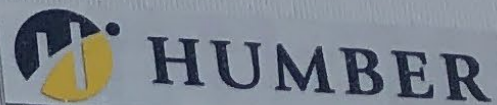


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Two arrested in connection with death of Humber student

Jennifer Kozak

NEWS REPORTER

Humber accounting student Hashim Omar Hashi will never be able to launch his career. His future was snatched from him by a bullet.

The 20-year-old was gunned down while trying to drive his car into the underground parking lot of a Falstaff Avenue apartment building, in the Jane Street-Highway 401 area on Jan. 31.

The college granted his Bachelor's of Commerce, Accounting credentials to his family on Feb. 16.

"The diversity of the Humber community is one of our greatest strengths. Humber condemns all acts of violence, and we stand in solidarity with our community during this difficult time," said Humber President Chris Whitaker in a statement.

Whitaker shared his condolences to Hashi's family and friends and after posting the

statement to Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, hundreds of messages from Humber and Humber-Guelph students shared condolences to Hashi's family.

Toronto Police reported Hashi was pulling into the apartment parking garage at 40 Falstaff Rd. when he was apparently ambushed.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene by emergency responders.

Police later found the vehicle the suspects fled in abandoned at Earl Bales Park, in the Bathurst Street and Sheppard Avenue area, engulfed in flames.

Emmanuel Missah, 24, of Toronto, was arrested Feb. 12 and charged with accessory after the fact to murder and failure to comply with recognizance.

The following day, Hassan

Ali, 22, of Toronto, known as controversial rapper Top5, was arrested in Windsor and was charged with accessory after the fact to murder, two counts of failing to comply with probation, possessing property obtained by crime worth more than \$5,000 and one count each of possessing of cocaine, fentanyl and

working, and humble and kind. The second-year student was a brother, son, cousin, nephew and friend, who held a part-time job at Pearson Airport while being a full-time student.

"He was a kind, gentle soul that lit up every room he entered," a family spokesperson wrote on a Gofundme campaign in his memory. "In honour of Hashim's memory, we will be building a well and feeding the poor in his name.

"We have lost many of our youth in this city, and unfortunately, today, it was one of our own," the friend wrote. "We pray that no other family suffers a tragedy like this, and we pray Hashim will get the justice he deserves in this world."

Toronto homicide Det.-Sgt. Ted Lioumanis said Hashi was not affiliated or involved in gang activity.

"Mr. Hashi was a student studying accounting and worked part-time at the airport. He had a promising future, and he was a

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HUMBER COLLEGE PRESIDENT

oxycodone for the purpose of trafficking.

Humber community was deeply affected by the abrupt and senseless passing of Hashi, Whittaker said.

"As a community, we are hurting," he said.

Hashi was described as having a beautiful smile, being hard-



TORONTO POLICE
A Toronto homicide detective said Hashi was not connected to any gang activity.

very well-respected young man," Lioumanis at a news conference on Feb.13.

Toronto is mired by a spike in gun violence, and despite being in a global pandemic, the numbers are not going down. Toronto Police report from 2019, there were 492 shootings in Toronto with 240 injured people, and 44 people died. There were 191 shootings in 2004.

York South-Weston city councillor Frances Nunziata said she is working with community members and Falstaff tenants to increase safety measures like security cameras.

"The gun violence that we have in this city is sickening, and another life has been lost. We need to work together with the community and the police to try and stop the gun violence that we have in this community," Nunziata said at a news conference.

Police are asking anyone with information or dashboard video of the incident or suspect vehicle to contact them at (416) 222-8477.



JENNIFER KOZAK

Humber lowered the flags to half mast in memory of Hashim Hashi. President Chris Whitaker said the community was "hurting."



JENNIFER KOZAK

A memorial outside the underground parking garage where Hashi was killed.

Barbershops in Toronto, Peel remain closed until March 8



DANIEL LONIC

Tony's Barbershop on Avenue Road has remained unoccupied during the lockdown.

Daniel Lonic
NEWS REPORTER

Ontario's lifting of COVID restriction can't come sooner for struggling barbershops and the accompanying scruffy impatient heads of hair.

"I can't tell you how stressful it is to put everything into an establishment just to have to sit idly as these big corporations continue business as usual," said Tony Costa, owner of Tony's Barbershop on Avenue Road in North York.

Premier Doug Ford com-

menced the gradual reopening of non-essential businesses in Ontario last week. Toronto, York, and Peel will be the last to reopen, set for March 8. Hairstylists must keep their head above water for two more weeks in those regions — days many small businesses frankly can't afford.

In a survey carried out by Beauty United Canada, 47 per cent of respondents anticipated losing their business before 2021 began. Responses consisted of 55 Ontario organizations between May 10 and July 17.

There are 3,500 spas and

salons across Ontario. Beauty United forecasts 20 per cent of them will not survive the lockdowns.

"It's just been tough," Costa said following a brief pause to think. "For both my barbershop and my family."

Costa believes there lacks sufficient support for not only the beauty industry but small businesses as a whole. He calls hypocrisy on storefronts such as massage therapists being deemed essential while hairstylists were forced to twiddle their thumbs.

"It's not all about the money too, it's about everything, the whole purpose in going to work, getting up in the morning, seeing people," Costa said.

While he's relieved to soon have clients in his barber chair again, he's hesitant to get too comfortable. He questions how long this grace period will last before everyone is thrown back into the lockdown rotation.

Health officials feel that now isn't the right time to open the economy. Three variants are now in Ontario and lifting lockdown could only accelerate their spreads, which is predicted to push the province closer to a third wave.

Model data by ScarsinCorporation suggests Ontario could see upward of 4,000 cases daily by April, in large part due to

more daunting transmissible variants and opening of high case count areas. Dr. Adalstienn Brown told reporters the numbers between 5,000 to 6,000 cases daily by March because of the variants.

Dr. Eillen de Villa, Toronto's Chief Medical Officer, said Wednesday the lockdown in Toronto should be extended by another two weeks. The call was echoed by Peel's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Lawrence C. Loh. He had also sent a letter to his counterparts urging the restrictions be extended into March.

But the economic pressures the lockdowns pose are too much for some.

"Most of the businesses within our network are at a point where they literally have no other choice but to defy. They're looking down the barrel of bankruptcy," said Samantha Flatman, program manager for We Are All Essential, an anti-lockdown group.

Flatman describes the We Are All Essential website as a hub offering legal advice, rights awareness and a voice most of all for small businesses.

