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# While you were sleeping: Bombardier's embarrassment of riches

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**All eyes on Bombardier:** Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard were peppered with questions about their aid packages for Bombardier after the company's senior executives saw their compensation rise by nearly 50 per cent last year. Trudeau was asked several times how he can justify the \$372.5-million loan package, and said: "We respect the free market and the choices that companies will make. But we also have a responsibility to ensure that the investments we make with taxpayers' dollars are leading to good jobs and growth." Quebec Economy Minister Dominique Anglade was more forthright: "If I were Bombardier, I would think about the message I am sending the population today."

**Habs punch their ticket:** The Canadiens' golf clubs are staying in the garage for a while (<http://bit.ly/2nG65EN>). How long? That almost certainly will depend on Carey Price. But the leading man's supporting cast is looking good. The Canadiens punched their ticket to the postseason with a 6-2 win over Florida — Price didn't have to steal this one because the 18 skaters in front of him were almost uniformly excellent. And with five games left, the Canadiens finally have what's looking like a stable Top 9.

**In today's killer robot news:** The drive to transform Canada into an artificial-intelligence superpower is stirring warnings about the dark sides of a technology with vast — and largely unknown — potential. Among concerns that surfaced this week: "killer robots." Known more formally as lethal autonomous weapons systems, the spectre of deadly efficient technology came up during an open caucus meeting of Senate Liberals. "The same underlying AI that can be engines of creation can also be engines of destruction," said Ian Kerr, who holds a Canada Research Chair in ethics, law and technology at the University of Ottawa. "We're talking about weapons that can sense, operate, target and kill without human intervention or oversight. To deploy these killer robots is to relinquish control by delegating the kill decision to the machine itself." There were also calls to preemptively ban lethal autonomous weapons.

HAL 9000: "I'm sorry Dave, I'm afraid I can't do that"

**Fine at the beach:** An Alabama youth minister was fined \$25 for using a metal garden hoe to dig in the sand with his 7-year-old son while on spring break in Florida's Panhandle. The News Herald reports (<http://bit.ly/2ocb1Cy>) Bryant Rylee was building a sandcastle with his wife and son when a police officer approached. Rylee said the officer told them they couldn't use metal tools on the beach, and Rylee asked to have the law cited to him. Police Chief Drew Whitman says Rylee was given opportunities to fill in the hole but refused. Whitman says the law was adopted following a rowdy 2015 spring break and was designed to protect against sexual assaults. He said it wasn't intended to "mess up somebody's sandcastle."

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