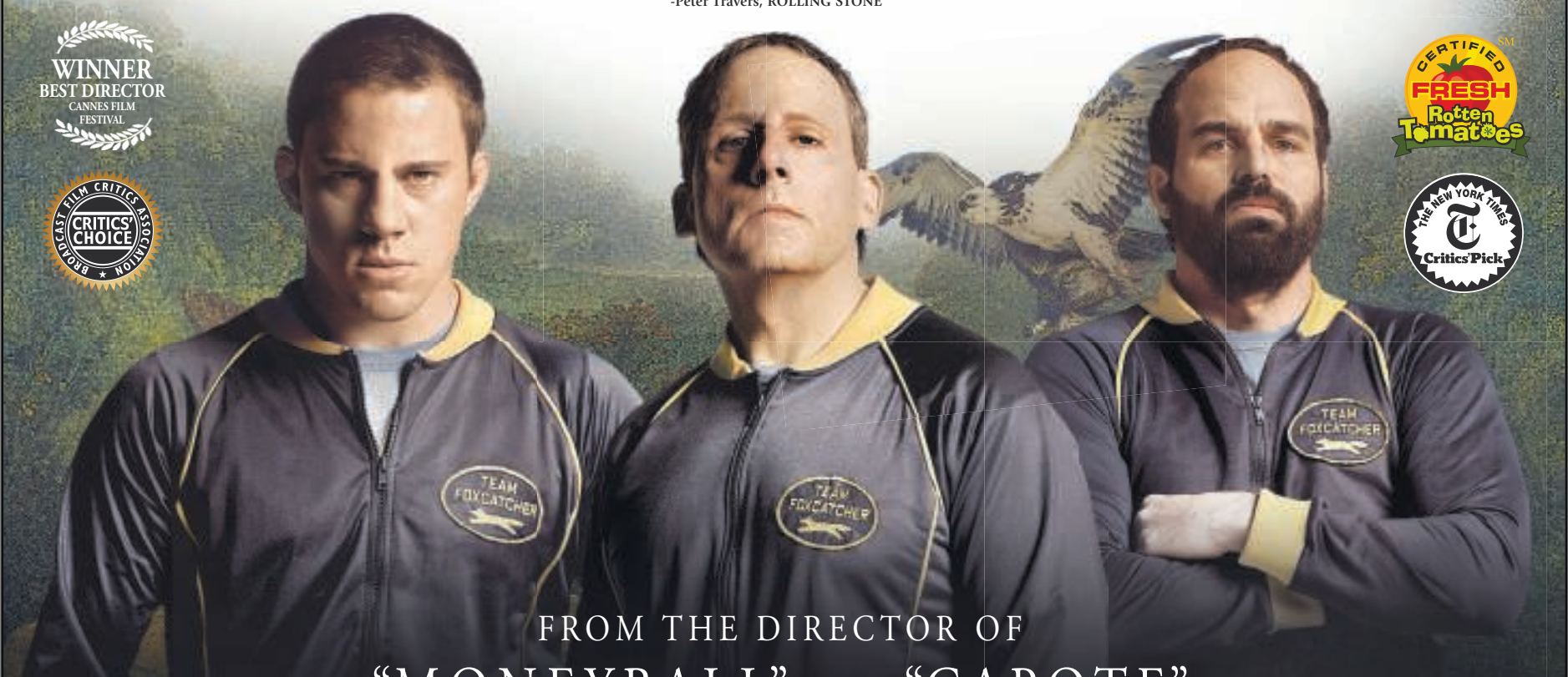


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THE CANADIAN ARTIST OF THE YEAR

TANYA
TAGAQ

WINNER

Tanya Tagaq was always a polarizing outlier at the folk festivals where I used to encounter her. She stormed and howled and made herself a vessel for a kind of visceral music you don't hear from most singer-songwriters. And yet there's no roots music more grounded in nature and the messy cycles of life. This year, Tagaq found her proper stage, and it turned out to be the whole world. Her album *Animism* won the Polaris Prize, drew strong reviews internationally and landed on many best-of-year lists. And when she performed, no one seemed to notice that she was partially lodged in a tradition of improvised music that's usually too out-there to rock the mainstream. It helps that her music and performances are stronger than ever. But Tagaq's third album also appeared at a time when indigenous artists, from Joseph Boyden to A Tribe Called Red, are making a bigger mark in the world. Non-indigenous people seem more ready to hear from an Inuit singer who is in touch with profound realities, and who's mad as hell besides. *Animism's* messages about colonialism and environmental degradation need to be heard, and Tagaq's way of delivering them will shake you to your bones. – Robert Everett-Green

XAVIER
DOLAN

As his latest film, *Mommy*, won the big prize at Cannes and accolades at the Toronto International Film Festival, Quebec wunderkind Xavier Dolan told one industry gathering that this was the first time he ever felt the critics weren't correcting his homework. Perhaps the extraordinary attention that Dolan, now 25, has received since he burst on the scene with *J'ai tué ma mère* (*I Killed My Mother*) in 2009 has sometimes been patronizing. Certainly, this year he seemed to come into his own as an adult artist. In *Mommy*, he has drawn an intensity of performance from his actors – Antoine Olivier Pilon as a violently disturbed teenager, Anne Dorval as his tough-talking mother and Suzanne Clément as their tragically withdrawn neighbour – that speaks of a mature talent in total control of the form. He has also reminded audiences in 2014 of what an extraordinary actor he is in his own right, playing a charmingly manipulative inmate in a mental ward in the psychological thriller *Elephant Song*. This is the year that Dolan won the jury prize at Cannes; it is also the year he graduated from prodigy to master. – Kate Taylor

STAN
DOUGLAS

Stan Douglas has had his adept fingers in many techno-amazing contemporary art pies this year, creating exceptional experiences in the theatre, the gallery and on screens large and small. With a diverse range of projects, each bursting with ambition and excellence, Douglas, 54, reasserts himself as a multimedia virtuoso in possession of one of Canada's great artistic brains. His cinematic theatrical wonder, *Helen Lawrence*, which he conceived and directed, was a trip. Actors perform in front of cameras and a blue screen onstage, their actions instantaneously inserted into a meticulous 3-D rendering of two specific 1940s Vancouver settings, and viewed on a movie screen – wowing audiences in Vancouver, Toronto, Germany and Scotland. (The NFB's complementary *Circa 1948* premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival, with an immersive installation. There's an iOS app, too.) His six-hour jazz film *Luanda-Kinshasa* screened to raves at his New York gallery. There were photographic exhibitions internationally and in Toronto (at Contact, the result of his 2013 Scotiabank Photography Award). These kick-ass visual experiences also elicit careful introspection. By showing us our contemporary and (recently) historical selves, Douglas helps us take stock. Prolific and exciting, he continues to insert his work, and thus Canadian art, into the global conversation. – Marsha Lederman

LAURIE
FINSTAD-KNIZHNIK

In *Strange Empire*, Laurie Finstad-Knizhnik has delivered the most creatively ambitious Canadian TV drama in years and the long-awaited Canadian entry into the arena of serious-minded, expansive, premium cable-type TV. It's a western, a female-centric fantasy and simultaneously a sharp probe into the dark corners of Canadian history. It is uncommonly fresh in its visual aesthetic, stylish, challenging and poignant. Set in 1869 in a wild, lawless time in a lawless place, it is about women and what they must do to survive and thrive in a culture that sees them, primarily, as whores. Everything turns, literally and metaphorically, on that. In the key central character of Kat Loving (Cara Gee), a Métis woman of imposing strength and rage, Finstad-Knizhnik has created an iconic figure, a heroine-provocateur for the ages. *Strange Empire* is set in 1869, but it could be now. It could be here, there or anywhere. It's a puzzle, it's plaintive and gripping, an extraordinary act of creativity. Best of all, Finstad-Knizhnik's creation is a rebuttal of a decade of mediocrity in Canadian TV, unencumbered by our usual limitation of imagination in serious, searing TV storytelling. – John Doyle

CRITICS' PICKS

An off-beat year

Critics know their disciplines, sure, but most of them love all sorts of art. Here, our scribes share their favourites that they didn't cover for The Globe

Norma Winstone Trio, Jazz Bistro, Toronto, June 28

As jazz singers go, Norma Winstone isn't as well known as Diana Krall. In the mid-nineties she even released a recording titled *Well Kept Secret*. But this relative obscurity is more the world's fault than hers. Indeed, one encounter with the pure, reed-like tone of her voice is usually sufficient for an irrevocable conversion into fandom. Now in her early 70s, the Londoner made a rare one-off Canadian club date during the Toronto jazz festival, accompanied by her wonderfully sympatico music-mates of recent years, pianist Glauco Venier and reedman Klaus Gesing. Winstone can sing happy but she's most affecting walking the plangent side of the street. A rapt audience was rewarded with a generous sampling of her eclectic repertoire, including near-definitive versions of Tom Waits's *San Diego Serenade* and Nick Drake's *Time of No Reply*. – James Adams

The Walking Dead

The Walking Dead has been my guilty pleasure for years now, but since Scott M. Gimple took over as showrunner a season and a half ago, my love of AMC's hit zombie drama is no longer embarrassing. Gimple has made the gore visually poetic, not just gross-out: His images of the undead, stuck in mud up to their waists or tied underwater and struggling to reach the surface, sometimes seem borrowed from Beckett. Gimple added depth to cartoonish "bad guys," then blurred the distinction between good and bad. By now, all the survivors have proper back stories – and no character is "expendable" any more. It's no surprise many fans took the mid-season finale hard and launched a petition to bring back [REDACTED]. To me, the senselessness of it made bleak sense. The group can't go on, the group will go on. – J. Kelly Nestruck



JORDAN
TANNAHILL

The new year will be busy for Toronto-based Jordan Tannahill, who has at least five separate productions as director or playwright on his plate – in Calgary, New York, Ottawa, Toronto and Winnipeg. But it won’t be any busier than the past year, when the 26-year-old dramatist’s concerns lined up perfectly with the country’s. *Concord Floral*, premiering in Toronto in October and starring actual teenagers, was a spooky, suburban legend that had at its core the sexual harassment of a young girl by her peers. In Vancouver, his *Late Company* had a professional premiere at Touchstone Theatre that one critic called “excruciatingly good.” In it, the parents of a gay boy who committed suicide invite the teen who tormented him and his parents over for dinner. Both works are about bullying but eschew simplistic explanations or naive solutions. *Age of Minority: Three Solo Plays* which includes the script for Tannahill’s excellent live-streamed play *Rihannaboig5*, picked up the Governor-General’s Award for Drama in November (making Tannahill the youngest winner in the history of the prize); and, in December, he topped things off by winning the John Hirsch Award, a triennial prize given to up-and-coming stage directors. Add in a short film at the Toronto International Film Festival (*Father*) and a short choreography with Christopher House (*On Display: Rough House*) – and that’s quite the year for the poster child of a new generation of (theatre? film? dance?) artists for whom “interdisciplinary” is not a buzzword, but a way of life.

– J. Kelly Nestruck



DAVID
ALTMEJD

At 40, David Altmejd is hardly the new Canuck kid in the international art bloc, nor is he old enough to rank as a venerable. The Montreal native is in something of a sweet spot now. In the past 15 years, he has produced enough installation and sculptural work, in an idiom described, variously, as “camp-Goth” and “the gorgeous grotesque,” to have established a closely tracked oeuvre; yet he’s young enough not to have to be slavishly beholden to that history. 2014 was a stellar year for the artist who, since obtaining his master’s degree in fine arts from Columbia University in 2001, has made New York his home. In January, the Art Gallery of Ontario gave ample play to *The Index*, an installation of mirrors, monsters, stuffed birds, fake plants and Styrofoam that earned Altmejd international recognition upon its premiere in the Canadian Pavilion at the 2007 Venice Biennale. A few weeks after the AGO reinstallation, the Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art hosted Altmejd’s *The Holes*, part of the National Gallery of Canada collection since 2010, in a well-received group show on “the contemporary baroque” called *Misled by Nature*. Atmejd’s most impressive showcase, however, occurred in Paris where he was feted with a retrospective at the prestigious Musée d’Art Moderne. Titled *Flux* and running until early February, 2015, the exhibition includes Altmejd’s most recent epic, *The Flux and the Puddle*, described by The New York Times as “a labyrinth of mirrors and Plexiglass ... werewolves and birdmen ... pits of plaster and puddles of goeey resin.” The Grateful Dead once sang that “too much of everything is just enough;” if Altmejd has a credo, it could be that. – James Adams



TATIANA
MASLANY

“I’m just me,” insists British punk Sarah Manning, in an early episode of the head-tripping cult hit *Orphan Black*. But who is that, exactly? Sarah, after all, is one of eight clones given life by the singular Tatiana Maslany, the 29-year-old Regina-born star (and *raison d’être*) of cable channel Space’s breakout series. For two seasons now, Maslany has been giving a master class in acting, displaying not just an extraordinary range – from sullen Sarah to uptight soccer mom Alison and all the colours in between – but often an impressive chemistry with, well, with herself. For a sci-fi thriller studded with mystery, existential doubt and droll wit, Maslany’s fierce courage and quicksilver cunning both elevate and keep it grounded in reality. This year, nominations and awards rolled in: Maslany is in the running for what would be her first for a Screen Actors Guild Award, and she signed with a major L.A. agency. The only question hanging over her future now is how long Canada will be able to hold on before she is lured away by Hollywood and its deep pockets. If that happens, we’d be happy for her, of course, as long as she stays herself. Whoever that is.

– Simon Houpt



MIRIAM
TOEWS

More than once an author has told me that their new book was one they felt “had” to be written. Miriam Toews, a novelist of great empathy and grace, almost certainly wishes she never had reason to write *All My Puny Sorrows*. A novel that was born in tragedy (the suicide of her older sister) was also the most triumphant book I read in 2014; it is a celebration of everything that makes life what it is, from the darkest hours to the most joyous days. It was published in a year when our Supreme Court revisited the moral question of a person’s right to die, yet all you’ll ever need to know about the issue can be found in the novel’s 336 pages. How does one confront the trauma that comes with losing a beloved sibling? Toews, in fiction, found a way. A distillation of her impressive skill, *All My Puny Sorrows* is brilliant, bittersweet and, somehow, brutally funny. It is a novel that will endure, in the sense that it will be read for years to come, but it is also a novel that will help us endure, and stand as a testament, a beacon, for those who can’t. – Mark Medley

Soulpepper Theatre’s Spoon River

I saw dead people, about 20 of them, singing, testifying and fiddling from the other side. The occasion was the Toronto company Soulpepper’s affecting adaptation of Edgar Lee Masters’s *Spoon River Anthology*, a cycle of poems from 1915 that gave fictional, epitaphic voice to small-town America. Musicals are not usually to my taste, but I found myself intrigued this year by the ones which were lively, colourful and uncommon, namely Evalyn Parry’s inventive *Spin* remount, Raoul Bhaneja’s curious *Life, Death and the Blues* and Mike Ross’s poignant but robust setting of roots music and regrets. The theatre was a funeral parlour, but the upshot was uplifting. “Is your soul alive?” the audience is asked. “Then let it feed.” And *Spoon River* was so filling. – Brad Wheeler

Opera Atelier’s production of Handel’s Alcina, Toronto

When out at a performance I ache to be moved and to meet the sublime. Opera Atelier delivers. From co-artistic director Marshall Pynkoski’s stirring onstage introduction of performances to the stunning concoction of music, song, dance and drama that is the Baroque company’s *métier* and forte, it is a ravishing experience. This year, Atelier’s production of Handel’s madly plotted *Alcina* was a knockout. The rage of the Amazon/sorceress Alcina (Meghan Lindsay), her crimes suggested with dazzling visuals, was trumped only by the staging of the tragic, erotically charged story of Alcina’s sister Morgana (Mireille Asselin). Days later, my mind drifted often to Asselin alone on stage in a pale blue dress and the heart-scalding delicacy of her aria. Sublime. – John Doyle

Havel: A Life, by Michael Zantovsky

One man in his time plays many parts, though in the case of Vaclav Havel – playwright, philosopher, dissident and president of Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic from the non-violent Velvet Revolution of 1989 to 2003 – all these parts were united by a core belief in “living in truth.” In this elegantly written biography, *Havel: A Life*, Havel’s former press secretary and adviser Michael Zantovsky, a psychologist by training, takes a tough-love approach to his late friend’s contradictions, his charisma and self-doubts, his moral courage and fear of confrontation. In one obvious irony, the playwright-president stayed on the political stage too long after his period of glory. – Liam Lacey

THE SATURDAY CROSSWORD WHO CAN DENY?

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- Across**
1 Military stronghold
5 On or off road
9 Painter Georgia
16 Part of UF
19 Man of action
20 Mass calendar
21 Papal ambassadors
22 Collective possessive
23 Who can deny?
26 Charlotte of “The Facts of Life”
27 Dry as a desert
28 Legacy recipients
29 Hereditary Japanese commander
31 Superficial
35 Corn or pod starter?
36 Fence terminus
38 Terra follower
39 Play’s players
41 Greenish-blue
43 Canine first name
44 Surprised exclamations
45 Who can deny?
47 Move deceptively
50 Cell-free blood
53 Old Chinese money
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56 S. Amer. nation
57 Midsection adjective
59 Off-peak time
61 Cooks’ coverage
63 Inquire
65 Nile wading bird
67 Dublin’s country
69 Utmost degree
70 45% of M
71 Who can deny?
74 U.S. undercover outfit
75 Sib
76 Ethereal
77 Dynamic lead-in?
78 Comes to rest
80 Not nice
82 Two of a kind
84 “The Embarkation for Cythera” painter
86 Crooner Crosby
87 Eastern European
89 Bit of elementary Latin
91 Lovers’ meetings
94 Doughy pastry
96 Who can deny?
99 Summer Games org.
100 Wheaton of “Star Trek: TNG”
101 African fox
102 Floral necklaces
103 Simoleons
105 Hikers’ flasks
108 Year Caligula died
110 J. Ringling’s partner
112 Influence
113 Feudal lord
115 Ransom of early cars
116 Designer’s deg.
117 Who can deny?
124 Legal approval, in brief
125 “Ghostbusters” director
126 Check
127 Negative votes
128 In-house #
129 Crucibles
130 Toward the mouth
131 Popeye’s nephew, ___ Pea
- Down**
1 Charitable org.
2 Perfect-game box score
3 Order form abbr.
4 Hooky player
5 Comic/actress O’Donnell
6 Design style of the 1930s
7 1501
8 “The House at ___ Corner”
9 While broadcasting
10 “A Clockwork Orange” director
11 Genesis character
12 French silver crown
13 Be the right size
14 Compel to accept
15 Rolle and Williams
16 Who can deny?
17 Island feasts
18 Looks ___ everything
24 “The Ring of the Nibelung” character
25 Stinging weed
30 One with two cents to put in?
31 Old English bard
32 First chancellor of reunified Germany
33 Who can deny?
34 Fake jewelry
36 Italian astronomer
37 Writer Seton
40 Sports arenas
42 Holler
45 Processes of the temporal bone
46 Narrow-minded
48 “___ Mame”
49 Buckwheat dishes
51 New World monkey
52 Minimum of ten Orthodox Jews
55 Actress Hartley
58 Duty assignment
60 Consumer
62 Caresser
63 Cancels
64 Paradisiacal
66 ___ B’rith
68 Part of MIT
72 Coniferous evergreen
73 Hauling charge
79 Perth’s river
81 Start burning
83 Arabian garb
85 Anchor position
88 McGregor of “Trainspotting”
90 Badmouth
92 Fragrant gum
93 Con
95 Part of EKG
97 Of words
98 Neighbor of Latvia
103 Anti-DUI org.
104 Bean and Welles
105 TV line
106 Stick on
107 Old anesthetic
109 Inclines
111 Flaxen-haired
113 “Champagne Tony” of golf
114 Spanish river
118 End of Ramadan
119 Hwy. with a number
120 Auction or profit follower
121 Walter Reuther’s grp.
122 Automatic advance in a tourney
123 Mao ___-Tung

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FRIDAY’S CRYPTIC

Across: **1** Fetched, **5** Sofas, **8** Underline, **9** Roc, **10** Trip, **12** Definite, **14** Canard, **15** Minded, **17** Forecast, **18** Inch, **21** Inn, **22** Animation, **24** Steam, **25** Tail end.

Down: **1** Fruit, **2** Ted, **3** Herb, **4** Drivel, **5** Specific, **6** Forbidden, **7** Succeed, **11** Ignorance, **13** Proclaim, **14** Coffins, **16** Assist, **19** Honed, **20** Taxi, **23** Ice.

FRIDAY’S QUICK

Across: **1** Burning, **5** Hoist, **8** Demeanour, **9** Con, **10** East, **12** Ballyhoo, **14** Plague, **15** Unroll, **17** All right, **18** Tsar, **21** Tie, **22** Assuredly, **24** Mercy, **25** Sharpen.

Down: **1** Budge, **2** Rum, **3** Imam, **4** Global, **5** Hard line, **6** In cahoots, **7** Tinfoil, **11** Small beer, **13** Luminary, **14** Phantom, **16** Thesis, **19** Rayon, **20** Area, **23** Dip.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD BY FRASER SIMPSON

- Across**
1 It supplies water in a good way (4)
3 Sort of engineering a river ordeal (10)
9 Curl of hair enclosed in covering letter (7)
11 Rides roughshod over second wife’s boy (7)
12 Announce December lyrics at first are (7)
13 Giant fish (5)
15 Advice at end of holiday, having had a few too many drinks (5)
16 Forsaken outlaw taken care of in a piece of dialogue (9)
18 Not up front, breaking heart repeatedly (2,3,4)
21 Some classic or future vacation spot in Greece (5)
23 Nobody’s date (5)
25 Gem that’s green, according to one Dorothy (7)
27 Clergy meddles with crosses? (7)
28 Notoriety affected email describing large family’s head (3,4)
29 Roughly chewed up morsel, with bits repeating on you (4,2,4)
30 Bug Chinese dynasty from the east (4)
- Down**
1 Reference book line included in news finally shortened (5,5)
2 It covers Ken’s lap, according to Spooner (4,3)
4 Men dare to rent famous church (5,4)
5 Teed off delivery company with 1982 movie (5)
6 Early progress: informed about what got stripped (7)
7 Mostly show disrespect for popular diabetes treatment (7)
8 Granted time after Mardi Gras (4)
10 Reporter’s doubting counterculturist (5)
14 Change endorsement by stag party’s guests on Tuesday (10)
17 Wastes a winning team’s display (9)
19 Port on the Strait of Gibraltar having more zest (7)
20 Managed teens or automaker Maserati (7)
21 Lipstick shade beginning to change by mouth (5)
22 Red Green finally seen in a new sketch? (7)
24 Young girl turned up clutching one rope fibre (5)
26 Flip chart’s rarely read messages (4)

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LAST SATURDAY’S ANSWERS

- Across**
7 T + URN
8 OSCAR WILDE (anag.)
10 A + P-PARENT
11 AUT(UM)N (*tuna* anag.)
12 (p)RESENT
13 HA(ZINES)S
15 ETHICS (anag.)
17 SINNED (rev.)
20 STUB + BORN (*buts* rev.)
22 EL + FISH
24 OBTAIN (anag.)
26 HOLL(OWL)Y
27 FALSE NAMES (anag.)
28 RIDE (hidden in odd letters of *reindeer*)

- Down**
1 SUPPLE + MEN + T
2 IN MATE (pun)
3 DOMES + TIC
4 ERSATZ (anag.)
5 L(IST)EN IN (*it’s* anag.)
6 EDAM (rev.)
9 C + A(T)CHY
14 SIDE SALADS (letter bank)
16 HE(BRA)IST
18 ID E(ALI)ST
19 AN + THEM
21 (d)OWNING
23 FLOURS (*flowers* hom.)
25 BRAT (hidden)

KENKEN

EASY

3-	3+		3
	10+	3	2÷
18×			
		5+	

INSTRUCTIONS

- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) and 1 through 6 (challenging) 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 single-box cages with the numbers in the top-left corner.

CHALLENGING

3	2÷		5-		1-
5+		60×	3	2-	
11+	9+		3+		2-
				3	
5-		3	1-	3-	
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LAST SATURDAY’S ANSWERS

2-	8×			11+	
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5+			4		
1	3	2	4		
3-	3	6+			
4	1	3	2		
2÷					
2	4	1	3		

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SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆☆

LAST SATURDAY’S ANSWERS

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INSTRUCTIONS

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

Globe Books

EDITOR: MARK MEDLEY

OUR FAVOURITES CHOOSE THEIR FAVOURITES

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Last month we unveiled the Globe 100 – our annual list of the best books of the year. We asked some of the authors on that list to share their favourite reads of 2014 – the books that surprised them and thrilled them, excited them and inspired them. There’s no better way to spend the holidays than with one of these titles



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Will Starling was a blast. I kinda dug the original title – *Doomsday Man*, as I recall – but it’s still my pick for Canadian book of the year. A real corker!
– Nick Cutter, author of *The Troop*.



“
***Dept. of Speculation* by Jenny Offill blew me away – a funny, structure-bending, lyrical novel about a marriage in crisis. *Men Explain Things to Me*, the searing and timely essay collection by Rebecca Solnit, was equally compelling. And the best poem I read this year was in *THOU* by Aisha Sasha John.**
– Alison Pick, author of *Between Gods*.



“
I loved *It Never Happened Again* by Sam Alden. I don’t consider myself up on everything going on in comics, but these are exciting and new-feeling and beautiful and I wish I could draw just like him.
– Jon Klassen, illustrator of *Sam & Dave Dig A Hole*.

RACHEL IDZERDA FOR THE GLOBE AND MAIL

I liked Emily St. John Mandel’s *Station Eleven*. When the end of the world comes, the daydreamers inherit the earth, for better or worse.
– Heather O’Neill, author of *The Girl Who Was Saturday Night*.

Christian Rudder’s *Dataclysm* accomplishes the rarest of literary feats: It entertains and titillates, and also teaches readers through the use of data. As someone who tries to do both for a living, I was blown away by this book.
– Jonah Keri, author of *Up, Up, & Away: The Kid, the Hawk, Rock, Vladi, Pedro, le Grand Orange, Youppil, the Crazy Business of Baseball, and the Ill-Fated but Unforgettable Montreal Expos*.

Tom Rachman’s second novel, *The Rise and Fall of Great Powers*, is a globetrotting, time-hopping spree about the impossibility of tracking down one’s own identity. Both heartbreaking and a complete pleasure to read.
– Michael Harris, author of *The End of Absence: Reclaiming What We’ve Lost in a World of Constant Connections*.

My favourite book this year was Sarah Waters’s *The Paying Guests*, which pulls off the amazing trick of being four books, at least, in one: historical novel, intense lesbian romance, courtroom drama and page-turning crime thriller.
– Emily Gould, author of *Friendship*.

The Kills by Richard House – The set-up of this brilliant, brutal novel involves predatory military contractors and illegal U.S. waste-burning sites in Iraq. From there, it roams far and wide. Unique, gutsy, and beautifully written.
– Jeff VanderMeer, author of *The Southern Reach Trilogy*.