A long-running distrust of the government's support created an absence of consolation in Ford's announcement. These businesses are past abiding by lockdown restrictions and scour

for loopholes to operate, demonstrating an unfeasibility within lockdown mandates.

"It's a matter of survival at this point," Flatman said.

"We're looking at almost a quarter of a million businesses in Canada going under by the spring and with that, almost three million jobs," she said.

Many lives and deaths hang in the balance during this pandemic, the death of the economy and population are only two of the many.

"Scheduling a haircut was the first thing I did when I heard the announcement, I was pretty close to giving myself a buzz cut," said Marc Pico, a regular customer of Ernie's Barbershop on Davenport.

Pico was accustomed to getting haircuts bi-weekly, a large contrast to now.

"I knew it was bad when my sideburns were tickling my ears," added Pico. Barbershops not being deemed essential is a human disservice in his eyes.

Essential establishments are defined as vital services required for health, public safety, preserving life, and basic societal functioning.

"Where's the definition for essential? It's absolutely absurd to say that anyone is not essential when it comes to putting food on their kids' table," Flatman said.

New COVID variants from Brazil, RSA detected in Toronto

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NEWS REPORTER

Two new variants of COVID-19, known as P.1 and B.1.351 have emerged in Toronto and experts said they could be more transmissible than previous strains.

The P.1 variant was first detected in Brazil while B.1.351 originated in South Africa.

"The problem with these strains is that they may be a bit more infectious due to mutations called N501Y and E484K that may make prior immunity — either from an earlier infection or from some vaccines," Dr. David Fisman, an expert in the epidemiology of infectious diseases, said.

"Some vaccines, like the one made by Astra Zeneca, don't

seem to work against the South African mutant (B.1.351)," he said.

Toronto Medical Officer of Health Dr. Eileen de Villa said across multiple news conferences that variants could grow into a significant public health threat, "spreading widely and with potentially overwhelming speed thanks to mutations that make the virus easier to catch."

"The variant spread from elsewhere gives us every reason to believe variants will spread here in the same way," she said.

As far as scientists know, the severity and symptoms of the new strains are similar to previous ones, but much remains unknown. The Public Health Agency of Canada has been

working to detect and keep an eye on the new variants of the virus in the country in order to better understand their dangers.

"If — as expected — variants of concern become the dominant strain in Toronto there is an even greater likelihood of case counts increasing, given increased transmissibility is proven by science to be true," de Villa said.

Fisman said although there is no evidence that the Brazil and South African strains are more lethal - like the UK strain - they still may be more contagious and evade immune responses.

"The approach to avoiding infection with these strains is the same as with older strains: avoid closed, close, crowded places and mask up," Fisman

said.

De Villa said that the vaccines will be a step toward returning to normalcy and help prevent the spread of the variants.

"Canada has approved two vaccines, from Pfizer-Biontech and Moderna, and two await approval, which I expect will be soon - from Oxford-AstraZeneca, and Johnson and Johnson," De Villa said.

Staying home as much as possible and not getting too comfortable going out in public are crucial in preventing the spread of the new variants.

"We still have to be careful," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told reporters on Feb 15. "We can't be letting our guards down."

Trudeau said the new variants

have now been detected in all 10 provinces.

"Many provinces are also reporting evidence of community transmission of these strains," he said. "Nobody wants a new wave, especially not with these new variants that are far more contagious."

Trudeau said Canada is taking steps to slow down the transmission of COVID-19 strains through enhanced travel protocols, including testing and a mandatory hotel quarantine, more thorough screening for new variants and increased protection for more vulnerable communities.

He urges Canadians to be cautious and mindful while the risk of these variants lingers throughout the country.

Study shows student nutrition and activity levels threatened by COVID-19 pandemic

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NEWS REPORTER

RICHMOND HILL, Ont. — University students' activity and nutrition levels have worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic, a new study from the University of Saskatchewan suggests.

Researchers from the University of Saskatchewan collected data from 125 of the 158 participants from April to July 2020.

Participants were full-time students at the University of Saskatchewan and University of Regina, who had been enrolled before September 2019 and were responsible for preparing their own meals.

The participants completed two online questionnaires through the SurveyMonkey platform. Survey were based on diet, activity, and sedentary levels before and during the pandemic.

The Canadian 24-hour Movement Guidelines for adults aged 18 to 64 recommends 150 minutes per week of physical activity and less than eight-hour of being sedentary per day.

The study found that 90 per cent of participants who met the activity guidelines before the pandemic were not meeting them during the pandemic.

Recent Humber graduate student Abhinav Liloitha said he has become more active during the pandemic.

He began studying in Humber's paralegal program in Jan. 2020 and said he used the gym on campus until it closed due to

the pandemic.

Liloitha said he woke up at 5 a.m. each day to see the sunrise before his virtual classes.

This routine eventually motivated him to try callisthenics because those exercises don't require access to a gym or equipment, he said.

"That is my hobby. That is how I love to start my day. Even if I don't have time at the beginning of the day, I try to fit it in somewhere," he said.

Liloitha said he has now adapted his routine for indoor exercises during the winter and doesn't think he will ever go back to using the gym.

The University of Saskatchewan's study also indicated students' dietary habits are worse during the pandemic.

It found students were not eating as many calories, or enough nutrient-dense foods like grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy, nuts, meat, and meat alternatives.

Lori Short-Zamudio, a professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences and Wellness at Humber College, said students' nutrition is impacted by their ability to access food.

She said access to food was difficult before the pandemic and is more so during the pandemic.

Short-Zamudio said feelings of guilt are sometimes associated with food choices because there is a perception of what people think they should be eating, which can differ from what they can access or afford.

"I think people feel bad about what they're eating instead of realizing that they're taking care of their bodies by feeding their bodies," she said.

Stress levels also play a factor in nutrition levels, Short-Zamudio said. As classes are virtual this year

"students can watch lecture videos independently while also working full time," she said.

Short-Zamudio said this causes rush eating or meal skipping amid the stress of their school and work responsibilities.

She advised students not to look to others, especially on social media, for dietary advice.

Short-Zamudio said people should listen to their own energy needs, "because they will change based on daily activity.

"Knowing that our needs are going to vary from day to day is important.

Your body might want more one day and might want less one day, and just letting it do those things I think is really important," she said.

Short-Zamudio encourages students to reach out for support if they are struggling during this time.

Humber students can access free virtual one-on-one nutrition coaching by the college's nutrition studies students despite virtual learning,

"we still have this great Humber community that can support you in everything that is going on, and it's ok to ask for help," she said.



