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SPORTS

Senators show scoring punch, but fall to rival Canadiens 4-3 in playoff series opener. **Page D1** and **lfp.com**



BOOM! One man, 100 characters



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AMIT CHAKMA

Double-dip still in play?

The Western University president hasn't made clear if he'll take the \$1 million later

JONATHAN SHER
The London Free Press



Amit Chakma

Two weeks after vowing to "refund" a double dipping of cash, Western University's president could be on a course to take the money anyway — delaying, not nixing, the windfall.

For one week, *The Free Press* has sent many e-mails to Amit Chakma and the school's public relations team, asking if he will forgo nearly \$1 million in extra pay or, when his tenure ends, take the cash.

But Chakma hasn't replied and the PR team, quick to dispute some allegations, has been silent.

"I don't have the answers to those questions for you," senior spokesperson Keith Marnoch wrote last week to *The Free Press*.

"We have nothing more to offer you at this time," he added Wednesday.

The silence adds to the coming drama when the school's senate meets Friday to consider a historic non-confidence vote. Among faculty, teaching assistants and graduate students, the silence is fuelling suspicion Chakma plans to take the money — as he did when he left the University of Waterloo to come to Western.

"That's what it appears like," said Alison Hearn, president of the University of Western Ontario Faculty Association. "If he doesn't intend to follow through (and return the money), that's a serious, serious problem."

Chakma was paid twice in 2014, once for his job and a second time for forgoing a year-long administrative leave, the deal signed by an executive committee of Western's board. In all, he collected \$967,000 in salary and taxable benefits, the fourth-highest among Ontario public servants.

The executive committee also inked a second five-year deal that would allow the same double pay in 2019.

While permitted under his contract, the double-dipping sparked a furor that extended beyond the London campus, even raging in the Ontario legislature.

Worried the fallout "threatens to tarnish" the school's reputation, 26 big-name graduates and benefactors, including members of the Ivey family after whom Western's business school is named, are calling Friday's non-confidence vote "not only unnecessary, but reckless and divisive," and urging it be defeated.

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WAITING FOR ANSWERS

Western University president Amit Chakma has promised to "refund" the extra in his 2014 double-pay "as a demonstration of my commitment to Western and to address the concerns that many have expressed."

Chakma hasn't answered questions about whether he'll just take the extra pay at a later date, when his tenure ends, with two years of paid leave.

Western's senate meets Friday to consider a non-confidence motion in Chakma advanced by 22 faculty.

TODAY

The third season of the award-winning Orphan Black starts Saturday on Space, new clones and all. **C2**

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AUTO INDUSTRY: Some observers see good things — but only if Toyota's promise of a high-end vehicle for the Cambridge plant holds true

Ontario on edge as Corolla drives off to Mexico

DEBORA VAN BRENK
The London Free Press and **MEGAN STACEY**
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That was a nervous shudder you felt roll through Southwestern Ontario Wednesday.

The question is, are more coming down the road?

Toyota, the world's No. 1 automaker and the industry's Southwestern Ontario backbone, with two assembly plants and 8,000 workers, is sending its "bread-and-butter" Corolla production to Mexico as the Japanese giant ends an expansion freeze to flex its muscle in Mexico and China.

Toyota Canada says production at its Cambridge plant — half of the company's regional profile, along with a Woodstock factory — will be replaced with a high-end vehicle, but it hasn't said which one.

While analysts are divided on the potential fallout in the region — one mayor says "don't worry about it, seriously," but a union head insists it can only spell bad news — those whose livelihoods depend on car-making are left to worry about an uncertain future.

"I think everybody, honestly, has got to have some concerns," said Darryl Watkins, a contract

worker at the Cambridge plant.

The Corolla is Toyota's best seller in North America.

"It definitely has been their bread and butter for years," Watkins said.

Not even a high-end vehicle with higher profit margin — a Lexus, as rumoured but not confirmed — can make up for the sheer production volume of the Corolla, he said.

Sideswiped by the 2008 recession, Southwestern Ontario's auto industry has bounced

back, leaner and meaner, but faces intense competition for new plants from lower-wage foreign zones, including the southern United States, where governments can out-muscle our own greasing new investments.