Hockey wasn’t invented but discovered. The game, and the large organizing idea behind Stephen Smith’s deeply personal *Puckstruck*, sleeps in ponds and in the crooked limbs of trees overhead; we merely pluck a stick from the sky and skate over the frozen world to find ourselves and each other. It’s rare to find a book that makes me proud to be Canadian: A funny, myth-busting, life-loving read.
– Michael Winter, author of *Into the Blizzard: Walking the Fields of the Newfoundland Dead*.

Grief takes unusual skill and talent to speak of with more than “sorry for your loss.” Sina Queyras’s *MxT* manages to accomplish that one thing we wish we could do, with extraordinary elegance and grace.
– Sarah Lang, author of *For Tamara*.

I became addicted to Alison Pick’s *Between Gods*. Pick manages to grab what might be the most overwritten topic in contemporary memoir – finding one’s spiritual self; in Pick’s case, reclaiming Jewish roots – and do something incredibly beautiful, original and poetic with it. She takes the sophisticated, erudite high road at every turn, but holds your hand like a true friend for the duration of the journey.
– Mireille Silcoff, author of *Chez L’arabe*.

I’m cheating: *The Beast of Monsieur Racine*, Tomi Ungerer’s out-of-print masterpiece, resurrected and gloriously printed by Phaidon. The text is brilliant. The pictures are full of red wine and blood.
– Mac Barnett, author of *Sam & Dave Dig A Hole*.

My Life in Middlemarch by Rebecca Mead. Lest we fear that fiction is kaput, this memoir reminds us how a single novel can place its stamp on every aspect of a person’s life.
– Sarah Ellis, author of *Outside In*.

I have travelled the warm line through the “New Northwest Passage” from Kugluktuk to Kangerlussuaq on ice and open ocean, eastbound and westbound, and still, in *Boundless*, Kathleen Winter re-animates for me this Arctic – crystalline, dark and deep – as if for the first time.
– James Raffan, author of *Circling the Midnight Sun: Culture and Change in the Invisible Arctic*.

My first child hit the six-month mark at the start of 2014, and bedtime stories became a serious, intensely emotional ritual. Our favourite author is undoubtedly Sandra Boynton, whose short, funny board books have an infectious rhythm that makes the hundredth read as good as the first. I picked up a signed copy of her latest, *The Bunny Rabbit Show!* at Book Expo America, and read it every night with great pride and no shortage of gusto.
– David Sax, author of *The Tastemakers: Why We’re Crazy for Cupcakes but Fed Up with Fondue*.

I can’t stop thinking about Edmund Metatawabin’s *Up Ghost River*, a searing memoir about a young boy and the legacy of trauma inflicted on Canada’s First Peoples by the residential school system. A gripping read.
– Karyn L. Freedman, author of *One Hour in Paris: A True Story of Rape and Recovery*.

While writing a novel, I tend *not* to read anything contemporary. This year was an exception. I read – and stole a sentence from – my friend Michel Faber’s novel *The Book of Strange New Things*. The novel is moving, odd, unpredictable and, in the end, simple: it is about love and longing (among many other things). Michel has said that *The Book of Strange New Things* will be his last novel. I think this both terribly sad and wonderful. If Michel *must* stop writing novels, this is an intriguing place to leave his readers.
– André Alexis, author of *Pastoral*.

When Paris Went Dark: The City of Light Under German Occupation, 1940-1944 by Ronald C. Rosbottom. A fascinating, often harrowing, account of a rarely discussed period of French history, Rosbottom’s book examines the social, psychological and political complexities of being a citizen of an occupied city; and the range of personal choices: from resistance, through accommodation to collaboration.
– Kenneth Oppel, author of *The Boundless*.

Artificial Cherry, written by my good friend, Billeh Nickerson, is a gem. This collection reads like the carefully written diary of someone both silly and intensely smart, funny and deep.
– Mariko Tamaki, author of *That One Summer*.

Beautiful Darkness by Kerascoët and Fabien Vehlmann. This book is dark and weird, despite the cute little girl with big eyes on the cover. Recommended for cynics and teens.
– Jillian Tamaki, illustrator of *That One Summer*.

Angular Unconformity is the elegantly packaged Collected Poems of the incomparable Don McKay. McKay has been one of the most original writers in the country for decades now and this book showcases the extraordinary range of his voice, his endlessly versatile gift for metaphor, his insistent reframing of the human experience within the vast realms of wilderness and geologic “deep time.” Existence itself is the miracle in McKay’s universe, and he offers a corrective sense of our infinitesimal place within the big picture. The undercurrent of existential loneliness you’d expect from such a project is always leavened by McKay’s humour, by his almost religious sense of wonder. Whether considering a geode paperweight or the song of the Canada Goose, these poems are wry, self-deprecating and constantly surprising. A book to make you feel happy to be alive.
– Michael Crummey, author of *Sweetland*.

A beautiful, meaningful sentence can take days to craft and Jenny Offill’s *Dept. of Speculation* is effortlessly packed with them: “I bought a warmer coat with many ingenious pockets. You put your hands in all of them.” This book is cinematic and meditative prose spliced with facts, theories, quotations and history. With each small chapter, a treasure is uncovered.
– Vivek Shraya, author of *She of the Mountains*.

I think my favourite book published in 2014 is Elena Mau-li Shapiro’s brilliant second novel, *In The Red*. It’s a dark meditation on crime, love, money, and belonging.
– Emily St. John Mandel, author of *Station Eleven*.

FICTION

Here be dragons

In this debut novel sure to spark conversation, a graduate student studying pedophilia embarks on a cross-Canada bike trip



Pedal
By Chelsea Rooney
Caitlin Press, 240 pages, \$21.95

REVIEWED BY
STACEY MAY FOWLES

I recently attended a community workshop on the topic of sexual consent. Taught by a man and a woman, the class focused on fostering a safe, productive discussion about what consent means, how it works, how to give it, and how to ask for it.

As part of the two-hour lesson, the pair drew and explained a diagram, a grid split into four parts, each square representing a broad feeling on the spectrum of sexual experience. The first two were familiar in the dialogue we collectively have about sex and sexual assault: enthusiastically consenting to something and enjoying it, and adamantly refusing something and not enjoying it.

The third square was a bit trickier: the idea that you could want something, ask for it, and not like it. The room erupted in chatter as participants tossed around their personal thoughts on intimacy, bodily autonomy, and communication – a buoying thing to witness during a year where high-profile sexual assault cases have dominated the media and our cultural conversations.

But it was the final category on their grid that was the most contentious, one that the workshop organizers barely touched on, claiming that an entirely separate class could – and should – be devoted to the feelings and experiences it evoked. I got the impression they (rightly) felt unqualified to unpack all of complex, dangerous ideas that sprung from that final, fraught quadrant. It was the realm of psychologists and counselors, not well-meaning workshop organizers. It was the idea that something you refused, something that was forced on you, could make you feel good. Put more simply – and even more uncomfortably – the idea of potential pleasure in violation.

“Here be dragons,” one instructor said, pointing to the unvisited square drawn out in green marker on the white board. I recall a sense of relief that the topic wouldn’t be pursued, this dangerous idea that it was possible not to be traumatized by a consent violation.

Chelsea Rooney’s debut novel, *Pedal*, bravely confronts all the dragons we refused to face that day. The book explodes our standard narrative of perpetrator and victim by delving into a more nuanced examination of motivations and reactions. Rooney’s imperfect protagonist, 25-year-old Julia Hoop, is a hard-



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drinking, chain-smoking psychology graduate student pursuing scientific research on the subject of pedophilia. She affectionately nicknames her subjects “The Molestas” – women who qualify for her study precisely because they don’t feel traumatized by the sexual molestation they experienced as children. “I’m looking at deconstructing current victim/survivor models of trauma theory,” Julia claims, insisting there is a sort of tyrannical “oppression by diagnosis” that asks survivors to feel an act a certain way because of what they’ve endured.

“The only shame I feel is because I do not feel any shame,” says one Molesta. “The molestation didn’t feel wrong for me. And it never has.”

To say that Julia’s research is controversial – even offensive – is an understatement. In unflinchingly pursuing it she risks her health, her stability, and her relationships. Her thesis adviser, Bob, is unsure of whether or not he believes in what she’s doing and demands some time apart. Her boyfriend, Thierry, dumps her. Yet Julia is insistent; “Slap the label of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder on any girl who’d had her clitoris touched as a child and you’ve got a generation of disempowered females looking for saviors,” she says. Most problematically, Julia possesses a troubling empathy for adults who desire children, one that hints at the experiences of her own youth.

Julia’s morbid fascination leads her to pose as a pedophile at an official meeting of Minor Attracted Adults, or MAAs. The gathering takes place at a warehouse space in industrial East Vancouver, where attendees share coffee, muffins, and stories. “In here is an open place

where you can feel free to express all the things you can’t express *out there*,” says the organizer. At the meeting she runs into Smirks, who she recognizes as a friend’s new roommate – much to his discomfort. She inevitably attaches herself to him in order to better understand his attraction to prepubescent girls.

Smirks is depicted not as the sex-offender monster we so commonly see in the media, but as a mournful, muscular, poet-type with “shaggy, golden-brown hair,” resembling a “Caravaggio model.” He’s described as “so smart!” and “so handsome!” His strange allure and Julia’s immediate desire for him inspires an invite to join her on a cross-country bike trip.

The bike trip provides the narrative meat of the novel – that old authorial trick of a character discovering themselves on the open road. Julia plans the grueling 6,000-kilometre trek around visiting the three cities (Banff, Redvers, and Kingston) from which her absentee father – whom she refers to as “Dirtbag” – has called since he left her, her sister, and her now dementia-afflicted mother. Dirtbag is an undisputed rapist and abuser, and Julia’s thesis advisor allows her the time off, believing that the journey will, in therapeutic terms, give Julia the closure she needs.

“Bob was old-school psychology, imagining that finding my abuser and holding him accountable would help me heal. For Bob, ‘healing’ would mean the end of my pedophilia curiosity.” There is an obvious tension between this standard therapeutic model and Julia’s own, and the fact that Smirks is her companion, coupled with her lust for him, further complicates the purpose of the trip. “It could form a new conver-

sation. One in which there is no victim. No oppressor,” Julia tells Smirks when he questions her journey to find her father. “Don’t you see how beneficial that could be?”

If *Pedal* has any agenda, it is to uproot our deeply embedded notions of what victims are “supposed” to feel and do, and how perpetrators look and act. While the book certainly doesn’t excuse violation, it starts a difficult conversation about motivation, suggesting that demonizing abuse does not successfully do the job of understanding and preventing it. In this way it is a deeply uncomfortable, polarizing story, one that has the potential to be celebrated by those who loathe the caricature we’ve made of rapists (creepy, inhuman monsters who jump from bushes and dark alleys) but also one critiqued for its impulse to humanize those with the urge to abuse. It’s not necessarily that Smirks is a “likable” character – a particularly disturbing sex scene does a good job of solidifying that – but that he is a fully fleshed-out one, not merely a leering face in a newspaper crime story.

There aren’t any real answers here, of course. *Pedal* is the sort of valuable book that ignites debate, but doesn’t conclude it. Beyond anything, the novel wisely asserts that sexual abuse and trauma are not problems as simplistic and easily solved as we want them to be. Until we are able to have the hard conversations about their complexity we will be no closer to preventing their pervasiveness.

As Julia herself puts it, “the truth is not simple.” And nor should be the literature that pursues it.

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IN BRIEF COMICS » BY SEAN ROGERS

Here
By Richard McGuire
Pantheon, 304 pages, \$41.00

Richard McGuire’s short story *Here* was just six perfect pages when it first appeared in 1989, and already it contained multitudes. From a single viewpoint, fixed on one corner of some New England living room, the artist jumped unpredictably backwards and forwards in time, using comic strip panels to slice into history, providing glimpses of everything that goes on “here” over the entirety of the planet’s existence. Twenty-five years later, McGuire has expanded his original étude into a book-length symphony, full of painterly double-page spreads that can be either majestic (a dinosaur!) or mundane (a woman cleans house for pages on end). Frequently, they’re both at once: one memorable page depicts a pair of Native American lovers seated in the woodland that occupied the area in 1609, discussing a fearsome predator, while facing them a kid from 1972 prowls the house in his Halloween costume. For a book that’s “about” a mere few cubic metres, *Here* manages, lovingly, to encompass all of humanity.



Showa 1944-1953: A History of Japan
By Shigeru Mizuki
Drawn and Quarterly, 536 pages, \$24.95

Revered in Japan for his comics about *yokai* – the spirits and haints of the national imaginary – 92-year-old Mizuki’s major claim on the attention of English-language readers continues to be his more historically minded *Showa* series. Alternating between reverent photo-realism and boisterous slapstick, the artist looks back on Japan’s Showa period – which extended across much of the century – with an outlook that’s both vast in scope and peculiarly personal. This third volume begins in *medias res* toward the war’s end, with the young author, a soldier, hanging by his fingertips off a cliff in Papua New Guinea, and the Japanese forces faring no better in their campaigns throughout Asia and the Pacific. Mizuki’s methods can be curious – a google-eyed ghoul from the artist’s menagerie of *yokai* narrates events – but by the time the book ends, with Japan on the upswing and the starving young artist about to find success, Mizuki’s narrative of wartime devastation and postwar desperation comes compellingly to life.



The Late Child and Other Animals
By Marguerite Van Cook and James Romberger
Fantagraphics, 180 pages, \$29.99

The child of the title is Van Cook herself, who does arrive rather late in this elegant, clear-sighted literary memoir. Her mother, instead, is the focus at first, as she endures the Second World War bombing of Portsmouth and the antipathy of a society that scorned single mothers. Young Marguerite comes to the fore only after a committee of male officials impugn her unwed mother’s moral fitness, but by dividing her book between parent and daughter, the author makes *The Late Child* as much about the experience of girlhood and womanhood in general as it is about personal struggles and coming-of-age. Van Cook’s voice throughout is measured but piercing, and her colours resplendent and flush, while cartoonist James Romberger adapts her stories into kinetic and furiously imaginative compositions. In the volume’s nightmarish centrepiece, adolescent Marguerite gets stalked home from dance lessons, but other, subtler chapters are just as apt to indulge in pleasures like feasts and countryside rambles, before they too take their final, troubling turns.





John F. Kennedy at American University on June 10, 1963. ANONYMOUS/AP

HISTORY

What he could do for his country

Andrew Cohen's new book explores two eventful days of the 1,036 JFK spent in office before his death



Two Days in June: John F. Kennedy and the 48 Hours that Made History
By Andrew Cohen
Signal/McClelland & Stewart, 404 pages, \$34

REVIEWED BY
VIT WAGNER

John F. Kennedy remains the standard by which all postwar U.S. presidents are measured – and not only because of the oceans of ink spilled in his name. By the 50th anniversary of his assassination in November of 2013, something like 40,000 books had been written about JFK, many inspired by an apparently inexhaustible desire to sift through the murky circumstances of his death.

This ongoing postmortem is partly fuelled by the Massachusetts scion's iconic stature among baby boomers. Kennedy, following the stable, grandfatherly term of Second World War hero Dwight D. Eisenhower, mirrored the transitional shift from Frank Sinatra to Elvis Presley and *Leave it to Beaver* to *The Patty Duke Show*. But there is a more important historical reason for our continuing fascination with Kennedy: his presidency, however foreshortened, was breathtakingly eventful. It is estimated that Kennedy faced 15 significant crises during his 1,036 days in office. Notable among these were the Cuban Missile Crisis, still judged to be the last occasion the world faced nuclear annihilation, and the erection of the Berlin Wall, which added considerable fuel to the Cold War antipathy between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

As the title suggests, Andrew Cohen's breezily pleasurable *Two Days in June: John F. Kennedy and the 48 Hours that Made History* offers a detailed, forensic analysis of a short but eventful chapter in the Kennedy narrative. The two seminal days in question are June 10 and 11, 1963. On the first, the then 46-year-old president used the occasion of a commencement address at Washington, D.C.'s American University to float a nuclear test ban treaty with the Soviet Union. On the second, in response to Governor George Wallace's attempt to thwart the desegregation of the University of Alabama, Kennedy went on network television to deliver a paradigm-shifting appeal to the U.S. Congress to enact civil rights legislation, at the same time as asking viewers to closely examine their own hearts and

minds on the question of race relations.

Faced with these daunting tasks, Kennedy still managed to squeeze in his daily swims, an afternoon nap or two, and possibly a late-night, extra-marital assignation. Kennedy also popped in for the cocktail portion of a large dinner party at the home of patrician journalist Joseph Alsop, in order to imbibe the latest gossip on the Profumo Affair, the U.K. sex-and-spy scandal threatening to topple the government of Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

Life was considerably more stressful for Kennedy speechwriter Ted Sorensen, author of many of the president's most enduring utterances, including, it has been said, the indelible 1961 Inauguration appeal, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." Masterful as he was, Sorensen – who once claimed to have slept nine hours in an entire week – was given just more than two hours to craft the civil rights address, finishing just four minutes before Kennedy started speaking the words into the camera. As it was, Kennedy extemporized to fill the allotted 15 minutes. Remarkably, the concluding two minutes sprang entirely from the top of his head.

Cohen's ability to convey the white-knuckle reality of the moment is the book's abiding strength. Although chunks of the story are necessarily rooted in speculation and conjecture, much of it is based on the 1963 TV film *Crisis: Behind a Presidential Commitment* by pioneering documentarian Robert Drew, who was granted liberal access to JFK, as well as the president's brother and closest adviser, Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

Two Days in June is stuffed with biographical sketches of key and peripheral figures, including English author Antonia Fraser, an Alsop dinner guest primed by Kennedy for the dirt on Profumo. We also learn that novelist Richard Yates, author of the postwar American classic *Revolutionary Road*, was commissioned by Robert Kennedy to write a speech on civil rights, although there is no evidence any of his material was used by Sorensen. If anything, the abundance of parenthetical information too often detracts from what is supposed to be a focused, minute-by-minute account of a crucial episode in Kennedy's presidency.

In terms of legacy, the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty was signed by the U.S., the Soviet Union and the U.K. less than two months after Kennedy's speech, opening the door to future attempts to minimize the threat of nuclear war. As for civil rights, Kennedy's successor Lyndon Johnson is rightly credited with having done considerably more to advance the cause of racial equality, but Kennedy's speech was instrumental in moving the dial on what was – and remains – America's most intractable issue.

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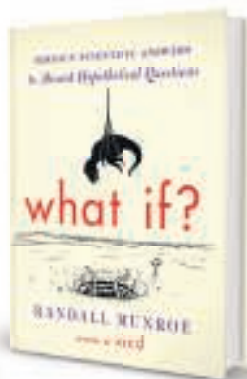
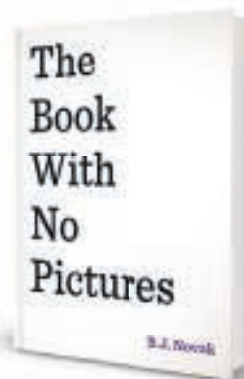
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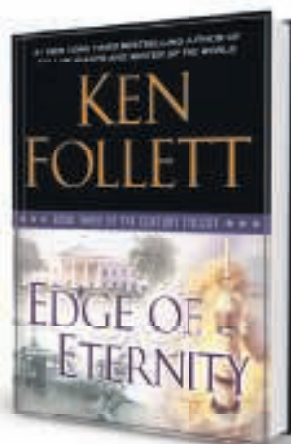
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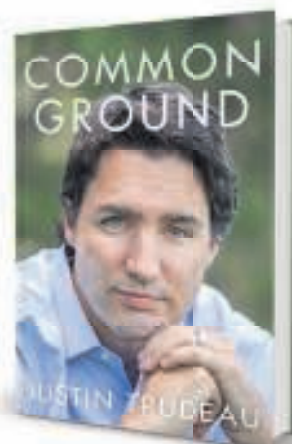
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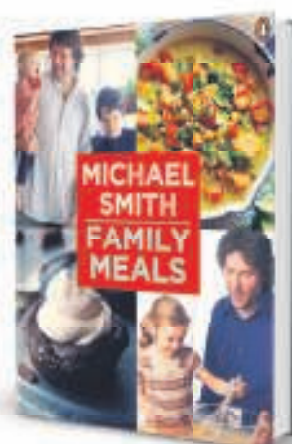
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SCIENCE FICTION

Back to the future

In his latest novel, William Gibson continues to be preoccupied by what is yet to come



The Peripheral
By William Gibson Putnam, 485 pages, \$33

REVIEWED BY
NATALIE ZINA WALSCHOTS

William Gibson is one of those speculative-fiction authors, like Jules Verne, whose work has been eerily prescient. Rather than having to wait a century to see his vision made manifest, however, Gibson, due to the recent dizzying pace of technological advancement, has seen parts of his imagined cyberpunk future get realized. Unfortunately for all of us, the grimmer the vision, the more vividly realized those moments of foresight have become, which bodes ill for the world if Gibson’s latest work is imbued with similar prescience.

In *The Peripheral*, his 11th novel, Gibson is still looking into the future, but the bleakness of it, and the immediacy, seem even more sinister than usual. Perhaps that bleakness is a product of the times in which novel was written: the growing and unsettling presence of drones for reasons both martial and economic; big-box stores that actively worsen the lives of their employees and communities; the ever-increasing gap between the rich and the poor; the rise of aggressive religious protest groups. The names may be different – Hefty Mart, or Luke 4:5 instead of the Westboro Baptist Church – but the evils are familiar, and though they are often a few degrees more extreme, it’s the plausibility of Gibson’s vision, the eerie accessibility of it, that provides *The Peripheral* with its darkest moments.

The Peripheral takes place in two distinct timelines which gradually converge. In the first, a not-too-distant future America ravaged by economic disparity, we meet Flynne Fisher, who earns part of a living playing video games; in the second, in a posh (yet oddly under-populated) London three-quarters of a century in the future, lives Wilf Netherton, who works in public relations. These two characters



As with so much of William Gibson’s writing, the glory is in the details. J.P. MOCZULSKI/FOR THE GLOBE AND MAIL

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As the plot becomes even messier and more convoluted, it starts to break down, like massive siege weapon that starts to shake apart when battle-tested.

come together after Flynne, playing what she believes to be a video game that turns out to be a glimpse into the future, witnesses a murder (a spectacularly violent moment in which a woman is devoured from the inside by “nanotech chainsaws”). Flynne is contacted, from the future, by Netherton, who’s interested in the victim and, more importantly, the man spotted standing next to the woman at the moment she was torn apart. Flynne eventually travels forward in time to help with the investigation thanks to the titular “peripherals,” not-quite-humanoid beings into which she can upload her consciousness.

Flynnne is an extraordinary character, complex and difficult, vibrant and angry, contradictory and frustrating. The way she acts and responds has a raw authen-

ticity that grounds the novel when aspects of its narrative – or, more accurately, its narration – grows alienating. Her unpredictability and humanity butt up against the chilly prose, which becomes progressively more of a slog to get through as the novel goes on. The writing is often clumsy, ponderous and uncomfortable where Gibson is usually nimble, which is partially due to the complexity of the timelines. But it’s more than temporal manipulation that slows the text; there is a mechanical weight to it, a wire-and-silicone heaviness that builds as *The Peripheral* progresses. As the plot becomes even messier and more convoluted, it starts to break down, like massive siege weapon that starts to shake apart when battle-tested.

Even as it begins to shamble

and fall apart, however, *The Peripheral* is glorious. As with so much of Gibson’s writing, the glory is in the details, the texture of the possible futures he invents and the horrors that lurk within them, the robots who suddenly bristle with spider-like eyes, mobile tattoos that crawl across the skin, grim android cosplay, the profound nausea and physical discomfort that comes from using new technologies. It’s in the moments that are grotesque, unsettling, and beautiful. While reading *The Peripheral* is a sometimes-frustrating experience, it is worth struggling through for the ugly joy of digging your fingers deep into the tangle of flesh and wires.

Natalie Zina Walschots regularly writes about science fiction for the *Globe*.

THE BOOK REPORT MARGARET BRADHAM THORNTON

‘I am drawn to courageous women’

Margaret Bradham Thornton is the editor of Tennessee Williams’s *Notebooks*, a collection of the Southern author’s lifelong musings. Her debut novel, *Charleston*, takes place in high-society Lowcountry, and contains the romance and languid charm of the place.

Why did you write your new book?

I wanted to write about the South, and Charleston in particular, from the inside out. I often feel that the ways in which the South is portrayed skate close to caricature. I also think the South, which is largely agrarian, has a deeply embedded sense of humility, and I wanted to write about that, too. My main character, Eliza Poinsett – who is independent and willing to take risks – is my response to the clichés about Southern women.

Whose sentences are your favourite, and why?

James Salter. His sentences are spare and precise and graceful. For example, in his novel *Solo Faces* – “There was a distance between them, the invisible distance between what we possess and what we will never possess” or “She had already assumed the beauty that belongs to strangers” or “A pale afternoon hung over the sea.”

What’s the best advice you’ve ever received?



TONIA COWAN/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

I don’t remember receiving any advice – perhaps because I’m not good at following directions. But I do remember the advice Giraudoux’s *Madwoman of Chaillot* gives in her “To be alive is to be fortunate” speech and thinking that *this* was advice I should always follow.

Which historical period do you wish you’d lived through, and why?

As a mother of four, I wouldn’t want to live in the past because of the high infant and child mortality rates. Before the discovery of penicillin in the late 1920s, it was so common for infants and

small children to die from illness. The thought of losing a child is unbearable to me.

Would you rather be successful during your lifetime and then forgotten, or legendary after death?

Either one will do. I’ve always admired how Wallace Stevens expressed the authenticity of effort about his work in his poem, *The Planet on the Table*:

*It was not important that they survive.
What mattered was that they should bear
Some lineament or character,
Some affluence, if only half-perceived,
In the poverty of their words,
Of the planet of which they were part.*

What agreed-upon classic do you despise?

Gone with the Wind for the way it falsely represents the South at a time when the South should never be romanticized. Unfortunately, I think these erroneous stereotypes still persist. One is better served to read the *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave* published in 1845 or Eudora Welty’s *A Worn Path*, written in 1941 (five years after *Gone With the Wind*), to get a better understanding of what life was like in the South.

Which fictional character do you wish you’d created?

Henry James’s Isabel Archer, whom I discovered when I was 18. She seemed a worthy role model.

“But I always want to know the things one shouldn’t do.”
“So as to do them?” asked her aunt.
“So as to choose,” said Isabel.

Which fictional character do you wish you were?

I am drawn to courageous women like Shakespeare’s Desdemona or Hawthorne’s Hester Prynne, but life doesn’t turn out so well for them, so I think I will go with the unnamed woman in Yeats’s poem, *Adam’s Curse*. What woman wouldn’t want these lines written about her by one of the greatest poets of the 20th century: “We sat grown quiet at the name of love ... I had a thought for no one’s but your ears.”

What question do you wish people would ask about your work (that they don’t ask)?

I wish people would ask me more about the art in *Charleston* which ranges from the 18th-century portrait painter Henrietta Johnston to the 19th-century slave potter and poet Dave to Pierre Bonnard and his significance to Tennessee Williams. *Charleston* very much deals with the idea of how we see with memory. Eliza is an art historian, and while she finds safety in art, she comes to understand that inquires into a work of art can also serve as inquiries into ourselves.

