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Pricey trial for Pickton

The investigation and trial of serial killer Robert Pickton cost \$102.8 million, the Ministry of the Attorney General said Monday. Nearly \$70 million went to policing services in the investigation of the pig farmer who was charged in the deaths of 27 female sex workers from Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. He was convicted of six counts of second-degree murder. — QMI AGENCY

Autopsy planned

The charred remains of a body found in a Surrey ravine Saturday by passersby is tentatively scheduled to undergo an autopsy Tuesday. Police have been unable to identify the gender of the corpse nor the method of the death that is being treated as a "suspicious occurrence". Anyone with information is asked to call 1-877-551-IHIT. — QMI AGENCY

Mayor Watts back to business in Surrey

MATT KIELTYKA
QMI Agency

Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts was back on familiar turf Monday, engaging the city's youth a day after ruling herself out as Premier Gordon Campbell's replacement.

After reiterating her intention to stay in civic politics Sunday, Watts launched the Child and Youth Friendly City Strategy and took questions from students at École Panorama Ridge Secondary. "We're doing so many things here, building the city from the ground up," she said. "Our work is not finished."

Surrey's new youth strategy targets three age groups — 0-5, 6-12 and 13+ — and aims to provide those groups with safe public spaces and in-

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— Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts

creased programs and services while engaging them in civic matters.

Watts called it especially important to give youth a voice since a third of the city's population was under 17.

The city's first female mayor said she had received numerous e-mails and phone calls from around the province asking whether she'd run for the B.C. Liberal Party leadership after Campbell announced his resignation earlier this month. The situation forced her to evaluate her future.

In the end, Watts chose to follow former finance minister Carol Taylor's lead and not take a stab at running the province.

She added her first choice for the Liberal leadership would have been Taylor.

"[She's] already said she was not going to run," Watts lamented. "I don't know who's coming forward. I wish them all the very best of luck. There's lots of work to be done. Hopefully they can take it up a notch and have a little bit more grace in politics."



Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts poses with École Panorama Ridge Secondary students Monday. PHOTO MATT KIELTYKA

MATCHED UP

DONATION The province has matched a \$25,000 award given to First United Church for a storage facility the mission provides for homeless people on the Downtown Eastside. The mission won first place in the Pepsi Refresh project, a national contest. Rev. Ric Matthews said the matching would allow the storage facility to remain open for another year. — QMI AGENCY

PHONE EVIDENCE

SURREY Cellphone records will help prove Surrey man Mukhtiar Panghali killed his wife Manjit, Crown prosecutor Dennis Murray said Monday. Her body was found burned on a Delta beach five days after she was reported missing. Phone records show Panghali must have had contact with her after he said he had last seen her as he had used her mobile after that time, Murray said.

LAW CHALLENGE

BCTF The B.C. Teacher's Federation is challenging three laws imposed by the B.C. Liberal government they claim violated their freedom of association. In a case filed with the B.C. Supreme Court, the teachers are protesting clauses in Bills 27 and 28 related to class size, class composition, length of school day, teachers and support for the integration of students with special needs, among others.

Mexico blast victim remembered

MATT KIELTYKA
QMI Agency

The wife and daughter of the B.C. man killed in a gas explosion at a Mexican resort Sunday will return home Tuesday.

Heather Rynten and one-year-old Audrey began their journey home Monday by flying to Calgary en route to Nanaimo, without Malcolm Johnson.

The 33-year-old realtor was one of seven people — five of them Canadian — who died when a blast ripped through the lobby of the Grand Riviera Princess Hotel in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

Only days prior, Rynten and Johnson were married at the

resort south of Cancun.

"They had just been married. Their daughter's birthday was on the 13th and Malcolm died on the 14th," said Johnson's mother, Lynda Huolt.

Even though she's still grieving Huolt spent much of Monday accommodating media to pay tribute to her son.

"The phone hasn't stopped ringing," she said. "[Malcolm] was just a really good, warm-hearted and loving person."

The young entrepreneur had been with Rynten for seven years, and Huolt said the two were made for each other.

"They were just a perfect couple. She's a quiet and very loving lady and we loved her from

day one," the Prince George resident said. "Malcolm felt it was a good time to get married and picked the time."

Johnston was a successful condo realtor in Nanaimo and served on the board of the Downtown Nanaimo Business Improvement Association.

He also loved the outdoors and frequently went to the beach, kayaked and snowboarded.

The grieving mother tried to call and text Johnson as soon as she heard about the incident but couldn't reach him.

"I saw it on the news and I said 'Oh my, the kids are there,'" she recalled. "I found out he was missing and I started call-

ing the hotel, hospitals, anyone who would listen until Heather's brother told us. It's absolutely tragic."

Funeral arrangements have yet to be made.

Mexican authorities blamed a natural gas build up underneath the hotel's floor for the explosion.

The affected lobby was badly damaged but the resort remained open.

About 400 Canadians were staying at the hotel through WestJet travel packages.

The Calgary-based airline sent a plane to Mexico to take tourists home if they wanted.

It was also offering to move customers to different resorts.



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Bill Tieleman

News, Views and Attitude

James' future now in question

One of the true tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency.

- Arnold H. Glasgow

The battle over Carole James' leadership is not about the left versus the right within the New Democratic Party or old guard against the new. The only question dividing New Democrats is simple – can James win the next provincial election?

With Premier Gordon Campbell's announced resignation, the NDP has to resolve that question – and there isn't much time.

It's overwhelmingly likely the new B.C. Liberal premier will repeal the May 2013 fixed election date and say he or she needs an immediate mandate from voters.

The NDP's challenge is to overcome political lose-lose alternatives.

The knocks against James are clear – she lost the 2005 and 2009 elections. Her personal approval rating is just 25 per cent according to a November 5 Angus Reid Public Opinion poll – putting her 22 per cent behind the NDP's own 47 per cent support.

And there seems no doubt the NDP's high standing in the polls is primarily due to the B.C. Liberal government's imposition of the Harmonized Sales Tax.

The NDP is also in financial dire straits; many of the party's MLAs and members are angry James expelled Cariboo North representative Bob Simpson for mildly criticizing one of her speeches.

These negatives compelled five NDP riding associations to call for a full leadership convention in November 2011 instead of a planned review vote on James' leadership. Regardless of that vote, there is no question her leadership has been damaged.

But the arguments against changing the leader also have salience within the NDP.

The New Democrats hold a commanding 21 per cent lead over the B.C. Liberals – 47 per cent to 26 per cent.

Should the B.C. Liberals' new premier call a snap election while the NDP debates James' abilities, leadership would become a serious disadvantage.

And so the NDP's dilemma – is there any solution that won't tear the party apart?

Three options seem possible.

First, those unhappy with James could agree to stand down their complaints until the November 2011 review – but an early election would end that truce.

Second, James could resign, either simply leave or to contest the leadership against potential successors.

The third solution – the NDP provincial council could vote this weekend to move the date of its November 2011 convention to early next year.

If James passes the convention's scheduled leadership review, the debate ends. If not, the NDP can pick a new leader next spring.

Failure to resolve internal differences will be devastating for British Columbians in need who have been shamefully mistreated through nine years of Campbell government.

That's what should be the foremost priority for a party committed to social justice.

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Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson, seen here after winning the election in 2008, has had many shortcomings during his short political career.
QMI AGENCY FILE PHOTO

Mayor a disappointment



Bob Mackin
QMI Agency

Two years ago Monday, former juice maker and provincial law maker Gregor Robertson won the mayoralty with a promise to solve homelessness in Vancouver. The Vision Vancouver leader promised to restore openness and accountability to city hall and rushed to set-up the Homeless Emergency Action Team shelters.

City manager Judy Rogers got the boot in favour of former deputy health minister Penny Balle. Then came the bombshell that taxpayers could be stuck with the \$1.1 billion Olympic Village bill.

Robertson gave the city a new logo and slogan, waved the Olympic flag and championed chicken coops and bike lanes on Burrard, Dunsmuir and Hornby. He made sales calls to London, New York, San Francisco and China, but brought back more business cards than contracts.

Bloggers and the media resorted to Freedom of Information to dig up tales of suspect spending while city council wrestled with a massive deficit.

Few Olympic Village suites have sold since May's public opening and developer Millennium is under pressure to pay up or create a viable marketing plan. Meanwhile, the

low-income housing quotient was further whittled. The working poor must split 252 units with cops, firemen, paramedics, nurses and teachers – well-paid public employees whose unions support Robertson.

