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GREAT AVENGER Former mayor's brother vows book will 'rock' media and political world



CARLOS OSORIO/TORONTO STAR

Former councillor Doug Ford announces the publication of *Ford Nation: Two Brothers, One Vision* at his mother's home on Tuesday. Ford predicts it will be "a bestseller like this country has never seen before."

LIES, DAMNED LIES AND DOUG FORD



Rosie DiManno

Toronto media: You've been punked. Lured — ahem, "invited" — to the Ford matriarch's Etobicoke estate in anticipation of big news only to be sold a book promo. The presentation should have come with a zipper alert: "This is an advertisement." Not to be mistaken for news. I wouldn't call it a LIE, how Doug Ford reeled in reporters under false pretenses Tuesday morning. He never said boo about declaring a run for mayor or the legislature or the federal Tory party leadership — all of which had been speculated as soon as the advisory dropped. Enticed only with "a very exciting and special announcement."

LIES and LIED — terms Ford used 23 times during his standup, with one LY-IN' thrown in there. Media abuse of his bro', former mayor of Toronto Rob Ford, and their family, big sib Doug squawked. So now he, with whatever input was provided by the late Ford before his death in March, is going to set the record straight in *Ford Nation: Two Brothers, One Vision — The True Story of the People's Mayor*. He called it the untold story. I'm calling it revenge porn. There's a Chinese proverb: He who seeks vengeance must dig two graves — one for his enemy and one for himself. Hear Doug Ford tell it, this account might well be titled *The Avengers*. "You read this book, it will rock the political world, it will rock the media world, I can assure you."

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If Doug insists on disinterring the past, then he's the one who'll end up with slime on his hands

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T.O. luxury home sales surge

Demand in region for properties \$4 million-plus climbs 74% over 2015, as Vancouver market tanks

TESS KALINOWSKI
REAL ESTATE REPORTER

Bridle Path estates, Rosedale palaces and Forest Hill piles are outselling Vancouver's famously expensive high-end mountain and oceanfront views, says luxury realtor Sotheby's International Realty Canada. Toronto's lead in Canadian luxury home sales continued through the summer and is expected to carry on for the remainder

of 2016, says the company's fall forecast, published Wednesday. Sales of \$1-million-plus Toronto-area single-family homes rose 83 per cent year over year in July and August. That's 3,026 homes, with 55 per cent of them inside Toronto's borders. Meanwhile, Vancouver saw a decline of 30 per cent in July and 65 per cent in August, for a total of 288 sales of \$1-million-plus homes. That's not entirely surprising given that the average cost of a detached home in Toronto was about \$1.2 million, said Sotheby's CEO Brad Henderson.

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> STAR EXCLUSIVE

Autism program wrong for children, panel told province

Clinical experts feared age cap on treatment could hurt vulnerable kids, documents show

ANDREA GORDON
EDUCATION REPORTER

The province stood firmly behind its controversial plan to stop funding intensive autism treatment for children 5 and older last spring — even as its own expert advisory panel cautioned the move would be detrimental to vulnerable kids. The concerns, issued in an April 18 letter from the clinical expert committee on autism, came three weeks after Tracy MacCharles, then minister of children and youth services, announced Ontario's new autism program. The changes meant children aged 5 and up suddenly faced the prospect of not getting the intensive behavioural intervention (IBI) they had been promised. Many families had been waiting years for it. "The new program, as it has been de-

scribed, treats children 5 and up as if their needs and capacities are qualitatively different from those younger than 5 years of age," said the committee's letter to MacCharles, obtained by the Star under freedom of information legislation. "There is no evidence to support this view." Parents like Jessica Perusco of Mississauga, whose daughter Lucia turned 5 in July, are "still in a state of uncertainty." Lucia started IBI in May but Perusco says because of her age, it's unclear how long the therapy will continue. The province had initially said children taken off wait-lists would receive a one-time payment of \$8,000, roughly enough to cover two months of treatment.

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CHRIS SO/TORONTO STAR

Jessica Perusco of Mississauga with kids Matteo, 2, and Lucia, 5. Perusco says Lucia is thriving in her intensive therapy program but it's unclear how long it will continue.

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Parents demand say on autism treatments
New intensive therapy age rules spark demands that families be involved in policy discussions
ANDREA GORDON
REPORTER
The scent of beef stroganoff wafts through the kitchen home in Thornhill as 16-year-old Cliff taps out four place-mats and glasses on the kitchen table, while Clara, 14, tomes a Caesar salad. From her office at the top of the stairs, Laura Kirby-McIntosh can see her teens, both on the autism spectrum, hanting and taking care of dinner. "The watching them and I'm thinking that without IBI (intensive behavioural intervention), there is no way this day ever happens," the high school teacher explains. "She and her husband, Bruce, say the

Paralympic runners amaze fans with times surpassing Olympians'

Top 4 in 1,500-metre race all faster than the Olympic gold medallist



Abdellatif Baka of Algeria won gold in the 1,500-metre race in the Rio Paralympics on Sunday in a classification for visually impaired runners.

KATE ALLEN
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY REPORTER

After Abdellatif Baka crossed the finish line of the men's 1,500-metre race at the Paralympics in Rio on Sunday night, winning gold in 3:48.29, the Algerian knelt down and touched his face to the track, then walked over to a TV camera and kissed the lens. Finishing milliseconds behind him was Ethiopia's Tamiru Demisse, who nearly edged Baka in the final metres of the race to win silver in 3:48.49. Henry Kirwa, a Kenyan, was a little more than one second back. Fouad Baka, the winner's twin brother, clocked 3:49.84 for fourth place. If Sunday's Paralympic 1,500-metre race had run beside the Olympic 1,500-metre race that occurred in the same

stadium three weeks earlier, only then, behind all four Paralympians, would the man who won Olympic gold cross the finish line. American Matthew Centrowitz won his race in 3:50.00. Amazement at the performance of the Paralympic runners — who competed without guides in the T12/T13 final, a classification for visually impaired runners with the least amount of impairment — has swept the world since Sunday's race.

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> CORRECTION

» Hotel X is currently under construction on the grounds of Exhibition Place. A Sept. 12 column about the urban resort hotel said it was at the Canadian National Exhibition. In fact, the CNE is an annual fair that takes place on the grounds of Exhibition Place. As well, the column misspelled the name of the building's architectural firm, NORR Ltd. Architects and Engineers.

» There are 350 million legal border crossings annually between Mexico and the U.S. according to the U.S. State Department. A Sept. 13 article about a proposed law introduced in the Mexican Senate to retaliate against the Trump wall misstated the figure.

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United Way CEO Daniele Zanotti at the 2016 campaign kickoff on Tuesday.

United Way sets goal of \$101.5M for 2016

Charity raises fundraising bar to support new immigrants, youth, communities in need

MEGAN DOLSKI
 STAFF REPORTER

United Way of Toronto and York Region has launched its annual fundraising campaign, increasing its goal from last year to try to raise \$101.5 million by the end of December.