Globe British Columbia

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THE YEAR IN PICTURES

A TASTE OF VISUAL CANDY



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British Columbia is North America's visual candy store. It never fails to amaze me, when looking back over my work from the year, the vast richness of diversity found in the province for a photojournalist. This year had a number of highlights: the return of the Adams River salmon run, the sequence of three supermoons and some of the people I photographed throughout 2014.

The dramatic photograph of salmon making their way up the Adams River to spawn was one of the most challenging and technically difficult to take, but it produced one of the best results. To achieve a unique view of the salmon, I placed my \$10,000 camera in a fish tank bought off the shelf at a pet shop (yes, I really used a fish tank), mounted a flash to the side, weighed everything down with small bags of kitty litter, and placed the whole contraption precariously on a couple of rocks in the fast-moving river. With a radio trigger to allow me to stay a good distance away and a lot of patience, the fish gradually became comfortable with the foreign object in their path.

Photographers are always trying to surprise, to offer an unexpected view. For one of this year's three supermoon events, I tried a different approach. Normally, I would drag out my longest telephoto lens, a 600-millimetre monster that weighs five kilograms and measures half a metre in length to get the moon as large as possible in the frame.

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Clockwise from top: A pipeline protester flashes the peace sign after being arrested on Burnaby Mountain in November. A bald eagle is on display at the Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival in November. Yasmin Akhtar poses at her UBC lab in Vancouver in November. Annie William poses above Chilko Lake in Nemiah Valley in October. PHOTOS BY JOHN LEHMANN/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

Three supermoons, the Adams River salmon run and a collection of colourful characters helped make 2014 a memorable year for Globe and Mail photographer **John Lehmann**. Here are some of his highlights

CITY LIMITS

Wanted: A new, improved crystal ball



STEPHEN QUINN

This is the time of year we tend to take stock. In some cases we look back, connect the dots, identify trends, and then try to characterize the year that was. There is also a tendency to look forward to the New Year, wondering – speculating on – what it might bring. We make predictions. That's what I did last year, and let me be the first to say, wow, did I ever get it wrong. No, seri-

ously, I could not have been more wrong about more things. **Prediction:** The province will recognize the valuable work of teachers and avert a strike by offering them a generous wage and benefit package. **Reality:** I totally blew it. But seriously, who could have predicted that a week before school was scheduled to begin the Premier would throw fuel on the

fire by making a crack about "unlimited massages" while her Finance Minister worked out the details of cutting cheques to parents using their own tax dollars. Did you see that coming? I sure didn't. **Prediction:** Fed up with old-school, big-money politics, the citizens of Vancouver will turn out in large numbers to vote for COPE, which will sweep city

council. **Reality:** Oh man. I totally blew that one. But there were so many people upset with the lack of accountability in city politics, I was certain that COPE's time had come. A party that wouldn't take money from corporations or developers. Candidates who were more than the usual talking suits we see in city politics. **Limits, Page 3**

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INNOVATORS

Thinking outside the fish tank

Jason Connors proved himself adaptable when he succeeded in making his organic fish fertilizer popular with vineyards and farmers

JUSTINE HUNTER VICTORIA

Nominator: Glen Clark, former premier of British Columbia. Mr. Clark is president of the Jim Pattison Group, a B.C.-made business empire with 39,000 employees and more than \$8-billion in annual sales. The company's interests range from car dealerships to grocery-store chains, but the manager of a tiny division, with just three employees, has caught Mr. Clark's eye.

Innovator: Jason Connors, manager, Great Pacific BioProducts in Delta.

"Jason is doing something we need more of in B.C., namely, extracting more value from our natural resources, reducing our ecological footprint and growing a brand-new business in B.C."

Glen Clark
President of the Jim Pattison Group

The business is taking the bits of fish that we aren't interested in eating and turning them into an organic agricultural fertilizer that is being used in vineyards of the Okanagan and produce farms in California. More recently, Great Pacific BioProducts is opening up markets in Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

Jason Connors, who grew up in a small mining town in Newfoundland, knew almost nothing about agriculture when he came out to Vancouver in 2003 for a break from his studies.

He had just completed a bachelor of science in kinesiology at Dalhousie University and planned to head back to school to become a physiotherapist. On the West Coast, he was offered a job making fertilizer out of the parts of the spiny dogfish – a member of the shark family – that were too tough to be handled in a normal fish rendering plant.

It wasn't the career path he



Great Pacific BioProducts turns bits of fish that we aren't interested in eating into organic agricultural fertilizer.



Jason Connors shows off some of Great Pacific BioProducts' merchandise in Delta, B.C., earlier this month. PHOTOS BY JOHN LEHMANN/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

expected to be on – and it can be a smelly business – but he discovered he loved it.

"This opportunity was completely out of left field for me," he said. "It blew my mind, learning about agriculture and how this product works. It fascinated me, learning about the food chain."

When the market for B.C. dogfish withered five years ago, the operation was in trouble. This is where Mr. Connors had to be nimble. He tracked down new sources for fresh fish parts and then experimented to concoct the right mix that would yield a rich soil amendment. The next challenge was to persuade skeptical farmers to disregard traditional measures of fertilizer – the levels of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, or NPK – and to look instead at microbial life in

their soil.

"Since World War Two, farmers have looked at those three NPK numbers. They've been spreading these chemical fertilizers over millions of acres, and over time farmers would need more and more of those chemicals to get the same yields because the soils were being neglected," Mr. Connors said.

He is persuading farmers to look at crop production differently. It often takes a year for a trial to produce results, so it is a matter of persuading producers to give his fertilizer a try for a season – and then measure the results. "The toughest part of what we are doing is finding our niche in the market, to get it into farmers' hands."

The niche isn't quite where Mr. Connors thought it would be.

"When we started we figured we were going to sell it to the organic market like gangbusters, but we ended up making way more headway with conventional farmers, the guy who was using all the chemicals." Organic farmers make up only about 30 per cent of his sales; the rest are using his product to supplement conventional fertilizers.

In particular, vineyards have proved to be loyal customers after seeing brix levels – the amount of sugar in their grapes – increase when the soil is enriched with his fish fertilizer.

With sales of around \$1-million expected this year, Great Pacific BioProducts is not a major link in the Pattison chain. But Mr. Clark believes innovation is critical to the company's survival and growth, and Mr. Connors has proved to be adaptive.

"I really like him and he has great potential in the company," said the former premier.

A series introducing the next generation of innovators. We asked prominent British Columbians to nominate people they're watching.

THINGS THAT WORK

Alternative school program takes it outside

ANDREA WOO VANCOUVER

Jesse Costucci doesn't go into detail about the troubles of her adolescence, but the little she does say tells plenty: She was overweight, teased and depressed. In and out of maybe 10 foster homes, she was listless – and her attitude and grades reflected that.

"I hated basically everything," the 17-year-old said recently, "including myself."

Two years ago, desperate for change, Ms. Costucci signed up for Grade 10 of the Streetfront Alternative Program at Britannia Secondary. Based out of two adjoined portables behind the East Vancouver school, Streetfront caters to students who for whatever reason – family issues, mental-health challenges, learning disabilities,

involvement in the criminal justice system – struggle in a traditional classroom setting.

Led by a teacher, a youth and family worker and a student-support worker, Streetfront's 22 students run up to 10 kilometres three times each week and spend about 35 of the 190 school days in an outdoor environment. Out of a five-block school day, two will typically be physical and three academic: English, math, science, etc. The program is built on the belief that the same discipline required in strenuous physical activity – training and completing a marathon, for example – translates in an academic setting.

It was a rough start for Ms. Costucci, who "hated running with a passion" and threw up during one of her first 10-kilometre runs. But with the constant encouragement

of Trevor Stokes, Streetfront teacher and alternative programs department head, she got better; she's since run four full marathons – and made it on to the honour roll at John Oliver Secondary.

"I never thought I would be able to run 10K, let alone a full marathon," she said at a recent "celebration of success" at the school, during which she wore her medals proudly. "And I was the first girl [at Streetfront] to do that."

The small class size also allows for greater personal attention to a vulnerable population. When Ms. Costucci's mother died two days before the woman's birthday, Mr. Stokes brought in a birthday cake to celebrate his student's mom. He also attended her funeral, Ms. Costucci said.

Frankie Joseph says he joined

Streetfront at 13, after logging more than 100 absences in Grade 8 and a flustered vice-principal urged him to look elsewhere. Mr. Joseph, now 19, said he felt confident academically at the time, but just wasn't at all interested in a traditional classroom setting.

Regarding his first 10K just a couple of weeks into the program, Mr. Joseph recalled how he nearly threw up and wanted to quit, but Mr. Stokes kept pushing him, talking to him the entire run.

"There is something about perseverance that drives me – getting to the point where you feel like you can't do it any more, but you do it anyway," he said. "When you take that principle of perseverance, you can apply it to so many different areas of life, where you say, 'This is difficult. This is overwhelming.' But you push through

anyway."

He has since run 10 marathons and recently finished missionary work in both India and Mexico.

Streetfront's next goal is to send 18 students to Tanzania next spring to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain. For many, the trip will be their first time not only out of country, but out of Metro Vancouver. The "Street2Peak" trip will cost about \$6,000 a student, and the program has already fundraised more than \$100,000.

"It's analogous to what we're already doing at Streetfront," Mr. Stokes said. "We don't climb small things, we don't run small races."

This series takes a look at businesses, services and infrastructure that aren't often heralded because they actually work well.

FROM PAGE 1

Quinn: Despite the hopeful prognostication, hipster beards and man-buns are still with us

It could have been the not-fully-thought-through tax on absentee property owners, or the ex juris promise of raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour – I don't know. I just got that one completely wrong.

Prediction: The province will see the error of its ways and drop its demand for a Lower Mainland transit referendum.

Reality: That so did not happen. Here's the thing: I thought the public would wake up at some point and say, "Hey, this makes no sense at all." And then start asking questions like, "Didn't we elect you to make decisions?" Or, "Why a referendum on transit and not major provincial highway and bridge projects, or ferries or pipelines or hospitals or anything else?" But clearly I failed to take into account the power of a wedge issue.

Prediction: Hipster beards and man-buns will disappear, along with the craft-beer trend.

Reality: In the time it took you to read this far, three more craft breweries have opened up in East Vancouver. So, yeah, I got that one way wrong. But I figured we hit peak craft beer

when someone infused an IPA with coriander seeds, beef jerky and magic mushrooms. Nope. That stuff flew off the shelves.

As for the man-bun and hipster beard, I mean, look at them. How long could they last? As it turns out, too long.

Prediction: The federal and provincial governments will come to the table to fully fund a new Vancouver Art Gallery.

Reality: So here's what I was thinking. Both the federal Conservatives and provincial Liberals would tire of being cast as resource-obsessed Philistines by the liberal elite. They would come up with the cash, which might not only grab them a few more votes, but would demonstrate that they do in fact care about the arts. Guess not.

Prediction: The Compass Card system will be fully implemented, changing the way we ride transit.

Reality: Not even close. Where I went wrong was in my thinking that 2½ years after the first faregates were installed, they might actually be operational. That was a really dumb assumption on my part. I should have anticipated the slow, bug-ridden roll-

out of a system that major transit authorities across the world have somehow managed to nail down.

Prediction: Dogs will be declared citizens and be given the vote in November's civic election.

Reality: Of all of my predictions for 2014, I was most confident of this one. Look around you. There are more dog clothing and gourmet treat stores in downtown Vancouver than there are gas stations. Increasingly dog owners talk about not just their rights as citizens but the rights of their dogs as well. Drag a few mutts to an afternoon demonstration and suddenly that sensible fenced-in dog park that was proposed is being put on hold. There's no question dogs are a political force in this city; I figured the next logical step was to let the dogs themselves have a say. But nope.

Prediction: Vancouver's real-estate bubble will finally burst.

Reality: As if.

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Pictures: Portraits may be challenging, but they can be most rewarding

To snap this photo of a salmon during the Adams River run in October, a camera was placed into a fish tank, which was then put into the fast-moving river and weighted down with bags of kitty litter.
PHOTOS BY JOHN LEHMANN/
THE GLOBE AND MAIL



Grizzly bear cubs play with each other at Knights Inlet, B.C., in September.

» This time, I slipped on a very wide 16 mm lens so I could capture the supermoon rising over the full length of the Lions Gate Bridge from North Vancouver. Using a tripod for the very long – 30 seconds – exposure, I set the camera down by Burrard Inlet to capture the rippling of the water. The lens was set to the smallest aperture to achieve the greatest depth of field and the starburst effect on the moon. But while the natural world in B.C. is always a lure for professionals and amateurs, it's the people I meet in the news who are always changing. I connected with Chief Roger William at his abandoned childhood home in Tsilhqot'in First Nation territory in the Nemiah Valley in B.C. shortly after his people won a transformational Supreme Court of Canada victory on the question of aboriginal rights and control over ancestral lands.

I easily persuaded proud First Nation member Annie William, former chief of the Xeni Gwet'in, to pose on a rock above stunning Chilko Lake in Nemiah Valley for a story about the meaning of the court victory. There are always a number of factors that go into a strong portrait: In this image, the beauty of the land, the pride in her face and her stance are a powerful combination. My most memorable photo shoot and the one that still makes my skin crawl was with University of British Columbia Land and Food Systems researcher Yasmin Akhtar, who was in her lab attempting to persuade me bugs are nutritious, sustainable and delicious. Of course, I wanted to share. I went on a hunt in her lab for the largest, ugliest creepy-crawly I could find and then went even further to magnify it and distort the colour somewhat, creating an image I'm sure was memorable to many readers.



This portrait of Chief Roger William at his childhood home in Nemiah Valley was taken shortly after the Tsilhqot'in First Nation won a transformational Supreme Court of Canada victory on the question of aboriginal rights and control over ancestral lands.



A 16 mm lens was used to capture this supermoon rising over the full length of the Lions Gate Bridge in July.

TIPS FOR PERFECT SMARTPHONE SNAPS

The adage goes that the pen is mightier than the sword – but pictures have become more powerful than both. While some teachers may lament that the smartphone and text messaging are killing the English language, the photographic image has been given new life by a device you can fit in the palm of your hand. It's made everyone more visually literate. Instagram reported this month there are now 300 million Instagrammers in total, 100 million of them added just in the past six months. Over the past four years, what began as two friends with a dream has grown into a global community that shares more than 70 million photos and videos each day. Thanks to the iPhone and other smartphones, a generation of photography enthusiasts has been born. I hope the trend will continue – we just need to move past the sunsets and cat photos. Here are a few tips I swear by when I whip out my iPhone instead of my high-end professional DSLR.



This photo of wild horses in the Nemiah Valley, taken with an iPhone, shows the photo before and after the photo was cropped and had Instagram filters applied. Follow John Lehmann on Instagram @JohnLehmann and The Globe and Mail @GlobeandMail
JOHN LEHMANN/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

1. The best camera is the one you have on you, and if that's an iPhone then so be it. Just remember: Treat your iPhone like a camera. Hold your phone horizontally and firmly in two hands to stabilize your camera against motion for clearer results.
2. One of the many drawbacks of using any iPhone or Android device as a camera is the delay from when the shutter is pushed to when the image is taken. The work-around is to be aware of the lag or take a quick burst of several images.
3. If your smart phone has a digital zoom, turn it off or don't use it. There is no physical zoom capability with a phone, so what you are really doing when zooming is cropping the sensor and degrading the quality of the original image.
4. Filters are your friend. There are many great photo-enhancing apps for your smart phone. My favourite editing app is Snapseed, made by Google, and it's free.

RAPTORS FACE TOUGHEST TEST

A big litmus test for Toronto as the top team in the East takes its act on the road **PAGE 6**



Globe Sports

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WORLD JUNIOR HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP



Canada's Robby Fabbri, right, celebrates with teammates Nick Paul, left, and Nicolas Petan after scoring against Slovakia in the first period of their world junior game in Montreal on Friday.

GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Canada's junior hockey team has been together since Dec. 11 and its players all agreed it's about time to play a real game. Canada opened the world junior championship in Montreal by thumping Slovakia at a boisterous Bell Centre on Friday night. Read **Sean Gordon's** report from the tournament **GLOBESPORTS.COM, PAGE 9**

HOCKEY

Major junior about more than just a paycheque

Amidst a growing income disparity between large and small-market teams, the CHL tries to justify how it compensates its players

ERIC DUHATSCHKE

The town of Cranbrook in nestled in a scenic corner of southeast British Columbia between the Purcell and Rocky Mountains, a railway town of about 20,000 – home to College of the Rockies, home to the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel and since 1998, also home to the Kootenay Ice.

Kootenay is the junior hockey equivalent of the NHL's Nashville Predators, a small-market team that annually bucks the odds to ice a competitive, exciting team, despite its relative size. Since moving to Cranbrook from Edmonton in 1998, the Ice have won a Memorial Cup (in 2002), three WHL championships, and made the playoffs in 16 consecutive years.

Junior hockey is supposed to

be cyclical; the Ice, under long-time general manager Jeff Chynoweth, has managed to stay competitive year after year – in the standings, if not necessarily at the box office.

Altogether, 60 teams in three separate leagues operating across Canada and the northern United States make up the Canadian Hockey League, the primary feeder league to the NHL. About a dozen teams are situated at the top of industry's financial pecking order – Halifax and Quebec in the QMJHL; London and Kitchener in the OHL; Kelowna, Portland and Calgary in the WHL. They are indisputably profitable, money-making operations.

Kootenay operates at the other end of the spectrum. Its arena, the former Cranbrook Recreational Complex (now known as

Western Financial Place), opened in 2000 and seats 4,264 for junior hockey.

There is an adjacent swimming pool with a water slide, if the mood strikes. The Ice operate the way junior teams once did – mostly in the small towns of Western Canada, places such as Swift Current, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert and Prince George, where it can be a day-to-day struggle to make financial ends meet.

With the 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship under way in Montreal and Toronto, the financial structure of junior hockey – and the revenue discrepancies between its small- and large-market teams – has come under increasing scrutiny.

Making the case for the junior operators: Ron Robison, the long-time commissioner of the

WHL, who says: “For every franchise we have at the top end of the spectrum – the Londons and Halifaxes and Kelownas – we have the Lethbridges and Kootenays and the small-market teams in all of our leagues that are struggling now. We’ve always described it historically as a third of our teams are profitable; a third of our teams struggle to break even; and a third are in a loss position. In our case now, there are more on the wrong side of the equation than on the right side of it, but the media attention just focuses on the teams that are successful.

“Right now, it balances itself out to a position I would describe as very challenging.”

Junior hockey has undergone a major evolution over the past 35 years.

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“Junior hockey is about developing kids into pro hockey players. ... It's about going through the experience, and building as a person and a player. It's the best exposure you get to NHL scouts – and that's the ultimate goal.

Michael D'Orazio

BASKETBALL RAPTORS

Can the Raptors keep it up out west?

Eastern Conference leaders will play next five games on left side of the continent against teams they’ve struggled against

RACHEL BRADY

The Toronto Raptors spent the early part of the season efficiently building a cushion in the standings by dusting opponents with subpar win-loss records and enjoying 17 of their first 28 games at home. Now they’re in for the biggest litmus test of the season. Starting Monday, when they lost to the Bulls in Chicago, and continuing Saturday afternoon in Los Angeles, the Eastern Conference-leading Raptors (22-7) are on a six-game holiday road swing against strong, mostly Western Conference opponents in buildings where the Raptors haven’t fared well in the past. Here are some questions to ponder as the Raptors road show heads west.

Can they overcome the odds out west?

The Raptors are 27-61 all-time when facing the Los Angeles Clippers, Denver Nuggets, Portland Trail Blazers, Golden State Warriors and Phoenix Suns on the road, and those are the five opponents left on this trip. The Raptors have lost to the Clippers in L.A. for four straight years. They’re 5-13 all-time against the Nuggets in Denver, but earned a win there last year and toppled the Nuggets in Toronto already this season. The Raptors haven’t won in Portland since 2006, and it’s been more than a decade since they knocked off the Warriors in Oakland. In their first jaunt out West this year, the Raptors beat Sacramento and Utah, and lost to the Lakers.

Can the Raptors resume their defence-first play?

When Toronto made the playoffs last season, ferocious defence was its calling card. While the team’s offence has gotten more diverse and prolific since then, its defence has



The Raptors’ James Johnson, seen here guarding Chicago’s Derrick Rose, left, during the first of Toronto’s six-game road trip Monday, is making an impact even though the team’s overall D is lacking. DENNIS WIERZBICKI/USA TODAY SPORTS

“ Since [Demar] DeRozan has been sidelined, [Kyle] Lowry has taken more on his shoulders.

slipped. The Raptors allowed the Chicago Bulls to score a franchise-record 49 points in the fourth quarter on the way to a rare loss on Monday. James Johnson is making a defensive impact, and Patrick Patterson has shown he can step up on star players, but overall team defence is still lacking. Before DeMar DeRozan suffered a groin injury 13 games ago, the Raps were ninth overall in NBA defensive efficiency. Following their loss to the Bulls,

the Raptors’ defensive efficiency rating had slipped to 16th, allowing an average of 104 points per 100 possessions. Upcoming opponents Golden State and Portland, by the way, rank first and third in the league, respectively, in that statistic.

Can they be better on the boards?

The Eastern Conference leaders rank a mere 21st in the league in rebounds a game with 41.3.

Coach Dwane Casey has pinpointed it as an area to improve, particularly on the defensive boards. Toronto’s Jonas Valanciunas has steadily improved his rebounding this year. He averaged 9.1 boards a contest in December, up from 8.7 in November. He has averaged 9.3 rebounds in the nine games against Western Conference teams this season. The Lithuanian seven-footer did well Monday against Chicago big man Pau Gasol and finished with 20 points and nine rebounds. The Raptors are about to tangle with some fiercely efficient rebounders during this trip; up next is DeAndre Jordan in Los Angeles.

Can the team ease Kyle Lowry’s workload?

Averaging 34.2 minutes a night, Toronto’s star point guard is on the floor more than any other Raptor. For the Raps to win, they need to have the ball in Lowry’s hands as much as possible. He leads the team in points (20), assists (7.7) and steals (1.4) a game. When he was at ESPN, analyst John Hollinger developed a complex formula that boils a player’s positive and negative per-minute contributions into one number called a Player Efficiency Rating. Lowry’s PER of 24.04 ranks in the top 10 in the NBA. Since DeRozan has been sidelined, Lowry has taken more on his shoulders. He’s always been an ice-in-the-veins, fourth-quarter guy, but lately, he has had to be an assassin off the dribble in the final grinding minutes on a nightly basis. Minutes for Greivis Vasquez and Lou Williams have gone up a little in December, but Lowry remains the invaluable double-double machine. He played 37 minutes against Chicago, scoring 34 points. It’s in his nature to play hard, but can that be sustainable when the opponents and the travel get tougher to handle?

FOOTBALL NCAA

A game plan for game lengths

ERIC OLSON

Bear Bryant said offence sells tickets, and he was right. College football is enjoying immense popularity in an era of record scoring. But is there too much of a good thing? All that scoring caused this season’s average length of game to hit 3 hours 23 minutes in late November, according to the NCAA. That was up from 3:17 last season. Games are, on average, 14 minutes longer than in 2008. By comparison, this season’s NFL average is 3:07. “I think it’s trending in the wrong direction, and it is a concern,” American Athletic Conference commissioner Mike Aresco said. Administrators are wary of turning off fans, especially young ones who crave faster action and represent future ticket buyers. They also are mindful of the risk of injury to fatigued players who are on the field longer and for more plays. The NCAA Football Rules Committee expects to discuss the issue when it meets in February, secretary-rules editor Rogers Redding said. “The 14-minute increase has been gradual” since 2008, he wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press, “but the cumulative effect has generated some concern among some stakeholders so that it is probably something that the committee will want to take a look at.” Increasing game lengths prompted rules changes in 2008. One shortened the interval between when the clock stopped and restarted on plays that end out of bounds. Another required the 40-second play clock to start right when the previous play is blown dead. No changes are imminent for 2015, but a number of ideas have been proposed. They include shortening halftime from 20 to 12 minutes and keeping the game clock running while the chains are moved after first downs. Another idea is to allow the quarterback and one defensive player to have earpieces in their helmets to allow for radio contact with coaches and streamline communication, as in the NFL. Mid-American Conference com-



Illinois running back Donovan Young, centre, leaps against Louisiana Tech defenders Bryson Abraham, left, and Nick Thomason during the Heart of Dallas Bowl game on Friday. Some college football fans worry that matchups are too long: On average, games are 14 minutes longer than in 2008. LM OTERO/AP

missioner Jon Steinbrecher, who chairs the College Football Officiating Board of Managers, said it’s imperative to keep the average game under 3:30. That figure coincides with the typical window TV networks allot for a game. “A shorter game is better than a longer game. That’s painting with a broad brush,” Steinbrecher said. “If a game is exciting, I suppose it doesn’t matter how long it takes. We ought to probably be in that 3:15 to 3:20 range.” Baylor’s 61-58 win over TCU on Oct. 11 – at 4:25 – was the season’s longest game that didn’t go overtime or wasn’t delayed by weather, according to STATS. Temple’s 59-0 win over Delaware State on Sept. 20 – at 2:40 – was the shortest. Video reviews and the demands of television play a role in game

times, but they are secondary to the increased scoring, administrators said. The average number of game stops for the replay official to review a play has held steady at 1.7 to 1.9 a game. The average duration of those stoppages is down to 1 minute 15 seconds this season from a high of 1:22 in 2011. Television agreements vary by conference and network, but generally there are three or four commercial breaks of differing lengths a quarter. “In this world, you always want to make sure that if a TV commercial break is 2 minutes 30 seconds, it’s 2 minutes 30 seconds and not three minutes,” Big Ten senior associate commissioner for television administration Mark Rudner said. “TV has a stake in it, too. The last thing TV wants to do is have a

game that goes too long and miss a game that is coming up.” ESPN senior vice-president Burke Magnus said as long as the average game doesn’t extend past 3½ hours, his network sees no problem. The issue comes back to those high-producing offences. In the NFL, the average number of offensive plays is 64 a game. It’s 72 in the top tier of college football. The NFL scoring average is 22.7 points. In the Bowl Subdivision it’s 29.4, the same as last year and just under the record of 29.5 in 2012. The game clock stops for three to four minutes every time there’s a touchdown. That’s how long it takes to kick the extra point and for the clock to start running again on the kick return or next

play from scrimmage if there is no runback. Though college football attendance remains robust, administrators are always looking for ways to draw fans away from their high-definition TVs at home. Once there, they need to be entertained. Some schools have hired “fan experience” directors to keep game day fun. WiFi has been enhanced at stadiums, and bigger-than-ever video boards have been installed. Still, many schools are seeing declines in student ticket sales. “People want the experience,” said Jim Kahler, executive director of Ohio University’s Center for Sports Administration, “but they want it convenient and they want it fast.” The Associated Press

FOOTBALL

NFL TEXANS

Why Watt should win the MVP award

No defensive player has won since 1986, but the 25-year-old powerhouse has some odd supporters throwing their weight behind him

KRISTIE RIEKEN HOUSTON

Should J.J. Watt be the NFL's most valuable player?

Many who are paid to find ways to slow down the overpowering defensive end for the Houston Texans say yes.