Vision Vancouver can only hope the leaderless Non-Partisan Association remains in disarray.

An Angus Reid Opinion poll earlier this month indicated nearly three-quarters of respondents thought the plight of the homeless had not improved.

In addition, 47 per cent disapproved of Robertson's performance and 40 per cent think he doesn't deserve reelection on Nov. 19, 2011.

SECURITY

'Lots of debate' over pre-Games Seabus shutdown, says officer

BOB MACKIN
QMI Agency

A top officer with the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police admitted Monday the decision to shut down the SeaBus on the eve of the 2010 Winter Olympics wasn't easy.

Insp. Brian MacDonald told the Canadian Urban Transit Association fall conference in Vancouver there was "lots of debate" after a suspicious object was found near the Lonsdale Quay terminal.

Service was halted almost three hours Feb. 11 when a

Insp. Brian MacDonald and RCMP Sgt. Jet Sumner both indicated suspicious packages were an ongoing worry for transit systems. »

black tube that contained a fishing rod was discovered propped up against a fence near fuel tanks. In May, 24 hours reported a SeaBus attendant spotted the object, which was addressed to a Nanaimo address, after it went unnoticed for almost

six hours.

MacDonald said transit cops were worried the violent anti-Games protest on Feb. 13 would spread to nearby SkyTrain stations. Throughout the Games, the force was taxed by crowd control and liquor seizures.

MacDonald and RCMP Sgt. Jet Sumner both indicated suspicious packages were an ongoing worry for transit systems. Sumner said the program to train 130 first responders in B.C. as Counterterrorism Information Officers was expanding to Ontario and Quebec.

Former Lib aide Basi breaches sentence conditions

BILL TIELEMAN
QMI Agency

A former B.C. Liberal government ministerial aide placed under house arrest after pleading guilty to political corruption charges has been put on electronic monitoring for a television interview.

David Basi admitted in B.C. Supreme Court Monday he breached his sentencing conditions by giving an interview outside the home of Bob Virk, the other aide who also pled guilty in charges related to the \$1 billion B.C. Rail sale in 2003.

Basi must wear an electronic monitoring device for six months and obtain advance permission from his supervisor to leave his home for permitted activities.

"These are onerous conditions. You understand that, don't you Mr. Basi?" asked Associate Chief Justice Anne MacKenzie.

Outside the court political commentator Michael Geoghegan, a Basi friend, said the RCMP pressured Basi to cooperate with what he said is their intention to regain evidence from the trial in his possession and destroy it, jeopardizing a possible public inquiry.

FEEDBACK

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CITY COUNCIL will be addressing recommendations on pedestrian safety (rights?) next week. Perhaps Vancouver could build pedestrian lanes where people can be protected from cars and bikes. But we already have those. Aren't they called sidewalks? So how about, as a first-step, getting police to start enforcing the laws and get the bikes off the sidewalks. I haven't seen any cars driving in the pedestrian lanes so that seems to be working well.

Don Gardner

VANOC reaches deal with bus firms

BOB MACKIN
QMI Agency

The Olympic bus bucks bickering is over.

Last week's mediated talks between Vancouver's Olympic committee and its Florida-headquartered bus contractor solved the impasse, according to Gameday Management CEO Tony Vitrano.

"We've concluded our reconciliation and the mediation was a success," he said Monday.

Vitrano, now the transport operations lead for the London 2012 Olympic committee, didn't provide details of the settlement. He previously said VANOC owed \$10 million.

VANOC budgeted \$52.37 million for bus systems and hired Gameday in 2008.

The dispute meant many subcontractors were forced to wait for their final installments. A U.S. bus company owner who asked his name not be published, said: "I'm hoping they have enough money to pay all our bills. It's not something we can write off."

Gameday assembled a fleet of more than 1,100 mostly American buses that were driven a combined 5.1 million kilometres from from their bases to Vancouver and back. Numerous drivers complained they were subjected to illegal overtime assignments and poor living conditions during the Games.

The Gameday deal is expected to be announced Wednesday after VANOC holds what is expected to be its last formal board meeting behind closed doors.



Fight HST leader and former B.C. Premier Bill Vander Zalm told the media the Fight HST Recall campaign will begin Nov. 22 during a press conference in Vancouver. PHOTO CARMINE MARINELLI

Chong first on MLA hit list

DHARM MAKWANA
QMI Agency

Fight HST organizers on Monday singled out B.C. Liberal MLA Ida Chong as their first target for recall, ex-Premier Bill Vander Zalm announced.

The four- to six-week campaign, scheduled to start Nov. 22, requires more than 600 registered canvassers from the riding and neighbouring municipalities to collect 18,000 signatures needed to

force a by-election in the Victoria riding Oak Bay-Gordon Head.

Vander Zalm said Chong, freshly minted as Minister of Science and Universities, could be spared should the Liberals push up the date for a province-wide referendum on the fate of the Harmonized Sales Tax to February from November.

"We've said right along we're not stopping until the HST is gone," he said. "It wouldn't be

fair to the 700,000 people who signed the petition and the canvassers that worked so hard ... to walk away from it now when the job isn't finished yet. All we have is a promise from a premier who is no longer in effect the premier."

Depending on the success of the initial campaign Fight HST canvassers will then move on to Kamloops North and Comox Valley.

Lead organizer Chris De-

laney added the campaign - which flew its first trial balloon as a Facebook petition - to kill the controversial tax is in its home stretch despite the upcoming Liberal leadership contest.

"Can you imagine trying to make announcements for new leaders and what their platform is while their party is becoming unglued behind them through recalls?" he asked. "It's not going to happen."

Another B.C. political party on the horizon

A new major provincial political party could rise from the ashes of the B.C. Liberals, according to the lead Fight HST organizer.

"They've made every move possible to create this desire for a third party," said Chris Delaney who doubles as official spokesman for the upstart B.C. First Party.

The political veteran who has sought office on two previous occasions added a populist movement for a political alternative to the existing parties dominating the landscape overrides his own desire to make political change in the province.

"Unless people want something else then there's no point," he explained.

"I want to end this mess that's been created by a one-man show and have a participatory democracy so people can have a say, so they can hold government to account. If there was a way to achieve that I would run for office."

— DHARM MAKWANA

B.C. LIBERAL TARGETS

Fight HST organizers have planned a phased recall campaign. Once the action in Oak Bay-Gordon Head nears completion, the next two Liberal MLAs will face recall at once. Recall for Finance Minister Colin Hansen begins Feb. 28.



Phase 1
Ida Chong
Oak Bay-Gordon Head



Phase 2
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'I'm still in shock ... traumatized'

KATIE SCHNEIDER
QMI Agency

When Terra Charmont's husband Chris and son John left their hotel room to get some juice Sunday morning, she had no idea it would be the last time she would see them alive.

But after hearing a loud blast and discovering a lobby full of bodies at the Grand Riviera Princess Hotel in Mexico, she had a horrible feeling her loved ones were hit by a gas explosion at the Playa del Carmen resort.

As a loving family man, Chris would have called right away, Charmont said. It wasn't until hours later she would learn her husband and son were crushed by rocks and killed instantly.

"I'm still in shock, I'm still traumatized," she said softly from her hotel room Monday.

Now the distraught and angry widow and mother of the Drumheller, Alta., man and boy says she is holding on to memories of a devoted family man and her "little goofball."

"They were amazing," she said through tears. "I want people to know what a great dad he was and a fun-loving, spunky boy he was."

While Chris, 41, and John, 9, went to the lobby to get some juice Sunday morning, Charmont and her daughter Megan, 10, remained in the room.

"We heard a loud explosion, we thought it was a bomb," she said. "Our door was right beside the lobby and we looked out and everything was a white cloud. We jumped off the balcony, we were on the bottom floor."

They went to the lobby and found bodies ev-

erywhere, but there was no sign of her husband and son.

"We walked around trying to find them and they were trying to pull us back," she said. "We were trying to find them, we couldn't find them."

"Everyone was still sitting by the pool and laughing, that was the horrible part."

Running back and forth trying to find answers, staff told her there are three hospitals in Playa del Carmen but that they didn't know which ones they would have gone to, she said.

Then hours later came the news she didn't want to hear.

"They called us into a conference and they just blurted it out — it was terrible," she said.