"We are really focused on trying to meet the growing needs within the community, with lots of new immigrants coming to the city... they need language support and they need help finding jobs," said RBC's president and CEO, Dave McKay, who is leading this year's campaign.

"The needs keep growing in Toronto and York, so we felt strongly we had to increase what we felt was already a large goal."

He says the goal is ambitious, but one he fully intends to meet.

The regional United Way organiza-

tion runs with the support of more than 20,000 volunteers, along with a network of community organizations and partners. The charity says it aims to make a difference long-term by targeting social issues faced by the people living and working in the area.

Last year, the regional charity beat its goal — raising \$100.2 million — in what was the first annual campaign undertaken by the Toronto and York branches together, after they officially merged earlier in 2015.

"We are going to continue to dig deep in our community agenda, which is helping youth get the employability they need, helping neighbourhoods that are gapping and moving people from poverty to possibility," said Daniele Zanotti, the charity's CEO.

The charity also announced the Mike and Martha Pederson Challenge Grant, which promises to match donations of \$1,200 or more, up to \$1 million.

> STAR EXCLUSIVE

Trudeau approval dips

But poll shows Liberals still hold positive public support

BRUCE CAMPION-SMITH
 OTTAWA BUREAU CHIEF

OTTAWA—Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's approval rating has dipped slightly but the federal Liberals continue to ride high in public support as Parliament prepares to resume after the summer recess, a new poll shows.

The Liberals have the support of 48 per cent of Canadians, down two points over the last month, according to Forum Research Inc.

The Conservatives are at 30 per cent, down 1 point, and the New Democrats have the backing of 11 per cent of Canadians, up one point since early August.

Forum pollster Lorne Bozinoff said that almost a year after taking power, the Liberals remain in an enviable position.

"The Liberals have got an open field right now, all to themselves," he said in an interview Monday.

He credits some of the party's strong showing to uncertain leadership situations among the Conservatives and NDP — leadership races are underway in both parties.

But he said the Liberals deserve credit for their time in office and the economy, while sluggish, has also not turned into a headache.

"The economy's going OK. The summer went well," Bozinoff said.

Trudeau's personal approval rating among Canadians has dropped 5 percentage points to 55 per cent, but the prime minister still ranks above the other leaders in the Commons. Bozinoff speculated this was because Trudeau — who travelled to China for a G20 meeting — had a lower public profile during the month.

"That may be a function of the fact that he hasn't been around," he said.

The poll results show the Liberals hold a decisive lead in many parts of country. In Ontario, the Liberals are at 47 per cent, the Conservatives 37 per cent and the New Democrats 11 per cent — bad news for the third place party. The Conservatives lead in Alberta and the Prairies.

Conservative interim leader Rona Ambrose has the approval of 30 per cent of the voters, largely unchanged from the previous month. NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair also stands at 31 per cent; his standing among NDP supporters is at 64 per cent, even though the party members voted to oust the leader at their April convention.

Bozinoff said the NDP has to resolve the leadership issues and must find a way to effectively compete with the Liberals on the policy front.

Forum polled 1,370 Canadians 18 and older on Sept. 7 using an interactive voice response survey. Results on the total sample are considered accurate within 3 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

No charges for server in Quebec allergy case

ALLAN WOODS
 QUEBEC BUREAU

MONTREAL—There will be no criminal charges against a Quebec restaurant server alleged to have mistakenly served salmon to an extremely allergic customer.

The case of the Sherbrooke restaurant employee who was alleged to have given salmon tartare to a man who ordered steak tartare and had warned the employee to take precautions because of his severe allergies made headlines around the world.

But a spokesman with Quebec's Crown Prosecution service said a police investigation service said a police investigation has concluded that charges should not be laid in the matter.

"No criminal offence was committed," said René Verret. The investigation is closed, hesaid.

The office that decides whether or not to lay criminal charges has a policy that prohibits them from explaining what factors went into the decision, said Jean-Pascal Boucher, an-

other spokesman. Sherbrooke police said earlier this month that they had received information about the customer, Simon-Pierre Canuel, claiming that he had been involved in similar incidents in the past and that they would investigate. At the time, police did not provide any details of the claims.

Canuel is a trained emergency responder who is also president of a Quebec company that offers medical and ambulance services for special events. Neither he nor his lawyer, François Daigle, could be reached for comment on the decision to drop charges.

A police affidavit that was used to obtain a search warrant in the investigation quotes from Canuel's statement to the police following the incident, saying that "it is the first time that I've had a problem at a restaurant concerning my allergies."

A spokesperson for the Sherbrooke police could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

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MP speaks out about once-taboo depression

Caesar-Chavannes joins increasing number of officials discussing mental health

JIM COYLE
FEATURE WRITER

As a politician who knows depression first-hand, Celina Caesar-Chavannes joins a long list of famous forebears that includes such figures as Abraham Lincoln and Winston Churchill.

Even so, it remains a relative rarity for a Canadian MP to admit to a mental-health condition she knows might be used against her in the toxic worlds of politics and social media.

But Caesar-Chavannes is a woman. She is an immigrant. She is black. She has known grinding poverty. She is a working mother. So she does not appear to shy away from challenges or facing down social misconceptions.

The rookie Liberal member for Whitby published a blog post on The Huffington Post Tuesday describing a recent bout of depression that took her to an Ottawa emergency room and had her sobbing all the way on a train ride home to her GTA riding.

"I had makeup streaming down my face and had to use my dress to wipe my nose," wrote the parliamentary secretary to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. "I was what one would call a hot mess!"

Caesar-Chavannes is among a growing number of elected officials willing to speak publicly about what were once taboo subjects, in her case one that in 1972 cost U.S. Senator Thomas Eagleton a vice-presidential nomination when it was learned he had been treated for depression.

Earlier this year, the Australian researcher and former senior political staffer Brenton Prosser posted an essay calling on politicians to be braver in speaking out about mental-health challenges they might deal with, in order to stimulate "broad, rigorous and ongoing national debate on the importance of mental health in the



Celina Caesar-Chavannes published a blog post about her depression on the Huffington Post Tuesday.

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community."

Within the last year or so in Canada, Trudeau has discussed his mother's bipolar disorder and the effect it had on him as a child, while Conservative MP Michelle Rempel has written and spoken of the "everyday sexism" she and other women face on Parliament Hill and the emotional toll it takes on them.

Rempel wrote that she is routinely called a "bitch" for standing her ground, has her successes ascribed to

sexual favours and describes "my ass being occasionally grabbed as a way to shock me into submission."

She spoke up, she wrote (in words aimed at men who might participate, smirk or remain silent in the face of such actions), because "if it's truly 2016 sexism should be your problem to deal with, not simply ours."

For Caesar-Chavannes, who came to Canada from Grenada with her family at age 2 and is married with three children, there is a power in

story-telling.

"Owning my depression is my therapy," she said. And talking about it "gives others permission to talk about mental health as well."