"I'd vote for him," Cincinnati offensive co-ordinator Hue Jackson said. "I've never had a game in my coaching career when I basically had to plan to run one way all day, and he forced me to do that. Even running away from him, he made plays."

No defensive player has won the MVP since Lawrence Taylor in 1986, joining Alan Page in 1971 as the only defenders to pick up the honour. Only quarterbacks and running backs have won since Taylor had 20½ sacks for the Giants in 1986 to win it.

Colts coach Chuck Pagano has had to plan for Watt twice this season, and perhaps Watt's best game this year came against Indianapolis in Week 6. Watt had two sacks, swatted down three passes and returned a fumble by Andrew Luck 45 yards for a touchdown.

"He's a nightmare," Pagano said. "It's like a scary movie ... he's near unblockable. And his motor never stops. He's got great instincts, a great skill set – what can you say? He'd get my vote for MVP right now."

Watt leads the NFL with 25 tackles for losses and 47 quarterback hits. His 17½ sacks are second most in the NFL and he needs 2½ to become the first player in NFL history with at least 20 sacks in two seasons. He leads the NFL with five fumble recoveries and is the first player since Bill Golding in 1948 to have three offensive touchdowns and two touchdowns on takeaways in a season.

Scott Linehan, the passing game co-ordinator and play caller for the Cowboys, said you can't stop Watt, but the focus is to keep him from "wrecking the game." He doesn't see why Watt shouldn't win MVP.

"It's hard to argue against it," Linehan said. "I don't vote for



Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt leads the NFL with 25 tackles for losses and 47 quarterback hits. PATRIC SCHNEIDER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

that stuff so my vote doesn't count. But the things he's done are so rare. I think rare things make people MVP candidates."

The 25-year-old, in his fourth NFL season, has sparked a Houston defence that leads the NFL with a franchise-record 34 takeaways this season.

"Some can be attributed to his pressure or sometimes interceptions come from tips and overthrows, and he's got his hand on the ball quite a few times," Jacksonville coach Gus Bradley said. "He's just a guy that I think really elevates everybody around him."

Another highlight for Watt came in a win over Buffalo when he got both of his oversized hands on a pass thrown by EJ

Manuel, batted it down and intercepted it before running 80 yards for a touchdown.

And his contributions aren't just limited to defence. The 6-foot-5, 289-pound Watt, who started his college career as a tight end, has caught three touchdown passes for the Texans, who host Jacksonville on Sunday and are still in the playoff hunt. Watt practises one-handed catches during the week and in pre-game, but puts both hands on the ball when he's grabbing TD passes.

The Texans, of course, are impressed with Watt's work, but coach Bill O'Brien isn't doing any campaigning for the award.

"I understand the question, but

I could care less about the MVP," O'Brien said when asked if he should win it. "I really could. I know that he could care less about it, too. I think it's about the team."

That doesn't mean Watt doesn't enjoy hearing coaches say he should win it.

"It's special," he said. "It's very humbling to hear that from other coaches and players around the league, because those are the guys that you work hard to earn the respect from ... They've seen you, and they know what they're talking about, so those are the guys that you'd really like to have the respect of."

Some in the NFL don't like that defensive players are rarely in the

conversation for MVP. Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers, Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, Luck and Dallas running back DeMarco Murray are other top contenders to win this year's award. None plays defence.

Pagano would argue that Watt's importance to the Texans is as high as that of any quarterback.

"Like a quarterback touches the ball every single play, J.J. affects the game that way," Pagano said. "I know he doesn't play that position. You normally don't see it from a position at the defensive line, but he's as good as or better than anybody that's ever played on that side of the football."

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NFL BENGALS

Punter returns to Pittsburgh a year after broken jaw

JOE KAY CINCINNATI

Kevin Huber is going back to the stadium where he suffered his worst moment, fresh off the biggest honour of his career.

The Bengals punter was picked for his first Pro Bowl this week. On Sunday, he'll be back in Pittsburgh, where he was hit during a punt return last December and broke his jaw and cracked a vertebra in his neck.

"I'll get someone to write a book about it," Huber said. "It's been a long year. This time a year ago, I was getting ready to watch the last game of the year in a neck brace. Now, we're going back there in the playoffs, being selected to the Pro Bowl."

The Bengals (10-4-1) will play the Steelers (10-5) for the AFC

BROWNS TAP SHAW

Berea, Ohio – Browns rookie quarterback Connor Shaw will come off the practice squad and start the season finale on Sunday against Baltimore.

With Brian Hoyer still slowed by a sore right throwing shoulder, Shaw will be behind centre when the Browns (7-8) conclude another disappointing season against the Ravens.

An undrafted free agent, Shaw is the third quarterback to start for the Browns this season and the 22nd for the franchise since 1999.

It's the third-straight season and fourth time in five seasons that Cleveland's No. 3 quarterback has started the finale.

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North title, with the loser getting a wild card.

Huber has managed to stay healthy this week. Several of his teammates have missed practice with the flu, which has spread throughout the region. Six players were listed on the injury report Friday with illness.

Safety Reggie Nelson and cornerbacks Adam (Pacman) Jones and Terence Newman were listed as questionable because of the flu. Kicker Mike Nugent and offensive lineman Clint Boling were considered probable despite being sick.

Quarterback Andy Dalton said on Friday that he feels fully recovered after missing practice two days earlier.

"I think it was just another 24-hour thing," Dalton said. "I'm glad I'm past that. It's crazy how contagious this thing has been.

Hopefully we can limit who all's getting it, but it's definitely been spreading."

Receiver A.J. Green practised again on Friday and was listed as probable. He severely bruised his upper right arm during a win over Denver on Monday night.

Last year, Huber's season ended in Pittsburgh. Terence Garvin hit him in the jaw with his helmet during Antonio Brown's 67-yard punt return. Garvin was fined \$25,000 for the hit, which broke Huber's jaw at the chin. He also cracked a vertebra.

His jaw was wired shut for three months, causing him to lose 15 pounds. He was limited during off-season workouts while the vertebra fully healed.

Huber got off to a slow start as he worked his way back into form, but wound up with his

most consistent season over all. He's fourth in the NFL with a net average of 43 yards and has 27 punts inside the 20-yard line, tied for seventh best.

"After the first preseason game, I had my first punt and it was, 'Okay, it's back to normal,'" Huber said. "I haven't thought about that at all. I don't have any worries or hesitation about going out there."

Making the Pro Bowl a season after his injury was especially gratifying.

"I had hoped for it, but I didn't want to get my hopes up too much because on any given day, you can have a bad day and it just kills you," Huber said. "Luckily our guys played well all year and we didn't have any big returns against us."

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NFL NOTES

Vick wants another chance to start next season

Michael Vick still thinks of himself as a starting quarterback in the NFL.

Not only that, the 34-year-old New York Jets backup feels he can still play for at least another two years. Where he'll be is the big question.

Vick is a free agent after this season, with his one-year deal with the Jets expiring. He hasn't ruled out returning to New York, but he didn't sound all that enthusiastic about the possibility, either.

"I don't know, I couldn't say right now," Vick said. "I'd have to talk to my agent and see what's the best situation for me.

Obviously, this organization has to do what's best for them. I really can't say right now, but hopefully I have a chance to play somewhere and continue to give that effort."

Vick was signed last off-season to be a mentor to Geno Smith and provide the Jets with an experienced backup who was familiar with offensive co-ordinator Marty Mornhinweg's system. Smith

started the season but struggled, and Vick stepped in and played okay in his three starts before the Jets went back to the second-year quarterback to finish the season.

He showed flashes of the Vick of old, particularly by making plays with his legs. He is 64 of 121 as a passer for 604 yards and three TDs with two interceptions.

"I still feel like I can start," Vick said. "I still feel like I can play at a high level. I think with the right talent around me and good structure, I feel like I can win some games. I still feel like I've got a lot left in the tank. I can't say it's five years' worth, but maybe it's a good, solid two."

A large reason for the lukewarm feelings regarding the Jets could be the uncertainty around the organization. Coach Rex Ryan and his coaching staff, including Mornhinweg, could all be fired next week, along with general manager John Idzik.

Friendly competition

Bengals running back Jeremy Hill

leads all NFL rookies in rushing with 1,024 yards. Giants receiver Odell Beckham, Jr., leads all rookies in catches and yards.

The former LSU teammates are leading candidates for NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year. They're also close friends.

"We talk to each other every day," Hill said. "Really close relationship. We motivate each other. Each time I see him doing big things, it makes me want to elevate my game even more.

"We just push each other, man. That's the way it's been, especially in college when we were right next to each other. It would be back and forth the whole game."

Hill could be considered the Bengals' most valuable player. Receiver A.J. Green has missed three complete games and most of two others because of toe and arm injuries. Running back Giovani Bernard was sidelined for three games with shoulder and hip injuries. Hill has led the offence in their absence, helping the Bengals (10-4-1) clinch a playoff spot as they head into their

AFC North title showdown in Pittsburgh on Sunday.

Departing is not sweet

Miami Dolphins coach Joe Philbin goes into the season finale assured his job is secure. Even so, with his team out of the playoff race, he expects to be in a poor frame of mind Monday.

"The day that I don't look forward to the most on the calendar is the day that the players leave the building," Philbin said.

"When I drive home Monday, there is an empty feeling. I'm usually in a bad mood when I get home, and my wife is not happy. It's not good."

How does his wife handle the situation?

"She says, 'Go pick up one of the kids, go do this and go do that,'" he said. "Like a good husband, I do whatever she says."

Choose an RB

The late-season re-emergence of Panthers running back Jonathan

Stewart could make teammate DeAngelo Williams expendable after the season.

Stewart is running as well as he has at any point in his seven-year NFL career, racking up 437 yards and averaging 5.6 yards per carry over the past four weeks for the Panthers (6-8-1).

Meanwhile, Williams has missed nine games this season with various injuries. He turns 32 in April.

The Panthers have had lots of money tied up in those two running backs over the past few years, making the prospect of releasing them counterproductive to their salary cap. That changes next off-season for Williams.

If the Panthers cut their all-time leading rusher in 2015 they would have to absorb a \$2.26-million (U.S.) cap hit, which is more palatable than the \$6.6-million cap hit they would have taken had they released him this year, according to sportrac.com.

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HOCKEY DEVILS

New Jersey sends head coach packing on Boxing Day

TOM CANAVAN
NEWARK, N.J.

The New Jersey Devils have been on a slide since going to the Stanley Cup Final in 2012, and coach Pete DeBoer paid the price.

DeBoer, who took the Devils to the championship round in his first season, was fired on Friday, with his aging and short-handed team in danger of missing the playoffs for a third-straight season.

Lou Lamoriello, the Devils' president and general manager, won't say who will be the next coach until he speaks Saturday with the players, who are on a three-day Christmas break. The Devils will have a pregame skate at Prudential Center on Saturday morning before playing the Rangers in New York that night.

There are a number of potential candidates, including Adam Oates, a former Devils assistant; Dallas Eakins, who was fired

earlier this month by Edmonton; and former Penguins coach Dan Bylsma.

Lamoriello has hired a couple of former Montreal Canadiens coaches to lead New Jersey, and Jacques Martin has been in the press box to watch the Devils in their past three home games. He was an assistant under Bylsma last season and was promoted to senior adviser of hockey operations.

New Jersey has been hit with injuries in a 12-17-7 season. It has not won consecutive games since early last month, going 3-8-5 in its past 16. The Devils were missing six regulars to either injury or illness Tuesday night when they lost 2-1 in a shootout to the Carolina Hurricanes, the NHL's second-worst team.

"I know that no one wants to hear excuses, and I am not going to make any, but I am definitely not going to throw our guys under the bus," DeBoer said on

Tuesday. "Guys are trying."

The problem is the guys are not as talented as they used to be, and it shows in the standings. The Devils are 14th in the Eastern Conference, nine points out of a playoff berth and fading.

New Jersey has 15 players over the age of 30 on its roster, including 42-year-old Jaromir Jagr, who is tied for the team lead in scoring. Not only are they old, but the Devils have not gotten much help from their minor leagues in recent years. Defenceman Adam Larsson, the fourth pick overall in 2011, has been a disappointment, and Stefan Matteau, the first-round pick the following season, has one goal with the Devils' top minor-league affiliate this season.

DeBoer is the third NHL coach to be fired this season, following Paul MacLean in Ottawa and Eakins.

DeBoer was 114-93-41 in his three-plus seasons with the Dev-

ils. Before coming to New Jersey, he coached the Florida Panthers for three years, never making the playoffs.

The 46-year-old DeBoer was hired in 2011-12 and immediately took the Devils to the Stanley Cup Final, where they lost to the Los Angeles Kings.

The Devils, however, lost Zach Parise to free agency after the season. They took an unexpected blow after the lockout-shortened 2012-13 season, when goal-scorer Ilya Kovalchuk left to play in Russia. Those were the team's two best players, and their losses were keenly felt, especially in shootouts.

The Devils were 0-13 in shootouts last season and 2-6 this season, their first since not re-signing goaltender Martin Brodeur, the long-time face of the three-time Stanley Cup champions.

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HOCKEY DOWNIE, GREISS LATEST PENGUINS TO CONTRACT MUMPS

Pittsburgh – Add forward Steve Downie and goaltender Thomas Greiss to the list of Pittsburgh Penguins dealing with the mumps.

The team said Friday that both tested positive for the virus and would remain in isolation. Forward Brandon Sutter tested negative. All three players missed Pittsburgh's two-game road swing through Florida after coming down with symptoms suggesting mumps.

Penguins captain Sidney Crosby, forward Beau Bennett and defencemen Olli Maatta had previously been diagnosed with the virus that has hit several NHL teams. Crosby missed a week but has returned to play. Bennett and Maatta remain out with unrelated injuries.

Sutter could be available Saturday when the Penguins host Washington.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC												
	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
Montreal	35	22	11	1	1	95	84	46	13-4-0-1	9-7-1-0	6-4-0-0	W-2
Tampa Bay	36	21	11	0	4	117	96	46	13-4-0-1	8-7-0-3	4-5-0-1	W-1
Detroit	35	18	8	2	7	100	87	45	12-4-0-6	6-4-2-1	4-2-0-4	W-1

METROPOLITAN												
Pittsburgh	34	22	7	2	3	108	80	49	13-4-0-1	9-3-2-2	5-2-1-2	L-2
NY Islanders	34	23	11	0	0	105	94	46	13-4-0-0	10-7-0-0	6-4-0-0	L-1
NY Rangers	32	18	10	0	4	97	83	40	11-5-0-3	7-5-0-1	8-2-0-0	W-7

WILD CARD												
Toronto	35	20	12	2	1	118	102	43	14-8-0-0	6-4-2-1	7-3-0-0	W-1
Washington	34	17	11	3	3	99	90	40	7-5-2-2	10-6-1-1	7-1-1-1	L-1

Boston	35	18	14	1	2	91	91	39	11-6-1-1	7-8-0-1	4-4-0-2	W-2
Florida	32	15	9	4	4	73	82	38	8-4-0-2	7-5-4-2	6-2-1-1	W-1
Philadelphia	34	14	14	1	5	97	101	34	8-5-0-3	6-9-1-2	6-1-1-2	W-3
Ottawa	34	14	14	3	3	90	94	34	7-4-1-2	7-10-2-1	4-5-0-1	L-2
Columbus	33	14	16	2	1	80	107	31	7-9-1-1	7-7-1-0	8-1-0-1	L-1
New Jersey	36	12	17	1	6	78	104	31	4-6-1-4	8-11-0-2	2-5-0-3	L-2
Buffalo	35	13	19	2	1	69	115	29	9-8-1-1	4-11-1-0	4-5-1-0	L-4
Carolina	34	10	20	1	3	70	93	24	6-7-0-2	4-13-1-1	2-7-0-1	W-1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL												
	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
Chicago	35	23	10	1	1	107	72	48	12-4-1-0	11-6-0-1	7-2-0-1	L-1
Nashville	33	22	9	1	1	95	70	46	12-2-0-1	10-7-1-0	6-4-0-0	L-1
St. Louis	34	21	10	1	2	100	86	45	12-3-0-1	9-7-1-1	5-4-1-0	L-3

PACIFIC												
Anaheim	36	23	8	2	3	104	98	51	11-3-1-2	12-5-1-1	8-2-0-0	W-1
San Jose	35	19	11	1	4	99	90	43	10-4-0-2	9-7-1-2	8-1-1-0	L-1
Vancouver	33	20	11	1	1	99	91	42	9-5-0-1	11-6-1-0	4-5-1-0	W-2

WILD CARD												
Winnipeg	35	18	10	4	3	88	81	43	8-6-2-1	10-4-2-2	6-1-2-1	W-1
Los Angeles	35	17	11	3	4	97	88	41	13-4-1-1	4-7-2-3	4-4-1-1	L-1

Calgary	36	18	15	2	1	104	98	39	8-6-1-1	10-9-1-0	2-7-1-0	W-1
Minnesota	32	16	13	2	1	93	89	35	9-4-2-1	7-9-0-0	3-4-2-1	L-4
Colorado	34	13	13	6	2	90	101	34	7-7-2-1	6-6-4-1	4-3-3-0	W-3
Dallas	33	14	14	4	1	95	113	33	6-7-4-1	8-7-0-0	5-5-0-0	L-1
Arizona	34	12	18	2	2	80	112	28	5-8-2-1	7-10-0-1	3-6-0-1	W-1
Edmonton	35	7	21	5	2	75	121	21	5-12-1-1	2-9-4-1	1-6-2-1	L-8

Friday's results
No Games Scheduled.

Thursday's results
No Games Scheduled.

Saturday's games
All Times Eastern
N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Boston at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Sunday's games
Toronto at Florida, 5 p.m.
Vancouver at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 29
Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
NY Rangers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 30
Montreal at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 10 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 31
N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Voracek, Phi	14	32	46
Seguin, Dal	25	17	42
Malkin, Pgh	16	25	41
Giroux, Pgh	11	30	41
Getzlaf, Ana	12	27	39
Kessel, Tor	17	21	38
Tarascenko, STL	20	17	37
Johnson, TBL	13	24	37
Crosby, Pgh	10	27	37
Nash, NYR	23	13	36
Stamkos, TBL	19	17	36
Kane, Chi	16	20	36
Backstrom, Wash	11	25	36
Giordano, Cal	10	24	34

Last night's games not included

SHOOTOUT STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE			W-L	Pct.
N.Y. Islanders	6-0	1.000		
Buffalo	5-1	.833		
Columbus	4-1	.800		
Montreal	4-1	.800		
Toronto	2-1	.667		
Florida	5-4	.556		
Ottawa	3-3	.500		
Boston	2-2	.500		
Pittsburgh	2-3	.400		
N.Y. Rangers	2-4	.333		
New Jersey	2-6	.250		
Carolina	1-3	.250		
Washington	1-3	.250		
Tampa Bay	1-4	.200		
Detroit	1-7	.125		
Philadelphia	0-5	.000		

WESTERN CONFERENCE			W-L	Pct.
Chicago	4-1	.800		
Nashville	4-1	.800		
Calgary	3-1	.750		
Colorado	4-2	.667		
Dallas	2-1	.667		
Minnesota	2-1	.667		
Vancouver	2-1	.667		
St. Louis	3-2	.600		
Anaheim	4-3	.571		
Arizona	2-2	.500		
Winnipeg	2-3	.400		
San Jose	2-4	.333		
Los Angeles	1-4	.200		
Edmonton	0-2	.000		

HOCKEY

IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

At Toronto and Montreal

PRELIMINARY ROUND

GROUP A						
	WOTW	L	GF	GA	Pt	
U.S.	1	0	0	2	1	2
Finland	0	0	0	1	2	1
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0

GROUP B						
	WOTW	L	GF	GA	Pt	
Sweden	1	0	0	5	2	3
Russia	1	0	0	3	2	2
Denmark	0	0	0	2	3	1
Czech Rep.	0	1	0	2	5	0
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Three points awarded for a regulation win, two for an overtime win and one for an overtime loss.

Friday's results

Russia 3 Denmark 2 (SO)
U.S. 2 Finland 1 (SO)
Sweden 5 Czech Rep. 2
Slovakia vs. Canada

Saturday's games

All Times Eastern
Sweden vs. Denmark, 1 p.m.
Finland vs. Slovakia, 4 p.m.
Switzerland vs. Czech Republic, 5 p.m.
Canada vs. Germany, 8 p.m.

Sunday's games

Russia vs. Switzerland, 5 p.m.
Germany vs. U.S., 8 p.m.

Monday's games

Denmark vs. Czech Republic, 1 p.m.
Slovakia vs. U.S., 4 p.m.
Russia vs. Sweden, 5 p.m.
Canada vs. Finland, 8 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	22	7	.759	—
Brooklyn	13	15	.464	8 1/2
Boston	10	17	.370	11
New York	5	26	.161	18
Philadelphia	4	23	.148	17

SOUTHEAST DIVISION				
Atlanta	21	7	.750	—
Washington	20	8	.714	1
Miami	14	16	.467	8
Charlotte	10	19	.345	11 1/2
Orlando	11	21	.344	12

CENTRAL DIVISION				
Chicago	20	9	.690	—
Cleveland	18	11	.621	2
Milwaukee	14	15	.483	6
Indiana	10	19	.345	10
Detroit	5	23	.179	14 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	21	7	.750	—
Houston	20	7	.741	1/2
Dallas	20	10	.667	2
San Antonio	18	12	.600	4
New Orleans	14	14	.500	7

NORTHWEST DIVISION				
Portland	23	7	.767	—
Oklahoma City	14	16	.467	9
Denver	12	17	.414	10 1/2
Utah	9	20	.310	13 1/2
Minnesota	5	22	.185	16 1/2

PACIFIC DIVISION				
Golden State	23	5	.821	—
L.A. Clippers	20	10	.667	4
Phoenix	16	14	.533	8
Sacramento	12	16	.429	11
L.A. Lakers	9	20	.310	14 ^{1/2}

WORLD JUNIOR HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP CANADA V. SLOVAKIA

McDavid waits turn while Eichel shines

Canadian phenom dresses in team’s first game, but it’s the U.S. centre who shows flashes of brilliance on the first day of play

SEAN GORDON MONTREAL

Hype-making has its limits, sometimes a guy just has to take a snooze.

So when Team USA played its world junior tournament-opener Friday afternoon, 17-year-old Team Canada phenom Connor McDavid wasn’t planning on sizing up the competition and fellow budding superstar Jack Eichel.

“I like to nap,” McDavid said earlier in the day when asked whether he’d be watching the U.S. take on defending-champion Finland.

In the event, McDavid missed a scintillating effort from Eichel, although Team Canada’s opening victory over Slovakia – a mauling where the team in home red built a 3-0 lead before the first period was 10 minutes old, and a 7-0 lead by the end of the second period – was more emphatic than the United States’ 2-1 shootout win.

It may irk both players that the dominant narrative at this year’s world juniors is Jack vs. Mac, that doesn’t change the reality; round one has to be scored in the American’s favour, it’s far from clear this matters.

McDavid is still working his way back from a 40-day absence with a hand injury, but he started the game brightly – dancing to the net to create a pair of scoring chances on his second shift – and even blocked a shot in the second period, an ill-advised display of grit given the score was 4-0 at the time.

There’s no particular urgency for McDavid to return to form, Team Canada got all the offence it needed from the likes of Robby Fabbri (two goals, two assists), Max Domi (goal, assist), and Nic Petan (goal, two assists).

McDavid’s time at this tournament will come; in the meantime teammates such as 19-year-olds Sam Reinhart and Anthony Duclair (who scored a beauty in the first) will hold the fort.

Every would-be hero needs a



Team Canada forward Anthony Duclair fires a goal past Slovakia goaltender Denis Godla during the first period of Friday’s World Junior Hockey Championship preliminary-round game in Montreal. Full game story at globesports.com. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

villain with whom to match wits, and Bell Centre quickly identified just the man for the job.

In Friday’s early game, Eichel – an 18-year-old Boston University centre who will rival McDavid for top billing at next June’s NHL draft – put his not inconsiderable talents on display.

The strapping forward was simply dominant in leading the Americans to a 2-1 shootout squeaker over defending champion Finland – he was lustily booed at various points in the game, the jeers reached a crescendo when he led off the shootout (he scored).

Asked afterward if he’s prepared to serve as the heel in this

piece, he said: “Yeah. I know we’re going to be scrutinized and up against things, but we don’t really want to let the crowd or any outside distractions get to us, we just want to focus on playing hockey.”

Whereas McDavid’s genius lies in his speed and rapier-like stickhandling, Eichel is every NHL general manager’s dream: a big, smooth, skilled, physically punishing centre.

The U.S. quickly found itself down 1-0 to the Finns after some defensive-zone bumbling, but Eichel took care of all that on a power play midway through the first period.

Taking a pass in the neutral zone and gliding into the Fin-

land end, he powered past a couple of defenders and took the puck behind the net, where he banked a nifty little pass to himself off the end boards and calmly swivelled to send a pinpoint backhand pass onto the stick blade of linemate Alex Tuch.

Tie game.

It wasn’t the last flash of brilliance from Eichel, who nearly scored on a power move to the net in the second, dished out a couple of heavy hits, and mixed it up after a whistle in the third with Finnish defenceman Julius Honka. The two exchanged face-washes, Eichel earned a penalty for his trouble and subtracted himself from the game during a

desperate Finn push – “I was starting to regret it a little bit,” he said of sitting in the box in the late going.

The Americans are not a team without flaws, but with Eichel as their power-play general they are to be feared.

Head coach Mark Osiecki said the obvious benefit from a hard-won tournament-opener was “the leadership really came out” – he then referred specifically to forward J.T. Compher and to Eichel.

“Jack takes charge, says the right things,” he said.

So is that why you made him captain?

“Yes,” Osiecki replied. “Unbelievable.”

COUNTDOWN

The top 10 sports stories of 2014

RACHEL COHEN NEW YORK

The NFL’s troubles with domestic violence were selected the sports story of the year Tuesday in an annual vote conducted by The Associated Press.

Ninety-four ballots were submitted from U.S. editors and news directors. Voters were asked to rank the top 10 sports stories of the year, with the first-place story receiving 10 points, the second-place story nine points and so on.

Here are 2014’s top 10 stories:

1. NFL domestic violence

Baltimore Ravens star running back Ray Rice knocked his now-wife unconscious in an Atlantic City casino elevator Feb. 15, but it wasn’t until July 24 that domestic violence cases spiralled into a crisis roiling the NFL. Commissioner Roger Goodell suspended Rice for just two games, which drew widespread derision. More than a month passed before Goodell admitted he “didn’t get it right” and announced harsher sanctions for future domestic violence offences.

But the NFL’s problems were only beginning. On Sept. 8, TMZ Sports released video from inside the elevator that showed Rice punching his then-fiancée; the Ravens responded by releasing him and Goodell suspended him indefinitely. And on Sept. 12, Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson was indicted on felony child abuse charges for using a wooden switch to discipline his four-year-old son.

The year ends with Rice reinstated by an arbitrator but without a team and Peterson suspended and suing the NFL. The league is pushing a new personal conduct policy, but the players’ union is balking at Goodell’s role in the disciplinary process.