"The response was so slow — it happened at 9:30 in the morning and it wasn't until 6 when we found out."

She learned her husband and son were caught under rocks, their heads crushed, after being struck by the blast while sitting at a computer.

"They were killed instantly," she said.

And now with her grief is anger at the hotel and she plans to take legal action: "I am so livid."



Above: The Charmont family are shown in 2008: Chris and Terra with their children Megan and John. Inset: John shown at hockey camp in August.

Mystery note left for late mobster

BRIAN DALY
QMI Agency

The drama began hours before the funeral Monday for murdered mobster Nicolo (Nick) Rizzuto, when someone left a note inside a small black box adorned with a white cross outside Notre-dame-de-la-defense church.

The block was cordoned off, police carted the box away and won't divulge the contents of the note. The suspicious package added an extra level of tension to the second mafia funeral this year for a family whose top members have apparently been marked for death.

Hundreds of onlookers stood rapt in late-morning sunshine as six pallbearers carried the elder Rizzuto's gold casket into the church.

Rizzuto was gunned down inside his north-end home last Wednesday as he prepared dinner with his wife and daughter.

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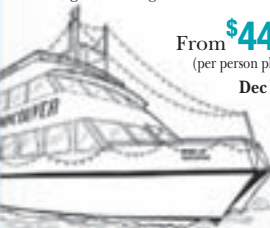
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KIDNAPPING CRACKDOWN

1 Authorities in Nigeria's southern state of Akwa Ibom said on Monday they had arrested more than 400 people as part of a clampdown on rampant kidnappings for ransom in the region. — **REUTERS**

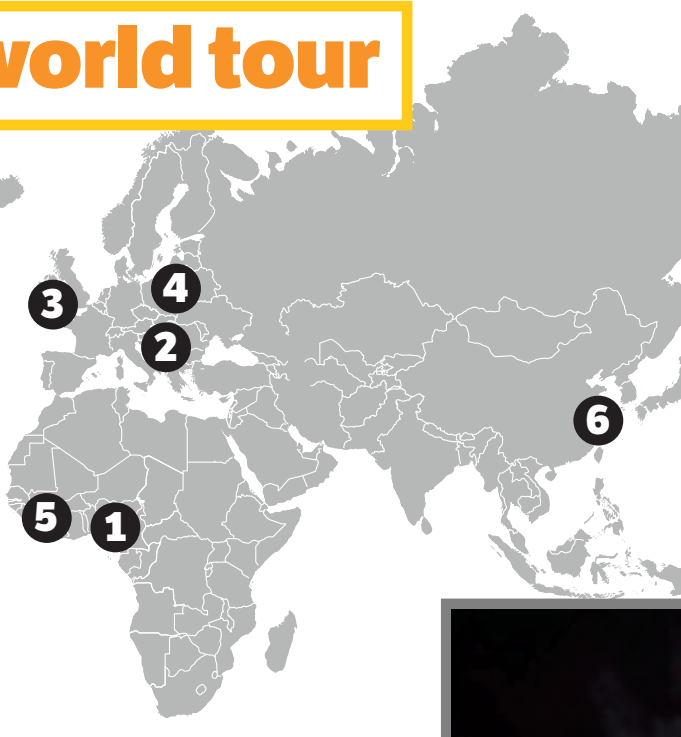
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SERBS NOT DOING ENOUGH: UN

2 Serbia is still not co-operating fully with the United Nations war crimes tribunal in the hunt for fugitive former General Ratko Mladic, the chief prosecutor said on Monday, a key condition for eventual EU membership. — **REUTERS**

DUBLIN
DEBT WOES PLAGUE IRELAND

3 Ireland's opposition said on Monday it believed Europe had started moves to rescue debt-ridden Dublin and pressure grew for quick action to prevent the crisis spilling over into other euro-zone countries. — **REUTERS**

world tour



WARSAW
POLES TOLD TO BUTT OUT

4 Poland has joined a growing list of nations to ban smoking in bars, restaurants and other public places, a move welcomed by health experts and non-smokers. More than half of Poles back the new ban while 15% are strongly opposed, according to a survey published in the Polish language edition of *Newsweek*. — **REUTERS**

CONAKRY
POST-ELECTION VIOLENCE

5 Protesters clashed with police in Guinea's capital on Monday and efforts to restore civilian rule suffered a fresh setback as authorities missed the latest deadline to publish results of a Nov. 7 poll. Observers said the poll appeared fair, but there is concern that the losing candidate will not accept the final result. — **REUTERS**



SHANGHAI
BLAZE BURNS 30 STOREYS

6 Rescue workers wheel a victim out of a burning building in Shanghai, on Monday. A 30-storey residential building caught fire on Monday, local firefighters said in a Xinhua News Agency report. The number of casualties as well as the cause of the blaze both remain unknown, the report added. — **REUTERS**

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BRIT WARSHIP FIRST INTO CUBA SINCE REVOLUTION

Historic visit to Havana

REUTERS — The first British warship to visit Cuba since before the 1959 revolution sailed into the Bay of Havana Monday, where it was greeted by a Cuban Navy band playing *God Save the Queen*.

With its colours flying and bright red Sea Dart missiles poised on deck, the destroyer HMS Manchester pulled into port opposite Old Havana, the historic center of the Cuban capital, at the start of a five-day visit to the Communist-led island.

The ship's officers were to meet with their Cuban counterparts to discuss collaboration on counter-drug and disaster relief operations in the



British Royal Navy HMS Manchester Type 42 Destroyer enters the Bay of Havana beside the colonial-era Morro Cabana fortress on Monday. REUTERS

Caribbean region.

The last time a British warship stopped at the island was in 1957 when the frigate HMS Bigbury Bay visited Havana.

At the time, a rebel insurgency led by Fidel Castro was underway and on Jan. 1,

1959, it toppled the government of dictator Fulgencio Batista and took power.

On Monday, the Cuban Navy greeted the ship with an honor guard carrying both Cuban and British flags, and with the band that played both national anthems.

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PERRY KEEPING SEXY ACT, DESPITE NUPTIALS

Katy Perry says she has no plans to tone down her provocative performances now she's a married woman — because Beyonce is still sexy onstage since wedding rap superstar Jay-Z. The *I Kissed A Girl* hitmaker exchanged vows with British funnyman Russell Brand last month after a whirlwind year-long romance. Perry admits she's shocked at fans' assumptions she'll be "boring" as Mrs. Brand — and is adamant she'll won't be losing her sexy moves. She tells Britain's *News of the World*, "People tell me, 'Oh, you're gonna be boring now you're married.' I say, 'Look at f**king Beyonce!' She's married to Jay-Z. She's so sexy but she's a married woman. She absolutely rocks it ... I won't be less sexy or provocative. I'm a good girl because I believe in love, integrity and respect. I'm a bad girl because I like to tease. I know that I have sex appeal in my deck of cards. However, I admit

I don't feel sexy all the time, especially when I've just woken up."

— WENN.COM

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Bieber: 'I have ADD'

Justin Bieber is convinced he suffers from attention deficit disorder — because he frequently "drifts off" during his home-schooling sessions. The *Baby* hitmaker receives three hours of tuition a day when he is on the road, to ensure his hectic tour schedule does not interfere with his education. And he admits he's grateful for his personal tutor — because when he tries to learn with a group of classmates, his mind wanders. Bieber tells *The Guardian* magazine, "I only have to do three hours a day, which is good. I drift off. I definitely drift off. So I'm better one-on-one ... I have a small case of ADD ... If I don't understand something, and I'm bored, I don't pay attention ... So my teacher has to really make it fun for me. Every hour he has to give me a five-to-10-minute break. But after the break I'll be back into it. I'll be good." Asked if he has been officially diagnosed with the condition, Bieber replies: "No. It's self-claimed." — WENN.COM

Gibson admits to hitting

Mel Gibson has allegedly admitted slapping ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva — but insists he was trying to stop her behaving "erratically" around their baby daughter, according to court papers. The *Braveheart* star is currently locked in a bitter custody battle with Grigorieva, who claims he hit her and knocked out her teeth during an alleged altercation in January. The claims sparked a domestic violence investigation and the Russian singer told police she was holding baby Lucia at the time of the incident.

— WENN.COM



Houston dating Ray J?