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Student's TikTok highlights anxiety's effect in classroom

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Western University music student Chelsie Boccognelle feels being forced to unexpectedly speak in class and answer questions negatively impacts many students suffering from anxiety disorders.

Boccognelle posted a TikTok on the subject and it gathered more than 560,000 likes and 1.6 million views.

"I think that teachers need to just have a bit more understanding and respect for their students and their personal feelings and circumstances," she said.

The majority of more than 16,000 comments on the post agreed with her message, and many shared their own similar, anxiety-inducing experiences.

"I think that seeing all the positive comments really made me realize how important it is to have teachers understand their students and respect their boundaries when it comes to speaking in front of classes," Boccognelle said.

She is very confident in public speaking and enjoys it, but still struggles with anxiety and embarrassment when she is unexpectedly called upon.

She said teachers should understand the "element of surprise" makes it much more difficult.

Anxiety is something nearly everyone deals with at times, but for those who struggle with psychological disorders, it can be debilitating.

Dr. Mark Berber, a psychiatrist at Markham Stouffville Hospital, said Social Anxiety Disorder (SAD) can be scary for those who suffer from it.

"It's one of many anxiety disorders, characterized by this fear of doing something embarrassing in front of others," he said.

"Also, because of that fear, they avoid and doing things in front of others and if they do that task in front of others, they do it with great discomfort."

Berber said a little bit of anxiety in social or occupational situations is normal,

but some cases are much more severe.

He also said SAD most often sets in before adulthood and very often goes undiagnosed and untreated.

Treatments include talk therapy and, in some cases, medication, he said.

"If you notice your functioning starts to be impaired because of social fear, that's when we start thinking that this is a

psychiatric, psychological or emotional condition that needs professional assistance," Berber said.

He said teachers should not force students to speak in class.

"I think it's incumbent on teachers and professors to know about social anxiety disorder and detect when their students aren't comfortable," Berber said.

He recommends anyone struggling with milder performance or social anxiety to try to think calmly and rationally before facing their fears head-on.

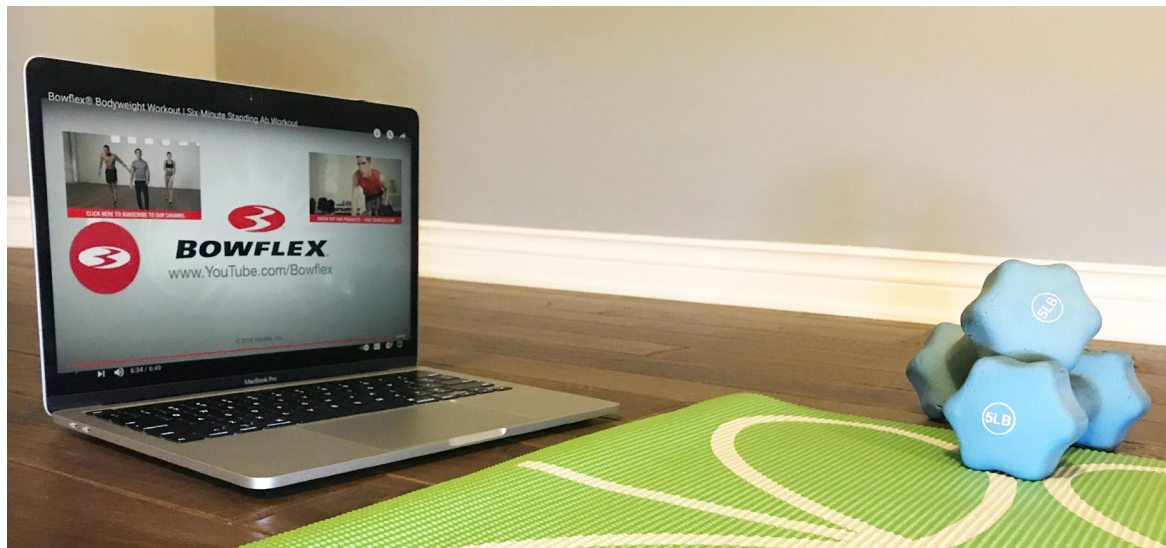
"That works because the person then realizes it wasn't so bad.

They think, 'I got up and gave the talk and the world didn't come crashing down,'" Berber said.

Sheridan College student Jessica Singh said she thinks teachers should rely on students coming forward on their own.

"A piece of advice I would give teachers and professors is to allow students the opportunity to raise their hands instead of just calling on them,

or having them go into smaller groups and listening to their answers," Singh said.



CRISTINA GALLE

A recent University of Saskatchewan study shows students are not as active or eating as well as they were before the pandemic.



COURTESY OF EVE EGOYAN

Eve Egoan has released 12 solo CD's and now is using technology to augment the piano and perform in a completely new way.



COURTESY OF TARA DAVIDSON

Tara Davidson also teaches jazz music at York University and University of Toronto.



COURTESY OF CHELDON PATERSON

Cheldon Paterson, a festival performer, describes himself as a sci-fi turntablist.



COURTESY OF BEA LABIKOVA

Bea Labikova will be releasing an album this summer titled *No Beginning No End*.

Toronto music festival is pushing more boundaries with sci-fi holograms

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ARTS REPORTER

Toronto's Women From Space festival plans to liven up its performances with the use of hologram technology.

Bea Labikova, festival creator and performer, felt virtual concerts aren't as engaging now as they were at the beginning of the pandemic.

"Many people aren't feeling very drawn to online or digital music performances, so we brainstormed how we can make this online experience pop out and be unique," Labikova said.

The festival, which aims to create a space for women during the weekend before International Women's Day, went with a space theme that pairs well with the futuristic elements of a hologram.

Labikova, along with Rapahel Roter a Toronto drummer and percussionist, created a device called the Holobox Theatre, which allows the performance to be projected to make it appear as if the performer is in real space.

"The hologram technology was specifically made for the Women From Space festival. All you need is this Holobox Theatre and a screen, either a laptop,

tablet or phone," Labikova said.

The pandemic made the festival change this year with the move to an online platform, however, it presented the option to include a local slate of performers.

"We decided for a mostly local lineup to support our local scene since nobody can perform or tour right now," Labikova said.

"We promote and present artists who work on a front edge of creative exploration across various genres."

The festival will be streamed online and the performances will be pre-recorded, which means the festival can reach wider audiences as well as people outside of Toronto.

Cheldon Paterson, a festival performer and musician, finds the whole festival exciting and is honoured to be a part of it.