2. Clippers’ Sterling banned

Donald Sterling had withstood accusations of racism throughout his more than three decades as owner of the Los Angeles Clippers. But when audio surfaced April 25 of Sterling spewing racist remarks, he was banned for life by new NBA commissioner Adam Silver and forced to sell the team.



Michael Sam was the first openly gay player to be drafted into the NFL. LM OTERO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3. LeBron goes home

This time, LeBron James decided to return home. Four years after spurning Cleveland to sign with the Miami Heat, the Northeast Ohio native announced July 11 that he was rejoining the Cavaliers.

4. Firsts for gay athletes

Jason Collins became the first openly gay man to play in the big four North American pro sports leagues when he made his debut with the Brooklyn Nets on Feb. 23. The veteran centre had come out 10 months earlier, a trailblazing moment that helped inspire other athletes and sports officials to follow his lead in 2014. That included Missouri All-American Michael Sam, who went on to be drafted into the NFL, though he has yet to play in a game.

5. Giants win World Series

Madison Bumgarner pitched seven dominant innings to win Game 1 of the World Series. Then the San Francisco ace topped himself with a shutout in Game 5. He outdid himself yet again with

five scoreless innings of relief in Game 7 to clinch the Giants’ third championship in five years.

6. College football playoff pays off

Ohio State lost to Virginia Tech on Sept. 6. Oregon was upset by Arizona on Oct. 2, and Alabama fell to Ole Miss two days later. The rest of those teams’ regular-season games still mattered because of the new College Football Playoff, which made more and more matchups meaningful deep into the fall.

7. Tony Stewart

One of NASCAR’s biggest stars, Tony Stewart, was taking part in a small sprint-car race in upstate New York on Aug. 9, when he struck and killed 20-year-old driver Kevin Ward Jr. A grand jury decided not to bring criminal charges against Stewart, who skipped three NASCAR races as he grieved.

8. World Cup

Brazil’s World Cup was a big celebration until those German goals

started piling up. The expected massive protests didn’t materialize, and the construction delays caused few headaches. The major disappointment came on the field when the hosts, without injured star Neymar, were thrashed 7-1 in the semi-finals by eventual champion Germany.

9. Seahawks win Super Bowl

Richard Sherman’s Seattle defence was way too much for Peyton Manning’s Denver offence. The Seahawks flustered and flattened the Broncos with a 43-8 victory in the Super Bowl, when the weather co-operated outdoors in New Jersey.

10. Sochi Olympics

The Sochi Olympics opened amid fears of terrorist attacks and denunciations of Russia’s so-called “gay propaganda” law. The Games went on peacefully, with the hosts winning 33 medals – though not in hockey. But by the closing ceremony, darkness lurked nearby in violence in Ukraine.

The Associated Press

WORLD JUNIORS ROUNDUP

United States 2, Finland 1 (SO)

Montreal – Chase De Leo scored the game winner in a shootout as the United States downed defending champion Finland 2-1.

Mikko Rantanen opened the scoring for the Finns less than 90 seconds into the first period. Alex Tuch notched the equalizer for the Americans on the power play at 13 minutes 54 seconds.

In the shootout, Finnish captain Artturi Lehkonen was the only one to beat U.S. goalie Thatcher Demko, while Jack Eichel and De Leo had the goals for the Americans.

Sweden 5, Czech Republic 2

Toronto – Toronto Maple Leafs fans got a good look at 2014 top draft pick William Nylander on Friday in Sweden’s 5-2 victory over the Czech Republic. Adrian Kempe scored twice with Jens Looke and Jacob de la Rose scoring the other goals for Sweden. Jakub Vrana scored a pair of goals for the Czech Republic.

Russia 3, Denmark 2 (SO)

Toronto – Nikolay Goldobin scored the game winner in the shootout, helping Russia avoid an early upset with a 3-2 win over Denmark. Maxim Mamim’s goal early in the third period enabled the Russians to erase a two-goal deficit, setting the stage for Goldobin’s heroics in the shootout. Sergei Tolchinsky also scored for Russia in the shoot-out.

Staff, The Associated Press

SPENGLER CUP HC DAVOS 2, CANADA 1

Davos, Switzerland – Leonardo Genoni turned away 36 shots as host HC Davos hung on to defeat Canada 2-1 on Friday in preliminary action at the 88th Spengler Cup. Genoni was at his best in the second period – stopping all 18 shots his way – to keep it 1-0 HC Davos heading into the final period.

Forward Alexandre Giroux put Canada on the board with a power-play goal at 9 minutes 10 seconds of the third, but it was not enough to erase HC Davos’s two-goal lead. Defenceman Marc-André Gragnani picked up an assist on the goal.

The Canadian Press



The London Knights' Patrick Kane, left, battles with Zack Torquato of the Erie Otters in 2007. Despite being from Buffalo, Kane opted to play in the OHL because he saw it as his best personal fit. Now a two-time Stanley Cup winner with the Chicago Blackhawks, Kane says the only thing he regrets about his junior hockey experience is it didn't last longer. DAVE CHIDLEY/CANADIAN PRESS

FROM PAGE 5

Hockey: Small-market teams would struggle to survive if players were paid more

» Gone are the days when line brawls were one of its primary selling points; when hazing was a common practice; when junk food was the player's meal of choice; and when players who didn't make it to the NHL were spit out at the end of their careers, many unequipped to handle their futures. Nowadays, junior hockey has – out of necessity and design – fallen in lock-step with the NHL in the way it conducts its business.

On the ice, the emphasis is on speed and skill development, not brawling. The quality of coaching has never been higher – and more than half of current NHL coaches cut their teeth at some point in the junior ranks.

Off the ice, their support programs – from the concussion-management and return-to-play protocols, to the drug-education and personal-conduct seminars – are modelled after similar programs in the NHL. Every team has an educational adviser and once a player completes his junior career, he is eligible to receive a year of tuition, textbooks and fees to a postsecondary institution – be it a university, a college or a trade school – in exchange for every year of service.

The question naturally arises: If the junior leagues are acting so professionally, does that mean their players are in fact professionals – and therefore, should they then be paid as professionals?

Last summer, after a number of previous attempts to organize junior players failed to get off the ground, Unifor, Canada's largest union, (which represents Globe and Mail editorial employees) announced plans to pursue the matter again. In October, a class-action suit seeking \$180-million in damages was launched on behalf of players from the three major junior leagues by a Toronto law firm, seeking to recover "back wages, holiday pay, vacation pay and overtime pay" for all eligible players.

Players, past and present, were invited to register online if they wanted to participate in the suit and were promised anonymity by the law firm, which is doing the work on a contingency basis in the hopes of recovering legal fees in the 20-to-30 per cent range, if the suit is ultimately certified by the court and a judgment is rendered in its favour.

Additionally, the Department of Labor and Industries in the state of Washington is conducting an investigation into the four WHL teams based there – in Seattle, Tri-City, Spokane and Everett – to see if minimum-wage laws have been breached. Former player Lukas Walter has launched separate lawsuits against the QMJHL and WHL, arguing that he didn't earn minimum wage during his 160-game junior career.

At the heart of the debate are two primary issues:

One: Should a for-profit operation such as junior hockey be required to pay its players more than the expenses, monthly stipends and scholarship benefits that they currently receive? Two: If that were to occur, what would be the ramifications on junior hockey as a whole?

"Most of us would be out of

business," Chynoweth answered. "I for sure would be 100-per-cent out of business."

According to Robison, "The attempts to engage our players are coming from individuals outside our league, not from players or parents. We base our response entirely on the satisfaction levels of our parents and our players – and we believe everybody's satisfied with the current benefit package they're receiving."

Within the past few years, the junior leagues have revised the weekly stipend and replaced it with an expense allocation of \$470 a month for players 19 or under, and \$900 a month for over-age players, according to CHL president David Branch. "We saw, over time, that that was becoming a lightning rod – that these poor kids were only getting X number of dollars a week," said Branch, who argued that the player stipend "is only the tip of the iceberg in terms of the compensation they were getting."

Players also receive "expenses, living requirements, education, equipment, but that was the perception – that we were taking advantage of these players, and that's the last thing you want. So a couple of years ago, we repositioned it as an allowance. These are things we have to do a better job of articulating and explaining."

Annually, about 1,300 players play CHL hockey and one of the longest-serving was Michael D'Orazio, who played 320 regular-season games and 40 playoff games over five years for three different junior teams – Owen Sound, London and Mississauga St. Michael's; and now attends St. Mary's University in Halifax, partly on the scholarship money he earned playing junior. D'Orazio saw junior hockey life from both sides – the small-market challenges of Owen Sound compared with the almost NHL-like atmosphere of London – and said the fact that he didn't earn the minimum wage wasn't an issue for him.

"Junior hockey is about developing kids into pro hockey players," said D'Orazio, who is studying commerce at St. Mary's and scheduled to graduate in the spring. "It's not about paying kids, or earning money. It's about going through the experience, and building as a person and a player. It's the best exposure you get to NHL scouts – and that's the ultimate goal. Everyone wants to make it to the NHL. Major junior right now is the best league to do it in Canada."

Michael's parents, Claudio and Liz D'Orazio, spent five years of their lives commuting from the GTA to watch their son play, an experience which Claudio characterized as largely "very positive."

"The billet families, for us, were unbelievable. The kids really get looked after well. Junior hockey is a really competitive business and when Michael first started at Owen Sound, we had all kinds of concerns about leaving him on his own. But Mike Futa was the GM and Mike Stothers was the coach – and he really looked after the kids, almost like a parent, and he wouldn't let the kids get into trouble. "They really learn some life

skills. It's off the charts really – dealing with the pressure of trying to make it; of time management in your first few years when they're in school. Stothers was a stickler for making sure the kids went to class. Otherwise, they'd get suspended – and no one wanted to risk that.

"As parents, the one thing we noticed when Michael came home the first year for Christmas, it's almost as if they grow up too quickly. That first Christmas, after his first three or four months, Michael came home and it was like talking to an adult. They're very respectful and, for the most part, very responsible to each other. That was our experience, at least."

D'Orazio's first year in Owen Sound coincided with Patrick Kane's one and only season playing for the London Knights. Kane is from Buffalo and came through the U.S. National Team Development Program, which generally spins most of its players off on to U.S. college careers. Kane, however, opted to play in the OHL because he saw it as his best personal fit.

Now a two-time Stanley Cup champion with the Chicago Blackhawks, Kane said the only thing he regrets about his junior hockey experience is it didn't last longer.

"I loved it," Kane said. "Every now and then, they show London games on NHL Network and memories pop back in my head about the time I had there. It was a great experience and I was very, very happy I took that route. I was playing in a city that was like a mini-NHL."

"For a young kid to really develop their skills and get better, I don't think there's anything better. For me, I was a smaller player. Going to college, playing against 25- or 26-year-old men didn't seem like a good idea at my age, 17."

The WHL's answer to London might be Calgary, where the Hitmen share a home with the NHL Flames and play to the largest crowds in the league, year after year. Travis and Taylor Sanheim – fraternal twins, from Elkhorn, Man. – currently play together with the Hitmen, but in all likelihood, face different hockey futures. Last year, Travis Sanheim – who had a tryout for Canada's world junior team – was chosen 17th overall by the Philadelphia Flyers in the first round of the NHL entry draft, and subsequently signed an NHL contract. Taylor Sanheim made the Hitmen this past September, after failing to catch on with the Brandon Wheat Kings the previous year.

The twins live with different billet families in Calgary and while they share the same theoretical goal – becoming the best hockey players they can possibly be – chances are that Travis's odds of forging a lucrative NHL career are better than Taylor's. Still, each believes the WHL experience works for him.

"Every kid's dream is to play in the National Hockey League, so for us, that's the ultimate goal," said Travis, who forfeited his scholarship options when he signed his NHL contract. But he has finished high school and is currently taking a college busi-

ness course because, "a business course is going to help me no matter what I do – if I go to school or go to the NHL."

Meanwhile, Taylor said he is content to "work to get to the highest level possible – and if that means going overseas to play hockey, or to play university hockey, that's all good. There are long days at the rink sometimes, but you get used to it. And it's great because you're playing the game you love."

Facing a similar small versus large market issue, the NHL's solution two collective agreements ago was to increase revenue sharing. Junior teams share some revenue – from television contracts, world junior and Memorial Cup proceeds – but attempts to get the higher-revenue teams to share box-office revenues with the small-fry teams have been largely unsuccessful.

"It would help not only me, but a lot of the smaller operators," said Chynoweth, who noted that his father, Ed Chynoweth, a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame in the builder category, "tried to get it on the table years ago, but there was quite a bit of fight back the other way. You've got to come up with a formula; so what's the formula? I have two ticket people working for me and Portland has 30. Those types of questions kept coming up."

With so much of the focus on its larger markets, Branch noted that within Canada, 15 of the 60 CHL teams operate in markets under 50,000 and another 15 are under 80,000.

"We are what we are," Branch said. "People always point to the two biggest markets in Ontario, London and Kitchener, and last year, they represented 20 per cent of our total league attendance. That's two teams."

Out west, overall WHL attendance has been largely flat for a number of years now, with 19 out of 22 clubs showing declines in the 2013-14 season.

"Much like other teams across the league, we're missing that 20-to-45 age group," Chynoweth said. "You look at options nowadays. There's high-definition TV, with hockey on every night. There's basketball if you're into basketball and all kinds of other sports. There's Netflix for \$7.99 a month. You're competing for that entertainment dollar – and to buy a season-ticket now is a big financial commitment."

After the Ice qualified for the 2011 Memorial Cup by winning the WHL championship, attendance the next season rose to an annual average of 2,805, according to Chynoweth, which is still down from the 3,600 or so they used to get when the team first moved to Cranbrook. This year, the numbers continue to shrink.

"Our attendance right now, through 15 games, is 2,176, so we're down 22.4 per cent in three years," Chynoweth said. "I ask myself, 'What more am I supposed to do?' We don't have a local TV station. We advertise in our local paper. We're on both local radio stations and they do a phenomenal job. You're on social media with your web page and on Twitter."

"People tell me I couldn't market beer to a frat house, but I say

to myself, 'What more can I do?' Our players are out in the community. That's never changed. We've won and we've put an entertaining product on the ice and attendance continues to go down."

Chynoweth's son Ryan is playing in his fifth WHL season now, but left home to play triple-A bantam in Lethbridge because there was no triple-A option in Cranbrook.

According to Jeff Chynoweth, "this is what I say when I hear about paying minimum wage to junior hockey players: My son went to live with a family when he played bantam. We had to pay room and board; we had to pay monthly dues and his living expenses. Those hockey academics, you're paying \$25,000 per year and that might not include room and board."

"You come to the Western Hockey League and you don't pay for skates, for sticks, for equipment, you don't pay dues, and you get spending money. You bus. You stay in hotels. You get meals. Everything is looked after. It's not that bad. I'm sick and tired of the attacks on junior hockey. Sure, there are always things you can improve on, but I have a boy who plays in this league and when he gets done, he has five years of education in the bank."

"This year, I could have between 17 and 19 guys in postsecondary education, the most we've ever had. Add that up – that's over six figures; and most of that is funded off the bottom line. We're looking at a six-figure deficit this year, a significant six-figure deficit."

"I make no bones about it. I've lived here since 1998. I love coming to work and I love junior hockey – but I've been in the league for 29 years in a lot of different markets and have seen the game change and I'll tell you this: When your expenses continue to rise and your revenue is flat, that is not a good mix."

Ultimately, no institution the size of the CHL is going to satisfy the needs of every player all the time, so the question was put to one of them – D'Orazio, who was the eighth overall pick in the OHL's 2006 bantam draft and played on the same Canadian world under-18 team as Steven Stamkos, Alex Pietrangelo and Nazem Kadri.

Even though junior hockey didn't funnel him immediately to the NHL the way it did some of his peers, D'Orazio was asked, given what he knows now, would he follow the same path again?

"A lot of people have asked me that – if you could go back in time, would you go to college in the States?" he answered, "and my answer is: No. I wouldn't trade my five years of playing junior for anything. They were some of the best years of my life."

"I learned so much so quickly; met a lot of good people who are lifelong friends and got to play a good level of hockey in front of a lot of people at a young age – it made you feel like a rock star at times. Looking back now, with not a worry in the world, playing in a professional atmosphere, it was just so much fun."

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Milos Raonic, pictured after defeating American Jack Sock in the second round of the Rogers Cup in August, reached a career-high world ranking of No. 6 in 2014. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CANADIAN MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Raonic’s relentless pursuit of perfection

Capping a career-best year with his second successive Conacher award, the tennis star is as hungry as ever: ‘I always want more’

GREGORY STRONG TORONTO

Canadian tennis star Milos Raonic set three main goals at the start of the 2014 season. He wanted to reach the top six in the world rankings, go deeper in Grand Slam events and qualify for the ATP Finals. Raonic hit all those targets over a campaign highlighted by a semi-final appearance at Wimbledon and his first World Tour 500-level event victory. He capped his season Friday by winning the Lionel Conacher Award for the second year in a row. The honour is awarded annually to The Canadian Press male athlete of the year. Raonic became the first Canadian to reach a Grand Slam men’s singles semi-final in the Open era. He fell to Roger Federer in straight sets at the All England Club, but later gained revenge with his first career victory over the Swiss star at the Paris Masters. That win helped Raonic qualify for the season-ending tournament in London for the first time. He finished the season ranked eighth in the world and posted a 49-20 record on the year. “I did achieve the goals that I specified but I always have this yearning for more, more, more,” Raonic said in a phone interview after a recent training session in

Monte Carlo. “It doesn’t matter how much I do, I always want more – especially when it comes to my tennis.” Before Raonic, the last Canadian to reach a men’s singles semi-final at a major was Robert Powell at Wimbledon in 1908, according to Tennis Canada. Montreal native Greg Rusedski reached the U.S. Open final in 1997 but he was representing Britain at the time. Raonic said he has been getting stronger mentally and it helped him get results throughout the 2014 campaign. He made progress at the Grand Slam and Masters Series events and also improved his game on clay and grass surfaces. “It’s hard as an athlete to really be playing your best throughout the whole year and I was able to consistently play well in the big tournaments,” he said. Raonic finished with 29 of the 82 votes (35 per cent) in balloting of sports editors and broadcasters across the country. Los Angeles Kings defenceman Drew Doughty was second with 19 votes (23 per cent). Doughty won Olympic hockey gold at the Sochi Games and added a Stanley Cup title with the Kings a few months later. Freestyle skier Alex Bilodeau, who successfully defended his Olympic

title in men’s moguls, was third with 14 votes (17 per cent). Raonic is the first athlete to win back-to-back Conacher titles since hockey superstar Sidney Crosby (2009-10). Other recent repeat winners include basketball player Steve Nash (2005-06) and golfer Mike Weir (2000-01). Hockey legend Wayne Gretzky holds the record for consecutive Conacher wins with four (1980-83). “To be in that group of back-to-back winners of the Conacher Award is really something special,” Raonic said. “It’s guys I looked up to and guys, if you ask me, that I feel are the biggest Canadian sporting icons – at least the generations that I know.” The award is named after the multisport athlete who was chosen Canada’s athlete of the half-century in 1950. The winner of the Bobbie Rosenfeld Award as Canada’s female athlete of the year will be announced Sunday and the team of the year will be named Monday. Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., is the only tennis player to win the award, which dates back to 1932. He ended an 11-month title drought last August with a victory over fellow Canadian Vasek Pospisil in Washington. The win came shortly after he reached a career-high No. 6 in the world rankings.

Raonic also made the quarter-finals at the French Open, the semi-finals in Rome and Cincinnati and the finals in Tokyo and Paris. “Top Canadian male tennis performance of all-time,” said Postmedia national sports editor Jack Romanelli. Raonic also achieved a breakthrough by defeating a member of the so-called Big Three (Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic) for the first time in 15 matches. He beat Federer in the Paris quarter-finals in October, a win that also helped him qualify for the year-end London tournament. “I wanted to try to put [the Wimbledon loss] behind me and play a much better match, which I was able to do,” Raonic said. “So I would say it’s probably the single-most important victory for me in 2014.” The Canadian, who will celebrate his 24th birthday Saturday, has worked with coach Ivan Ljubicic for over a year now. The former world No. 3 has helped polish several facets of Raonic’s game. “I will not set the limit for Milos,” Ljubicic said via e-mail. “He can still improve in every aspect, including his serve, which could be the biggest shot in the game at the moment. His will to be better every day is unparalleled and will drive him to more

success in the future.” The 6-foot-5 Raonic has always relied on his booming serve. However, his backhand, net play and return game have all improved in recent months. “His weapons are really weapons of mass destruction,” Canadian Davis Cup captain Martin Laurendeau said from Toronto. “He kind of just lives with his weaknesses, he accepts them and he’s just so confident that his weapons are going to be good enough to win every single match. He deserves a lot of credit that way.” Raonic earned almost \$3.5-million (U.S.) in prize money over the season, which ended on a down note as he had to pull out of the World Tour Finals with a thigh injury. He took about two weeks off and is now back to 100 per cent. Raonic hasn’t set specific goals for the 2015 season but plans to aim higher than he did a year ago. “That leaves some room for imagination,” he said. “But I feel that I can do a lot of big things this upcoming year and I hope that I can more seriously contend for my first Grand Slam and really give myself a go at that. “That would be the most important thing for me.” The Canadian Press

SOCCER PREMIER LEAGUE

Chelsea, Man City maintain distance atop table

STEVE DOUGLAS
MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

Chelsea and Manchester City kicked off the English Premier League’s hectic festive schedule with commanding victories Friday to keep the title race finely poised, while Manchester United, Arsenal and Liverpool also won on a successful day for the country’s top teams. John Terry and Diego Costa scored as Chelsea beat West Ham United 2-0 to retain its three-point lead over City, which netted all of its goals in the first half in a 3-1 win at West Bromwich Albion that was played in a snowstorm. Only United looks capable of gate-crashing the fight for the title between the top two, with Wayne Rooney scoring twice to set up a 3-1 win over Newcastle United that tightened the 20-time champions’ grip on third place – seven points behind City. Southampton makes up the top four, climbing above West Ham thanks to a 3-1 win at Crystal Palace, but there are a slew of teams battling for that fourth and final Champions League spot. Arsenal is only two points behind in sixth after beating Queens Park Rangers 2-1, with Alexis Sanchez making up for his saved penalty and teammate Olivier Giroud’s reckless red card for a head-butt with a goal and an assist at Emirates Stadium.



West Ham United striker Andy Carroll, left, vies with Chelsea midfielder Oscar during their English Premier League match at Stamford Bridge in London on Friday. Chelsea won 2-0. JUSTIN TALLIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

um. Liverpool built on recent encouraging performances by eking out a 1-0 win at Burnley through Raheem Sterling’s second-half goal to keep in sight of the top four. Tottenham Hotspur and Swansea City were other teams in the top half to register wins in the first of three rounds of league fixtures over seven days across the holiday period. In the other games, Stoke City beat Everton 1-0 and Hull City snapped a 10-game winless run by defeating Sunderland 3-1 to climb out of the relegation zone. Leicester City’s miserable season back in the top flight con-

tinued with a 2-1 home loss to Spurs, leaving the team bottom of the standings and six points from safety. A winless run of 13 games is piling the pressure on Nigel Pearson, who is the British bookmakers’ favourite to become the first manager fired in the Premier League this season. Since losing 2-1 at Newcastle to end its unbeaten start to the campaign, Chelsea has rediscovered its fluent form and the leaders cut down to size a West Ham team enjoying its best season in nearly three decades and which arrived at Stamford Bridge in fourth place. Terry tapped home from close

range in the 31st following a downward header from a corner from Costa, who made it 2-0 in the 62nd with a low finish for his 13th goal in the season. It was a dominant performance from Chelsea, which was barely troubled until the last few minutes. “The challenge this season was to bring that creativity, that dynamism, without losing the good defensive qualities of the team,” Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho said. “In this moment, we have a good balance.” Playing without a striker for the second-straight game, City relied on its midfielders for goals in blizzard-like conditions at The Hawthorns and they obliged through Fernando, Yaya Touré – from the penalty spot – and David Silva. It was City’s seventh-straight win in the league, with the defending champions showing the kind of form that swept them to a second title in three years last year. There could be a new twist in the title race on Sunday, when Chelsea heads to Southampton, which has recovered from its recent slump and is hard to beat at St. Mary’s Stadium. City hosts Burnley. Rooney, starting again in central midfield, scored in the 23rd and 36th minutes before setting up Robin van Persie for United’s other goal at Old Trafford to help extend the team’s unbeat-

en run to eight games. “I was very pleased because we dominated for 90 minutes,” United manager Louis van Gaal said. “We make progress in every game.” Liverpool began its game at Turf Moor in its lowest Christmas position since 1992-93. But a change of formation to 3-4-3 has rejuvenated last season’s runner-up and it recovered from a slow start at Burnley to record a first victory in four matches, climbing to ninth and seven points behind Southampton. Sterling scored the winner in the 62nd, latching onto a lobbed pass from Philippe Coutinho and rounding goalkeeper Tom Heaton to roll a shot into the unguarded net. Liverpool lost goalkeeper Brad Jones to injury in the 15th minute, meaning an earlier-than-expected recall for Simon Mignolet after he was dropped recently following some error-strewn displays. Harry Kane scored in the first minute and Christian Eriksen grabbed a 71st-minute winner as Tottenham made it three wins in a row to pile the misery on Leicester. Swansea beat Aston Villa 1-0 at home thanks to Gylfi Sigurdson’s brilliant free kick and former Barcelona forward Bojan Krkic scored Stoke’s winning goal at Everton, which is struggling in 12th place. The Associated Press

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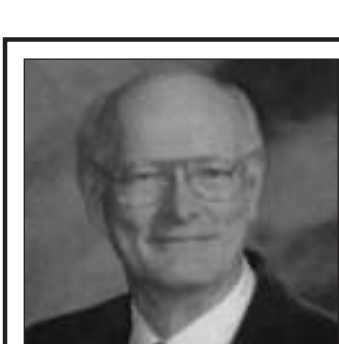
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Love always, Diane

DEATHS



JOHN GORDON AYLEN

On December 25, 2014, at the age of 91, John passed away at home marking the end of a very full life. He was a caring father to John Jr., David and Elise Aylen; much-loved grandfather of Andrew, Alix and Jeffrey Aylen and Marielle, Christiane and Brendan McGovern as well as cherished father-in-law to David McGovern. Predeceased by his beloved wife, Andrée Aylen (née Choquette), his parents Jean Oliver (née Anderson) and John Alden Aylen and his sister Priscilla Jean Bishop.

After completing his service as a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1945, John earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Queen’s University and Bachelor of Laws from Osgoode Hall Law School. In 1952, John co-founded the Ottawa law firm Scott & Aylen with his father and Cuthbert and David W. Scott. John practiced with Scott and Aylen for over 55 years, retiring at 86 years old, and was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 1971. John was the fourth of what is now five generations of lawyers in the Aylen family. John was an active participant in professional associations within and outside the legal community as well as a philanthropist, humanitarian and supporter of the arts. He was a member of the Rideau Club, Britannia Boat Club and Minto Skating Club and a patron of the National Arts Centre, Opera Lyra and the Ottawa Little Theatre. John was decorated by the Order of St-Lazarus, the Order of St-John and the Order of the Lion of Finland for his charity work.

