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I've always said he was a good hockey player. In fact, he's going to be a great hockey player. But my problem is that he showed up that goalie. You get a reputation like that.
DON CHERRY'S LONG-SIMMERING BEEF WITH SIDNEY CROSBY. S2



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Globe Middle East correspondent **MARK MacKINNON** examines the wall's impact on the lives of Palestinians and Israelis and its implications for the search for a lasting peace

Muhamad Muhamed, 13, plays soccer during a class in physical education at the Anata Secondary School for Boys in East Jerusalem. The schoolyard has been cut in half by the concrete fence that now runs across it.

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Churchill had hoped to give Hitler the chair

BY IAN COBAIN, LONDON

Winston Churchill wanted Adolf Hitler executed “like a gangster” in an electric chair borrowed from the Americans if the dictator were captured alive by British troops, according to wartime cabinet documents unsealed yesterday. The same declassified papers show that Britain's prime minister was also prepared to let Mahatma Gandhi die if he went on hunger strike while interned during the Second World War. The revelations are disclosed in notebooks kept by Sir Norman Brook, the wartime deputy cabinet secretary, who recorded cabinet meetings. His notes, now made

public by the National Archives, also show that Churchill was determined to execute Hitler. “Contemplate that if Hitler falls into our hands we shall certainly put him to death,” Sir Norman recorded the prime minister as saying in December, 1942, on one of the few occasions that the cabinet discussed what to do with the Fuhrer. “Not a sovereign who could be said to be in hands of ministers, like Kaiser. This man is the mainspring of evil. Instrument — electric chair, for gangsters, no doubt available on lease-lend.” He was referring to the arrangement with the United States that helped to fund the British war effort.

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Winston Churchill was prepared to let Gandhi die on hunger strike, declassified papers reveal.

Russia cuts off gas to Ukraine

Fears rise of fuel becoming political tool

BY GRAEME SMITH, MOSCOW

Russia has used the winter cold as a defensive weapon for centuries, as invaders from Napoleon to Hitler learned bitter lessons about the power of ice and snow. By cutting off gas supplies to Ukraine yesterday and threatening the heating supply for millions of homes across Europe, Russia has shown that modern demand for ener-

gy makes the old defence an offensive tool in global politics, analysts say. Russia's state-controlled OAO Gazprom, which holds a monopoly over roughly a quarter of the world's natural gas, halted the flow of gas through three of five pipelines into Ukraine at about 10 a.m. local time. Gazprom described the action as the result of a simple price dispute with the Ukrainian gas company, and promised that European customers

would remain unaffected as pipelines would continue to send gas across Ukrainian territory. Within hours, however, Poland and Hungary reported decreased pressure in their gas pipelines, and Italy's gas utility was warning about possible disruptions to supply. “I'm concerned that we're using this as a political weapon,” said Alexander Kononov, head of the Institute of Strategic Assessment in Moscow. See GAS on page A6 ■ Gas squeeze takes hold. B1

Liberals set to tap stuffed war chest for advertising blitz

BY CAMPBELL CLARK AND GLORIA GALLOWAY, OTTAWA

The Liberals are counting on the sizable amount remaining in their war chest to finance an advertising blitz against the Conservatives, who are capitalizing on a carefully orchestrated and gaffe-free performance as the winter election campaign begins in earnest today. The second half of the eight-week campaign is expected by all parties to be far more intense, with leaders' tours that are faster-paced and stop at more events each day, stepped-up advertising and, within about a week, the release of the parties' formal campaign platforms. The Liberals adopted a strategy of keeping much of their powder dry before the Christmas holidays, and strategists now say they will have more money for advertising — as much as a \$2-million advantage. And, the Liberals say, they have policy initiatives to announce when the campaign is attracting more attention. The Tories dominated the first half of the campaign with daily policy announcements along with relatively heavy advertising, all aimed at rooting Conservative Leader Stephen Harper in the minds of Canadians as a mainstream, moderate leader with substantive proposals. Two significant news events oc-

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curred over the holidays that appear likely to work in the Conservatives' favour, said Allan Gregg, chairman of the Strategic Counsel. One is gun violence in Toronto. “We know concerns about crime are not restricted to Toronto,” Mr. Gregg said. “In fact, it is greatest in communities like London, Ont., which is the heartland battleground” for seats. See CAMPAIGN on page A4

Toronto records first fatal shooting of 2006

BY CAROLINE ALPHONSO, TORONTO AND GLORIA GALLOWAY, OTTAWA

Only five hours into the new year, a 21-year-old man died after being shot in a car in Toronto, a city still reeling from a year of record gun crime that culminated in the fatal Boxing Day shooting of a teenager shopping with her family. Mayor David Miller said yesterday's shooting appeared to be connected to gangs and the drug trade. Police said they had no evidence of this, but did say that the victim was on probation for his role in shooting another man in the head nearly three years ago.

Shooting victim Dillan Yhanike Anderson, 21, of Toronto, is shown in an image taken from CITY-TV.



Mr. Miller said local, provincial and federal government officials would meet Wednesday to start mobilizing part of the \$50-million Liberal Leader Paul Martin promised just before the start of the election campaign for community programs to prevent young people from turning to crime. On the weekend, Mr. Martin offered his support to a proposal by Mr. Miller and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty to put the onus on suspects charged with gun crimes to explain why they should be released on bail while waiting for trial. It is now the responsibility of the Crown to prove they would pose a danger if they are set free. “The very sad thing is that crime is down in Toronto, but gun use is up and killing by guns is up,” Mr. Miller told reporters after his annual New Year's Day levee at City Hall. “We simply have to get the guns off the streets and start to arrest people and put them in jail. That will send a powerful message.” Police said Dillan Yhanike Anderson, 21, was found slumped over in a car in a laneway near Dufferin Street and Eglinton Avenue West about 5 a.m. yesterday, suffering from gunshot wounds. He was taken to Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre, but was pronounced dead a short time later. Police remained at the crime scene more than 12 hours after the shooting, before loading the silvery grey four-door Cadillac Seville onto a flatbed. The car had a single bullet hole in the windshield. More than half of the driver's side window was smashed, and there were extensive bloodstains on the passenger seat. Detective Sergeant Steven Ryan called it a sad day, leaving another mother grieving the loss of her son.

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Economist challenge

Six intrepid economists make public their most closely held hopes and fears for the Canadian economy this year. **B1**

Scavenger storm

A U.S. treasure hunter's bid to scavenge a famed shipwreck off the Nova Scotia coast has met a storm of protest from underwater experts, who say the province's rich maritime history is being pillaged. **A3**

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