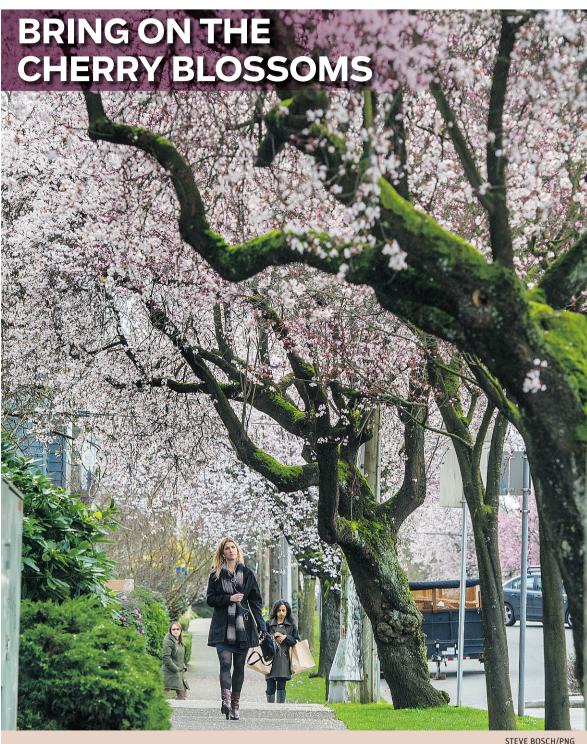
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It took a while, but it appears spring has finally sprung in Vancouver, with cherry blossoms in bloom on Monday along Cypress Street and Fourth Avenue.

TRANSPORTATION

For car-sharing companies, denser is always better

One in six Vancouverites subscribe to Car2Go, but shared vehicles remain rare in the suburbs

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Vancouver's sharing economy kicked into a higher gear Monday with an announcement that the city had become the first in the world to exceed 100,000 Car2Go members.

That's a population equal to the combined seating capacity of BC Place, Rogers Arena, Pacific Coliseum, Nat Bailey Stadium and Queen Elizabeth Theatre that now shares Car2Go's 1,250 Smart cars (and handful of Mercedes B-Class MPVs) to get to work, run errands or zip around

Car2Go claims the title of world's largest car-sharing company with 1.2 million members and 14,500 cars in 30 cities.

And while Vancouver is the company's biggest market, a few nearby cities are not far behind.

There are 90,000 members in Calgary and 75,000 in Seattle, and Toronto has 46,000 members, according to Car2Go.

The company's business model is so popular among local urbanites that they have driven nearly 33.6 million kilometres in the city since Car2Go launched in Vancouver in

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Divorce, **Shariah** and gold coins

When immigrant couples divorce, the split is often far different than they imagined when they married abroad

In the event of a separation, the defendant agrees to deliver to the plaintiff the following: I. One volume of the Holy Qur'an; II. One crystal sugar stick; III. One basket of narcissus flowers; IV. 3,000 gold coins.

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B.C. SUPREME COURT

DOUGLAS TODD

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Lawyer Zahra Jenab often comes face to face with couples empronea in aciaic aisputes ovei a small fortune in gold.

The West Vancouver family lawyer, who was born in Iran and raised in Canada, works frequently with ex-partners wrangling over thousands of gold coins, which may or may not have been given by the husband in a dowry under Islamic Shariah law.

Canadian courts are increasingly being called upon to rule on religious laws of the Middle East and Asia. But they're finding it tricky to distribute family property across nations and in an era when dowries contain symbolic promises of Qur'ans along with valuable coins.

Jenab has made her way through hundreds of transnational divorces in which Canadian family law clashes with traditions from Iran, Egypt, Pakistan, East Africa and East Asia. Her desk is piled with vellow case files.

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IMMIGRATION

Ottawa to eliminate rule used to curb marriage fraud

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OTTAWA — The federal Liberals are about to remove one of the major components of the previous government's campaign against marriage fraud, typically involving immigration applicants from China and

Immigration Minister John McCallum was quoted in the Hill Times newspaper saying he plans to move in "a matter of months" to fulfil a 2015 election promise to end the two-year probation period before overseas spouses sponsored by their Canadian partners obtain permanent residency status.

That measure was brought in by the former Conservative government in 2012 in response to a growing number of fraud cases that eventually resulted in the Canada Border Service Agency warning in a 2013 report that 'marriages of convenience, especially from India and China, represented a "threat to the integrity of Canada's immigration system."

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