He was inspired by the women in Toronto.

"I was definitely quite excited to be a part of something so different. It's pretty innovative for a festival to be doing that," Paterson said.

Paterson, who goes by the stage name SlowPitchSound, has been rehearsing for his performance with performer Mairi Greig and Canadian singer Laura

Barrett over Zoom, which has been different for him.

"It's kind of like a back and forth. It's like, here are the sounds that I'm thinking of using, and from there we move on and share ideas and share sounds," Paterson said.

Paterson said the biggest challenge has been not collaborating in the same space as Greig and Barrett.

"When it comes to actually record the show, we have to stay apart because of the regulations, it's going to be interesting" Paterson said.

However, Paterson is excited to work with Greig and Barrett and anticipates a unique performance.

"We're going to definitely play up to the fact that we're holograms. It'll be like an audiobook. There'll be soundscapes, speech, and a mix of beats and atmosphere," Paterson said.

Eve Egoan, a festival performer and pianist, was happy to be approached to be a part of the Women From Space festival.

"This festival sounds really interesting and the gathered artists are very interesting as well. This festival also allows me an opportunity to do things for myself," Egoan said.

Egoan found the use of holograms to be a creative and playful way to deal with the festival being online.

"It's a way to deal with the lack of presence, so in a weird way, if you have a hologram you might actually feel the ghostly presence of us," Egoan said.

Egoan also plans to perform new work as it allows her to do something that she has been working on for the past 10 months.

"I received a non-invasive optical sensor that I can put above the keys. It will make it sound like a piano, but it'll be doing things that pianos can't do easily," Egoan said.

Tara Davidson, a festival performer and musician, received an invitation from Canadian drummer Sarah Thawer to coordinate a duo performance with her.

"It's very exciting for me. I've been following what she's been doing and she sounds fantastic. We're going to play together for the first time when we do the festival.

It'll be a loose framework in the spirit of implementation," Davidson said.

Davidson found the hologram technology to be cool and a great

idea for the festival.

"They're creating a different spin and a new interesting layer," she said. Davidson has been practicing and watching Thawer's online content to put together a balanced repertoire with variety, as well as open improvisation.

"Now that we've figured out what our setlist is going to be, I have a more directed focus on what to practice," she said.

"I've been listening to her more and practicing along and getting into her groove."

Davidson plans to work on a third recording with her band after the festival and hopefully perform some shows when it's safe to do so.

Paterson released a musical project that can boost anticipation for his performance at the festival.

Meanwhile, Egoan plans to perform in the Open Ears festival in June and awaits whether it will be a drive-in show or a live stream.

Labikova hopes hologram technology moves forward into other mediums such as animation and dance.

In the meantime, she'll be working on the Women From Space Festival in 2022.



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Supporters of the pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) face off against police officers in support of protesters opposing the appointment of a new rector at Bogazici University in Istanbul, Turkey on Feb. 4.

Turkish police clamp down on student protesters

Nur Dogan

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The appointment of Melih Bulu, a former deputy candidate of the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP), as the new rector of Bogazici University (BAU) sparked a wave of protests across the country.

As a result, many students were reportedly detained over accusations of terrorism.

Neither students of BAU, one of Turkey's pioneering institutions, nor its academicians want a rector who is a supporter of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. University professors traditionally elected a new leader from among the university's academicians, and one who is nominated by BAU professors.

BAU academicians initiated a protest on the campus Jan. 2 following the political appointment, turning their backs on the office of the new rector.

The protests became the top topic in the country when students began participating.

Irfan, a student of Bogazici University whose last name is being withheld for fear of arrest, said research into the new rector's background uncovered some disturbing traits.

"We discovered that Bulu has

homophobic expressions, discrimination of genders and plagiarism in his articles," he said after being detained during the protests.

Erdogan responded to the university community's stance by accusing them of terrorism.

"This country will not be a land where terrorists have control," he said. "Are you students or terrorists who raid the rector's room?"

Political attacks by the government were followed by physical attacks by the police. Anti-riot forces took the control of the campus and detained 159 protesters while anti-terror units raided some students' homes, breaking down doors and pointing weapons during the raids.

"Some of our schoolmates were tortured by the law enforcement,"

Irfan

*A STUDENT OF BOGAZICI UNIVERSITY
WHOSE LAST NAME IS BEING WITHHELD*

"Some of our schoolmates were tortured by the law enforcement," Irfan said.

Bulu said protesters barricaded the three doors of the rectorate building.

"They prevented the workers from stepping out of the building," said Bulu, who insisted he will not resign his position. "Both students and academi-

cians have rights to protest, but they forced the boundaries of democracy."

Police operations and the tortures backfired, however, as the protest in Istanbul spread to other cities.

Mahir, a university student in Turkey's capital Ankara and whose last name is being withheld for fear of arrest, supported the Bogazici students and academicians.

"During the police attack, I was knocked down with my friends," he said. "Having pulled my arm, the police threatened me that if I do not release my arm, it would be broken.

The police forced some students to lie down and handcuffed wrists behind their backs with plastic cuffs.

"The handcuffs cut our wrists for hours. I saw that a student sitting on the wheelchair was unconscious, and his face was bloody," Mahir said.

"The guy was beaten, and his face was kicked by the police," he said. "They are trying us to scare and intimidate by showing his situation."

Some university students from east regions also supported their peers' struggle.

"I joined this movement to say stop to this ongoing process,



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Plainclothes police officers detain a demonstrator in Ankara, Turkey, on Feb. 2 during a gathering in solidarity with students, who Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan called "terrorists", following the appointment of a new rector at Bogazici University.

and I believed that we could change many things with this resistance," said Roza whose last name is being withheld for the fear of detention.

Her schoolmates wanted to read a press release against Erdogan's political agenda in universities and the appointment of Bulu, but police did not allow them to join the protest. Anti-riot forces seized the student's LGBTQ+ flags and detained some of the protesters.

"Police dragged students on the ground of the street, sprayed pepper gas in the face, and handcuffed backwards," Roza said. "Is not it a torture?"

When Roza was detained, she was exposed to the psychological violence of the police. Also, the officers left them hungry and

thirsty in a detention room.

They did not let her go to the washroom for around 12 hours.

"We had to resist even for this," Roza said. "I never thought that one day I would have to defend the rights of my bladder, too."

"The trustee rector will go, but we will still stay," Roza said.

More than 500 students were detained and 10 of them were jailed during the past seven weeks.

"We must continue the peaceful protests without being discouraged, we will win sooner or later," Mahir said.