She was diagnosed with depression in mid-2015, she wrote, in the months after she had been defeated in a byelection bid. But the depression this year was different. "I was spiralling out of control and I did not know what to do."

After arriving home and calling



"I had makeup streaming down my face and had to use my dress to wipe my nose. . . I was what one would call a hot mess!"

CELINA CAESAR-CHAVANNES
LIBERAL MP

friends, she was taken to a Toronto hospital. She sat in a waiting room for six hours.

"When I finally saw a doctor — who clearly knew that I needed to be an in-patient — there were no beds."

The weeks and months that followed were filled with erratic behaviour, shortness with staff, disputes with her husband and medication, she wrote. Her mind turned against her, lashing her with feelings of unworthiness for being "lazy."

"I should be on top of the world. I have a great job, husband, children and supports. Why is this happening to me?"

In time, with the right medication, yoga, meditation and exercise the depression cleared, she wrote.

She is aware, she wrote, that depression appears in cycles. She's aware, too, that she might hear comments she doesn't like as a result of her forthrightness. But experience has already taught her, she said, that life is not always going to be easy.

"Storms will come through and it may appear that the world is going to end. However, I want you to know, for certain, that the world will continue to spin."

'Because it's 2015' fell on deaf ears of corporate boards

Despite new diversity laws almost half of firms on TSX have zero female directors

SUNNY FREEMAN
BUSINESS REPORTER

Nearly half of all companies listed on the TSX still have zero women on their board of directors — virtually unchanged from last year, according to a boardroom diversity study released Tuesday.

The parity gap persists despite securities rules enacted in 2014 that require companies to disclose the number of women on boards of directors and in the C-suite offices. They also require companies to "comply or explain" policies aimed at putting more women on boards or why they are not in place.

Women hold an average of one board seat per Canadian company, representing an average of 13 per cent of the board, said the "2016 Diversity Disclosure Practices" report by law firm Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP.

Women held about 12 per cent of all board seats of TSX-listed companies for the full 2015 calendar year.

"I frankly expected to see more women in director positions," said Andrew MacDougall, who heads the firm's corporate governance practice.

Osler found 34 per cent of companies have written diversity policies, a slight uptick from 30 per cent last year. Just 10 per cent had targets for the number of female representatives on boards, up 2 per cent from last year.

The number of women in board rooms was slightly better among Canada's 60 largest companies, where women held about 24 per cent of board seats. Only three of those industry leaders had no women on their boards.

"I think the big companies take a hold of these governance issues and they do it earlier . . . partly because the spotlight's on them and partly because they look ahead to these types of issues," MacDougall said.

"With the smaller companies, I think it's a matter of time, they're not moving quite as fast as we would like in terms of changes."

By industry, the utilities, media and financial services sectors led the way with the highest number of female directors, while mining, energy and forestry had the fewest.

The business case for gender diversity on boards and executive suites has been well-established, said Serena Fong, vice-president of government affairs at advocacy group Catalyst.

Companies that increased the number of women in the executive suite saw a 15-per-cent increase in their financial performance, a recent study by the Peterson Institute for International Economics found.

Still, the securities rules are relatively new, so companies should be given some time to make that progress, MacDougall added.

"It really depends on the change in the board structure and in those seats that will really determine how fast change is made."

A Catalyst report in June provided suggestions for accelerating progress.

Some of those suggestions include: setting targets, concerted efforts to facilitate renewal on the board, recruitment policies requiring a diverse slate of candidates and ensuring that women represent 50 per cent of interviewees.

Investor appetite for more women on boards has been mixed. Proposals brought forth by shareholders at BCE Inc. and Restaurant Brands International for board diversity targets each received less than 20-per-cent support.

At the same time, the number of funds and indices focusing on companies led by women has grown.

The Ontario government in June announced it would aim to have women comprise 40 per cent of appointments to provincial boards and agencies within three years.

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ACTRESSES CREATE RED CARPET WAVES



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Kate Hudson, left, is sheer perfection at the premiere of *Deepwater Horizon*. Michelle Williams shimmers as she arrives for *Manchester By the Sea*.



FRED THORNHILL/REUTERS

Gosling brings old Hollywood north



Shinan Govani

The movie is a kind of Alka-Seltzer for our queasy times. And it was only right that it be fêted with a proper party high in the sky.

Festival hit *La La Land* — which got the Hugo Boss treatment at the sprawlingly beautiful Lavelle on King St. W., following its gala treatment earlier on Monday at the Princess of Wales — brought out its co-leads **Ryan Gosling** and **Emma Stone**, among others.

Together, in the gauzy, new, they-really-don't-make-'em-like-that-anymore movie musical, they're guaranteed to relieve heartburn. And possibly start a new trend for spectator shoes, while they're at it.

Everybody's boyfriend, Gosling, gamely wears a pair of two-toned hoofers throughout most of the movie — notably during the dreamiest of dance sequences inside the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles, my fave part of the movie — and, Monday night alone, I ran into two people 'round town who had worn their own spectator shoes in tribute.

All we need is one more to make a trend, right?

Someone phone Wintour.

Damien Chazelle's Technicolor love story is, indeed, partly inspired by the floaty French classic Umbrellas of Cherbourg

Buttonholing *La La Land's* director, **Damien Chazelle**, in the waning hours of the TIFF party — while the lobster brioche, and the ample drinks, rang on, and other guests like **John Legend** and **Dan Levy** carried forth — I got confirmation that his Technicolor love story is, indeed, partly inspired by the floaty French classic *Umbrellas of Cherbourg*.

"It's one of my favourite movies," Chazelle told me. We also had a nice chat about the time the director (who looks so young, and not like one of the guys who work at the Apple Genius Bar) came to the fest about 10 years ago as a movie lover.

"I remember seeing a director get a standing ovation and thinking, 'Oh, they even give standing ovations to directors? This is my kind of town,'" he shared.

Chazelle and I also talked about the opening scene in *La La Land*, which consists of an exhilarating, 100-person montage of people singing and dancing on the ramp of an L.A. freeway. The scene had only one dress rehearsal beforehand, and they only had two days to get it all done — during a heat wave. Pressure . . . but fun!

Gosling, by the way, was relatively low-key at the rooftop soiree, even skipping the red carpet set up outside, and coming up through the underground parkway. The stud had arrived in Toronto direct from Budapest, where he's currently shooting the *Blade Runner* remake.

Party watch

► **Reese Witherspoon**, making a spree of it while stopping into "The Room" at Hudson's Bay on Queen St. W., picked up a few Roland Mouret dresses, handbags courtesy of VBH and Alaïa, and four coats from Max Mara, Pucci and GBV. Fashion therapy!

► **Amy Adams** was as delightful as advertised when I chatted her up at the post-premiere of *Arrival*, held at Storys, above Byblos, on Duncan St. She's an elbow-toucher.

► **Lupita Nyong'o** got fêted at a swanky dinner a couple of nights back at the Shangri-La, presented jointly by Tiffany & Co. and Vanity Fair. **Michelle Williams** and **Douglas Booth**: among those who joined.