Whitney Houston has sparked speculation she's rekindled her romance with former boyfriend Ray J after they were spotted on a night out together in Atlanta, Ga. The singer dated the R&B star in 2007 following her

divorce from Bobby Brown, but the on/off couple was alleged to have parted ways for good last year. However, Houston sparked rumours she has reconciled with Ray J after the pair was snapped enjoying a night out at The Capital Grille restaurant on Thursday. — WENN.COM



Radcliffe won't move

Daniel Radcliffe has no plans to quit his native U.K. for the sunnier climes of Hollywood — because everything he loves is in London. The actor has completed his last ever scenes as boy wizard Harry Potter and the final installment of the

franchise will be out next year, spelling the end of the hugely successful series. But the star is adamant he will not relocate to Los Angeles in a bid to boost his movie career. He says, "My American accent is good but I don't think I could ever live in the United States." — WENN.COM



Butler's A-list b-day

Scottish actor Gerard Butler rocked out to celebrate his birthday over the weekend — he performed a song with John Mayer in front of party guests including Kate Hudson and Jay-Z. The 300 star turned 41 in style on Saturday

night by hiring out The Darby restaurant in New York and inviting 100 guests to celebrate. Adrien Brody, U2's Bono, actor Jason Statham and professional skateboarder Tony Hawk all turned out for the event, which saw Butler take the mic to sing *Mustang Sally* with Mayer. — WENN.COM



Lohan returns to work

Lindsay Lohan has returned to her work commitments after health experts approved her progress at a rehabilitation centre. The *Mean Girls* star, who has been in and out of jail and rehab this year, is spending three months at Cali-

fornia's Betty Ford clinic after failing two mandatory drug tests and violating her probation. On Sunday, professionals at the clinic allowed the star to head to a magazine shoot and complete a fashion advert for Kira Plastinina, according to TMZ.com. — WENN.COM





Russell Peters at Surrey bookstore

Funny man Russell Peters is dropping by a Surrey bookstore Wednesday to sign copies of his new book, *Call me Russell*. The Canadian comic will appear at the Strawberry Hill Shopping Centre's Chapters at 7 p.m. Peters will only sign copies of the book and proof of purchase is required from any Chapters, Indio or Coles locations. — 24 HOURS



Pitt eyes Chilean miners' film rights

Brad Pitt is hoping to transform the story of the 33 trapped Chilean miners into a big-screen epic — staff at his production company are in talks to land the film rights of the men's amazing survival. Apparently Pitt is eager to get his hands on the film rights, and officials at his Plan B Entertainment Company are in negotiations with representatives for the miners to get the go-ahead for the movie project. — WENN.COM

BIZARRE LOVE SEQUENCE IN HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS

Romance rocks Potter franchise

KEVIN WILLIAMSON
QMI Agency

As *Harry Potter* sequels have multiplied, so has all the snogging.

No longer primarily intended for grade-school muggles, the franchise has broadened with romantic rivalries, adolescent emotion and grown-up gloom. Still, it's obvious its stars would rather be casting spells than locking lips.

"It was the weirdest thing ever," says Emma Watson of the semi-nude love scene she shares with Daniel Radcliffe in *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows — Part I*, opening Friday.

It's not the first time the 21-year-old Radcliffe has stripped for a job. He bared all in the 2007 play *Equus*. But for Watson, the experience was new — and understandably "bizarre." Case in point: Because of the supernatural

nature of the sequence between Harry (Radcliffe) and Hermione (Watson), it required special effects and make-up.

"They only told us about the silver body paint the day before," says Watson, 20, in a suite at the Claridges Hotel. "'Oh, and PS, we hope you don't mind that we'd like both of you to be topless and covered in silver paint.' OK, as if it wasn't weird enough before. Luckily, Dan is very funny and talkative and we could just have a laugh about it."

Furthermore, Watson also shares a kiss with her other long-time co-star, Rupert Grint, who plays Potter's best pal Ron Weasley. How did the two romantic moments compare? "Kissing Rupert, he's slightly more quiet so it's like, 'What's he thinking?' Whereas the whole time with Daniel, I knew exactly the whole time

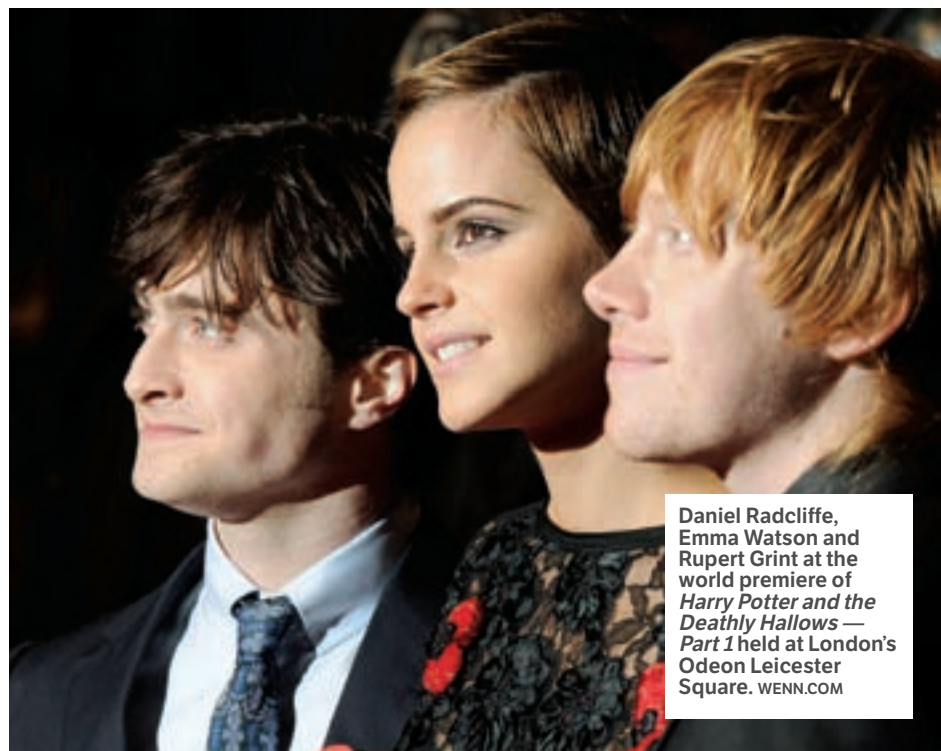
what he was thinking, so that helped."

And Radcliffe has continued to keep gabbing. Recently he caught her by surprise when he told interviewers how aggressive she was during the filming of their love scene.

"I don't know what to say," Watson says, laughing. "Apparently he even called me an animal. So yeah, I guess I was so worried about it coming across as awkward as I felt it was inside, I wanted to make it as real as I could, so I guess I just went for it."

As for the Harry/Hermione clinch, London-based director David Yate hints that an even racier version may some day be available. "There is one more version that is even naughtier — that even we thought was too much, which was very suggestive."

He adds with a chuckle, "DVD!"



Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint at the world premiere of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows — Part 1* held at London's Odeon Leicester Square. WENN.COM

interview

Keith Urban is through running — or at least running in the wrong direction. As the title of his eighth studio release *Get Closer* suggests, the 43-year-old Australian country-pop heartthrob says he has learned to embrace intimacy instead of fleeing from it. And why shouldn't he be happy? Aside from being rich, famous, handsome, successful, talented and happily sober after defeating his substance-abuse demons, he happens to be married to actress Nicole Kidman — not exactly the kind of wife (or life) that would send many men heading for the hills. — DARRYL STERDAN, QMI AGENCY

QMI • Tell us about your new 'Get Closer' perspective.

Intimacy is the thing I've run from my whole life. I'm working hard on surrendering and releasing into that. That's really the goal; learning to love more, to have more compassion. Hopefully, that will continue in my life until the day I die.

QMI • It's barely been 18 months since your last album. That's a fast turnaround. What's behind it?

Well, a lot of things. Firstly, I had been writing a lot. I started



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writing in January, and I had a significant amount of songs. So I just felt like I was ready to go. Then I started finding a lot of songs as well — I found four or five that fit really really well. So the album came together really quick.

QMI • This one feels a little

more comfortable and settled than *Defying Gravity*. How does it compare to you?

I think comfortable is a great word. It was a comfortable record to make too. I wasn't second-guessing a lot of things; there was a lot of fluidity in making the record. I don't always land on the thing I'm trying to land on easily — sometimes it takes some work.