John had infectious enthusiasm and curiosity that encompassed all aspects of his life – his career, his family, his cats and the arts. He was remarkably kind, humble, intelligent and gentlemanly. Fondest memories include weekly Sunday night family dinners, trips to Cape Cod, Chateau Montebello and the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake and nights at the opera.

Arrangements in care of the Central Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry. Funeral details to be confirmed. Updated information will be posted at www.hpmcgarry.ca when confirmed.

Donations to the Ottawa Heart Institute or the Ottawa Humane Society would be appreciated.

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DEATHS

BARAN, Candace

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Candace Baran, at the tender age of 41. Surrounded by her family & loved ones, she passed away on Sunday, December 21st, 2014, at St. Michaels Hospital in Toronto.

Wherever she went, Candace was an infectious source of cheer and had an incredible enthusiasm for life. A writer, photographer, artist and all around adventurer, our sweet "cb" loved to travel, discover new music & savoured every bite of food. She was born in Calgary, Alberta; raised in Sudbury, Ontario and later went on to live in Waterloo, Ontario to attend the University of Waterloo. While she enjoyed living in the big village of Toronto for most of her adult life, her years spent living in San Francisco working at the beginning of the first dot com boom, taking pictures, camping, surfing and exploring the city were some of her best days. Candace had an impressive resume working for some of the biggest tech, media & gaming giants, and later started her own consulting company on internet usability & design.

Candace is survived by her husband, Dean Nixon of Toronto; parents Ron & Jeannette Baran of Blue Mountains, ON; sister Audra (Brad Ungar) of Los Angeles, California & brother Brenden (Jessica) of Thornbury, ON.

The family is mourning their loss privately, and will be honoring Candace with a celebration of life in the new year on her birthday. In lieu of flowers, we ask that a donation be made in her honor to The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada at www.mssociety.ca.

We would like Candace to be remembered by one of her favourite quotes from the poem "You shall above all things be glad and young..." by E.E. Cummings.

"I'd rather learn from one bird how to sing then teach ten thousand stars how not to dance."

Friends may visit Candace’s online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

DEATHS

WILLIAM A. BRIDGER

1941 - 2014

It is with sadness we announce the passing of William (Bill) on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at St. Michael’s Palliative Care Centre in Lethbridge, AB. Bill was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and after many years dedicated to his career in Edmonton and London, ON, he retired with his wife, Rita Spencer, to Lethbridge in 2007. In 1999, Bill was the grateful recipient of a cadaveric kidney, which was still viable until the end of his life; however, he lived with various illnesses over many years.

Bill is survived by his three eldest children Keith, Jocelyn and Eric – as well as his youngest daughter Andrea. Many friends and relatives who showed amazing support and love for Bill over the years fondly remember him. They will sorely miss his quick wit, deadly puns and terrible jokes. Bill was passionate about music, food, travel, baseball and all things dog related.

Bill graduated from the Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute in 1958, and entered the Honours Chemistry Program at the University of Manitoba in the same year. He graduated in 1962 and immediately entered graduate school at the University of Manitoba. Bill spent a postdoctoral research period in the Department of Chemistry, UCLA, under the tutelage of Nobel Laureate, Professor Paul Boyer, where he developed a passionate interest in enzymology and especially in the workings of the enzyme succinyl-CoA-synthetase. This molecule remained the main focus of his research until his retirement from the University of Alberta. Bill spent a sabbatical year (1984-85) in the laboratory of Professor Gunter Blobel (Nobel Laureate, 1999) at the Rockefeller University in New York.

Bill joined the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Alberta in 1967, and was instrumental in revamping the teaching of enzymology. He was also the driving force that developed a seminar course “The Northern Lights Proteins/Enzymes Discussion Group” that continues to the present day. Bill served as Chair of the Department of Biochemistry from 1987 to 1993. He an outstanding research scientist but also it became clear that he had an extraordinary talent for administration. He joined the central administration of the University of Alberta as Associate Vice-President (Research) until his move to the University of Western Ontario in 1996 as Vice-President (Research). There, Bill played a leading role in developing and sustaining all aspects of research and scholarship.

In 2001, Dr. Bridger was selected as the founding President and CEO of the newly established Alberta Ingenuity Fund. This brought Bill back to Edmonton and to a position that fostered the advancement of Science, Engineering and Technologies in the Province of Alberta. The early successes of the fledgling Ingenuity Fund were directly attributable to Bill’s originality and drive, and he served as President and CEO of the Ingenuity Fund until 2004, when he retired due to ill health.

In the last years of Bill’s work life, under failing health, he was proud to be Chair of the Science and Industry Advisory Committee and a Board member of Genome Canada. He also contributed locally to Genome Prairie.

Bill’s personal research as a faculty member of the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Alberta (1967-1993) was focused on the catalytic mechanism of the succinyl-CoA-synthetase (SCS). More than two thirds of his scientific publications were on this enzyme. Bill was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Canada and was the recipient of the ASTECH award for his outstanding contributions to the Alberta Science, Engineering and Technology Community.

A service and reception will be held at the College Community Church, College Drive, Lethbridge on Friday, January 16 at 2:00 p.m. A memorial will also be held at the University of Alberta at a later date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Transplant Society or to the William A. Bridger Lectureship in Biochemistry, University of Alberta Office of Memorial and Tribute Giving, 3-501, 10230 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5J 4P6 (www.biochem.med.ualberta.ca)



MURIEL EDITH BRADLEY (NEE YOUNG)

Long time resident of Stittsville, Ontario. Predeceased by her parents Willo and Frank Young and by her brother Gordon Young (Audrey). Peacefully with her family by her side on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 in her 93rd year. Devoted mother of Dale (Pat), Nancy, Julie (Steve Jackman) and Peggy. Cherished Nana to Mark (Kris), Laura (Gord) and Amy Usher, Larry (Carol) and Robert Jackman and Jeffrey Frost (Dominika). Special grandmother to Katie Heath (Natasha). She was also great-grandmother of 12 children. Mother lived her life with a resilience and an energy that was remarkable. She deeply loved her family and friends and was deeply loved in return. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and will be profoundly missed by so many people. Her love will continue on in our hearts as will her wonderful sense of humour. The family would like to thank the staff at the New Edinburgh Retirement Home in Ottawa and the staff of the ICU unit in the Montfort Hospital for their wonderful care and compassion. A Private Celebration of Mother’s life will be held at a later date. For those wishing, donations to The Lung Association or the Jean Tweed Centre, Toronto would be appreciated.

The story of her life, the wisdom that she imparted and her love has imprinted every aspect of our lives and will continue to guide and inspire us forever.

COHN, Stanley

On Thursday, December 25, 2014 at Oakville Trafalgar Hospital. Professor Stanley Cohn, beloved husband of Joyce. Loving father of Mark and Quiaoli, Nancy and Doron, Frank, Robin and Mickey, and Ruthanne and Andrew. Dear brother of the late Audrey Magder. Devoted grandfather of Larena, James, Laurel, Sivan, Shir, Adam, Edo, Sora, Ian, Tama, Reid, Tessa, Tamira, Micaela, Jaron, and 13 great-grandchildren. At Benjamin’s Park Memorial Chapel, 2401 Steeles Avenue West (3 lights west of Dufferin) for service on Sunday, December 28, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Interment Holy Blossom Memorial Park. Shiva 2059 Shady Glen Road, Oakville. Memorial donations may be made to Eli Cooper Memorial Fund c/o Temple Sinai, 416-487-4161.



RODERICK NEIL CAMPBELL
1940 - 2014

Rick Campbell died peacefully in Vancouver, December 17, 2014 after complications from asymptomatic acute pancreatitis.

Rick was a gregarious, kind and generous person. Born in Edmonton, Rick met the love of his life, Ellen Lund when he was 15 and she was 13. They married in 1962 and spent 52 happy years together with rarely a day apart. He is survived by Ellen, his three sons, Rod, Bruce and Derek, of whom he was sincerely proud, his daughters-in-law, Wendi, Kim and Amy, and his eight grandchildren, Mackenzie, Jack, Bronwen, Rachel, Nicole, Lucy, Chloe and Sam, all of whom he loved greatly.

Rick had a successful thirty-year career in the furniture business (Campbell’s Furniture). Commerce was not, however, a true passion and he retired at a young age. Rick’s real loves were family, friends, travel, art, gardening, cars, motorbikes, food and music. He and Ellen would host big, boisterous, music filled parties where friends of all ages could get together to sing and dance. Few things made him happier than a house overflowing with friends and family enjoying themselves.

Rick and Ellen filled the last twenty years with adventure and traveled to every corner of the earth. In between the trips they spent their retirement years at Bowen Island, Jasper, and Maui – three places they loved.

Rick epitomized one of his favorite sayings: “Living well is the best revenge.” He brilliantly followed that advice and did so with style, class, and humility. Those of us lucky enough to call him a friend will remember his sense of humour, his appreciation of beauty, and his deep love for his family. He will be sorely missed.

The Campbell family will be having a small (family-only) service in keeping with his wishes.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at OLVG Hospital (Amsterdam) and St. Paul’s Hospital (Vancouver) for their extraordinary care.

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DAINARD, J. Alan

Passed away peacefully at Sunnybrook Hospital on Friday, December 19, 2014, with friends and family by his side. Born in Golden, BC on May 26, 1930, he was the son of the late Courtland J. and Harriet A. (Sanborn) Dainard. Alan was also predeceased by his wife Norma (née Zumello) of 45 years, and younger brothers Gary, George and Bill.

Alan obtained his Ph.D. in French literature from the University of Alberta, in 1967. He taught at the University of Toronto from 1968-1996, and was a Professor Emeritus with the Department of French at the University of Toronto. Alan was a collaborator in the 5-volume edition of the correspondence of Helvétius from 1968-2004. For over 40 years, Alan dedicated his life to his position as General Editor of the letters of Françoise de Graffigny. The 15th and final volume will be submitted to the Voltaire Foundation, in Oxford, in February 2015. He inspired affection, loyalty and respect in his collaborators. In 2005, in recognition of his dedication and contributions to French literature, Alan was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He was an outstanding teacher, much liked and admired by his students at all levels. Alan loved classical music, the opera and was himself an accomplished pianist.

Alan will be dearly missed by many nieces and nephews in Canada and Italy, his Robarts 14th floor colleagues, and numerous cherished friends.

Friends may call at the Rosar-Morrison Funeral Home & Chapel, 467 Sherbourne Street on Sunday, December 28th, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. A complete service in the Coach House Chapel will be conducted on Monday, December 29th, at 1 p.m., followed by cremation. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. See more at www.rosar-morrison.com

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Dolgay, Sidney

Passed away on December 25, 2014 at Mount Sinai Hospital. Beloved husband of Ida. Loving and devoted father of Myra Dolgoy and Marvin and Sharon Dolgoy. Cherished grandfather of Jessica and Cody. He loved Canada. He believed that through music we can make the world a better place and that our common humanity mattered more than our differences. Graveside service will be held on Sunday, December 28, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park, Linitzer Society section. Shiva private. Memorial donations may be made to the Mariposa Folk Foundation (705) 326-3655 (www.mariposafolk.com/foundation). Following the interment friends and family are invited to 110 The Esplanade, The Green Room.



DR. F. CLARKE FRASER

Dr. F. Clarke Fraser, PhD, MD, DSc, LL.D., Officer of the Order of Canada, Prix du Québec recipient and Canadian Medical Hall of Fame laureate, died peacefully in Digby Nova Scotia on December 17, 2014. He is survived by his former wife Beryl (DeBlois) Fraser, his wife Marilyn Preus, children Norah, Noel (Patricia), Alan and Scott (Tasha); and grandchildren Trevor, Emmett, Megan, Gillian, Masha, Alexander and Ogden. He will be greatly missed by his extended family and his many colleagues and former students in medical genetics and teratology. "He tried to be good."

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PAMELA GIBSON (NEE MULQUEEN)

Died at home surrounded by her family on Tuesday, December 16, 2014. She will be so dearly missed by her husband of 59 years, Gordon, her three children, Michael (Lisa Brown), Jenny Whittall (Richard), and Jamie (Jill), and her cherished grandchildren, Eleanor, Emily, Jessica, Nicholas and Harrison.

After graduating from Havergal College, Pam went on to study at the University of Toronto Trinity College. Upon finishing her degree there, she began working at the CBC as a script assistant. It was during this time that she married Gordon Gibson and began the wonderful, magical partnership that would define both their lives. They moved into an old Victorian house on Hazelton Avenue and it became the first of many projects they worked on together. Pam started as a volunteer for the Women's Committee of The Art Gallery of Ontario and developed a passionate interest in art. It was a passion that would enrich both hers and Gordon's lives, and the lives of their three children. During the twenty years they spent on Hazelton Avenue, Pam acquired a degree in teaching and taught history at North Toronto Collegiate. She then got her MA in Art History from the University of Toronto and began working at the AGO in high school education. She worked for the Canada Council's Explorations Committee, was a member of the organizations The Friends of the Visual Arts, and Exploring Toronto. And a volunteer at The Gordon Foundation, yet another group that provides funding for artists. Pam had so many friends, and such a lovely sense of humour, she could really laugh at anything. She was always interested in new things and both she and Gordon had many wonderful times travelling together. Their last great project was their house in the country, where they retired surrounded by the gardens they had both worked to create, and various children and grandchildren. Pam loved animals and throughout their lives there was a succession of Sealyham Terriers; the last of whom was Franny, who remained by her bed during the last days of her life.

Her family would like to thank the incredible caregivers Maricris Sampang, Analyn Conception, Holly Nicoll and Betty McGowan for their kindness and compassion. We are truly blessed to have these women in our lives. Also a special thanks to Dr. Michael Ferrugia.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in TRINITY COLLEGE CHAPEL, 6 Hoskin Avenue. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Pamela Gibson Emerging Artist Program at Workman Arts, 651 Dufferin Street, Toronto M6K 2B2, 416-583-4339. Condolences and memories may be forwarded through www.humphreymilesnewbigging.com.

Ruby E. Good

August 2, 1913 - December 18, 2014

Died peacefully at Leisureworld-Ellesmere, where she was lovingly cared for. Memorial service 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2737 Bayview Avenue (at Trueman just south of 401), Toronto.

Predeceased by sisters Evelyn Mackechnie and Helen Hall and brothers Edward and Harold Good. Graduate of Hamilton General Hospital School of Nursing. Enjoyed a long career with the Victoria Order of Nurses. Active aunt who camped, skated, attended piano recitals, sports events and played games with her many nieces and nephews. Disappeared sometimes for recreation in Florida with life-long friend Elsbeth, was called Yum as camp nurse at Pioneer, met for prayer and discussions with her dear friends for over 40 years, worked on the Chancel Guild at Church of the Transfiguration, and volunteered with the Canadian Bible Society.

Ruby was a strong, loyal, faithful, loving woman who will brighten heaven and be welcomed by the Almighty and all who have gone before her. Perhaps her best Christmas yet!

DEATHS

Barbara Irene (Bardy) Hart (née Gordon)

Died peacefully in her sleep at Kensington Hospice in Toronto on December 20, 2014, after a brief illness. She was 89.

Bardy is survived by her children: Alexander (Kathryn) Hart of Vancouver, BC, Anne Hart of Richmond Hill, ON, and Sara Hart of North Vancouver, BC; her siblings: C. William Gordon of Victoria, BC and Margaret Jean Mook of Waterloo, ON; her grandchildren: Kevin Rigler, Sarah Rigler and Shmuel Hart; numerous nieces and nephews; her son Jamie's partner, Bob Gallagher; her lifelong friend in Victoria, Audrey Finch; and her gallant companion Bredin Stapells. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ronald R. Hart, her son Jamie Hart and her brothers Donald J. Gordon and A. Thomas Gordon.

Bardy was born on August 5, 1925, in Vancouver, BC, to Alexander and Una L. Gordon. The family moved to Victoria, BC where Bardy grew up and attended Willows Elementary School and Oak Bay High School. As a teenager, she enlisted in the RCAF and served in Dafoe, SK and Ottawa, ON. After World War II, she attended Victoria College and then transferred to the University of Western Ontario, graduating in 1949 with a BA in English Literature and Philosophy. On July 7, 1951, she married Ronald R. Hart in London, ON. The young family relocated to Toronto in the early 1950s when Ron joined his family's firm, S. R. Hart and Co. While raising her family, Bardy began volunteering for the Royal Ontario Museum in the 1960s, a connection which endured for several decades and which led to her full-time employment in the West Asian Department. Her children remember her as a strong, hard-working mother, who loved to travel the world, often on ROM trips she helped to organize and lead.

A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, January 9, 2015, at Christ Church Deer Park at 10:30 a.m., with a reception to follow there (1570 Yonge Street, at Heath St. West). All are welcome to attend and celebrate Bardy's life. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT). Condolences can be posted to www.rosar-morrison.com. The family would like to thank the staff, volunteers and care-givers at Kensington Hospice, Toronto, for their dedicated care and attention during Bardy's stay. May her memory be for a blessing.

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Ernest Hunter

April 14, 1928 - December 20, 2014

Passed away peacefully at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, after a brief illness. Survived by his beloved wife of 52 years Margaret (née Bateman), his sons John and Ian, his marvelous daughters-in-law Ghislaine McDayter and Ann Marie Murphy, and his grandchildren Sasha, Claire, Ciara, and Aidan. Please join the family at a memorial service to be held on Monday, December 29th, at 2:00 p.m., in St. Andrew's United Church, 117 Bloor St. East, Toronto.

JONES, Bernice

After a brief but valiant struggle with cancer, Bernice passed away on Tuesday, December 23, 2014, at Toronto Grace Hospital, at the age of 96. Predeceased by her beloved husband Kendall (1994). Dear mother of Dianne Fejer (the late Bela). Loving "Nan" to Patrick (Kai) and Christine (Cam). Cherished great-grandmother to Jack, Indie, Carmen and Connor. Bernice will also be sadly missed by her nephew Colin Male and her extended family. Thank you to the wonderful, caring staff in the Palliative Care Unit at the Toronto Grace Hospital. A Celebration of Bernice's Life will take place at a later date.

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ADAM GEOFFREY HUTT JUL 18, 1990 - DEC 21, 2014

Adam Geoffrey Hutt, brother of Olivia and son of Peter Hutt and Brigitte Ann Robinson, died early on the morning of December 21st, two years to the day after the death of his Grandfather, H. Basil Robinson, whom he adored. Known to friends and family as Ads and Beans, Adam was a force of nature, a lover of life, a gifted athlete, a devoted friend, and an inveterate traveler. He was also a man of great intelligence and kindness, a loving son, brother and cousin, and a perfectionist who was impossibly funny. He had a smile that could light up a room. His death, from a rare blood disorder known as HLH, has left a gaping wound, but the memory of his extraordinary life, so richly lived, will be an inspiration to all who knew him. As former Senator General Roméo Dallaire wrote on learning of Adam's illness:

"Adam, Some of us are tested much younger than others. Some of us suffer in a much higher and deeper way than others. But those who find themselves in such difficult and trying circumstances so often are an example of courage, grace and dignity to the rest of us. Adam, you are such a person and I salute you."

Born and raised in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Adam attended Parliament Oak Public School and then Ridley College, where he met friends and teachers who shaped his life in profound ways. He graduated from McGill University in 2013 and had been accepted into the dual Masters program in International Affairs at the LSE and Sciences Po in Paris, but opted to defer his admission for a year to accept a position in Canada's Senate. Working in the offices of Senator Joan Fraser and Senator James Cowan, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, he quickly gained a reputation for creativity, hard work, and good humour. He was a driving force in the Liberal Party's innovative program, known as Your Question Period, through which Senators posed questions in the Senate suggested by members of the Canadian public. During his time working in the Senate, he lived in the old family home with his beloved grandmother, Elizabeth Ann Robinson.

The family wishes to thank all those who showed their love and support in so many ways during Adam's illness. It also extends its sincere thanks to the wonderful staff at the Juravinski Hospital in Hamilton for the extraordinary care they provided. A service celebrating Adam's life will be held at 4:00 p.m. on January 17th, 2015, at The Memorial Chapel, Ridley College, 2 Ridley Road, St. Catharines, ON, L2R 7C3. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, www.childsoldiers.org, or to a charity of your choice.



DARRELL BRUCE LONGMORE 1932 - 2014

Bruce died on December 21, 2014. He was greatly loved and he will be greatly missed. A gentleman of integrity and quiet dignity, he treated everyone with respect and found much joy in life.

His wife, Elizabeth and his daughter, Anne were blessed to have him as a husband and father. They will miss him profoundly, as will his grandchildren, Katie, Alistair and Fraser, his son-in-law Huntly and his brother, Robert.

Bruce's life was enriched by the love and respect of his extended family and his friends.

A graduate of the University of Toronto in geological engineering, he had a long career with Mobil Oil Canada.

To honour Bruce a Celebration of his Life will be held at Christ Church, 3602 8th Street Southwest, Calgary at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 29th with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating, in Bruce's memory, to the Salvation Army, 1731 29th St. S.W. Calgary, AB T3C 1M6 or to The Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre, 1 Dermot Baldwin Way S.E. Calgary, AB T2G 0P8.

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MARIE ANNE (COPEMAN) JEWETT, M.D. MAR 7, 1921 – DEC 18, 2014

Dr. Marie Jewett died in Toronto on December 18, 2014. Born in London, Ontario, she attended the University of Western Ontario, graduating in medicine at age 21. After interning at Toronto Western Hospital, she moved to a residency at the Montreal Children's Hospital, where she met her husband, Dr. Beverly Lorne Jewett. They married in 1944 and moved to Fredericton, New Brunswick, in 1947.

With five young children she delayed establishing her own medical practice, though she found time to manage the business side of her husband's practice, which she did throughout their careers. When she returned to practice, she chose to focus on allergies, travelling to the United States to obtain training, and became one of the first doctors in the Maritime Provinces to specialize in the treatment of allergies.

Although Marie practised medicine at a very high level, her focus was always her 5 children and their care and well-being. She was very proud of them and their many accomplishments – as lawyer, nurse and educator, surgeon, airline pilot, and chartered accountant.

Marie also loved her adopted province, and the abiding friendships she made. She loved her summer home in St. Andrews, where she welcomed visits from children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren throughout the summer. She was a docent at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery for many years and had an avid interest in bridge, attaining the level of Life Master.

With declining eyesight, Marie moved to Toronto in 2010, to be near her daughter Anne and son Bev and their families, and made new friends. Sadly, her son Bev died in 2013.

She is survived by her 4 other children and their spouses – Mark (France Morrisette), Elizabeth (Paul Kitchen), Lawrence (Bonnie), Susan Jewett (Bev's wife) and Anne (Andrew Cook).

She is also survived by many grandchildren, whom she loved and treasured: Alexander Jewett, Luke Vallée (Tamara), Mark Vallée (Colette), Ashley Jewett (David Lamden), David Jewett, Victoria Jewett Chatzikirou (Dan), Elizabeth Jewett, Thomas Jewett, Nicholas Rademaker and Michael Rademaker, by several nieces and nephews, and by four great-grandchildren. Marie felt fortunate that her large family was also enriched by step grandchildren Jordan Smaldon and Mary, Stephanie and Jeffrey Kitchen and their families.

Besides her husband and son, Marie was predeceased by her sisters, Ruth Brown and June Lefavre, her grandson, Colin Rademaker, and step-grandson Jacob Smaldon.

Marie's ashes will be returned to New Brunswick, and a service of celebration of her life will be arranged there in 2015.

For those who wish to make a donation in memory of Marie, the family suggests the Colin Jewett Rademaker Memorial Bursary Fund at Rotheresay Netherwood School. Colin's bursary assists students to attend RNS where many of her grandchildren flourished. Contact details: Rotheresay Netherwood School, 40 College Hill Road, Rotheresay, NB E2E 5H1, 506-848-1731. Those wishing to send condolences may send them to Elizabeth Kitchen at the same address or at kitchene@rns.cc.

FUNERAL SERVICES



GIBSON, Pamela (nee Mulqueen)
Service Thursday, January 8 2 p.m.
Trinity College Chapel

LANSDOWN, Edward L., M.D., F.R.C.P. (C)
Celebration of Life
Sunday January 11 3-6 p.m.
The Donalda Club

LEO, Anna Mary
Service Monday 11 a.m.

LOKK, Aksella
Service Tuesday 11 a.m.

McLEOD, Keith Alwyn, Ph.D.
Service Saturday January 10 1 p.m.
Visitation Centre Mt. Pleasant Cemetery

SAWYERS, Stuart Leonard
Service Monday, January 5, 4 p.m.
Rosedale United Church

STUART, Alexander K. (Sandy)
C.M., B.Sc., P.Eng.
Service Friday, January 9 2 p.m.
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ROBERT DONALD KEENAN

A Naval Prayer

*O Eternal Lord God,
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and rulest the raging of the sea;
who hast compassed the waters with bounds
until day and night come to an end;
be pleased to receive into
Thy almighty and most gracious protection
our dear brother and uncle.....*

Robert Donald Keenan following a brief battle with cancer slipped quietly from berth on December 20th.

Donald was born in 1933, the youngest of four children born to George and Elizabeth Keenan in Regina during the deepest part of the great depression. Far from any oceans he nevertheless felt the call of the sea perhaps from some ancient mariner’s unknown and mysterious family tie. First with sea cadets and then in his brother’s footsteps, he was off to sea with the Royal Canadian Navy where he spent his entire career, retiring as Warrant Officer. Scarcely more than a boy, he was to find his sea legs onboard the mighty cruiser HMCS Ontario, the most powerful of all the great ships of war in the Royal Canadian Navy.

Donald would go on to serve in a least a dozen other ships where he treasured the camaraderie of his shipmates and was a happy, welcome and much sought after addition to any mess deck and where the pipe to ‘up spirits’ meant that wonderful salty tales and stories were about to be shared over sippers of ‘Nelson’s blood’. He loved the lore of the oceans, strange exciting ports of call and was at home, whether in destroyers dashing about on the glittering blue of tropical seas or standing night watch during the cruel seas of winter in the north Atlantic. From Halifax or Esquimalt or.... *on the road to Mandalay where the flyin’ fishes play an’ the dawn comes up like thunder outer China ‘crosst the bay!*’ *R. Kipling.*

Donald loved the pomp and ceremony of all things military and it was to the swirl of pipes and a military band playing all of the tunes of glory that he proudly watched over the christening of his newborn nephew, Matthew Raymond of Toronto. In one of the last and final tributes to this proud ship, Matthew and 6 other grandchildren of former crews were christened in the ship’s bell of HMCS Ontario during a special reunion at Queen’s Park in 1995. In accordance with ancient naval tradition, children born to a ship’s crew are christened and have their names engraved in the ship’s bell. Though the ship had long ago been dismantled, this grand tradition of the Royal Canadian Navy was revived for this special occasion using the original bell on the 50th anniversary of the HMCS Ontario’s commissioning in 1945.

Always at his side was his beloved Lois (nee Hayes) wife and companion of 40 years who slipped anchor and departed into the great unknown much too early leaving Donald to navigate the uncharted shoals of his deep sadness and loneliness. And now, on a welcoming tide he is with his beloved as they sail off into a distant sea together, only the stars know where.