► **Richard Gere** gave good flirt when he stopped into an intimate dinner hosted by Variety and Holt Renfrew at Montecito, on Adelaide St. W., to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Sony Pictures.

And finally

We appear to have reached that time in the fest when Ethan Hawke spends a good hour playing ping-pong, taking on a variety of opponents. He did just that at the TIFF-fime film hive Mongrel House, set up at the historic Campbell House.

Shinan Govani's transportation for the Toronto International Film Festival has been provided by BMW Canada.

VR films with some Lysol on the side

POP virtual reality headsets are hygienic, organizers say

BRUCE DEMARA
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Germaphobes, worry not, TIFF organizers say.

Fans of virtual-reality technology are delighted that this year's Toronto International Film Festival will feature a slate of five films for their all-encompassing viewing pleasure.

But what about the hygiene factor? The headsets used to provide the experience cover a sizable portion of one's cranium, including the eyes, and wearing them can certainly induce sweating.

But festival organizers are assuring patrons that their hygienic concerns are taken seriously.

"There's no reason for anybody to be alarmed by using the VR headsets," said programmer Michael Lerman.

In fact, the POP VR program, which runs from Sept. 16 to 18, has already had a series of test runs with audiences throughout the summer and precautions similar to those taken with 3D glasses at major theatres are in place.

"We'll have some Lysol on hand to wipe them down after use so it'll be nice and sanitary for the viewers," Lerman added.

Kenn Hill, a deputy of field operations for Best Buy's "geek squad," said VR headsets such as the Samsung Gear VR, which will be in use at TIFF, are designed to be easy to use and easy to keep clean.



TIFF PHOTOS

Invasion! is the latest offering from Eric Darnell, the director of *Madagascar* and *Antz*.

For those who may still have concerns, a solution may be as simple as bringing along some baby wipes.

"It's going to sound funny, but the best thing, from my own experience, for cleaning and maintaining is baby wipes. They're hypoallergenic, they're antibacterial, they contain the products that break down whatever bacteria and diseases," Hill said.

For those who may still be hesitant about donning headsets so recently worn by others, there is a solution: disposable Ninja Masks (100 per order) available on Amazon.com.

Tickets are \$49 for the one-hour sessions and about 10 headsets are available per session.

Cinema 5 at the TIFF Bell Lightbox has been renovated to allow seats to be removed, depending on the audience size.

"We're going to have (audience members) sit but they have the ability to stand if they would like, which changes the perspective," Lerman said.

The sessions are long enough to allow participants to watch all five

films, though Lerman notes, "you'll have the ability to choose what to watch."

The program includes:

► *Ch'aa'k' S'aagi (Eagle Bone)* by U.S. filmmaker Tracy Rector, set in the Pacific Northwest and focusing on the experiences of its indigenous peoples. It's an international premiere.

► *Invasion!* directed by Eric Darnell (*Antz*, *Madagascar*) is an interactive animated film about an alien invasion seen through the perspective of two white bunnies and narrated by actor Ethan Hawke.

► *Jaqfri*, by Australian filmmaker Michael Beets, about an African-Australian man who wanders through one of the busiest parts of downtown Melbourne every Friday afternoon.

► *KA The Battle Within*, by Canadian filmmakers Félix Lajeunesse, Paul Raphaël and François Blouin. The film, a world premiere, takes its inspiration from the Cirque du Soleil production of the same name and features a martial arts battle between two rival clans.

► *Right to Pray* is a world premiere



KA The Battle Within is a martial arts tale, told with virtual reality.

from Indian filmmaker Khushboo Ranka set in the city of Trimbak, home of the ancient Hindu temple of Trimbakeshwar, a place where women are barred from the shrine's sanctum sanctorum.

TIFF BITS

Why do one film if you can do more?

Work it: James Franco is slowing down. He's got just one film, *In Dubious Battle*, at TIFF this year. Yes, he directs and stars in it. But that's nothing for him. In years past, he would have directed, starred, gaffed, focused and written the theme song, and it would be just one of three James Franco movies at the festival, plus a head-scratching art installation and a DJ set with Michael Cera.

This means that, in Franco's quasi-retirement, other stars have the rare opportunity to earn the title of hardest-working TIFF star. This year, there are numerous actors with two films apiece: Kristen Stewart, Amy Adams, Natalie Portman, Rooney Mara, Riz Ahmed, David Oyelowo, Olivia

Cooke, Ethan Hawke, Sandra Oh, Michael Shannon, Dakota Fanning and Sigourney Weaver.

There are also a few directors with more than one film, which is arguably more impressive because they can't just show up for a one-day cameo to get their IMDb credit. This club includes Jim Jarmusch, Werner Herzog and even the meticulous Terrence Malick, here with two quite different versions of his history-of-the-universe doc *Voyage of Time*, one of them screening in IMAX.

Finally, there are those actors who are so in-demand they must be employing face-and-body doubles to be appearing in three films in a single fest. This year, we've found four. Rooney Mara has a starring role in *Lion*, *The Secret Scripture* and *Una*, the latter role stirring early Oscar chatter. Gemma Arterton does triple duty in *Their Finest*, *Orphan* and Wednesday's Midnight Madness event *The Girl with All the Gifts*. And look for

Armie Hammer in Tom Ford's *Nocturnal Animals*, the Midnight Madness thriller *Free Fire* and the controversy-plagued *The Birth of a Nation*.

But the champion has got to be 63-year-old French star Isabelle Huppert, who not only has a leading role in three films (*Souvenir*, *Elle* and *Things to Come*), but she was also in town over the weekend for an on-stage conversation about her career, with 131 credits and counting.

Time to give up that medal, Franco. Ariel Teplitzky

► **A biting drama:** Paramedics were called early Tuesday to a Midnight Madness screening of the film *Raw* at the Ryerson Theatre after "multiple" audience members passed out, the Hollywood Reporter says.

"An ambulance had to be called to the scene as the film became too much for a couple patrons," Ryan Werner, a publicist for the film who was at the screening, told the Report-

er. The graphic film, directed by French filmmaker Julia Ducournau, follows a vegetarian college student who becomes a cannibal.

The movie made its world premiere at the Cannes Film Festival, where critics praised the film, comparing it to the work of David Cronenberg.

Raw will next screen Saturday at 12:30 p.m. After that, it heads to Fantastic Fest in Austin, Texas. Officials there might want to have the smelling salts ready.

► **Ups and downs:** The escalators at Scotiabank Theatre are becoming worthy of their own documentary (Suggested titles: *You Let Me Down*, *Staircase to Nowhere*, *Up with Critics*). The down escalator went out on Monday. Tweeted the Star's own Peter Howell: "Now the down escalator is busted at Scotiabank Theatre. Will our national embarrassment never end?" Star Staff

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>> CANADA

IMF's love affair with Liberals' policy



Paul Wells

Standing next to Justin Trudeau in the House of Commons foyer on Tuesday, International Monetary Fund boss Christine Lagarde delivered odes to big-ticket infrastructure spending and to the embattled Canada-EU trade deal before concluding, "I very much hope Canadian economic policies could go viral."