QMI • Aren't you kind of painting yourself into a corner with all these happy songs? What if your lovely wife comes to her senses and dumps you? Then you're stuck with a bunch of songs about her.

(Laughs) Yeah. That's the same reason people don't get people's names tattooed on their arms. But if you're going to love, you've got to love. Either you're all in or you're not really in it. And if you have some sort of exit strategy, you're not really in it. I've got to write about wherever I'm at in life, and whatever comes out is gonna come out.

QMI • You're going out on a limb and handing her the saw?

Yeah. I think that's what love is about. It's about saying, "Here's the sword, I trust you."

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FIRST SINGLE 'HOLD MY HAND'

Latest Jackson song gathers buzz

REUTERS — The first official single from a controversial new Michael Jackson album was released on Monday to good initial reviews and expectations of strong digital

sales.

Hold My Hand, a duet Jackson first recorded with Senegalese rapper and record producer Akon in 2007 and was leaked in an unfinished state a

year later, is a simple but catchy mid-tempo ballad with touches that will remind fans of Jackson's death last year with the opening line, "This life don't last forever."

Early reviews and Jackson fan websites commended the duet, released for digital sales on the official michaeljackson.com website, saying Akon had improved the song's production quality.

"There won't be any contro-

◀◀ **That is truly MJ, but you can tell it was incomplete. How many new songs of MJ's were only 3 mins long? »**

— Jackson fan

versy about the vocals on this one. The only question is how long until it scales the charts," said *The Huffington Post*, noting it was already trending high on Twitter. "*Hold my Hand* isn't *Man in the Mirror*, but it's a nice consolation gift to fill the void of his absence."



"Polished up and studio-tweaked, *Hold My Hand* is an innocuous, professionally executed ballad with probably a touch more Akon than any MJ fan can be happy with," said *New York Magazine*, adding it "certainly wasn't embarrassing, but not necessarily crucial either."

Jackson's Facebook page was filled with thousands of comments on the song from fans excited about the release of the new album *Michael* on Dec. 14. The posthumous release is the first of new Jackson material since his *Invincible* album in 2001.

"Wow I like this song," Cyn-

thia Spence-Duffey posted on Facebook, while Edward Hoey said, "Nice song for those who are in Love."

On michaeljackson.com, another post said, "That is truly MJ, but you can tell it was incomplete. How many new songs of MJ's were only 3 mins long?"



Metallica's 'creative' zone

WENN.COM — Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich has confirmed reports the band will begin working on a new album next year.

Ulrich tells Pulse Radio that bandmates James Hetfield, Kirk Hammett and Robert Trujillo "really want to begin writing" the follow-up to 2008's *Death Magnetic*.

And the *Enter Sandman* hit-makers are clearing their schedules to hit the studio in the spring.

Ulrich says, "There's a bunch

of balls in the air for 2011.

"But I think the main one is we really want to get back to writing again.

"We haven't really written since, what, 2006, 2007 and we want to get back to kind of just being creative again.

"Right now we are going to just chill out and then probably start up again in, I'd say, March or April.

"And start probably putting the creative cap back on and start writing some songs."

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GLEE
8 p.m. on FOX, GLOBAL

When Will (Matthew Morrison) falls sick, a charming substitute teacher (guest star Gwyneth Paltrow, pictured with Morrison) takes over his Spanish class and the glee club, quickly winning the hearts of New Directions. Elsewhere, Sue (Jane Lynch) tries to flex her power on campus when she fills in for Principal Figgins (Iqbal Theba) in the new episode *The Substitute*.

NCIS
8 p.m. on CBS

Gibbs (Mark Harmon) and the team must protect Ziva's (Cote de Pablo) father (guest star Michael Nouri) when his attendance at a convention leads to unexpected surprises. Michael Weatherly and Pauley Perrette also star in the new episode *Enemies Foreign*; Arnold Vosloo also guest stars.

NCIS: LOS ANGELES
9 p.m. on CBS, GLOBAL

After learning some secrets from Hetty's (Linda Hunt) past, Callen and Sam (Chris O'Donnell, LL Cool J) and the rest of the team search for a murdered antiques dealer's missing book that contains top-secret information. Barrett Foa and Daniela Ruah also star in the new episode *Absolution*.

DETROIT 1-8-7
10 p.m. on ABC

When a missing teen is believed to have been murdered, the investigation leads detectives to his high school friends. A high-stakes poker player who had been trying to win money for his daughter's organ transplant is killed and stripped of his tournament prize money in the new episode *Deja Vu*; All In. Jerry Adler and Nolan Gerard Funk guest star.

TV TUESDAY

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Crunching the numbers on happiness

Britain's Office for National Statistics, better known for crunching numbers on inflation, unemployment and crime, will soon be asked to quantify something very different — happiness. Prime Minister David Cameron has a greater focus on well-being and has asked the statistics agency for help. Over the coming months the country's statisticians will devise a set of questions to measure Britons' subjective quality of life. — **REUTERS**



A lesson in primal flirting

A new workshop hopes to teach single men and women the art of flirting. Sounds like a great idea, and at US \$48 seems reasonably priced — only this seminar takes place at a zoo in Apeldoorn, Holland and the tips being offered come from monkeys, apes and chimpanzees. For several years experts at Holland's Apenhuel Primate Park have observed the courting and sexual tendencies of these primates, and believe that humans can learn about courting, dating and love-making from them. — **QMI AGENCY**



Tanya Enberg
Relatively Speaking

Get texting under control

Less than 30 seconds after leaving a voice mail, my phone rang. "That was quick," I said to a realtor I'd never before met. "I always have my phone with me," she said, a sense of urgency rising in her voice. "I even sleep with my phone," she boasted. "My husband can't stand it."

Hmm, can't imagine why. Who wouldn't enjoy getting occasionally jabbed by an inanimate object while they slept, or having the shrill ring of a cellphone randomly jolt them out of a peaceful sleep? Sounds perfectly acceptable to me. In truth, the agent frightened me a little. Her temperament was one part pit bull, one part Chihuahua, and both happen to be breeds I don't very much care for. But, more to the point, cellphone addicts in general are downright irritating.

I remember having a first — and last — date with a guy who spent most of our lunch together playing with features on his new BlackBerry. Not very stimulating, yet for some unexplainable reason, the guy was surprised when I told him I wasn't interested in seeing him again.

Was I supposed to be impressed by his phone features? Perhaps he had bought the BMW of all phones but, personally, I couldn't give a hoot.

A survey by Wind Mobile suggests that Canadians are getting quite comfortable with excessive cellphone use. In fact, the survey found that we fully expect holiday guests to be talking and texting during Christmas dinner this season. So, in between wolfing down mouthfuls of stuffing, turkey and cranberry sauce, folks will be shooting off text messages and taking calls.

OK, I've gotta ask, does anyone else consider this rude?

Well, either way, at least we're a nice bunch. In fact, 69% of Canadians surveyed said that they had received a call, text or e-mail from someone say something nice within the last day or week. That's all fine and good, but maybe we could be just as nice when it comes to our table manners ... at least hold off the texting until after you eaten the damn bird! Is cell use at the table naughty or nice? What do you think?

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A recent study found that a successful flirting style can help in relationships. **REUTERS**

RESEARCH FINDS EVERYONE HAS A UNIQUE WAY OF FLIRTING

What's your dating style?

REUTERS — There is a lot more to flirting than fun, according to a new research study that says finding success in romance depends in part on understanding your own personal "flirting style."

Whether or not you prefer sidling up to a stranger in a bar or you'd rather sit back and wait for an object of attraction to approach are distinctions that once recognized can help people navigate the rocky seas of relationships, according to Jeffrey Hall, assistant professor of communication studies at the University of Kansas.

Hall recently completed a study into styles of flirting among dating adults, surveying more than 5,100 people regarding their methods of communicating romantic interest.

"Knowing something about the way you communicate attraction says something about challenges you might have had in your past dating life," Hall said.

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— Jeffrey Hall, professor

"Hopefully, this awareness can help people avoid those mistakes and succeed in courtship."

Hall said there are essentially five styles of flirting: Physical, traditional, polite,

sincere and playful. In physical flirting, people express their sexual interest in a potential partner and, he says, often quickly can develop the relationships, have more sexual chemistry and have a greater emotional connection to their partners.

Traditional flirts tend to believe that men should make the first moves, with women assuming more passive roles. Both sexes comfortable with this style seem to prefer more "intimate" dating scenes," he said.