Student protests continue at the south campus of the BAU in Istanbul. Also, the academicians keep turning their backs to Bulu's office in protest despite snowy weather conditions.

Uttarakhand glacier burst causes destruction, loss of life

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NEW DELHI — Rescue workers recovered 58 victims of the glacier burst and flash flood in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand in northern India.

They expect to find more as 171 remain missing as they continue recovery attempts and to clear the extensive damage to the Rishiganga and Dhauliganga hydel [hydro] projects.

Villagers from 13 different areas were also trapped and cut off by the floods caused by the glacier burst.

Rescue operations by the authorities are still taking place in order to find the ones who are missing and recover bodies of those trapped under the debris.

The bodies of 31 of the 58 have been recovered, including the 11 who were trapped under the Tapovan tunnel, which is just south of the border with China and west of Nepal. The cause of the death as reported by the authorities is due to sludge and water entering their lungs.

"This is not the first time Uttarakhand has seen a climate tragedy," said Shinjini Mudgil, an



REUTERS/ANUSHREE FADNAVIS

Rescue teams at work after part of a glacier broke away in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand in northern India on Feb. 11.

environmental studies student. "The floods and landslide of 2013 caused by a cloud burst which also resulted in the loss of life and a lot more things."

The glacier burst in early February in the Chamoli district has largely been blamed on the climate change happening in the country.

"The Air Quality Index of the

country has been above 300 which is neither normal nor safe for the citizens," said Katha Ray, a climate change activist. A range of between zero and 30 in the AQI is considered good, while 300 and above is deemed hazardous.

"Changes need to be made. New rules, guidelines and restrictions need to be

implemented by the authorities in order to prevent worse natural calamities happening in the future," Ray said.

A study conducted in 2019 shows the glaciers in the Himalayan region have been melting at twice the speed as they were before and losing half a meter of ice each year. Being close to the region, Uttarakhand

faces the consequences of these changes.

In 2013, the state faced one of the worst natural disasters the country has ever seen when a cloud burst resulted in floods and massive landslides and 6,000 people lost their lives.

"I remember I was there with my family on a vacation when this happened and I was terrified," said Ahaan Gupta, who was in Uttarakhand during the 2013 floods.

Construction of hydro projects such as dams along the state's rivers and other infrastructure developments in the state have also been blamed for climate change and tragedies in past years.

"I know development is necessary for any country but there needs to be a balance between development and the preserving the environment and at this point I think we need to focus on our environment more," said Shinjini Mudgil, an environmental studies student.

Trivendra Singh Rawat, the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand state, has ensured compensation to the families of those who lost their lives.

Northern Ontario city seeing a rise in opioid-related deaths

Kelly Luke

REPORTER

TIMMINS, Ont. — This north-eastern Ontario city is experiencing the highest rate in opiate-related deaths per-capita compared to the rest of the province, local doctor Julie Samson said.

"Our rates went up during the pandemic, again, higher than 2019 [and] our numbers are going to be worse for 2020 [which] goes hand-in-hand with what we are seeing across the country nationally because of the pandemic," Samson said. "More people are dying alone unfortunately."

Working class men between the ages of 23 to 35 are the most vulnerable demographic for opioid overdose. Infrequent use, unexpected contaminants such as fentanyl, and taking opi-

oids by oneself increase the risk of death among users, Samson said.

More users take opioids alone as stricter lockdown measures are enforced due to the pandemic, she said.

The Ontario Coroner's Office stated in its latest opioid deaths report it was expecting to see a dramatic rise — about 50 per cent — in deaths in 2020. There were 1,523 opioid-related deaths in 2019.

In its preliminary study of opioid use during the pandemic, the report said the "number of opioid-related deaths increased quickly in the weeks following the state of emergency declaration in Ontario on March 17, 2020."

There was a 38.2 per cent rise in opioid-related deaths in the first 15 weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic, 695 deaths or an

average of 46 deaths per week, compared to 503 deaths or 34 per week in the 15 weeks prior to the lockdown.

"The public health crisis right now is not COVID, nationally it's opiates but we don't hear about it every day. You hear about the deaths from COVID, but you should be hearing about the deaths from opiates," Samson said.

Samson and her colleague Dr. Louisa Marion-Bellemare, both physicians practicing in this city of about 42,000 about 700 kilometres north of Toronto, gave a presentation to city council in October on the urgency of the current opioid crisis.

The doctors introduced a seamless and accessible model that would improve care to patients dealing with opioid addiction. Their goal is to develop a "one-stop-shop" for

patients seeking recovery from addiction, and can do so in one singular facility.

This model would especially help those seeking treatment who are also experiencing homelessness who do not have a phone to call and make appointments, nor the ability to afford transportation to travel to different facilities, Samson said.

"Why is it higher in Timmins? It's probably [in relation to] our higher rate of [...] homelessness, but also a lack of services that are accessible to people that are struggling with addictions," Samson said.

Homelessness and opioid addiction can overlap, but must be dealt with differently, said Cory Robin, Ward 5 Councillor for the city.

"[There's] lots of overlap, a lot of concurrent issues," Robin said. "A lot of mental health

issues turn into homeless issues. A lot of mental health issues turn into opioid issues. A lot of opioid issues lead to homeless issues. A lot of homeless issues turn to opioids.

"But the biggest impact the ones who are dying of this opioid epidemic, are the ones who have homes who have a job who aren't homeless," he said. "That's why it's hard to have them put together," Robin said.

Erasing stigma, which has been the dominant barrier in finding a solution for the opioid crisis, will help more people get the help and treatment they need, say Samson and Robin.

"Timmins cares. We care about the people here. We have a website called 'Timmins.care' and that website is to try to help remove the stigma, try to help put the human face on what's going on," Robin said.

EDITORIAL

North York shooting shows importance of stricter gun control

Her father holding her as tightly as possible to stop the bleeding is what saved his 14-year-old daughter's life, according to paramedics and doctors. His child was gravely wounded after being shot in the head.

Alyssa Driscoll was rushed to the infirmary Feb. 12 after a shooting in an apartment building at 25 Stong Court in the Jane Street and Finch Avenue area.

Information is still being handled delicately as much is not known as to what happened the night of the shooting. And while a lot of information has not been disclosed, her father Brandon

said she is recovering and has been released from the ICU, but will still need medical attention.

"She's a warrior," he told reporters. "I thank God. It's a miracle,"

It could have happened to anyone in the apartment, in the building in the neighbourhood. It could have even happened to one of Humber's Et Cetera staff members who grew up in the same building if they not had moved due to their parent's concerns about the area's bad reputation in the 2010s.