Hardly had Lagarde left town before Ottawa politicians started arguing over whether Trudeau should get any credit for the policies Lagarde praised. CETA, after all, was the work of nearly a decade for Trudeau's predecessor, Stephen Harper. And if Canada is spry enough to spend big on infrastructure, it has much to do with the zeal of five consecutive prime ministers, from Brian Mulroney to Harper, for reducing Canada's debt-to-GDP ratio.

Be that as it may, Canada is turning into an international poster child for Lagarde's favourite bundle of policies — borrowing at historically low interest rates to fund major new investments in physical infrastructure, which she says can improve productivity and quality of life while giving a much-needed boost to anemic economic growth.

As for her hope that these policies go viral, Trudeau's government will devote much of its fall to spreading the news of Canada's good fortune.

Circle Nov. 14 on your calendar. That's the day BlackRock, the world's largest asset manager, with perhaps \$5 trillion in assets under management, will convene a select group of major international investors in Toronto for a daylong summit.

On the speakers list: Trudeau, his finance minister, Bill Morneau, his infrastructure minister, Amarjeet Sohi and other federal officials.

The sessions will be private. The guests will be pension funds, portfolio managers and other large institutional investors with extraordinarily deep pockets — "Tens of trillions in investible assets," one



CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

International Monetary Fund boss Christine Lagarde said she hopes Canada's economic policies "go viral."

told me; "some of the deepest pools of capital that exist in the world," another said.

The pitch, however, will not be far different from what Trudeau and his senior economic ministers have been saying for months: in a world where old values like the European Union are rocked by crisis, and the aggressive growth markets of the 1990s are no longer growing aggressively, Canada offers steady value for sober investors.

"What Canada offers to the world right now at a time when it is characterized by populism and anti-globalization," Trudeau told reporters in Saguenay, Que., last month, "is an approach that offers political, financial, economic, social stability, predictability and openness to globalization."

That's a "very different climate than what we see elsewhere around the world," he added. "And that is one of the things that I don't have to push very hard when I meet with potential international investors."

He has been meeting those investors assiduously since he came to office. In Davos, Switzerland, he met BlackRock's Larry Fink, who is sometimes named as a potential

treasury secretary in a future Hillary Clinton cabinet. BlackRock has other Canadian connections: Mark Wiseman, former head of the CPP Investment Board, is now in charge of BlackRock's global active equity business. His spouse, Marcia Mofatt, is the company's managing director for Canada.

Big investors aren't normally swayed by personal connections or a nice smile when deciding where to put their investments. But that's exactly the point Trudeau was responding to when he said Canada's social and fiscal assets these days are "things that I don't have to push very hard."

What he will offer the BlackRock investors in Toronto is an overview of the government's policy priorities, including "a more innovative and cleaner" natural resource sector, and a growing list of "opportunities" for public-private partnerships in infrastructure, one federal source said.

That, too, is consistent with a line of argument Trudeau has been making for what will seem a surprisingly long time. In an article he wrote in late 2012, at the height of public debate over the Chinese firm

CNOOC's takeover of Calgary energy firm Nexen, Trudeau said Canada has "perhaps more potential to capitalize" on Chinese outward-bound investment "than any other country." And not only in energy markets. "What if we got our world-class financial institutions and pension funds together with our world-class engineering and construction industries to secure a leadership role for Canada in Asia's growth?"

Or the other way around? Trudeau's mandate letters to Morneau and Sohi told them to develop a "Canada Infrastructure Bank." International Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland was tasked with providing "concierge services to promote business investment in Canada so that potential investors will have a one-window shop."

Pending the creation of something more formal, Justin Trudeau will tell BlackRock's guests that for now, the window opens into his office. You want to invest in Canada? Call the PMO. "That's a signal that hasn't been sent in a long time," one official says.

Paul Wells is a national affairs writer. His column appears Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

> ONTARIO

Business group urges pot at private outlets

The influential Ontario Chamber of Commerce is urging Premier Kathleen Wynne to allow recreational marijuana to be sold by government-licensed private retailers as long as local municipalities approve.

In a letter to be released Wednesday, the chamber's president urges Wynne "to immediately begin a robust consultative process aimed at developing a regulatory framework for the distribution of recreational marijuana."

"We believe that a private-sector, licensing-based, and locally oriented approach is one worth seriously considering," writes Allan O'Dette, the 60,000-member chamber's president and CEO.

"A distribution system as complex and sensitive as the one required for recreational marijuana may demand a similar level of partnership," he writes, emphasizing the chamber is "not endorsing an entirely free-market model."

Wynne has said she would like the provincially owned Liquor Control Board of Ontario to be involved in the distribution of recreational marijuana — though it is unlikely weed would be sold alongside wine, beer and spirits in LCBO outlets.

> ALBERTA

Judge allows camera for murder verdict

A judge is allowing a news camera to broadcast his verdict in the murder trial of a man accused of killing two Alberta seniors.

Court of Queen's Bench Justice Denny Thomas says it will increase public confidence in the judicial system, but notes it's a one-time ruling.

The CBC, the Edmonton Journal, Global News, CTV and The Canadian Press had asked the judge to allow the camera in court. They argued there is public interest because of the cost of the extensive police investigation and trial.

Travis Vader has pleaded not guilty to two counts of first-degree murder in the 2010 deaths of Lyle and Marie McCann, a couple in their late 70s who vanished on a camping trip. Star staff, wire services

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Millennial MP battles 'lazy' label



Emma Teitel

Early last week, on a stormy evening in downtown Toronto, 34-year-old New Democrat MP Niki Ashton led a town hall discussion about "Precarious Work in the Millennial Generation."

Ashton, who represents the Manitoba riding of Churchill-Keewatinook Aski and is the NDP critic for jobs, employment and workplace development, spoke to a group of about 40 people — most of them under 40 — in a drab room at the United Steelworkers Hall.

At the back of the room on a table near the door, there was complimentary coffee in self-serve, cardboard carriers from a nearby Krispy Kreme. And up front, there was a lot of anxiety.

A nearly broke 30-year-old sommelier and restaurant waiter lamented the lack of advanced scheduling and regulation in his industry: "My dream," he said, "is to be in the black."

A woman, who said she was speaking on behalf of her 20-year-old niece, asked Ashton what could be done about employers who take advantage of their young charges.

And a young man who said he worked in the Trump hotel, of all places, told a story of bad bosses and worse luck.

Almost everyone sought lower tuition fees, a \$15 or \$20 minimum wage and an end to a culture of crappy contracts for young people that offer no security.

Some liked the idea of "floating benefits," a dental plan, for example, that follows a person from job to job. Others, in traditional NDP fashion, wanted everything and more: an overhaul of the system.

Ashton took notes and, like a northern Obama, thanked "folks" for sharing. But she couldn't and can't — at least not yet — offer anything in the way of a policy antidote to their woes.