There are many people whose flirting styles fall into the category of "playful" and are aimed largely at enhancing their own self-esteem, Hall said. These people are less likely to have lasting and meaningful relationships, he added.

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Sew in the know

At this time of year it's nice to get a bit of a time to go back to the basics and enjoy a little DIY, like these incredibly cute sewing kits from Happy Sew Lucky, a labour of love from Canadian designer and DIYer Berene Campbell. Until now Campbell's been a graphic designer of fabulously clever identities for others, but this year she struck out on her own. Happy Sew Lucky kits are designed to make sewing projects and gifts for babies fun and simple — think books, babushkas and bunnies. These environmentally-friendly kits make great gifts or stocking stuffers and Happy Sew Lucky's Santa ornament — complete with a prezziie sack which can hold tiny treats — is the perfect craft for the season. Visit happysewlucky.com

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Legislation keeps kids safe

DOUG HEMPSTEAD
QMI Agency

There's a way to let kids be kids and still keep them safe — it's called legislation, according to a CHEO expert.

Between 1990 and 2005, there's been nearly a 50% drop in unintentional kid deaths, but Corrine Langill, the manager of health promotion and injury prevention at CHEO, said that can be attributed to legislation — not molly-coddling parents.

While injury-related child deaths are down, the number of child injuries has been going up for three years, according to Champlain Local Health Integration network data.

"I'm concerned about limiting children," she said. "They should be outside ... but we need to prevent catastrophic injuries. The most effective way to do that is through legislation."

She points first to bicycle helmet laws. "There's been a 50% drop in head injuries," she said, adding child seat laws also brought about declines in crash-related injuries.

When new standards were introduced for playground play structures a few years ago, Langill said there has been a corresponding 40% decrease in school yard injuries.

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REUTERS — Overcrowded tubes, delayed trains, unreliable buses ... the weary stoicism of the commuter is legendary. But basic good manners and respect for your fellow passengers will go some way towards making even the most torturous journey more tolerable.

Try to think about the comfort and safety of your fellow passengers with these few handy tips.

When boarding a train or a carriage on your local metro/underground/subway, wait for other passengers to exit before getting on: Never jostle past people who are

trying to get off.

Don't sprawl in your seat, or put dirty feet on the seat opposite.

Equally, don't take up an additional seat with your excess baggage. You haven't paid for two seats.

Always offer your seat to those who need it more than

you do, such as the elderly. Be gracious, willing and act swiftly when you see someone in need

Personal space is a luxury in an overcrowded carriage, so be aware of other people.

Know when the carriage is full and don't try to push your way onto an already packed

train. Be patient and wait for the next train.

Some train carriages are very quiet, packed with commuters reading newspapers or working on their laptops, so be aware that mobile phone conversations are very disturbing.

Keep conversations with

travelling companions quiet and discreet.

If you are going to listen to music on headphones, ensure that they do not broadcast too much sound. It is the height of bad manners to inflict music, or a noisy DVD soundtrack, on other people in a confined public place.



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The winter dating blues



Sarah Rowland

The Dating Chronicles

When the “weather outside is frightful,” it can be all too easy to fall into a winter dating rut. The last thing you want to do when you get home from work is get all gussied up and head back out into blizzard conditions on the off chance you might meet someone.

And you're not alone when it comes to taking on this kind of “bah humbug” dating attitude during the colder months. The truth is after a hard day's work, most of us just want to slip into some cozy jammies and plant our arses on the couch in front of the TV. Which is fine in moderation. But if you don't force yourself out of your warm cocoon at least a couple times week, you could be putting your romantic psyche in se-



rious jeopardy — especially since meteorologists across the nation are predicting “the worst winter ever” in select parts of the country. In other words, we could be looking at another four months of dark and dank bad weather. So if you're single and feel yourself sinking into an anti-social hibernation, you better pull yourself out of it. Here are three signs you're slipping into a winter dating rut:

Serious Overgrowth

Ladies, when's the last time you mowed your lawn? Be honest. If you're in the market for an average modern man (fabulous feminists and fetishists notwithstanding), the only hair on your body that should be braid-able is the hair on your head. Don't get me wrong, there are loads of guys who dig a nice pair of hairy legs and a matching “70s muff to go along with them, and god bless 'em! But that's not the point. The important issue at hand is how do you feel about it? If you feel great, rock it! But if you're using your hairy gams as an excuse not to wear a dress and go out, then it

might be time to shave.

Hooked On HBO

Do you talk about characters on HBO and other premium cable networks like they're personal friends of yours? Example: “Oh my god, what was she thinking. He's no good and everyone knows it?” More importantly, do you turn down invitations to social functions because it conflicts with your TV schedule? If so, then it might be time to put down the remote control and force yourself out of the house.

Too Much Pet Talk

On any given day, do you spend more time talking to your beloved pet than you do interacting with people? Or worse, do you spend all day at work boring people with stories about your pet? Now, there's nothing wrong with openly expressing love to your sentient being, but if you're doing it excessively, then it might be time to consider leaving the house and getting back on that dating horse again — no matter what the forecast is calling for.

Sarah Rowland writes about love and relationships every Tuesday in 24 Hours. E-mail her at sarah.rowland@24hrs.ca.

Q CORRECTION In the story, *An Avoidable Epidemic*, it was reported Linda Lewis was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer at age 29, when in fact, she was 39. We regret the error.
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TANYA ENBERG
24 hours

Stockpiling your daily snacks doesn't need to be a costly treat. With a little planning, you'll be eating wholesome finds on a cost-saving budget in no time, says internationally renowned speaker and *O: The Oprah Magazine* contributor, Dr. David L. Katz.

Katz, named One of 25 Most Influential People in Children's Lives by *Children's Health Magazine*, says that even in cash-strapped times, there are smart ways of getting more healthy bang for your snacking buck.

“Do you need to spend more, overall, to eat well? The answer is no,” Katz says. “Whole grains are inexpensive. Beans and lentils are nutrition superstars and inexpensive.”

Katz says that no matter what else is going on, eating well should always be a top household focus.

“It's too important to be an on-again, off-again priority, so there must be will. Then, people need a crucial skill: The ability to identify more nutritious food reliably. When you can identify more nutritious foods, you find that they are available and don't need to cost more.”

When it comes to finding quick-fix snacks, making the wrong choices can pack on the pounds, but by leaving the house prepared, you'll be able to resist vending machine and variety store temptations.

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Body scans will be routine part of security

With the busy holiday travel season about to begin, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano made it clear that new full-body scan checks would become routine as hundreds of the machines are installed at U.S. airports and that the alternative would be physical patdowns. — REUTERS

ARGENTINA'S UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF WILDLIFE IN ITS NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

An open-air zoo: The Valdez Peninsula

ROY HEALE
TripAtlas

Located about 1,400 km south of Buenos Aires in Patagonia, the Valdez Peninsula is an astonishing sanctuary of wild life, unique in the world.

It is protected by a group of National and Provincial Parks known as the Reservations of Punta Norte, Caleta Valdes, Punta Delgada, Punta Piramides and the Isla de los Pajaros (The Birds Island). It is home to an important breeding population of the endangered southern right whale as well as the southern elephant seals and southern sea lions. The Orcas in this area have developed a unique hunting strat-

egy to adapt to local coastal conditions.

The Peninsula is connected to the mainland by the narrow strip of land 35 kilometres long called Ameghino Isthmus with the Gulf San Jose on one side and the Gulf Nuevo on the other. Here you will find the entrance to the park and an interpretive center where you can learn about all of the wildlife on the Peninsula before you begin the 400 km journey around the coastline. The Valdez Peninsula has been called an "open-air" zoo where the close-up observation of wildlife is a unique experience. Around the Peninsula the land is flat, very arid and desert-like,

with shrubbery and wildlife. But along the coast are white limestone cliffs dropping down to the clear blue Atlantic Ocean. This creates a spectacular rocky coastline with beautiful beaches where the sea mammals are in abundance.

The town of Puerto Madryn is just 200 km from the Peninsula and is the acclaimed centre for all of the tours and excursions available for wildlife observation. They organize daily tours for whale-watching, observing the sea lions, and learning all about this wildlife reserve.