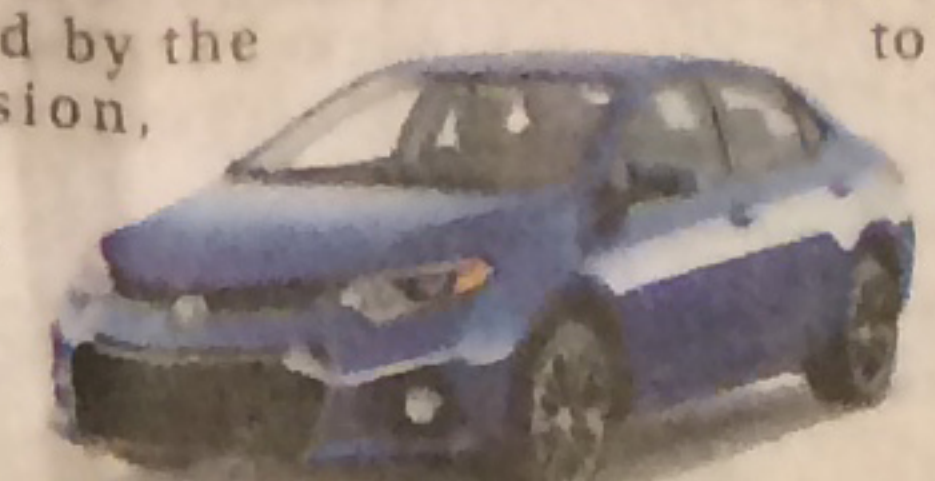
Mexico offers aggressive subsidies that can offset up to 70% of a manufacturer's re-tooling costs.

"Overall, I think Ontario has some very tough decisions to make," said Mike Moffatt, a Western University economist specializing in the manufacturing economy.

"I think we need to take a really hard look at this and ask ourselves how much are we willing to pay to keep companies like that here?"

Toyota said it will spend \$1 billion to build a plant in Mexico to produce 200,000 Corollas a year and employ 2,000 people. Some Corolla production also will go to Mississippi.

But the issue of migrating manufacturing goes well beyond Toyota. Ontario tried to sell Ford, which closed its St. Thomas sedan plant a few years ago, on building a \$2.5-billion engine and transmission plant in Windsor.



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Stained glass artist opens studio doors. Page C8

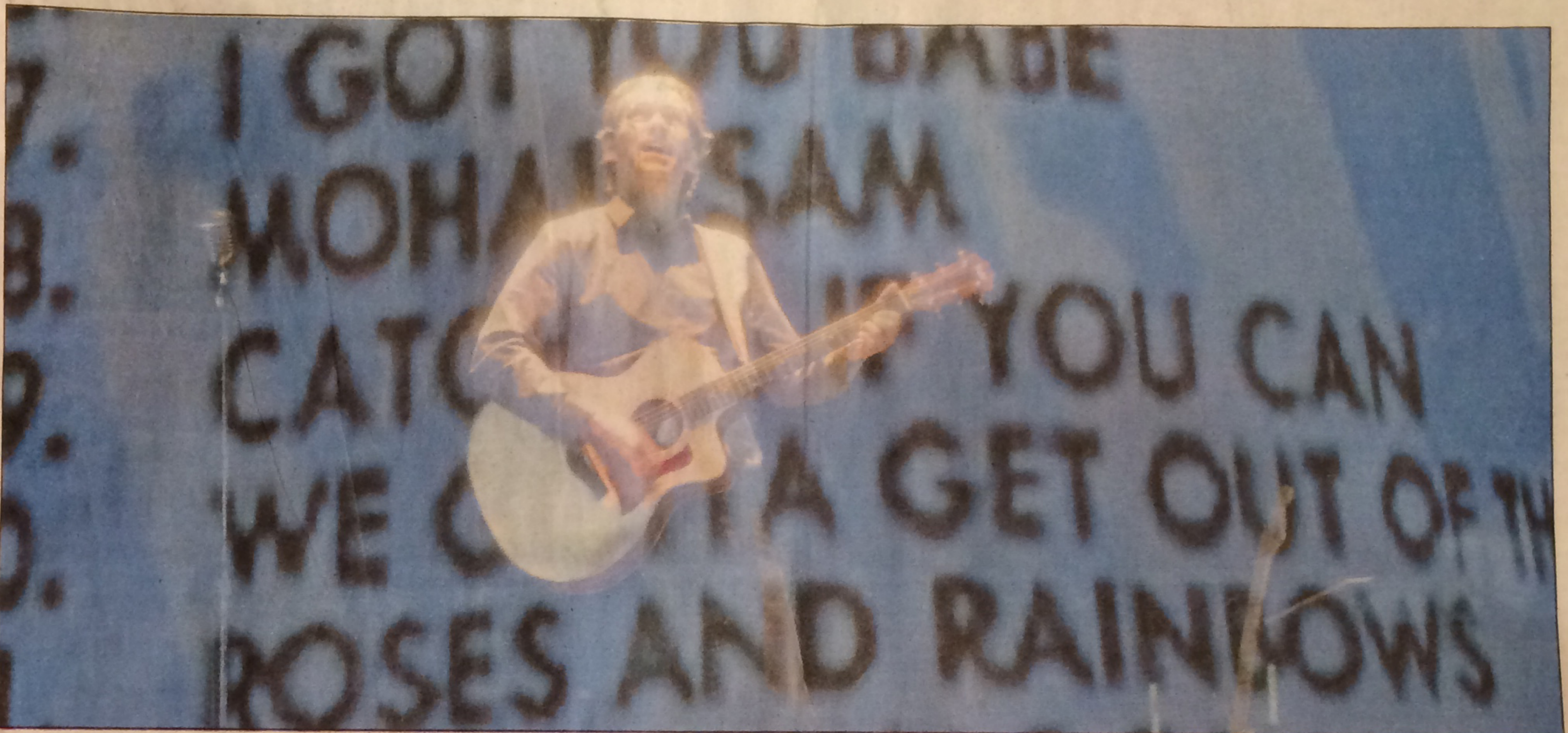
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Rick Miller takes baby boomers on a multimedia trip down memory lane in *BOOM!* The on-man show opens Friday and runs until May 2 at the Grand Theatre.