This is because the MP is in the middle of a cross-country tour of sorts, hosting town halls on the subject of precarious employment, listening to the grievances of young people from Halifax to the West Coast who feel they will never be able to settle down, have kids or (the biggest long shot, especially in Toronto and Vancouver) buy a house.

Ashton will present the findings of her tour — and, she hopes, some solutions to the problem of precarious employment — at a forum in Ottawa at the end of October.

The MP sat down with me the morning after she led the town hall in Toronto and, although she couldn't tell me in specific terms how she would make life better for the 18-34 demographic, she did tell me this: In order to achieve any meaningful change, we need to first dismantle the popular stereotypes that millennials are "lazy" and "disinterested."

"This requires a shift in mentality," Ashton said, highlighting the fact that after she writes about precarious labour on social media: "I still have to go on my own politician Facebook page and erase comments like, 'Oh, get a job.'"



RICHARD LAUTENS/TORONTO STAR

NDP MP Niki Ashton is holding a series of town hall meetings about precarious work issues facing millennials.

The narrative of the ingrate millennial is so entrenched in our culture, she said, it turns up in places where people should really know better.

For example, Ashton told me she was at a committee meeting on employment insurance in the spring when a witness "went on and on about how millennials just don't want to work."

"This person made reference to some guy bringing his mom to a job interview," Ashton said. "And even though the meeting was about EI and not this one guy, this is what my colleagues on both aisles chose to hook onto."

There was no evidence, she said, as to who "this guy" was or whether he was representative of a larger group of lazy people his age, and yet some

of the older policy-makers in the room determined that "this was a real problem."

Yes, apparently, our elected officials, just like your crotchety uncle, enjoy sharing stories about that "one guy" who just so happens to confirm everything wrong with kids these days.

The funny thing, however, is that Ashton — a member of Gen Y, albeit an old one (her contemporaries include Nicki Minaj, 33, and Drake, 29) — has been characterized as a stereotypically flaky and hypersensitive millennial herself.

This was evident when she took a day trip to the campaign offices of Bernie Sanders earlier this year and was more or less characterized in the press as a kid playing hooky to see a rock concert. "I guess I hit a

slow news day," she recalled. "Because everybody and their dog was into it."

And who can forget Elbowgate in May, when Ashton made the ill-advised and, frankly, absurd suggestion that Trudeau's accidental elbowing of a fellow MP on the floor of the House of Commons contributed to an unsafe workplace for women.

In the end then, Ashton isn't just battling negative perceptions about an entire generation, but negative perceptions about herself, too.

She hopes, however, that by making the issue of precarious millennial labour official, via "town halls" like the one she conducted last week, older leaders and perhaps the public will have a change of heart. I hope so, too.

Critics call rebate a 'Band-Aid'

Wynne's opponents skeptical that hydro tax break will lower Ontario energy costs

ROB FERGUSON
QUEEN'S PARK BUREAU

The Liberal government's promised tax rebate on hydro bills came under scrutiny Tuesday as critics said it does nothing to fix the causes of rising electricity prices and questioned how long it will remain in place.

Calling the 8-per-cent break a "billion-dollar Band-Aid" for its annual cost to taxpayers, the Progressive Conservatives said the government's own long-term energy plan warns of higher prices as more investments are made to modernize the system.

"Let's be clear — hydro rates are not going down," PC Leader Patrick Brown said as MPPs held their first question period in the legislature to kick off the new session.

The first piece of legislation the Liberals reintroduced was the campaign finance reform bill, but it does not include new proposals — to be added later — that would prevent all MPPs and candidates from attending fundraising events.

"We're changing the way politics is done," said Government House leader Yasir Naqvi.

On the electricity file, NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said rebates "come and go at a whim" under the Liberals, given that the government just nine months ago scrapped the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit that gave ratepayers 10 per cent off their hydro bills.

Premier Kathleen Wynne pledged in Monday's throne speech to rebate the 8-per-cent provincial portion of the HST from hydro bills starting in January, acknowledging that costs are hurting consumers.

"There was more that needed to be done," she told reporters Tuesday as debate began on the speech outlining her priorities for the second half



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Premier Kathleen Wynne promised a tax break in her midterm speech.

of her term. "We've been listening to people."

Wynne noted there is already a program in place to help low-income Ontarians with hydro bills, which no longer carry a debt retirement charge for costs left over when the old Ontario Hydro was broken up.

Both opposition parties said Ontario makes more electricity than it needs, yet continues to sign new contracts for renewable power.

"Let's be clear — hydro rates are not going down."

PATRICK BROWN
PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE LEADER

With Liberal fortunes lagging and the next provincial election due in 20 months, Wynne denied a political motive in the break on hydro bills for homes, small businesses and farms once legislation is passed this fall.

But if the government is serious about keeping the provincial tax off hydro bills, it should negotiate with the federal government to have electricity exempted from the HST permanently, Horwath said.

Finance Minister Charles Sousa

said the Liberals opted for the rebate because it can be implemented sooner and said "we haven't established a date to end" the tax break.

The \$1-billion annual cost of the hydro relief will be covered by revenues from increased growth in the economy, Sousa insisted.

However, Conservative MPP Vic Fedeli pointed out that Ontario's financial accountability officer stated in a recent report that the province — which the Liberals say will return to a balanced budget next year — appears headed back into deficit after the 2018 election.

While the hydro tax rebate will appear as a line item on monthly utility bills for consumers to see, the Conservatives also raised concerns that new carbon taxes of about \$5 monthly on natural gas won't be listed on those bills.

"Frankly, that's not acceptable," said MPP Lisa Thompson.

The carbon fee, which the independent Ontario Energy Board ruled does not have to be mentioned on bills, is part of the government's \$8.3-billion plan to fight climate change, which incentives for Ontarians to make their homes more energy efficient.

Premier breaks silence on Brown letter debacle

Wynne called the PC leader's claimed ignorance unlikely

ROBERT BENZIE
QUEEN'S PARK BUREAU CHIEF

The Progressive Conservatives' rookie leader needs to get his office in order after his party's sex-education flip-flop flap, says Premier Kathleen Wynne.

"Patrick Brown has a lot to sort out in terms of what did or didn't happen," she told reporters Tuesday at Queen's Park.

Wynne suggested it's implausible that Brown was out of the loop when the Tories promised in writing — under his signature — to axe the updated sex-education curriculum.

"When there's a major change in our office — or when there's a policy decision — I know about that decision. And I authorize it or not," the premier said.

It was her first public comment about the Progressive Conservatives' internal troubles since they circulated 13,000 signed letters during the Sept. 1 Scarborough-Rouge River by-election promising to "scrap" the updated health curriculum if elected in 2018.

After five days of blowback, Brown renounced that stance in a Star opinion piece, saying he would retain the modernized syllabus and insisted he did not know the letter was being distributed.

He initially blamed overzealous local campaign staff helping Tory candidate Raymond Cho.