A typical day trip organized by Flamenco Tour begins at about 8 a.m. with a pick-up at

your lodgings. Your tour guide and host for the day will be fluent in English and Spanish plus they will be extremely knowledgeable on everything the region has to offer its visitors. The first stop will be the Interpretive Center to prepare you for the wildlife spectacle ahead. From there you will proceed to Puerto Piramedes which is the only village on the Peninsula and is the boarding point for the whale watching boats. Once aboard your Zodiac vessel the next two hours will prove to be an incredible experience as you will see the Southern Right Whale close-up and playful.

After your boat ride you will

enjoy lunch at the Quimey Quipan — Friendly Welcome — ocean side restaurant, where you can enjoy authentic local cuisine plus of course the catch of the day! The view here is relaxing and peaceful with excellent home-cooked meals.

Next stop on the tour is Punta Delgada where a short walk down the cliffs is rewarded by Sea Lions and their cubs stretched out along the beach enjoying the sunshine. Then at Punta Cantor you will see more of these enormous mammals followed by the Magellanic Penguin Colony at Caleta Valdes. If you are lucky — as was the case on my tour — at Punta Norte you will catch a

glimpse of the very rare Orcas.

This Flamenco Tour excursion is about eleven hours where the wonders of nature will constantly amaze you plus the beautiful cliffs and beaches will delight you. No wonder it is called an open-air zoo as the sights of so much different wildlife in its natural environment is truly unique to this region.

For More Information Visit: flamencotour.com.

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10 must go-to global spa destinations

REUTERS — Hydrotherapy, massages and ancient Thai healing practices are just a few of the spa treatments offered to luxury hotel guests around the world.

To help travellers looking for therapeutic relaxation, online hotel specialist website Hotels.com offers its top 10 list of spa hotels:

1 Lyall Hotel and Spa in Melbourne, Australia

Melbourne's only privately owned and operated five star hotel, the Lyall Hotel and Spa, is situated in the heart of South Yarra, in close proximity to dozens of Melbourne's designer fashion stores and world-class restaurants. After a day of shopping, guests can unwind with a hydrotherapy session or Swedish-style massage in one of the spa's eight treatment rooms, set over three floors.

2 Grand Wailea — The Waldorf Astoria in Maui, Hawaii

Grand Wailea guests can indulge in a rejuvenating spa treatment that unites Thalassotherapy with ancient eastern and Hawaiian philosophies. Spa Grande boasts a 4,600 sq. m (49,510 sq. ft) palace of indulgence that offers more than 100 different treatments, many of which incorporate Hawaiian-grown ingredients.

3 Les Fermes de Marie le Lodge Park in Megeve, France

Famous for its golf and skiing, the town of Megeve, nestled in the French Alps, is vibrant in

and eight residential spa suites with 18 exotic treatment rooms, a tranquility court and pool for relaxation, yoga and meditation sessions. The Barai offers specialized treatments

an onsite Aroma Spa designed to soothe and pamper.

Guests can choose from a diverse array of treatment options, ranging from holistic aromatherapy and reflexology to detoxifying algae wraps.

6 Le Sirenuse in Positano, Italy

This small, but elegant spa hotel is run by the Sersale family and each of the 63 rooms feels like a home away from home.

Beauty products from Linie d'Italie are presented to guests on arrival and the Aveda Concept Spa offers top range treatments such as the "Caribbean Therapy" body treatment, which includes a body peel, wrap and massage.

7 Millbrook Resort in Arrowtown, New Zealand

Millbrook Resort, situated in New Zealand's historic gold-mining town of Arrowtown, in the country's south island, has a backdrop of some of the world's most spectacular scenery.

8 Blue Palace Resort & Spa in Crete, Greece

Crete, renowned for its natural beauty and diverse landscape, is Greece's largest island. With 106 swimming pools, five restaurants and a 2,000 sq. m (21,530 sq. ft) spa, there is more than enough luxury to satisfy any traveller at the Blue Palace

Resort & Spa. Guests can enjoy views of the Mediterranean while being treated to a hot-stone massage.

9 Rosewood Mayakoba in Playa del Carmen, Mexico

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range of services including the signature Temazcal Ritual, which is performed by a shaman trained in Mexican medicine.

10 Ritz-Carlton in Berlin, Germany

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4 Hyatt Regency in Hua Hin, Thailand

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Turnover leads to OT loss

HOSEA CHEUNG
QMI Agency

All it took was one giveaway in overtime to spoil the Canucks' bid for three straight road wins Monday.

Late in a frantic overtime period, defenceman Dan Hamhuis fed the puck onto Sabres' Tyler Myers' stick in front of Vancouver's net. The sophomore made no mistake, scoring top shelf on Cory Schneider to give Buffalo a 4-3 victory.

The home win for the Sabres was just their second of the season, and ruined Vancouver's rebound from a two-goal deficit.

Having trailed 3-1 after two periods, Canucks' Mikael Samuelsson scored his third of the season midway through the third to send the game into the extra frame, which saw a combined total of nine shots.

Buffalo's Ryan Miller finished with 36 saves against the Canucks, who were playing their fourth game of their five-game road trip, while Schneider, who made 35 stops, suffered his first loss of the season. The rookie goaltender struggled early, allowing a couple



Buffalo Sabres' Tyler Ennis (right) scores on Canucks' goalie Cory Schneider, as defenceman Christian Ehrhoff (centre) tries to fend him off during Monday's game in Buffalo. PHOTO REUTERS

weak goals on Tyler Ennis and Cody McCormick, who put his own rebound off a sprawled Schneider and in.

After Daniel Sedin pulled the Canucks within one on the

power play in the second, Steve Montador's howitzer from the point found the back of the net to regain the two-goal lead for Buffalo. Alex Edler added another man-advantage marker

BOX SCORE

3 OT **4**
CANUCKS SABRES

1st Period

8:22 **Buf - Ennis** (5)
(Roy, Vanek)
17:02 **Buf - McCormick** (3)
(Niedermayer, Grier)

2nd Period

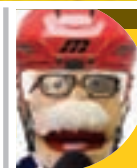
7:18 **Van - D. Sedin** (12)
(PP) (Ehrhoff, H. Sedin)
13:25 **Buf - Montador** (3)
(Roy, Vanek)

3rd Period

4:48 **Van - Edler** (2) (PP)
(H. Sedin, D. Sedin)
9:21 **Van - Samuelsson** (3)
(D. Sedin, H. Sedin)

Overtime

4:37 **Buf - Myers** (5)
(unassisted)



Guts McTavish
Gut shot

Front and centre

Going into last night's game in Buffalo, Ryan Kesler had eight goals in his last nine games.

A fifth of the season in and the team's number two centre is on a 46-goal pace. Not bad for a perennial Selke candidate.

Last year it took Kesler 35 games to register nine goals. The impressive part about this season is he's done it while his line mates have slumped. In that same nine-game span Mason Raymond and Mikael Samuelsson have combined for just four goals.

First Hank's emergence, now Kesler's. In their 40-year history, the Canucks have never been this deep at centre.

When you throw in Manny Malhotra with everything he brings to the table, this team's window of opportunity feels like it could be extended longer than some think - especially if Cody Hodgson continues to excel on the farm. In his last four games with the Manitoba Moose, the Canuck's top prospect has put up six goals. Who's deeper down the middle than the Canucks? No one.

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FOUR BARS

A .500 week sees Vancouver lose on the road in Montreal and Buffalo while winning back-to-back in Ottawa and Toronto.

CONNECTED

Ryan Kesler had a strong week for Vancouver with four goals in two games. More power to the centre's November 'stache.

DISCONNECTED

Keith Ballard has been a healthy scratch for the past four games, with Aaron Rome and Andrew Alberts placing ahead of him on the depth chart. With a \$4.2 million cap hit, the defenceman has yet to show he deserves a spot on the blueline.

MILESTONE

Both Ryan Kesler and Peter Schaefer are one goal away from a career 100. Schaefer, however, will need to find his way out of the press box first.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@nettrashcan: So a Swedish Twin and an underwear model scored on the Leafs tonight. That's one way of looking at it.

@brynnprince: ok something is wrong.....Cherry just said nice things about the #Canucks!

@adrianayee: Did he dive or pass the puck off his back? LOL RT @jvoon: Ehrhoff has been watching Cristiano Ronaldo play I see.

Hodgson doing his part

KEN WIEBE
QMI Agency

It took a little longer than some had hoped, but Cody Hodgson has arrived and he's beginning to put his stamp on this American Hockey League season.