This time it happened to a 14-year-old girl who had barely begun her life. She was the victim of negligence and igno-

rance as Driscoll's mother had said she was "devastated" in which no weaponry should have been in the household.

Toronto Police arrested a 17-year-old male four days after the shooting that apparently occurred in an apartment. Police allege a group of young people were inside the unit of an apartment building when a firearm was discharged. The 14-year-old was struck in the head and the suspect and others fled, police said.

To say the worst is behind the family would be a long stretch as many questions are still left unanswered. Police report Alyssa suffered life-altering injuries.

Gun violence in the Jane and Finch area is nothing new. And for the residents of 25 Stong Court, the level of danger has risen and may now have them on high alert.

This year has just started and four shootings and two murders were recorded in 31 Division, the police precinct where Stong is, police report.

In 2017 and 2018, two separate pieces of gun legislation were passed to improve the safety of Canadians by cracking down on the amount of gun violence recorded in each province.

As a province, a lot more needs to be done in regard to the lack of gun control. And while

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced new gun legislation to create safer communities by increasing the penalty for smuggling and trafficking firearms, what's to stop another incident like this from happening when nothing seems to be changing?

"Getting these weapons off our streets and out of the hands of criminals means less violence, and that means safer cities and communities," Trudeau told reporters.

We are only two months into the new year, but how many lives will have to be at risk or lost before an effective means to ending gun violence comes to pass?

OPINION

Sports card market booms for fans young and old



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much-needed life to older collectors while bringing along a new generation.

All this is accompanied by what can only be described as a price explosion.

New cards have the potential to sell upwards of three to 10 times the retail price in secondary markets, especially if they are sold unopened. This makes buying and selling sports cards similar to the stock market, even mimicking what can raise the price, a player's real-life performance.

Earlier this year during a December auction a mint condition 1979 O-Pee-Chee Wayne Gretzky rookie card was sold for \$1.29 million.

O-Pee-Chee cards are the most desirable for NHL card collectors due to the difficulty of finding them, along with low-quality card stock and printing standards. But these types of prices aren't as abnormal as people think; there are plenty of cards that surpass the \$100,000 mark with cards like Mickey Mantle, Mike Trout and Honus Wagner atop of the list of most expensive cards in the world.

Not only are sports cards experiencing a rise in popularity but also Pokémon cards, the



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It has been a little more than a year since the world changed forever, with COVID-19 bringing with it a bevy of problems. But one of the few surprising positives during this time of lockdown has been the revival of the sports card market.

The pandemic forced people to drop some of their hobbies and create new ones. One many people chose was to relive their youth and the joy of cracking open a pack, seeing which players they pulled.

Collecting sports cards was extremely popular during the time of the Millennials, hitting its peak in the early '90s. The resurgence has brought some

popular anime television series created in the late 90's. The difference between Pokémon and sports cards is that Pokémon market has been also driven by social media more than sports cards have.

Companies have also capitalized on the influx of collectors, with McDonald's now offering Pokémon cards in happy meals.

Dean's Cards, one of the most popular websites for buying and selling vintage cards, has seen record numbers in sales recently, with January 2021 breaking the monthly sales

record. Vintage cards were once the only player to dominate the market in demand and price pre-COVID-19, but with the surge in young collectors wanting their favourite modern player's card, their price has begun to soar while keeping the vintage market intact.

What might be the coolest thing about these, specifically basketball cards right now is the amount of market change these cards command after one good game or one bad game. Your favourite player can have an absurd stat line one night and double or even triple in value.

There's no cap on the potential of what all these cards can go for in future especially with us staying at home spending our nights watching sports, wondering when life will go back to normal and social media driving the prices of these cards, there's really no telling what might happen.

No matter if you just want to collect, invest or just buy and sell, there's a spot for everyone in the sports card community right now. In a time where we could all use something good, sports fans have a clear option right in front of them.

LIFE AT HUMBER

Maple Leafs are two years away from being two years away

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Being a member of the blue-and-white fan base is known throughout the hockey world as challenging and filled with disappointment. Every year we sit down in front of the television with renewed vigour, truly believing “this is our year.”

The Toronto Maple Leafs haven't won the Stanley Cup, considered by many as the hardest championship to win in sports since the league was six teams, in 54-years. Although there have been teams with great promise, the results always seem to be the same: nothing, nada, or as they say in Sweden, ingenting.

The most popular recent trait among all Leafs' traits are the first-round exits. They enter the playoffs with high hopes until the phrase that makes every Leafs' fan's spine stiffen and shiver: first-round exit.

That was the case in 2013, 2017, 2018 and 2019. They were all done with that classic Leafs losing flare. It was never more



GARRETT THOMPSON

Walls of memorabilia like this one are common across the province, uniting the passion of the most dedicated fan base in hockey.

the case than in 2013, the year that make the entire city sick to its stomach: Leafs versus Bruins, Game 7.

It is one of those games where every fan can tell you where they were watching it, what they were feeling. I, for example, was watching the team through a computer hook-up when the feed got cut off and Toronto had a four to one lead. I refreshed Twitter anxiously, seeing every

goal update. By the time the feed came back, Boston was one goal away from the tie.

The rest is history. Boston won the game, eventually making it to the finals, losing to Chicago in six games.

And Toronto was left heartbroken. That year is now the benchmark for disappointment for Leafs' fans. It's a benchmark for the recent playoff losses, as in, “not as bad

as 2013,” or “this reminds me of 2013,” phrases that ring in Leafs fans ears as they watch their team prepare for the golf course early season after season.

The 2020 NHL bubble led to another excruciating qualifying round exit to the Columbus Blue Jackets.

But it's 2021 and the team seems to have something special going on.

Fans may roll their eyes, scoff

and ask why this year would be any different. Losses like the Feb. 15 choke to the Ottawa Senators invoke feelings of dread. But anyone watching has to admit this team seems different as they sit atop on the NHL standings.

Leafs' fans feel the need to justify their optimism, and anything less than a Canadian division win would have been seen as a failure before the season. But there are plenty of strong teams across the NHL, so first overall has to be seen as a success.

Despite this early success and hope starting to grow, even a mention of a deep playoff run is a touchy subject.

Supporting this team has been stressful, and I may end up being grey-haired before I'm 25. But there is nothing more exciting than watching Toronto play on Hockey Night in Canada. We turn it on every week, and despite the losses and the embarrassments, we keep coming back. It's that commitment that makes the Toronto Maple Leafs' fanbase the best one in hockey.