But the day after Cho won the by-election, it emerged that both Brown's chief of staff, Nicolas Pappalardo, and PC party president Rick Dykstra knew the letter — in English and Chinese — would be circulated.

Wynne did not conceal her displeasure at the curriculum being used as



Patrick Brown initially blamed campaign staff for the letter claiming he would scrap the sex-ed update.

campaign fodder during a by-election.

"As for the politics around Patrick Brown, he's got his own issues to sort out about what he believes or doesn't believe," she said.

"I have been completely consistent on the need for an upgraded sex-education curriculum in this province. We have talked to thousands of parents and experts across the province."

"What we know is that kids need to be safe. They need information to keep them safe in this world where they can get information from all manner of sources that 20 years ago they couldn't get."

Brown reiterated Tuesday that the debacle "was a mistake."

"It's why I apologized for it and I've said that it can't happen again," said the Tory leader, who took the reins of the party 16 months ago.

"We're doing our own internal assessment to make sure (of that) and certainly I'm going to be a lot more hands-on," he said.

Brown has yet to be able to explain how his chief of staff and the party president were in the loop on something done under his signature without his approval.

On Friday, NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said that such a thing wouldn't happen in her party.

"We work as a team in my office, and certainly I am pretty much dialed into everything," said Horwath.

"As leader, that's my responsibility and that's something I've made sure occurs."

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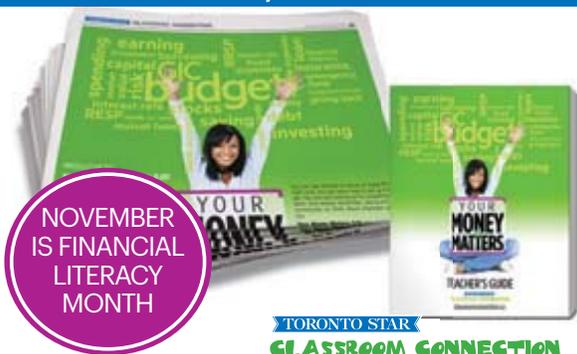
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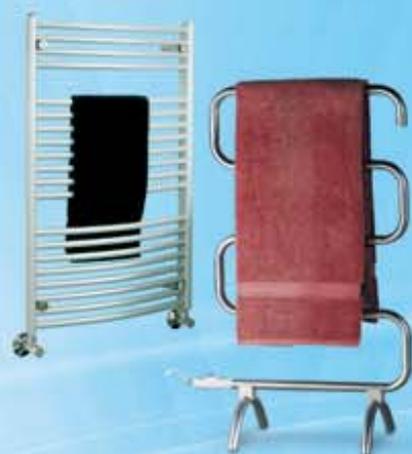
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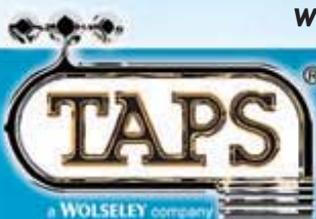
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The Nomads' Canada Run event was held in July to commemorate the club's 15th anniversary in Ontario.

Biker chapter closes down

Hells Angels' Nomads branch near Ottawa shuts a month after 500-person gathering

PETER EDWARDS
STAFF REPORTER

The Hells Angels have shut down their elite Nomads chapter outside Ottawa, just a month after hosting a national gathering of more than 500 outlaw bikers.

Neither the bikers nor the police are saying why there is no longer a Nomads chapter (also known as a charter) on Piperville Rd. off Hwy. 417, just a 15-minute drive from downtown Ottawa.

"It's closed," Det.-Staff Sgt. Len Isnor, head of the provincial biker enforcement unit, said on Tuesday. "There is no Nomads chapter."

The Nomads are considered an elite group of bikers who require little direction.

There were about a dozen of them in Ontario.

The Hells Angels have about 175 Ontario members and 450 members across Canada. About 60 of them are in custody or are restricted from as-

sociating with outlaw bikers because of bail or parole conditions.

Many of the charges against them relate to drug trafficking and violence.

The Nomads' shutdown is an abrupt change of direction for the chapter, which first popped up in Ontario when the Hells Angels expanded into the province in 2000-01.

They had the honour of hosting a national gathering, or Canada Run, July 21-24 to mark the club's 15th anniversary in Ontario.

The Nomads charter was nixed on Aug. 28.

One biker source said the Canada Run was considered dull and a dud, but Isnor said that it could be considered successful, as it drew together more than 500 outlaw bikers.

Bikers were seen taking a giant cake into the compound and taking selfies on Parliament Hill.

The 0.4-hectare gated compound where the Nomads met remains the home base for four chapters of the Red Devils, considered a junior club affiliated with the Hells Angels.

More than 30 Red Devils still meet there, Isnor said.

The status of the former Ontario Nomads is unclear as none of them has appeared as members of existing charters of the Hells Angels, Isnor said.

"They haven't landed anywhere yet," Isnor said.

"Right now, it's a very confusing organization," Isnor said.

There has been plenty of turmoil at the Ottawa-area clubhouse recently.

Nomads' vice-president Phil Boudreault survived a murder attempt in April after he was shot while riding his motorcycle near Lachute, Que., about 60 kilometres northwest of Montreal.

At least one gunman opened fire from a vehicle that pulled alongside him. A source said Boudreault shielded his girlfriend, who was also on the motorcycle.

Boudreault, a former Olympic boxer, was one of the Ottawa Nomads who wore a distinctive bright red, bulletproof Kevlar vest.

Former Ontario Nomads president Paul Porter has quit the club and moved home to Montreal.

He was paroled in 2014 after serving time for cocaine trafficking.

Iran dismisses lawyer of Canadian prisoner

Judge's decision raises fears for 65-year-old retired prof held on unknown charges

OLIVIA WARD
FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPORTER

The outlook for release of Montreal anthropologist Homa Hoodfar from Iran's Evin prison darkened Tuesday with news that a hardline judge has dismissed her lawyer and chosen another to represent her without her consent.

"This seems to be standard procedure for this judge, who has been violating many laws," said Hoodfar's niece, Amanda Ghahremani, speaking from Montreal. "He's denied access to her lawyers, her family, she is in solitary confinement and has not been moved to a general ward. Her health is our biggest concern."

The judge, Abolqasem Salvati, known for earlier draconian verdicts, has presided over high-profile cases of Iranian-born journalist Jason Rezaian, Canadian permanent resident Mostafa Azizi and Iranian-British charity worker Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, who was sentenced last week to five years in prison.

Hoodfar, said to be in "fragile, declining health," was first arrested in March by the counter-espionage service of Iran's Revolutionary Guard, which is in a power struggle with President Hassan Rouhani. She was released on bail after interrogation and arrested again in June.

The details of her case have been kept secret. The exact charges against the 65-year-old retired Concordia University professor are unknown, nor has a trial date been announced.

She is believed to be accused of "collaborating with a hostile government, propaganda against the state, and 'dabbling in feminism.'" Hoodfar is widely known for her work on gender and sexuality in Islam.