Predeceased by his brother George and ever remembered by sister Kay Cardarelli; brother John and Elizabeth; his much loved niece Jennifer Keenan and Don Raymond; nephew David and Liz of Boston and their families. Donald requested no service and in lieu of flowers suggests that all who read this simply call an old friend or do a random act of kindness. Donations may be made to the Dorothy Ley Hospice. Online condolences, stories and photos may be shared at glenoaks.sharingmemories.ca

DEATHS



DR. JOHN B. MACDONALD

Passed peacefully with family by his side on Tuesday, December 23, 2014, in his 97th year. He will be deeply missed by Liba, his beloved wife of almost 50 years. He leaves behind his loving children Kaaren (David), Grant (Jan), Scott (Christine), Linda (Jerry) and Vivian (Rob). He was a cherished Grandfather to Kristin (Scott), Jason (Veronica), Justine (Tyler), Vanessa, Julianne (Robert), Christopher, Laura (Jay), Richard and Michelle. He was a proud Great-Grandfather to Tatam, Kol, Jayde and Satchel and Lia. Dr. Macdonald graduated from the University of Toronto in the middle of World War 2, served as a Captain in the Canadian Dental Corps, and after the war, studied microbiology at the University of Illinois and Columbia. On returning to a teaching and research appointment at the University of Toronto, he rose quickly to become the founding director of the Division of Dental Research. His reputation as a scientist and educator led to an invitation to move to Harvard in 1956, as a Professor of Microbiology and Director of the Forsyth Infirmary. In 1961, Dr. Macdonald was invited to accept the presidency of the University of British Columbia. His advice led to the establishment of Simon Fraser University and Victoria University, allowing UBC to concentrate on the development and expansion of graduate education and research. In the 70’s, Dr. Macdonald was CEO of the Council of Ontario Universities, where he was a powerful advocate for ‘collective autonomy’, arguing that the 15 universities should use the Council as a vehicle for planning and implementing the evolution of the Ontario system - because they were best qualified to do so, and because to fail to do so would invite government intervention. During the last years of his career, Dr. Macdonald was President of the Addiction Research Foundation, a research affiliate of the World Health Organization. Dr. Macdonald has served as consultant to governments, universities and colleges in both Canada and the United States. For his contributions as a scientist and academic leader, he has received honorary degrees from Harvard, University of Manitoba, Simon Fraser University, University of British Columbia, Wilfred Laurier University, Brock University, University of Western Ontario, University of Windsor and the University of Toronto. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada. A Celebration of Life will take place on Sunday, December 28, 2014, at 11 a.m., at the R.S. Kane Funeral Home, 6150 Yonge Street (at Goulding, south of Steeles). In lieu of flowers, please visit www.rskane.ca for ways to donate towards the preservation of Lake Simcoe.

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MARGARET ELIZABETH MCLEAN (NEE JONES) 1913-2014

After a short illness, Maragret McLean died at the Jewish General Hospital on December 22, 2014, a few weeks after celebrating her 101st birthday. She was predeceased by Donald, her beloved husband of 72 years (2012) and by her sons, Donald (Monty)(2012) and Richard(1968). She will be sadly missed by her daughter, Joan of Lafayette, LA, her grandson, Håkan (wife Anna) and granddaughter Susan, all 3 of Stockholm, Sweden. Margaret was born in Saint John, NB to Marion MacNutt and Hugh Jones. She and her husband were longtime residents of the Town of Mount Royal and enthusiastic members of St. Peter’s church. Sincere thanks to Margaret’s longtime caregivers Veronica, Esther, Carol and Joyce. A simple funeral took place on Dec. 24, 2014.



WILLIAM GLEN MCTAVISH

Passed away after a lengthy illness, at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital on Monday, December 22, 2014, at the age of 81. Beloved husband of Glynis Van Steen. Loving father of Daniel McTavish (Nancy Lipton) of Oakville, Dr. Jeffrey McTavish of Worthing, England and Jocelyn McTavish of Etobicoke. Cherished Papa Glen of Scott, Chris, Rebecca, Samantha, Joanna, Sean and Tara. Predeceased by his first wife Roberta (1989), second oldest son Scott William (1976) and his parents Bert and Una McTavish. Visitation of SMTIH’S FUNERAL HOME, 1167 Guelph Line, (one stoplight north of QEW), BURLINGTON, 905-632-3333 on Friday, January 2, 2015, from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m., where a Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Saturday, January 3, 2015, at 1 p.m. Reception to follow at the funeral home. Private Interment at Fairview Cemetery, Acton, Ontario. If desired donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be sincerely appreciated by the family.

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GERTRUDE IRENE MITCHELL (1915 – 2014)

Gertrude passed away peacefully in Toronto with her daughters by her side at noon on Christmas day. She exuded her elegance, determination and warm spirit until her final breath. She grew up happily in New York City, attended Barnard College and then, during World War II, she set a solid foundation for her life skills while working at the US Office of War Information in London, England. There, in 1946, she married her cherished husband Derek, who died in 1981. A woman of great intelligence, Gertrude had a dynamic family life and many great friends on both sides of the Atlantic, enjoying her numerous involvements as a volunteer and pursuing her hobbies and outdoor activities. She will be missed by her daughters, Susan in New York and Betsy in Montreal, as well as her sister-in-law Brenda, brother-in-law Rear Admiral Geoffrey Mitchell and nieces and nephews Tessa, Nick, Andrew, Angela, Bizzie, Meg, Sandy, Emily and Lola. She was predeceased by her younger sister Erna in 2009 and by her first husband Gordon in 1943. Special thanks to the outstanding staff at Lakeside Longterm Care’s second floor, and especially to caregivers Tsering, Nida and Denise, who maintained her dignity during her decade-long journey with Alzheimer’s.

In accordance with her wishes, a small private ceremony will be held in Toronto. The family invites those who wish to honour her memory to do something special to help a dementia sufferer or contribute to a dementia support organization.

DEATHS



ELSA MAE PERRON AUG 7, 1948 – STRASBOURG, SK DEC 23, 2014 – CALGARY, AB

Elsa Mae Perron will be sadly missed but forever remembered by her family and friends. She passed away on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at age 66.

Elsa was born in Strasbourg, Saskatchewan on August 7, 1948 and lived most of her adult life in Calgary. Her nursing career spanned forty years and included a variety of locations from Saskatoon to Saudi Arabia. She last worked at the Rockyview General Hospital on the postpartum unit. She loved to travel the world and embrace new adventures and culture. She was a devoted mother and grandmother.

She is survived by three sons, Marcus (Cassie), Justin and Regan; her grandchildren, Cooper, Connor and Tess; sisters Delee (Sam) Fromm and Pam (Jon) Johansson; brother Bob (Denise) Fromm; uncle Jack (Rita) Aries and aunt Lynn Hunt; as well as numerous relatives in Holland.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Forward condolences through www.mcinnisandholloway.com. The family would like to express their gratitude to her steadfast friends who provided extraordinary support and comfort to her during the past two years, and the compassionate and caring medical staff on unit 47 of the Foothills Medical Centre.

In living memory of Elsa Perron, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park by MCINNIS & HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOMES, Fish Creek, 14441 BANNISTER ROAD S.E. CALGARY, AB
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Jim leaves to mourn his wife Elizabeth; children, Linda Rae (Ken), Patti Steele (Gentry), Douglas Rae (Jodi) and grandchildren Brittany and Lyndsay. Step-children, Jen Rae (Sally), Geneva Claesson (Jonas), Ashley Middleton and step-grandchild Oscar.

Sincere appreciation and thank you to Dr. Colleen Friesen Medical Director at the Copeman Healthcare Centre, the Canterbury Foundation Medical Team of nurses and caregivers, end of life care attendants Myra, Livee and Doris.

Sincere appreciation to Joy Scott, Director of Health Services, of the Canterbury Foundation for allowing Elizabeth to provide Hospice Care at the Canterbury for Jim. Their dedicated vision of senior care is unsurpassed and remarkably kind.

Thank you to Kelly Dashney, Alberta Health Services, a fine, dedicated young nurse who made a difference.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Kipness Centre for Veterans, 6th Floor, 10909 Jasper Avenue T5J 3M9, (cheques payable to Kipness Centre for Veterans). Jim was a WWII Canadian Pilot serving in England and India. A young man, eagerly signing up at the age of 18.

Cremation and private family ceremonies will take place as per Jim’s wishes. A celebration of James Duncan Rae’s remarkable life will be held in 2015 befitting this fine man.

And to end: Words of Queen Victoria the first to her Prince Albert. “I would give everything for a moment in time”. Elizabeth and Jim’s love for one another went beyond time and place and was felt by all.

To send condolences, please visit www.connelly-mckinley.com.

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**JASMINE POCOCK**
(NEE JACKSON)

Deceased during the early morning hours of Monday, December 22, 2014, peacefully at Ottawa General Hospital. Born October 18, 1925 in Monmouth, Wales, Jasmine Dorothea Mary Jackson was the second daughter of Dorothea Marsh McGeorge and Robert Cyril Jackson of Belfast, Ireland and Bangalore (while his father was serving with the British Army in India).

Loving mum to Kate, Mary, Sheila, Philip, Tessa, Valerie and Joanna (nee Pocock), proud grandmum of Will, Dustin and Natalie (Sacks), Emily and Katie (Brascoupe), Antonia (Pocock) and Rubin (Henkel), Jessica and Timothy (Whitney) and Eve (Massot) and great-grandmother to Christian (Hoeffer). Sister to her beloved brother Benton and sisters April and Janet (nee Jackson). Joyfully awaiting great grandson baby Bruce.

Graduating from McGill University's library school after time served in the Canadian Air Force as a WAC wireless operator during World War II, Jasmine energetically worked for many causes while juggling husband and family. She was most proud of establishing standards for the production of toys for children as a founding member of the Canadian Toy Testing Council, her service as a Board Member of the Children's Aid Society, and her scientific research in the early days of information retrieval before the Internet.

Wife of almost 65 years to Philip John Pocock of London, Ontario whom she met while working in Ottawa's National Research Council library. Together, they introduced their children to the joys of learning and travel. Jasmine will be especially remembered, however, for her fun with language, quotes and puns, her love of life and friends and her indefatigable search for knowledge and fairness.

Friends are invited to visit the Hall of Colours of the Beechwood National Memorial Centre, 280 Beechwood Ave. (East of Vanier Parkway) Ottawa, Monday, December 29, 2014, after 10 a.m. Funeral Service will be held in the Sacred Space at 11 a.m. with reception to follow.

Heartfelt thanks to sitters, Ann, Ebi, Jennifer, Denise, Juanita, staff at the Lord Lansdowne retirement residence and the loving nurses at the Ottawa General Hospital.

A memorial Mass will also take place, 11 a.m., Sunday, December 28th at Blessed Sacrament Church, 194 Fourth Avenue, Ottawa.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes in Jasmine's name can be made to The Nature Conservancy of Canada.



ROBERTS, Bette (nee Crawford)
Peacefully, on the 16th December 2014, in Bristol, England. Loving and beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Predeceased by her husband, Stuart Roberts. Mother of Shelley (David Mumford) and Craig. Grandmother of Peter and Alice. Funeral and service of thanksgiving for her life will be held in Bristol on the 30th December. Donations to the Canadian Red Cross would be much appreciated.

DEATHS

**KALYAN (NARASIMHA) RAMAN****APR 19, 1939 TO DEC 19, 2014**

Passed away peacefully surrounded by family after an unexpected acute respiratory illness at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Born in Mekhila, Burma the 2nd youngest of 10 children. During the 1941 Partition War the family left their possessions and walked for 40 days through the mountains to Calcutta, India eventually settling in Chennai.

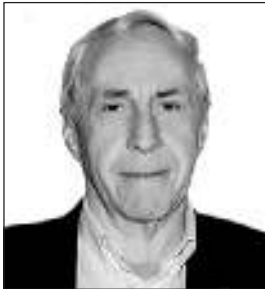
As a teenager, the family pooled their funds to send Kal abroad to complete his engineering degree at Strathclyde University in Scotland. On completion he moved to Niagara Falls, Canada to begin a job with H.G. Acres in 1967. Here he met the love of his life Eleanor - they married in 1971, moved to Oakville and had 2 daughters Tonya and Preiya. Together, Kal and Eleanor supported extended family members from abroad to settle in North America. Always the life of the party, Kal made many good friends in his neighbourhood as well as where he worked as a Professional Engineer at Ontario Power Generation until his retirement in 2002. In 2007 Kal became a proud Thata to the first of three grandchildren: Cassie, Griffin and Nathan.

Kal was loved deeply by his family and friends for his generosity and joie de vivre. Husband, Dad, Thata, Brother, Perriappa, Chitappa, Uncle, Father-in-law and Friend; Kal will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but never forgotten.

**CHARLES JOHN ROBSON**

On Thursday, December 18, 2014, at the age of 68, John died peacefully, surrounded by his family at his home in Cobourg. He faced cancer the way he faced everything in life - with dignity, humour and grace, his beloved wife Esther (nee Peachey) at his side. John was a gentleman in every sense of the word. An accomplished horseman, he was also a passionate gardener and a lover of all living things, especially his horses and dogs. John pursued his love of horses, moving to the U.S. to train young equestrians, several of whom went on to become members of the U.S. Equestrian Team. After returning to Canada, John coached riders at several equestrian centers before realizing his dream of starting his own farm with Esther, where he successfully trained and bred horses for many years. His many creative talents and passion for architecture and design were fully displayed through the beautiful restoration of several country homes that he and Esther undertook. All his endeavours were marked by a keen attention to detail and dedication to perfection, but also reflected the essence of his kind and gentle soul. John was a loving and devoted father to Michael Robson (Karyn) and Jennifer Robson (Dr. Shannon Corbett). He was delighted with his young grandchildren Leo, John, and Liam, and they adored him in return. He was a dear brother to Nancy Hamm (Richard), and the late Donald Robson (Kathy); kind uncle to Geoffrey and Scott Robson, and Stephen, Peter, and Patrick Hamm; and brother-in-law to Peter, Joyce, and Richard Peachey. John will also be missed by the many people fortunate enough to have him as their friend. A private family graveside service was held at Cobourg Union Cemetery. A Celebration of John's life will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015, John's birthday, at 197 Alexandra Blvd., Toronto from 1-4 p.m. A special thank you to Dr. D. Moorsom and his palliative care team in Cobourg. Those wishing to leave a condolence or to make a memorial donation to Northumberland Hills Hospital Palliative Care Unit or Homeward Bound Rescue may do so by visiting www.MacCoubrey.com.

DEATHS

**ALAN SARGANT**

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 23, 2014, at Victoria Hospital at the age of 71.

Beloved husband of Connie Sargent. Dear brother of Bill and his wife Ann Sargent of Burlington. Also survived by his brother-in-law Gerry and his wife Els Gobel of Belgium. Predeceased by his brother Jack and his wife Esther Sargent. He will also be missed by his niece Nathalie and nephews Jeffery and Leigh.

Alan spent his life as a research food chemist and was the founder of the London Ice Cream Company.

Visitation will be held at A. Millard George Funeral Home, 60 Ridout Street South, on Sunday, January 4, 2015, from 2-4 p.m. A Celebration of Life will take place in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to Myeloma Research, Fund#: 81-404-68, Gift Appeal Code: omemr113, or to the Mission Services of London. Alan has bequeathed his body to Western University at the Schulich School of Medicine.

Online condolences, memories and photographs shared at www.amgfh.com.

**GLEN ROBERT SNOWDON**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Glen Robert Snowdon, born April 26, 1933, who died suddenly at home on Christmas Eve surrounded by family. Glen was born in East York, attended the University of Toronto and enjoyed a long career with CN Telecommunications before retiring and travelling the world with his wife. Loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and brother, he is survived by his wife Joanne Snowdon (nee Luce) and his five children Kim Snowdon (Sarah), Kara Florent (Steve), Kirsten Snowdon, Shelley Snowdon-Clark (Pat) and Jocelyn Snowdon-Williams (Stephen), his sister Marilyn Grabill (David), his many nieces and nephews and grandchildren. We will miss your laugh, your smile, your sense of humour, but you will always be with us in our hearts and in our thoughts. A memorial service will be held in the summer of 2015.

STINSON, Thomas Edward

Suddenly on Friday December 19th at the age of 56. Beloved son of Margaret Anne and the late Gordon. Loved brother of Marianne (David), Michael, Paul (Sylvia), twin brother of Geoffrey (Marie) and David. Tom will be missed by his many nieces and nephews. Per Tom's wishes, there will be no funeral. Cremation has taken place.

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DEATHS

Linda Taylor

After a life extremely well lived, Linda (Lin, Linnie) Margaret Taylor died peacefully on December 20, 2014 at Kensington Hospice (known as Kensington Palace to Linnie and friends) in Toronto, Ontario.

Daughter of the late Creighton and Jean Taylor. Loving, caring, and dearest sister of Shirley, much loved, admired, and enjoyed friend of sixty-six years of Norma (Nonnie) Pettit, sister of David Taylor (Roma), loving special aunt of Deborah Donaldson and her husband Ian, Creighton (Lois), Paul (Bonnie), Jeffrey (Kristie) and John (Jen) Taylor, and very proud great-aunt of Taylor, Rorey and Shauna Donaldson, Megan (Mike) Connolly, and Jaffa, David, Jesse, Paige, Riley, Kieran, Reese and Maya Taylor.

A graduate of Vic 6T0, recipient of the University of Toronto Arbor Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to the University of Toronto, and Permanent Member of the Chancellor's Council, Victoria University, Linnie worked at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto for over 30 years in Personnel (today Human Resources), Medicine, and the newly formed Psycho-Social Oncology Department. She was renowned for masterminding award-winning Christmas skits for the staff, first for the Administration Team and later for the Department of Medicine, and helping manage the staff's Christmas Children's Party. Linnie was also a long-time supporter of and hard-working participant of the Friends of Victoria Library and the annual Victoria Book Sale for which she was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for Her Work as Biblio Promotion Manager. She also enjoyed years of lectures at Living and Learning in Retirement (LLIR) at Glendon College, York University, and was an active member of Toronto Bridge.

Although Linnie's death leaves a gaping hole in the lives of her family, especially her loving sister, and her many, many friends, her life leaves them with a vast and rich legacy of caring, happy, fun, generous, gracious, and mentoring memories.

A Memorial Service will take place for Linda at the Breckenridge Ashcroft Funeral Home, 241 -9th Street West, Owen Sound on Tuesday December 30, 2014 at 11:00a.m.

On February 4, 2015 (time to be announced), a joyful thank you for Linnie's life will take place at the Chapel of Victoria University, University of Toronto, in Toronto, followed by a reception.

If desired, in lieu of flowers, remembrance may be made to your favourite charity, or to Kensington Hospice, 38 Major Street, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2L1.

To send the family an online condolence please visit www.breckenridgeashcroft.com

**JOSEPHINE ANN (JOANN) WOODS**
(NEE GREGORY)

Passed away peacefully on December 20, 2014 in Windsor. Predeceased by her loving husband, Robert (2010) and her sister, Mary E. Turnbull (2005). Dear sister of Ruth Gregory and Carol MacNicol and sister-in-law of George Turnbull and Nicol MacNicol, all of Toronto. She will be missed by her nieces and nephews and their families. Born and raised in Windsor, JoAnn attended Walkerville Collegiate, the University of Toronto and the Sorbonne. She began her teaching career at W.D. Lowe Vocational School, then joined the Canadian Foreign Service and served at the Canadian Embassies in Belgrade and Cairo. Returning to Windsor, she taught French at Patterson Collegiate until it closed in 1973. At her request, cremation has taken place. A graveside service followed by a celebration of JoAnn's life will be held in the spring of 2015 at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens (Hwy 3) (details to follow closer to the date). In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes in her name may be made to the Windsor Symphony Orchestra or the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to Victoria Greenlawn Funeral Home (519-969-3939).

DEATHS

**MARGARET JEAN WALTER****DEC 16, 1933 TO DEC 24, 2014.**

At peace and surrounded by her family, Margaret died at her home on Christmas Eve. Even in her final days, she showed the grace, love and generosity that exemplified how she lived her life. Through joys and sorrows, and with Don, the love-of-her-life at her side, Margaret found a way to connect with everyone she met. Whether playing bridge or bocce, listening to a symphony, travelling with family and friends, or savouring a Ston(ely) Lake sunset, Margaret lived well, laughed often and loved much.

Born in the Town of Mount Royal to the late Rev. Canon Howard and Dorothy (Fraser) Boulden, Margaret soon moved with her family to Port Hope, Ontario, where she had many great memories of growing up with her brother John and dear neighbour-sister, Kayrene (Shannon) Workman. Margaret loved her time at the University of Toronto's Trinity College. After graduating, she revelled in her "Grand Tour" of Europe with friends. But a greater adventure awaited Margaret back in Canada when Don met her at the ship and proposed to her.

True partners in life and love, Margaret and Don had five children. The heartbreak of the early deaths of David and Andy drew them and their children even closer together. Margaret will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 57 years, Donald Paul Walter and their children: Heather (Patrick McCloskey), Kathryn (Greg Woodbury), Tim (Jennifer Beatty). Margaret will be dearly missed by her grandchildren, Jack, Ben and Anna. Margaret was predeceased by her brother, John Boulden, and will be lovingly remembered by her sister-in-law Geralda (Dede) Boulden and her niece and nephew, Jane and Eric.

At home in Toronto or at the cottage on Stony Lake in the Kawarthas, Margaret was a warm and welcoming presence. For Margaret, family came first. But she still found time for her many friends and for her volunteer work, including: with Don in the 1960s with the Diocesan Family Life Program; with the St. Margaret's Anglican Church Women's Group at St. Clement's in Toronto; and her friends with the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) Travel Committee.

The family would like to thank the oncology team at St. Michael's Hospital, and the caregivers, nurses and palliative care doctors who made it possible for Margaret to remain at home during her final chapter of life. We are also grateful to Margaret and Don's many good friends for their gifts of food, flowers, cards, visits and phone calls.

Family and friends are invited to a visitation in the Briar Hill Room at St. Clement's Anglican Church, 70 St. Clement's Avenue, Toronto, on Monday, January 5th, 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. The funeral service will be held at St. Clement's Anglican Church on Tuesday, January 6th, 11 a.m. For further information about funeral arrangements and donations, please contact Trull Funeral Home, 416-488-1101. Online condolences may be made at www.trullfuneralsyongec.com. A memorial service will be held at St. Peter's on-the-Rock, Stony Lake, next summer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care (<http://tlcpc.org>) or St. Michael's Hospital (www.stmichaelsfoundation.com).

EARL WESLEY WILSON
1923 - 2014

Fellow of the Ontario College of Art. Teacher, friend and mentor to two generations of interior design students. Earl passed away peacefully in his sleep December 16th, with Bonnie-the-dog and other care-givers present.

Earl's wish to stay and die in his own home was accomplished with generous help from neighbours and the assistance of the Island church. If desired, charitable donations would be gratefully acknowledged. St. Andrew-by-the-Lake, 102 Lakeshore Ave., Toronto M5J 1X9.

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CHELVA KANAGANAYAKAM TRANSLATOR/PROFESSOR, 62

A 'shining beacon' for Tamil literature

Sri Lankan scholar was 'a leader in the development of postcolonial theory and South Asian studies' at the University of Toronto

MATTHEW McKEAN

Credited with introducing Tamil poetry and culture to the English-speaking world, Chelva Kanaganayakam brought together writers, scholars and intellectuals through his teaching and academic leadership, and provided a welcome community in Canada for transplanted Tamils.

His work at the University of Toronto, as a professor of English and distinguished scholar of postcolonial literature and South Asian studies, revitalized Sri Lankan Tamil literature at a time when a dialogue between two disparate cultural and literary traditions was most necessary.

"Chelva possessed the best properties of scholarly brilliance – warm collegiality, illuminating critique," said George Elliott Clarke, poet laureate of Toronto and professor of English at the University of Toronto.

Prof. Kanaganayakam, considered to be the leading translator of Sri Lankan Tamil poetry into English, was recently elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, an honour reserved for eminent scholars who have made remarkable contributions to their fields and to public life. Surrounded by family, friends and colleagues, he was inducted to the society on the morning of Nov. 22 in a ceremony in Quebec City; that evening, he died of a heart attack in Montreal. He was 62.

He was born on May 7, 1952, in Colombo, Sri Lanka, the youngest of four children. His father was a Tamil scholar at the University of Peradeniya, where Chelva earned his bachelor of arts degree in English language and literature in 1976.

He then taught at the University of Jaffna, a newly created university in the predominantly Tamil capital city of Northern Province, before a Commonwealth scholarship brought him to Canada. He earned his doctorate in English from the University of British Columbia in 1985.

He left Sri Lanka at a time of intense political upheaval, marked by state repression, an emerging Tamil militant struggle and violence. It was not a political climate to which he wished to return. After his doctoral studies, he joined the department of English at the University of Toronto in 1989, the first person hired at the university to research and teach what was then called Commonwealth literature.

One member of the search committee that recommended his appointment was impressed by his air of quiet authority as a scholar in an emerging field. "We thought we had recommended a good appointment," recalled John Baird, a now-retired professor in the English department. "We had no idea just how good it would turn out to be."

Prof. Kanaganayakam went on to serve as director of the university's Centre for South Asian Studies at the Munk School of Global Affairs and as co-ordinator of the independent studies program at Trinity College.

He was also a founding member in 2001 of the Tamil Literary Garden, an annual charitable event in Toronto that brings people together to listen to Tamil poets and intellectuals, and a founding member in 2006 of the annual Toronto Tamil Studies Conference at U of T, now the largest conference of



Chelva Kanaganayakam was a founding member of the Tamil Literary Garden, an annual charitable event in Toronto that brings people together to listen to Tamil poets and intellectuals. COURTESY OF THE FAMILY



Prof. Kanaganayakam is shown at his investiture as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in Quebec City on Nov. 22, 2014. COSMOS IMAGE

its kind in North America.

He became known as "a leader in the development of postcolonial theory and South Asian studies at the university," said Alan Bewell, chair of the university's English department.

Although Prof. Kanaganayakam's geographic focus remained South and Southeast Asia, his research and teaching interests extended beyond postcolonial studies, diasporic writings and translations.

He was constantly in search of new understandings of vernacular languages and the imagination, and new perspectives on how modern writers in conflict-

ridden contexts challenge traditional ideals and formulations of aesthetics.

Aparna Halpé, an English professor at Centennial College in Toronto, was one of his students. But she first met him when she was a young girl and he was a student at the University of Peradeniya.

Her father was Chelva's teacher and head of the school at a time when Sri Lanka's universities, after the first insurrections of the southern states and the shift toward a militarized left, were considered hotbeds of corruption.

Suspected of spouting anti-

government rhetoric, Chelva and several of his classmates and teachers were made examples of during what came to be known as the school's "reorganization scheme." The arts faculty was disbanded and its members sent to new universities that had no local or regional standing. Chelva was among the handful of language and literature students, many of them gifted scholars, who were moved to a place that later became the University of Kelaniya. Once there, in buildings no better than cattle sheds, Prof. Halpé explained, they were meant to learn one thing only: that they were not free, to live, choose or think for themselves.

Prof. Kanaganayakam rarely spoke of these days, she said. "He was never the kind of man to capitalize on the violent burden of history that marred so much of his youth and adult life," Prof. Halpé said.