Boomers go trippin' on memory lane

JOE BELANGER
The London Free Press

It's a one-man show with 100 characters and the same number of voices.

But Rick Miller's *BOOM!*, now on stage at London's Grand Theatre, is far more than a walk down memory lane for baby boomers.

"It's speaking to young people as well as the baby boomers," said Miller in an interview before *BOOM!* opened in preview. "History repeats itself more

than we think and we become like our parents more than we think. If young people can place themselves in the larger picture of the world, they can have more impact in their own lives and on the world; an understanding that your small life is always part of a bigger picture. I think our show gives that perspective."

Miller's show is a multi-media extravaganza using three projectors, sound, images, video and lots of music.

He sings using the voices of war-time crooners through

to Barry McGuire's *Age of Destruction*, some Janice Joplin and David Bowie.

It touches on historical moments big and small that helped shape society over 25 years, from the atomic bomb destroying Hiroshima to the Apollo moon landing.

Costumes, props and character changes are all done with Miller on stage.

"It's 25 years done in 100 minutes with 100 voices," said Miller.

The show has garnered mostly rave reviews that began more

than a year ago when it was performed in Calgary.

Said *Calgary Sun* reviewer Louis Hobson: "Theatre this dynamic, special, insightful and innovative doesn't come around often enough for you to miss it. There is no question *BOOM!* will become an international hit because its themes, characters and music are universal... Miss it at your own peril."

That review arrived when the show was about 60% complete.

Miller, 45, married with two children, is a one-man tour-de-

force and has been described by *Entertainment Weekly* as "one of the 100 most creative people alive today."

The Cold War, McCarthyism, Beatlemania, Trudeaumania, JFK, MLK, Mao, Vietnam, the summer of love and the moon landing are all touched on.

The Montreal native, who now lives in Toronto, said the show is booked across Canada at major theatres for the next 18 months.

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IF YOU GO

What: *BOOM!*, written, directed and performed by Rick Miller, presented by KDOONS and WYRD Productions.

Where: The Grand Theatre, 471 Richmond St.

When: In preview Thursday, opening Friday and continuing until May 2.

Tickets: For show times and prices, visit the box office, call 519-672-8800, or visit grandtheatre.com

the buzz

Netflix renews *Orange Is The New Black*

Netflix's *Orange Is The New Black* will be returning for a fourth season in 2016, the company announced.

Season 3 of *OITNB* will premiere June 12 on Netflix in all territories. The renewal isn't a surprise: *Orange* has been one of the top-performing original series on the service, execs have said.

The series has garnered more than 20 awards including three Emmy Awards and two GLAAD Media Awards, and is a recipient of a Peabody Award and a Television Critics' Assn. Award. It's produced for Netflix by Lionsgate.

Jenji Kohan (*Showtime's Weeds*) is series creator and showrunner of *Orange Is the*

New Black, based on the memoir of the same name by Piper Kerman about an upper-crusty Brooklynite sentenced to prison after running drugs for an acquaintance (and, as it happens, her lover).

Taylor Schilling, left, stars in the lead role as Piper Chapman. Cast includes Laverne Cox — the transgender actress who's been a breakout star from the show — Laura Prepon, Kate Mulgrew, Uzo Aduba and Natasha Lyonne.

— Reuters



JANEK SKARZYNSKI/AFP

Rare Monroe photos on display

Pictures of Marilyn Monroe by fashion and celebrity photographer Milton H. Greene will go on display in the Polish city of Wroclaw this summer as part of a rare collection of prints of the U.S. actress.

The collection is likely to become a major attraction to Wroclaw, which is due to be one of two European capitals of culture in 2016.

other actors such as Audrey Hepburn, Grace Kelly, Judy Garland and Marlene Dietrich.

The pictures are taken on movie sets, in theatres, during magazine photo sessions and in private set-



Buble accused of 'body shaming'

Canadian crooner Michael Buble has been accused of body shaming a woman with a picture posted to his Instagram account.

The picture in question shows Buble in the foreground while a woman stands behind him in shorts, exposing some of her backside.

The caption reads "There was something about this photo I took that seemed worthy of Instagram. #myhumps #babygotback #hungryshorts #onlyinmiami #picoftheday #hashtagbub" — @michaelbuble