Period.

NEWS

Horoscopes, astrology provide respite from COVID anxieties

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During stressful times of the pandemic, it appears people have been finding ways to dive deeper into their cosmic selves.

Alternative therapy methods, astrology in particular, have been helping people to cope with their stress.

“People are looking for what I call that cosmic hug, this reminder that you're not alone in what you're going through,” Alternative Therapist Faye Northgrave said.

Northgrave is based in Toronto, and one of her specialties is in astrological counselling.

Astrological counselling uses birth charts to bring context and meaning to issues people are going through. A birth chart shows the placement of different

planets and celestial beings in the sky the moment you were born. Everyone's birth chart is unique.

“I'm basically like a therapist who uses the subjective outside view to help guide,” Northgrave said.

Astrologers like Northgrave are becoming increasingly popular as the pandemic continues.

“It [astrology] is something to help take your mind off the pandemic,” said Milena Deviatkina, a second-year Business Management student at Humber College. She became interested in astrology over the past year because of the increase in information becoming available online and through social media.

“It's interesting to learn how astrology connects people in different ways. It helps explain why we behave in different manners

and experience situations,” said Deviatkina.

Social media is not the only way to learn about astrology. There are many services in Toronto that specialize in the practice.

Jennifer Fukushima is a Toronto astrologer and president of Astrology Toronto, a non-profit organization created to help promote the education of astrology.

“I think even prior to [the pandemic], there was definitely... younger people getting into astrology, becoming astrologers and astrology becoming more mainstream,” Fukushima said.

She said turning to astrology can help people to regain power in times of uncertainty.

“I think that in times when people feel so out of control they're looking to regain control and be empowered in some

way,” Fukushima said.

“I think it can bring a little more certainty, in terms of what's coming up,” she said. “And just give some clarity and some answers.”

Alternative therapy can be a way for people to find, as Northgrave puts it, “meaning in chaos.”

“The biggest line that I hear after sessions is, ‘I feel so validated in what I'm feeling.’ And so often, we just need to feel that support,” she said.

“People [should] know that there are different alternative support systems out there,” Northgrave said. “And if astrology does, [resonate with you] it's incredible.”

It is difficult to know who and what to trust with so much information about astrology online.

“I think that [general horoscopes] can really only go so far,”

Fukushima said.

“Working with someone who has experience like a professional astrologer can allow you to harness it for all of the power that it has, and not just basic general information,” she said.

Fukushima and Northgrave are both offering services and courses online during the pandemic. This allows them to be accessible to everyone when they need it most.

“Finding an astrologer that you resonate with, finding resources, podcasts, those types of things... [you have to] weed out the poppy stuff if you are wanting to explore that more,” Northgrave said.

“It's never-ending and that's one of my favorite things about it,” she said. “I'm always learning, I will never stop learning about astrology.”

First Nation in Northern Ontario enforced new restrictions

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GARDEN RIVER, Ont. — Garden River First Nation, just outside Sault Ste. Marie, restricted access to its territory to residents only on Jan. 7 in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19.

It appears to have been successful because after a long few weeks with restricted access in place, Garden River First Nation Chief Andy Rickard and council members lifted restrictions on Feb. 17.

There have been no recent outbreaks in Sault Ste. Marie, but if an outbreak were to occur again, the chief ensures regulation will be back in place.

The community banded together last month to ensure residents are safe by providing meal access and medical transportation services, Rickard said. He responded to the pandemic by setting up entry checkpoints to the community to ensure people from outside areas are not trespassing.

Only residents of the reserve are allowed through and can leave if necessary, but ultimately the goal is to stay home as much as possible, he said.

"One of the things that we're doing is trying to put the message out to our members, to please stay home. Just like other messages that are there for the

average citizens," Rickard said.

Restricted access to the reserve has made it more difficult for members to get groceries, especially for those who rely on taxi services for transportation. Alternatives have been created to assist resident needs, he said.

"We provide meal programs for elders," Rickard said. "So they don't have to go into town. We also have one day a week where we provide all of our citizens with curbside pick up at our wellness centre for basic grocery items such as eggs, fruit and milk.

Rickard said the objective is to provide whatever residents need so they don't have to leave their homes.

"That's been our main thing, is that if we can provide for our residents, they don't need to leave home," he said. "That helps us contain any possibilities of infecting any of our members with the virus.

"We found that it has worked especially with our elders because they are a little bit more hesitant going into town," Rickard said.

The Naan Doo We'an Garden River Wellness Centre, located in the heart of the First Nation, has been transformed into its pandemic headquarters.

Jessica Grawbarger, the centres manager, says new programs have assisted residents

and enabled medical transportation to continue.

"We have our medical transportation where we will take our on-reserve members to their various medical appointments off-reserve," she said. "This is deemed an essential service and has been continued throughout the entire pandemic.

"We've retrofitted the vans to meet these needs," Grawbarger said.

Garden River First Nation has implemented restricted access to the community twice since the beginning of the pandemic,

she said.

Each time it occurs, members develop new skills and protocols to protect their members, including a nurse hotline for any individuals self-isolating, Grabarger said.

"We have a nurse-specific phone line," she said. "It's a confidential line if you're self-isolating and need access to groceries, childcare or games or if you need PPE. The nurse's hotline is available."

After Rickard heard news from another chief in southern Ontario about an outbreak, he

took all the measures he could to protect his community and said residents are adhering to the new rules since access was restricted.

"All-in-all, we're doing the best that we can, and people are being very respectful and understand the situation that we're in," Rickard said.

"This is your aunt or grandmother, and these are people that we all know in the community. It's tough already when you lose one member but let alone the possibility of losing many others," he said.



DANIELLE DUPUIS

The west entrance to Garden River, outside of Echo Bay, along the St. Mary's River, was closed due to tough COVID restrictions.

Ottawa misses March deadline to end 57 long-term boil water advisories

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Long-term water advisories remain in effect for many Canadian First Nations communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The federal government says a total of 39 communities have been impacted by 57 long-term drinking water advisories on provincial reserves since Jan. 26.

Last month, data was released by Ottawa documenting that 30 per cent of current advisories are still pending.

Meanwhile, members of First Nations communities continue to fight for clean drinking water.

Ontario Regional Chief Roseanne Archibald told the 4th Annual Water Symposium, held virtually by the Assembly of First

Nations, on Feb. 17 and 18, that First Nations have been waiting for clean water for decades.