"And truthfully, it isn't politics that we remember. What I remember is Chelva's big, infectious grin, and his curly hair."

Neil ten Kortenaar, director of U of T's Centre for Comparative Literature, worked with Prof. Kanaganayakam in the English department.

He said his former colleague's secret was to laugh at the things that exasperated him, including himself.

Prof. Kanaganayakam saw

things through a larger lens, and although he was tolerant and a peacemaker by nature, he wasn't afraid to disagree with ideas or agendas, Prof. ten Kortenaar said, adding: "He made the university a more considerate, humane place."

Prof. Kanaganayakam translated most of the leading contemporary Tamil writers from Sri Lanka, including nearly every poem by R. Cheran, one of the most significant and best-known poets. Now a University of Windsor professor, R. Cheran came to Canada from Sri Lanka to study and work as a journalist and researcher. His poems are written in the Tamil lyrical tradition.

The first poem Prof. Kanaganayakam translated in the late 1970s was by Prof. Cheran's father – known as Mahakavi, "the Great Poet" – while the last poem he translated was by Prof. Cheran himself, *Sundari*, written in 2013 as an elegy for a close friend. Prof. Kanaganayakam was deeply moved by the poem. Part of his translation reads: "Your life the essence of kindness. Divided by land and sea and space, our dreams a constant bridge ... A short life, what did we learn?"

Prof. Kanaganayakam edited many books on a variety of subjects. *In Our Translated World* (2013) was a collection of poems by dozens of Tamils from India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore and the Western diaspora. *You Cannot Turn Away* (2010) was the first translated volume of R. Cheran's poems, covering three decades of his work.

History and Imagination: Tamil Culture in the Global Context (2007) was a landmark collection of essays examining social, cultural and political changes in India, Sri Lanka and Canada. *Counterrealism and Indo-Anglian Fiction* (2002) provided a fresh perspective on the cultural and political challenges of Indian writers writing in English, while *Lutesong and Lament* (2001) brought together for the first time the writings of post-independence Tamils living around the world.

Prof. Kanaganayakam had recently completed work on an edited collection of post-1948 Tamil literature, entitled *Uprooting the Pumpkin*, and at the time of his death was working on a book for Cambridge University Press about the literary history of South Asian writing.

He leaves his wife, Thirumagal, his daughter, Shankary, and son, Jegan, two grandchildren and extended family.

In the House of Commons on Dec. 8, Arnold Chan, the Liberal MP for Scarborough-Agincourt, paid tribute to Prof. Kanaganayakam, calling him a "shining beacon in the world of Tamil poetry."

At his memorial, Linda Hutchison, U of T's university professor emeritus of English, said Prof. Kanaganayakam will be remembered for his passionate dedication to his scholarly field.

"Also part of his legacy will be warm memories of his deep devotion to the many students he taught in the classroom and those whose doctoral dissertations he supervised and who now, themselves, work in that field," she said.

"They all know that they have had as an academic – and human – example a most valuable guide."

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I REMEMBER

Jean Béliveau

The year was 1964. I was about 8 and our family took the train from Montreal to Toronto for a short holiday. We stayed at the Royal York Hotel and at some point, we arrived in the lobby where most of the Montreal Canadiens team members were milling around. I was very excited, and got hold of paper and a pen to get some autographs.

The first person we approached was Jean Béliveau, who was sitting in a large armchair. When I asked him for his autograph he quickly and happily obliged, and then picked up my little sister (who was about 5) and put her on his knee. She was wearing a winter hat with dangling pom-

pons, and he bounced her up and down and laughed heartily as the tassels bounced with her. After a few minutes, he put my giggling sister down and told me to come with him.

Together, he and I approached his teammates and, one by one, he gently asked them to give me their autographs, which they all did without hesitation. The images of Henri Richard, Boom Boom Geoffrion, Claude Provost, Jacques Laperrière and J.C. Tremblay as very young men dressed in suits remain etched in my memory. From that moment on, Jean Béliveau was my greatest sports hero, and my love for the Montreal Canadiens never diminished.

I'm sure he did that kind of

thing all the time, and I wonder whether he realized that the memories of those simple gestures of kindness would stay with their recipients for the rest of their lives. I suspect that he did. – David Sloan, Toronto

Michael Lennick

I never met Michael Lennick, but he telephoned me out of the blue one day in the 1970s. I was editor of a Canadian hi-fi magazine at the time, and Michael was putting together his sublimely quirky all-night show for CFMT. He wanted someone to do regular bits explaining stereo equipment, which was leading-edge technology at the time. I agreed,

and he sent a cameraman to my apartment to tape the first bunch of commentaries.

I have one memory of that all-night session. It happened on a clear night with a full moon, and the camera guy set up his equipment on my balcony and shot what seemed like hours of the night sky. My moon was used extensively during the whole run of the show. That run wasn't all that long, as it turned out: The station pulled the plug after a distressingly short time. Much later I asked Michael if any samples of the show still survived, and he told me, somewhat bitterly, that the station had erased everything when the program was cancelled.

Some years ago, I was asked by

the Toronto Star to write a series of columns on technology history, to celebrate the end of the last millennium. This was Lennick territory, of course, and when the pieces appeared, he wrote to reintroduce himself, compliment the series and to offer some suggestions (and at least one correction).

At the time I intended to arrange a meeting but, judging from his numerous letters to various newspapers, he was located in Bala, Ont., a bit out of the way for a casual lunch. When the letters started coming from Toronto not long ago, I thought I might try to re-establish contact. Too late. The next thing I read was his death notice.

– Ian G. Masters, Brooklin, Ont.

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Omakase dining doesn’t get more intimate than at Japanese Cuisine by Omae. The 12-seat restaurant is run by Michelin-star chef Takeshi Omae, who trained at Le Cordon Bleu and worked alongside Masaharu Morimoto on *Iron Chef America*. Omae prepares multicourse menus that range from an introductory sampler (you can order it only once, on your first visit) to the seven-course Signature meal that features *ama ebi tartar*, five kinds of fish from Tokyo’s Tsukiji market and grilled Wagyu beef. Reservations are essential, but you don’t have to dress up; it’s a low-key spot located in a Chinatown strip mall. [omaevegas.com](#)



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The beach scene on the island’s north coast has been elevated to hipper, more luxurious heights with the opening of Gansevoort Playa Imbert. The resort is as contemporary as its sister properties in Manhattan and Turks and Caicos, with spacious loft-like guest rooms that have floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the ocean. Three-bedroom apartments have private plunge pools and four-bedroom penthouses come with their own rooftop Jacuzzis. Chef Giancarlo Fiori, who once interned at El Bulli, presides over Baia restaurant, and the hotel’s main bar has an impressive wine cellar and a humidor for cigar aficionados. [gansevoorthotelgroup.com](#)



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The work of Gordon Parks – the first African American photographer to be hired full-time by Life magazine, and director of the 1971 film, *Shaft* – is on show at the Museum of Fine Arts. Gordon Parks: Back to Fort Scott features more than 40 photographs taken in 1950 as part of a photo essay that the magazine never published. Now, they provide a rare, first-hand glimpse of segregation in the time before the Civil Rights movement began. The exhibit runs Jan. 17 to Sept. 13. [mfa.org/exhibitions](#)

Mercedeh Sanati
Special to The Globe and Mail

AMENITIES

Health-minded travellers fuel booming wellness tourism

PATRICIA REANEY NEW YORK

Agrowing middle class and consumers’ evolving attitudes toward health and travel have fuelled a global spa and wellness industry worth an estimated \$3.4-trillion (U.S.) in 2013, according to a recent report. Nutrition and weight loss, preventive and personalized health, complementary and alternative medicine, and beauty and anti-aging treatments were the biggest growing sectors, the report compiled by the non-profit

research centre SRI International showed. “All across the world we have seen, from Asia to Europe to Africa to North America, more and more people are consciously thinking about healthy food, exercising, looking to nature, getting massages and doing yoga,” said Ophelia Yeung, who led the study as a senior consultant for SRI International. Spa treatments and products, alternative and complementary treatments and weight-loss programs once considered beyond

the means of many people, she added, are becoming more mainstream with a growing middle class. While medical care treats illness and disease, wellness is focused on prevention through a variety of healthy habits, nutritional eating, exercise and treatments. The global spa industry generated \$94-billion last year, according to the Global Spa and Wellness Economy Monitor report, up from \$60-billion in 2007. Thermal/mineral springs

generated \$50-billion worldwide, but the biggest industry sector was wellness tourism, or travel associated with maintaining or enhancing one’s personal well-being and health, which accounted for \$494-billion. “Wellness travel is a very fast growing segment within travel. That’s because as people become more conscious about a healthy lifestyle they naturally want to extend that when they travel,” Yeung explained. The report showed that the number of people taking interna-

tional and domestic wellness tourism trips grew by 12 per cent from 2012 to 2013. That was 36 per cent faster than overall tourism trip growth, which is estimated at 9 per cent. To compile the report researchers looked at wellness sectors ranging from mind and body fitness to beauty and anti-aging, spas and workplace wellness. The SRI report was commissioned by the annual Global Spa & Wellness Summit.
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The citizenM in New York makes tchotchkes a staple of its hotel, with a quirkily curated assemblage of curio cabinets in their lobby.

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Strolling along Manhattan’s West 50th Street, it’s hard to miss this new hotel, the North American debut of a funky upstart that has outposts in London, Paris, Glasgow, Amsterdam and Rotterdam. Alongside the entrance, a shelving unit stretches a few storeys, arrayed with red and white tchotchkes, most notably one of a horse’s head. Curio cabinets such as these, it turns out, are a staple of the brand – another such quirkily curated assemblage is found inside the lobby. The odd name stands for Citizen Mobile, melding a democratic commitment to affordable luxury with an acknowledgment of today’s mobile lifestyle through touches such as 24-hour self-service check-in.

LOCATION, LOCATION

The hotel boasts that it has “landed in the Big Apple – right in the middle of it.” With a locale that’s steps from both Rockefeller Center and the theatrical lights of Broadway, it’s the perfect place to hole up for a few days’ stay around the holiday season.

DESIGN

Each of the hotel’s 230 minimalist rooms are dominated by an extra-large king-sized cocoon of a bed. A commodious drawer is built into its platform, making up for the room’s lack of a closet. I found the additional hanging space provided a welcome opportunity to let my dresses, blouses and slacks lose their wrinkles.

My narrow room was a model of ship-like efficiency. On one side, a futuristic pod enveloped a rain shower and toilet. Across from it, a sink was set into a rounded unit that also held a mini-refrigerator, towels and a table lamp.

IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING

The room’s command central was a tablet called a Mood Pad. Theoretically, its purpose was to control the television, lights and blinds. It was fun for a while to change the colour of my glowing shower pod from purple to orange to pink but I found the Mood Pad glitchy and ultimately useless.

BEST AMENITY

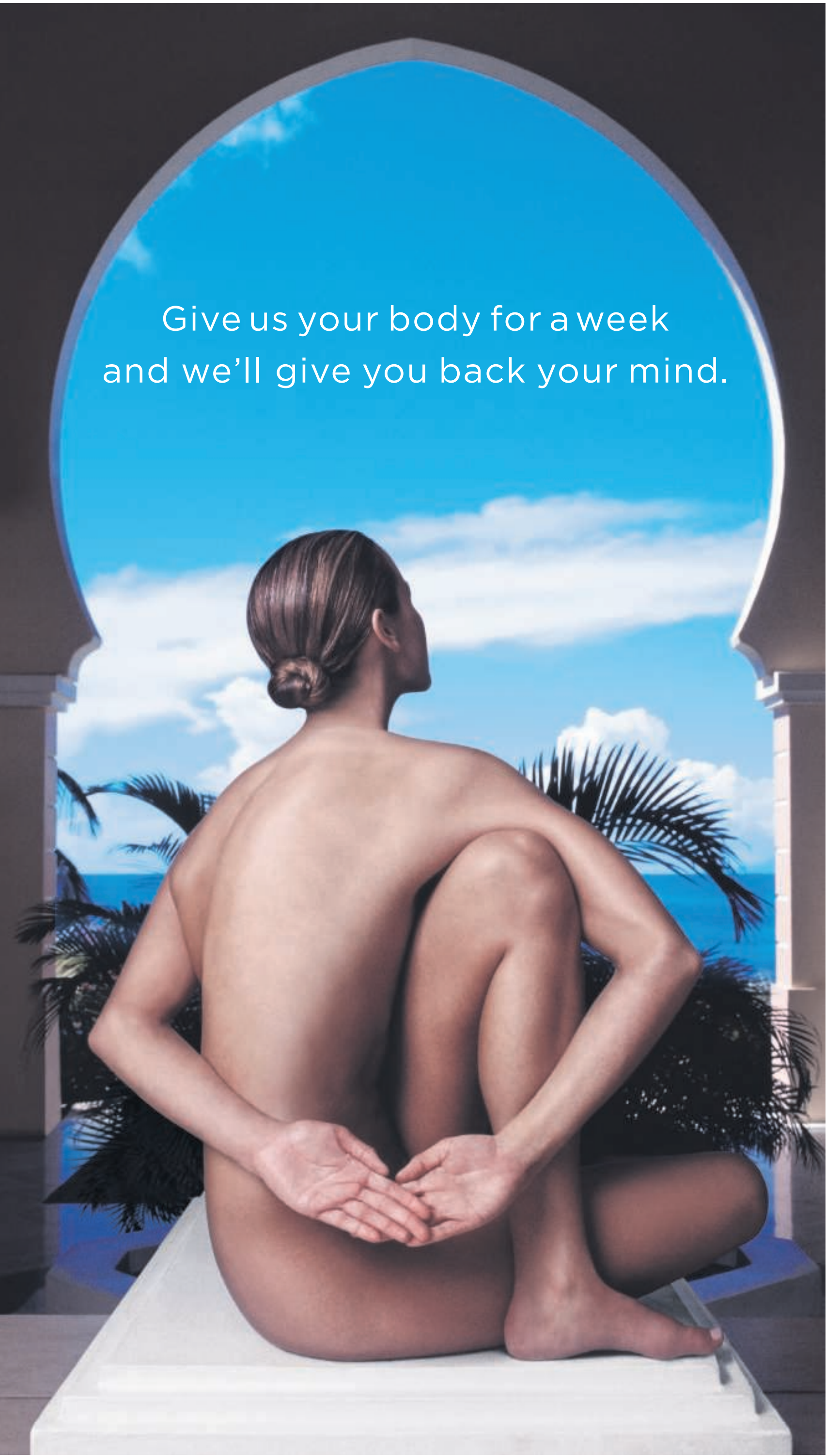
I loved how the hotel’s public spaces kept unveiling themselves, from the happening, art-filled lobby to several outdoor terraces to a mezzanine that featured an army of Mac computers and still more comfy seating areas in which to cluster.

EAT IN OR EAT OUT

One of the best public spaces is the hotel’s grab and go, canteenM, which is open all day and operates as espresso bar, deli and cocktail bar. Still, those hungry for more will want to move outside where an enormous variety of choices await.

CitizenM, 218 W 50th St., N.Y. [citizenm.com](#), 212-461-3638, 230 rooms from \$250 (U.S.).

The writer was a guest of the hotel.

A woman with her hair in a bun is sitting in a meditative pose on a white stone ledge. She is seen from behind, with her hands clasped in front of her. She is looking out through a large, arched opening in a dark wall. The view through the arch shows a bright blue sky with white clouds, a blue ocean, and palm trees. The scene is peaceful and serene.

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THE YEAR IN INFAMY BY JOHN LEE

Leeches, hidden gold and aggressive mopping

The You Put Your Right Leg In Award

... goes to the drunken passenger on a flight to Scotland from Tunisia who was so incensed that her increasingly shouty demands for “cigarettes and a parachute” were being ignored that she removed her prosthetic leg and threw it at flight attendants. After kicking at the crew with her remaining leg and allegedly slapping a nearby child for good measure, the woman was restrained. The plane was diverted to London Gatwick, where police escorted her from the flight – and the remaining passengers reportedly started singing the *Hokey Pokey*.



The Selfie Too Far Award

... goes to a pair of male Canadian backpackers in Peru who were so enthralled by the sacred mountaintop ruins of Machu Picchu that they stripped off for naked photos of themselves posing with the structures. Briefly detained by unamused security guards, the lads – reportedly from Quebec – had their phone as well as their dignity confiscated in the incident, which authorities say is part of a wave of pants-down shenanigans plaguing the site. The lesson? Just because it looks cool doesn’t mean your “little friend” needs to see it as well.

The Cleanliness Isn’t Next To Godliness Award

... goes to American John Thornton who – incensed with the slapdash tidying at the Double Tree Hotel in Bristol, Conn. – allegedly seized a cleaner’s tools and began “mopping aggressively,” spiralling into a vortex of violent swabbing, he added the employee’s shoes to his mop-based chores, backing her into a corner until she started crying. When police arrived to clean up the mess, Thornton was initially charged with breach of the peace – but a further second-degree threatening charge was added when he kicked-off again after being separated from the mop.

The Victorian Thinking Award

... goes to the WestJet passenger who left behind a note referencing the gender of pilot Carey Smith Steacy, who had just safely flown him to Victoria from Calgary. The missive, in part, read: “The cockpit of an airline is no place for a woman. I wish WestJet could tell me a fair lady is at the helm so I can book another flight!” Smith uploaded a photo of the note to Facebook, adding: “I respectfully disagree with your opinion that the ‘cockpit,’ [we now call it the flight deck as no cocks are required], is no place for a lady. In fact, there are no places that are not for ladies anymore.”

The Just A Little Further Award

... goes to camera-wielding Frenchman Yonathan Souid, who was so determined to beat all those rubbish Instagram photos of New York’s Brooklyn Bridge that he hopped a fence and started climbing high above the traffic. Before having a chance to select the black and white setting for his artsy images, he was spotted by police officers and hauled back down to earth. Later described by his attorney as a “clueless tourist,” Souid did improve the variety of Brooklyn Bridge photos: dozens of shots of his idiotic escapade lit up social media sites for several days.”

The History Means Nothing To Me Award

... goes to a Russian tourist who felt that Rome’s iconic Colosseum was lacking something: a 25-centimetre letter “K” denoting his name. Scratching his mark onto the ancient landmark, he was promptly arrested by police, who may have felt a strong urge to throw him to the lions. Instead, the judge at his trial levied a €20,000 (\$28,450) fine and a suspended prison sentence. Feeling the need to state the obvious – five other tourists have recently been caught scrawling on the world’s most famous amphitheatre – Colosseum director Rossella Rea said, “You cannot write on a historic wall, it’s absolutely forbidden.”



The Worst Place To Smuggle A Pet Award

... goes to Scottish backpacker Daniela Liverani who couldn’t understand why her nose was so blocked after returning from her southeast Asia vacation, attributing the sensation – and nose-bleeds – to burst blood vessels. A morning shower deepened the mystery when she felt the nasal mass moving. Using tweezers, a nurse later extracted a wriggling 7.5-centimetre leech, which Liverani estimated had been happily living up there for weeks. Explaining how long it took to spot Mr. Curlly – the name she gave her parasitic pal – Liverani told BBC Radio: “Your initial reaction isn’t to start thinking, ‘Oh God, there’s obviously a leech in my face.’ ”

The Dumber Than The Average Bear Award

... goes to the legions of social-media-loving travellers who, inspired by American backpacker Jacob Bean’s “terrifying” close-up selfie with a bear, began posting their own ursine-backed photos. Grinning fools in one corner and hungry bears in the other – typically shot on forested trails – have been popping up on the Internet for months, prompting the U.S.

Forest Service to issue a warning that bear selfies (bearfies?) are not exactly the smartest move. As for Bean, he eventually confessed his photo was a composite fake.



The Unlikeliest Destination Award

... goes to Glasgow’s Mary Johnston, who was named by TripAdvisor as the Scottish city’s 87th most popular tourist attraction. Listed as a museum, the 60-year-old local attracted several five-star reviews before her entry was discovered and removed. Attributing it to a naughty practical joke, Johnston later told the Scotsman newspaper “at least it’s a good picture of me.” Among the reviews, one noted that: “This attraction wasn’t in the guidebooks but is fun for all the family if you’re a fan of people called Mary. The doorman seemed a bit grumpy, though, and didn’t seem to want to let us in.”

The It’s All About Me Award

... goes to the passenger who arrived at the gate too late to board his British Airways flight to Frankfurt from London City Airport. Rather than rescheduling, he tried delaying the plane’s departure by smashing the panel on a nearby fire alarm – triggering a full-scale evacuation, an emergency services scramble and delays for hundreds of passengers. His intended flight, however, took off as scheduled and the naughty non-flyer was promptly arrested. An airport spokesman later helpfully stated: “Once an aircraft has started its engines there’s little you can do to get on board if you’re late, short of clinging to the undercarriage – which we obviously wouldn’t recommend.”

The Should Have Bought A Fridge Magnet Award

... goes to two U.S. high school students who returned from a history-themed field trip to Europe with a pair of rusting artillery shells tucked into their checked baggage. After the alert was sounded by security screeners at Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport, a bomb squad was scrambled to assess the hardware – reportedly French 75 mm shells – eventually determining they were inert. According to ABC News, the teens told officers they “obtained” the shells at a French First World War artillery range, perhaps in a straight swap for their common sense.

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A lion is not appropriate carry-on luggage



The Creative Use Of Chocolate Award

... goes to Finland’s Antti Oskari Manselius, who was seized with a sudden urge to attend the Sochi Winter Olympics – despite being on a Cathay Pacific flight to Hong Kong from Amsterdam. Armed with a Toblerone bar and wearing a cape fashioned from a cabin blanket, he headed for the flight deck to press his case with the captain. Rather than catching the luge competition, though, he soon found himself handcuffed to a seat. A flight attendant later recalled that the sports fan wasn’t especially violent, although he was wielding the nougat-studded chocolate “like a sword.” Manselius later told a Hong Kong court he was trying to amuse other passengers with “fun and jokes.”

The Time To Buy A Phrasebook Award

... goes to the confused Japanese tourists who responded to a police call to pull-over when driving too slowly in Utah by stepping on the gas. After three siren-blaring cruisers pursued the car for 11 kilometres, road spikes were deployed to burst its tires before officers – guns drawn – extracted the hardened perps: a timid couple and their sobbing child. They told police through a translator that when they saw the flashing lights, they tried to get out of the way as fast as possible. Officer Brad Horne offered some sage advice to drivers: “Regardless of nationality and language, when we put lights on, people [should] pull over and stop.”

The Lock Your Cabin Door Award

... goes to a Russian passenger on a sleeper train from Moscow to Yekaterinburg who brought along her kitty for the ride. Listing the

larger-than-usual moggie as a domestic cat on travel documents, fellow passengers became suspicious when the 50-kilogram feline was let out of its carrier and started – according to police reports – “behaving aggressively” and “running wild.” When the animal became too much for its adoring owner, she locked it in her cabin and asked staff for help with what she now admitted was a lion cub.

The Scooping Doesn’t Cut It Award

... goes to Truffles the service dog who, on a US Airways flight from Los Angeles to Philadelphia, decided it was time to take a No. 2 – in the aisle. With attendants struggling to clean up the mess, passengers took to Twitter, deploying the phrase “poop-apocalypse” to indicate their aroma-driven stress – just as Truffles decided on a second-round of bottom venting. With some passengers now vomiting, the captain called an emergency landing, announcing “there’s a situation in the back.” Passenger Steve McCall later told reporters it was “the worst blowout I have ever smelled.”

The Marriage Made In Heaven Award

... goes to honeymooner Mohammed Khelya, travelling on a long-haul flight to Cuba. Rather than sipping champagne and whispering sweet nothings into the ear of his new spouse, he swigged from a bottle of duty free vodka, threatened to kill the crew and spat at fellow passengers – prompting his consort to move seats and flight attendants to handcuff him. The plane was diverted to Bermuda, and Khelya was arrested. During his trial, the contrite 22-year-old, referring to his wife, told the court, “I don’t know how she’s going to forgive me.”

The Boozy Public Service Award

... goes to glassy-eyed Lee Jezard who told arresting police officers at England’s Birmingham International Airport that he was “testing airport security” when he squeezed through a luggage flap behind a check-in desk, weaved across the baggage sorting hall and staggered onto the airfield before climbing the steps of an empty Lufthansa plane. Confronted by a surprised on-board cleaner, he claimed he was the co-pilot. At his trial, his defender offered a slightly different interpretation of events: “This was a drunken escapade.”

The All That Glitters Award

... goes to a businessman in India who checked into a Delhi hospital complaining that’s he’d swallowed a metal bottle cap during an argument with his wife (as you do). But after an x-ray, doctors diagnosed a different

stomach-obstructing malady: 12 gold bars, weighing a total of 400 grams. The businessman acknowledged he’d swallowed the shiny goodies before boarding a plane in Singapore to avoid paying Indian customs duties. Despite downing a tidal wave of water and laxatives, the treasure wouldn’t budge and doctors began a three-hour operation to retrieve the haul – which was promptly confiscated by police.



The Closing Time Award

... goes to U.S. tourist David Willis who nipped into a London bookshop one evening to avail himself of the store’s free WiFi. When he later tried to leave, he found the shop closed and in darkness (perhaps he had been distracted by cat videos). Triggering an alarm when rattling the main door, Willis talked to police through an in-store phone, but it was two hours before anyone arrived to release him from his literary incarceration. When he announced his eventual freedom on Twitter, many responded by saying they would rather have stayed and enjoyed a night of unfettered reading.

The Best Way To Relive History Award

... goes to the three tourists who were so inspired by their visit to the ruined red light district of ancient Pompeii that they returned after-hours. The twentysomething antiquity fans broke into a 2,000-year-old brothel building – decorated with murals of saucy scenes – for a threesome of historic proportions, only to find their ardour curtailed by authorities who arrested them before anyeruptions occurred.

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Recently, while booking holiday travel, I discovered I had enough frequent flier miles to redeem for a round-trip ticket. I’m not really sure how I earned so many miles on one carrier, since my usual strategy is to fly whichever airline is cheapest. According to experts on the topic, I’ve already violated a few important rules of frequent-flier-mile redemption – know how many miles you’re earning and make sure you redeem them. Here are a few other things to remember:

Don’t wait: ThePointsGuy.com blog said it best this time last year, “If the past year has taught award travellers anything, it’s that points and miles don’t make very good long-term investments.” Programs can change the process for earning or redeeming miles at any time, which can subsequently change the value of your miles.

Comparison shop: Don’t assume you’re better off cashing in reward points to fly. Check the actual price of travel and compare it to the points required. Divide the cost of a ticket by the number of miles that would be required for the same trip and multiply by 100. A rule of thumb offered in a recent issue of Consumer Reports magazine suggests that if the result is more than one cent per mile, you should use frequent flier miles. Anything less, buy the ticket.

Book early: Consumer Reports also analyzed several frequent flier programs and found that Jet-Blue, Southwest and US Airways significantly increased points needed to book at the last minute. Booking three months in advance saved thousands of frequent flier miles on several major carriers.

Carefully consider credit: One route travellers may take to help them accumulate points faster is to get a credit card. You can earn bonuses, upgrades and additional miles, but these cards aren’t for everyone. If you don’t pay off your bill in full each month, this may not be a good move.

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