The highly-touted rookie struggled a bit out of the gate

and occasionally looked out of sorts as little as three weeks ago, but those days appear to be long behind him.

No longer is the 10th overall pick in the 2008 NHL Entry Draft struggling to find his game. In fact, he's gone from being pointless in the first five

games of the campaign to leading the team with nine goals.

"That's not the thing I'm focused on here," said Hodgson, who had two goals and an assist in Saturday's 6-2 victory over the Rochester Americans. "I'm just trying to get better every day."

TWO STRAIGHT L'S



WHL

Despite two consecutive losses, the Vancouver Giants (12-8-1-2) remain atop the B.C. Division. After dropping games to Chilliwack Thursday and Prince George Saturday, the Giants host the Regina Pats Friday at the Pacific Coliseum.

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REACHING FOR THE END ZONE

📍 **NFL** Philadelphia Eagles Jerome Harrison scores a touchdown against the Washington Redskins in the first half of their Monday Night football game yesterday. For full game results, visit vancouver.24hrs.ca/sports — QMI AGENCY

PHOTO REUTERS

Campbell in the soup

QMI AGENCY – The man responsible for dishing out NHL suspensions is taking some heat for ripping one of the league's stars, questioning bad calls against his son and calling for a referee to be fired.

Colin Campbell, the NHL's executive vice-president and head disciplinarian, allegedly called Boston Bruins forward Marc Savard "a little fake artist" and ranted about penalties called on his son, Gregory, then with the Florida Panthers, in e-mails sent three years ago to Stephen Walkom, then the NHL's director of officiating.

The e-mails, which surfaced



Campbell

Monday after being obtained by blogger Tyler Dellow of mc79hockey.com, were used in former referee Dean Warren's hearing with the Ontario Na-

tional Relations Board.

Warren, the target of repeated criticism by Campbell in the e-mails, was trying to win reinstatement after being wrongly fired by the NHL.

In one rant against Warren, Campbell tells Walkom that the referee should never have called a high-sticking penalty on his son. The player Gregory Campbell high stucked was Savard, whom Colin Campbell called "the biggest faker going" and said Warren reacted to "embellishment" to make the call. Campbell coached Savard when they were both with the New York Rangers.

GOR-DONE

📍 **FIRED** The New York Islanders fired head coach Scott Gordon on Monday, replacing him 17 games into the season with Jack Capuano of their AHL affiliate. The change came on the heels of a 10-game losing streak that knocked the Islanders out last place in the Atlantic Division. Gordon, who was hired in 2008 on the heels of being named AHL coach of the year, led New York to four wins in their first seven games this season.

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MCNABB NABS EXTENSION

📍 **SIGNING** Donovan McNabb has reportedly agreed on a lucrative contract extension with the Washington Redskins. A story on ESPN's website Monday reported the quarterback's deal was for five years and \$78 million and could be worth up to \$88 million with incentives. News of a deal comes just over two weeks after McNabb was benched for Rex Grossman with less than two minutes left in a game against the Detroit Lions.

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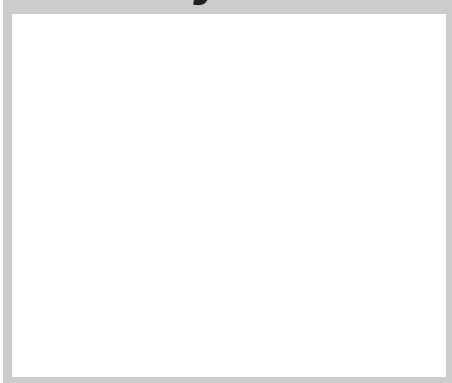
ACROSS

- 1 Potato or yam
- 6 Engrossed
- 10 Taxis
- 14 Crazy
- 15 Pitcher
- 16 Lie adjacent to
- 17 Official decree
- 18 Extremely
- 19 Short letter
- 20 Sorrowful
- 22 Stir up
- 24 Information on an invitation
- 25 Person in a prayerful posture
- 26 Oration
- 29 Fit for a king
- 30 Certain vote
- 31 Doctrine
- 33 Tranquillity
- 37 Space flight agcy.
- 39 Within __; handy
- 41 Irish Spring competitor
- 42 Mountaintop
- 44 Pains
- 46 Poorly lit
- 47 Jersey or polo
- 49 Greek capital
- 51 Outdoor window coverings
- 54 Escape
- 55 Ascends
- 56 Left high and dry
- 60 Flowers-to-be
- 61 Thought
- 63 Annoy
- 64 Rim
- 65 Precious
- 66 Fine tablecloth fabric
- 67 Rex or Donna
- 68 Concludes
- 69 Way in

DOWN

- 1 __ up; bound
- 2 Take apart
- 3 Arrestee's bond
- 4 Convert into symbols
- 5 Take back
- 6 Theatrical medley
- 7 Inspires with reverent wonder
- 8 For each
- 9 Attempting
- 10 Invalidated
- 11 Like bubbling hot water
- 12 Small mesa
- 13 Guide; direct
- 21 Each __; one another
- 23 __ tide
- 25 Fore-and-aft rigged sailboat
- 26 Out of __; inharmonious
- 27 "...a partridge in a __ tree."
- 28 Alleviate
- 29 Respond to a stimulus
- 32 Approaches
- 34 Assistant
- 35 Abel's brother
- 36 Shade trees
- 38 Evaluated
- 40 Cures
- 43 "My country 'tis of __..."
- 45 Spire
- 48 Interior
- 50 "In this," in a legal document
- 51 __ saw; electric cutter
- 52 Unrefined
- 53 Raised strip
- 54 Phobias
- 56 Departed
- 57 Camp shelter
- 58 At any time
- 59 Opposite of "acknowledge"
- 62 Comfy room

Yesterday's answers



sudoku

Under 10 Minutes
10-15
15-20
21-25
Over 25

Are You Kidding Me?
Tell Your Friends
Leaderboard is in Sight
Making Progress
Practice Makes Perfect.

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



LINDA BLACK

Horoscope

November 16, 2010

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Today's birthday: Research your roots. Traditional values reflect in all your creative efforts, so you gain from understanding their origins. Interview family members, trace your genealogy and read about the places your ancestors lived. Unique themes match what you do today.

ARIES

March 21 to April 19

It's hard to keep your eye on the necessary changes, as your feelings are so intense. Help arrives in the form of an associate who can be more objective.

Rating: ●●●●●●

LIBRA

September 23 to October 22

Personal changes are possible when you elevate your thoughts above the ordinary. Consider everyone's feelings as you choose your own direction.

Rating: ●●●●●●

TAURUS

April 20 to May 20

Your closest associates disagree over the public image you'd like to portray. Test a variety of presentations. That way you discover what works.

Rating: ●●●●●●

SCORPIO

October 23 to November 21

Work within your physical capabilities, and avoid excessive strain on joints and muscles. You have time to get it all done, so take it slow.

Rating: ●●●●●●●●

GEMINI

May 21 to June 20

You'll probably spend time away from your ordinary work environment today. Pay attention to every nuance of your surroundings.

Rating: ●●●●●●

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 to December 21

Get your homework done before presenting results. Pay extra attention to facts that don't seem to fit the picture. They turn out to be essential.

Rating: ●●●●●●●●

CANCER

June 21 to July 22

Your heart is in the right place today, and everything else will follow. Take the first step, and feel your way along after that. Love leads the way.

Rating: ●●●●●●

CAPRICORN

December 22 to January 19

All the information lines up for a group activity. Take time to collect materials. Prepare carefully for messy or toxic ingredients. It's worth it.

Rating: ●●●●●●

LEO

July 23 to August 22

Although you understand why others want drastic changes, you may not be clear about how best to accomplish that. Begin slowly, to avoid unnecessary dents and dings.

Rating: ●●●●●●●●

AQUARIUS

January 20 to February 18

Everywhere you look, you find questions. The good news is that you have the answer. Your own intuition fills in the information gap. These answers are greatly appreciated.

Rating: ●●●●●●●●

VIRGO

August 23 to September 22

An active imagination can make work both a challenge and a delight. Each person contributes. Listening to the stories allows for understanding and insight.

Rating: ●●●●●●●●

PISCES

February 19 to March 20

Tell others how you feel, and listen to what they say. You may be surprised to find they're on the same wavelength. Stay open-minded to their ideas.

Rating: ●●●●●●●●



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