"We must see action on years and years of recommendations, and years and years of promises. We must see action now — so that our people, our children can thrive in the safest and healthiest conditions possible," she said.

The symposium presented discussions about clean drinking water for First Nations communities during COVID-19, and built on conversations from the Water Summit, held in November 2020.

Manitoba Regional Chief Kevin Hart said the pandemic has heightened concerns about lack of clean water.

"During this pandemic, we have seen lives at stake because of the

overcrowding of housing, because of the lack of clean safe drinking water — let alone clean running water to adequately sanitize and wash your hands all the time during this pandemic," he said.

First Nations communities across the country continue to face water advisories, some of which have been in place for decades.

A boil water advisory has been in effect since last March for Ministikwan Lake Cree Nation in Saskatchewan. In Ontario, Northwest Angle First Nation has been under a "do not consume" advisory since 2016.

The Shoal Lake First Nation, on the Ontario-Manitoba border, has been under a long-term water advisory since 1998.

The federal government of

Canada released a plan last December to invest \$1.5 billion for the purpose of lifting water advisories for these communities.

The government also announced an additional investment of \$114.1 million every year to support the maintenance of water infrastructure in these communities.

However, some First Nation leaders are stressing money alone is not enough, pointing to the importance of improvements to infrastructure in these communities.

"First Nations need access to core infrastructure in order to improve their communities and better fight the spread of COVID-19, as well as future pandemics that may arise," Hart said.

Moving forward, First Nations

need to be included in decision-making discussions and solutions about water uncertainties in their communities, he said.

The Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation (OFNTSC) points to many reasons a water advisory may come into effect, including mechanical and pump breakdowns, source contamination caused by human activity, errors in chemical treatment, inadequate cash flow for parts, and vandalism by community members.

"Access to clean drinking is a basic human right. But countless First Nation's children in Ontario have never had a drink of clean water from the tap," Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation stated in a video on its website.

COVID-19 disrupts provincial election in Newfoundland and Labrador

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The night before Newfoundland and Labrador's Feb. 13 election, Chief Electoral Officer Bruce Chaulk cancelled all in-person voting.

The cancellation comes following the discovery of a COVID-19 variant outbreak in the province.

Priemer Andrew Furey and the province's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Janice Fitzgerald, confirmed the variant outbreak in an emergency press conference held on the evening of Feb. 12.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said in a statement that he has been in contact with Furey and has offered federal assistance in helping the province during its second wave.

Chaulk announced last Friday the election would still begin on Feb. 13 but with all voting occurring by mail.

Residents are also able to apply for a special mail-in ballot until 8 p.m. Feb. 19 and will have until March 5 to return their ballots to Elections NL, Chaulk said in a press statement.

Chaulk's announcement was the latest example of recent difficulties the province has faced during their 2021 general election.

The Ministry of Health first reported a sudden uptick of case rates after months of little to no new cases in the province, according to a Public Advisory Statement on Feb. 9.

The growing number of cases resulted in Elections NL announcing a staggered election system after polling staff refused to work in the Eastern Region where the outbreak had occurred, Chaulk's statement said.

This approach would have seen in-person voting for 22 out of the 40 electoral systems,

while the 18 other districts would have voted at a later date, Chaulk said.

Furey called the election on Jan. 15 but he has been continuously criticized by PC leader Ches Crosbie and NDP leader Allison Coffin for his decision to hold an election in the middle of winter and a pandemic.

"Andrew Furey had a choice. He could have waited and held this election during the summer months or after more people had been vaccinated," Crosbie said in a press release earlier this month. "Instead, he put his political interests ahead of the health and safety of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador."

Furey won the Liberal leadership race in August 2020 after former Premier Dwight Ball announced his resignation six months earlier.

Section 3(1) of the province's *House of Assembly Act* states if a Premier resigns prior to their

third year in office, the incumbent must hold a general election within 12 months of taking office.

Both the NDP and the PCs released statements on election day demanding an all-party meeting with Chaulk.

The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss difficulties voters are having in requesting special ballots and to potentially extend the mail-in deadlines.

In a statement to *The Telegram* on Feb. 14, Chaulk confirmed there were no plans to

have an all-party meeting.

The Liberal Party Co-Chair, John Samms responded to Crosbie's demands on Feb. 15. He said it is not appropriate to hold a closed-door meeting with an independent office and that all complaints should be conducted through each party's press releases.

The PCs have accused the independent Office of the Electoral Officer of taking orders from the Premier, according to a Feb. 15 press release.



GOVERNMENT OF NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

Voters in Newfoundland and Labrador will be casting ballots online for this election.

14-year-old recovering after North York shooting

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A North York teenager suffered "life-altering injuries" after she was shot in the head at her apartment on Feb. 12, police said.

Toronto Police responded to a call of a shooting at 25 Stong Court, located near Jane Street and Finch Avenue at around 3 a.m. Arriving officers found the teen with a gunshot wound to her head.

Police allege a group of youths people were inside the unit of an apartment building when a shot was fired, striking the victim in the head. Investigators said the suspect and others then fled the scene.

Toronto Paramedics with support from police, were able to quickly get the victim to Hospital for Sick Children.

Police said the Integrated Gun and Gang Task Force arrested a youth without incident on Feb. 16.

A 17-year-old boy who cannot be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act faces a number of charges including unauthorized possession of a firearm, aggravated assault, criminal negligence causing bodily



GOOGLE MAPS

The North York building where a 14-year-old girl was shot. A 17-year-old male has been arrested and is facing charges including aggravated assault and possessing a firearm.

harm, and discharge of a firearm being reckless with regard to the safety of another person.

A resident of apartment building who does not wish to be identified said she woke up to screaming and people running inside the building.

Community activist and leader Abdulkadir Farah, who runs many community-based initia-

tives in the Jane and Finch community, said he knows the victim and is distraught and saddened to learn about the shooting.

"It's very concerning to see that there is an alarming rate of gun violence in the city right now," Farah said. "There needs to be a lot of changes done by the government before this becomes an issue that gets out of hand."

But he said it's not a problem that can be fixed by only one level of government.

"There needs to be an all-hands-on [deck] approach from all levels of government," Farah said.

This is the second shooting at the same address involving someone under 18 years old.

Residents of the area are

no strangers to gun violence that includes young children. A stray bullet claimed the life of 12-year-old Dante Sebastian Andreatta while he was shopping with his mother last November.

He died hospital days after the shooting in hospital.

Toronto reported 22 shootings since the beginning of 2021 and eight of those are homicides.