She was hospitalized last month and according to her family, "could hardly walk or talk."

Hoodfar is now back in solitary confinement under grim conditions. She suffers from a "serious neurological condition," but Ghahremani says the family in Iran has no way of knowing



Prisoner Homa Hoodfar has written about gender and sexuality in Islam.

if she received the medicine they delivered for her.

A spokesperson for Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion said in an email to the Star that the government is "very concerned about this recent development and the continued detention of Dr. Hoodfar. We are actively engaged on this case and doing everything we can to support the family as they endure this terrible ordeal."

She added that in the absence of diplomatic ties, "we are working with countries of influence and pursuing the best course of action to press the case and to secure her safe return to her family, friends and colleagues," and that "this case is a priority for us."

Charges against the retired Concordia University professor are unknown and no trial date been announced

Hoodfar is one of several dual nationals targeted by the Revolutionary Guard in past months. It arrested Canadian permanent resident Saeed Malekpour in 2008, and he was sentenced to life in prison.

Ghahremani, who spoke with Hoodfar before she went to Iran in February, said that after the death of her husband she "wanted to go back to visit Iran and to grieve there. She wanted an opportunity to reconnect with her roots. Iran was her beloved country."

However, her Tehran residence was raided and her personal computers, cellphone and passport were seized to prevent her from returning to Canada.

There have been widespread protests against Hoodfar's arrest and, this week, 21 former UN special rapporteurs on human rights are calling for Iran to release her immediately. They are asking the UN General Assembly to take up her case.

14 dogs perish after heating incident at kennel

THE CANADIAN PRESS

SASKATOON—Families are mourning the loss of their pets after an apparent heating problem led to the deaths of 14 dogs at a Saskatoon boarding kennel over the weekend.

Officials with Playful Paws Center posted news of the tragedy to their Facebook page, saying a rooftop heating unit malfunctioned, pushing heat into an upstairs kennel room.

Business owner Bonnie Clark said Monday there's still no confirmation on the cause of death but the heating units are being inspected to help pinpoint "exactly what happened."

Fred Glawischnig, a former kennel operator who says he was hired by Playful Paws in January to evaluate what the company was doing, said he had warned of a problem with ventilation and inadequate air quality in

the building.

"I said it's just a matter of time before an animal dies," he told local radio station CKOM.

He also said he recommended the company employ staff at night so the dogs would not be left unattended.

Clark said dogs at the kennel are left alone for 10 hours overnight, and described that as "standard," and information that customers are pro-

vided during an introductory tour of the facility.

Clark said she has spoken with every owner who lost a dog and has offered to pay for cremation and for a private memorial service for each animal and their families.

"There has been nothing but tears in this building with every customer who's come through these doors," Clark said.



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Ford vows mudslinging of gigantic proportions

DIMANNO from A1

Far as I know, nobody in the *famiglia* has ever successfully sued the Star for libel. Can't even recall a correction published — and Lord knows our paper hands out corrections at the drop of a hat, even for typos.

Journalists are hard-wired never to sue for libel, though believe me, I've been tempted. Still, I'd encourage my friend and former Star reporter Robyn Doolittle, now an investigative journalist with the Globe and Mail, to slap Doug Ford's slander action, the way he heaped a pile of bull into her Tuesday.

See, everybody else — with the exception of one fart-catching columnist who meets with Doug Ford's approval, the only Good Guy cited by name chez Mrs. Ford Tuesday — bore false witness to Rob et al before, during and after that woeful mayoralty, a time of wrack and wrath at city hall. All fabulists and frauds, steeped in mendacity.

Funny though, as he was spitting out the LIES, how Doug Ford never once mentioned the nose-stretchers issued by Rob.



REUTERS

A still image taken from the notorious video of Rob Ford released by court shows the late Toronto mayor smoking from what appears to be a crack pipe.

and Gawker reported they'd seen video of the mayor smoking crack and making homophobic statements about Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau.

On the video an incoherent Ford may have referred to Trudeau as a "fat d--k" rather than a "fag." And that's what this Ford wants to hang his hat on?

"I'm still waiting for an apology from the prime minister when he called Rob out for saying something that he never said."

Yet "crack" never passed Doug Ford's lips.

You know, I've no desire to take this trip down Memory U-turn and would prefer to let the late mayor rest in peace. But if Doug insists on disinterring the past, then he's the one who'll end up with slime on his hands. And he's clearly revelling in that prospect because Doug Ford is a mudslinger of spectacular proportions, like a pig in slop. And like all bullies, he binges on threats.

"The story's going to come out and each and every one of you may be in the story."

"Again, look forward to you seeing your name in one of these books, heh-heh."

But oh no, Doug Ford won't profit one penny from sales of the twisted history, which he says will be distributed among the family's favourite charities. Well bully for you, DoFo. See, newspapers that documented the tumultuous life of Rob Ford, they were just trying to bump circulation and rake in advertising dollars. Just as the authors of Ford books — including the mayor's chief

of staff and loyal lieutenant — were merely out to line their own pockets. This accusation from a Ford scion, Doug, born with a silver spoon in his mouth, inheritor of his father's label-printing business.

The Fords have no more in common with the working stiffs they so righteously claim to serve than I do with the Duchess of Cambridge.

Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them, except this treatise is presumably not intended as satire.

"This is a book that's going to be calling out people, other politicians that skated, that never had any issues. . . never went after politicians that were drinking, were doing drugs, but they were untouched, they were unscathed."

Further: "The organized special interests groups are in this. The courts, when they tried to bring (Rob) to court for raising money for a football foundation, which is staggering, never anything for personal gain. The vicious, vicious full-out attack from Chief Bill Blair, that's going to be in here. The attacks through the courts. The attacks through all the backroom deals with the Liberal government provincially."

Cover price: \$32.99, out Nov. 22.

"This is going to be a great, great Christmas gift," Doug Ford proclaims. "This is going to be a best-seller, mark my words, a bestseller like this country has never seen before."

Stocking stuffer?

Stuff it, Doug.

Rosie DiManno usually appears Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

> FRANCE

Suspected terrorists to stay in custody

Three women accused of being part of a Daesh cell that was planning imminent attacks in France will remain in custody after a judge confirmed preliminary charges of terrorism, Paris prosecutors said Tuesday.

The three women were charged with criminal terrorist association linked to the discovery of an abandoned car filled with gas cylinders near Notre Dame Cathedral, and to another pending attack, the prosecutors' office said.

The women identified as Ines M., 19, Sarah H., 23, and Amel S., 39, were arrested last Thursday southeast of Paris in a police operation.

> ISRAEL

Shimon Peres in hospital after stroke

Former Israeli president Shimon Peres suffered a stroke on Tuesday and was rushed to a hospital, where he was sedated and placed on a respirator while he had a brain scan.

An official in Peres' office said the 93-year-old underwent a CT scan, but that results were not yet available. Israeli TV stations, citing hospital officials, said Peres was suffering from bleeding to the brain and described his condition as serious.

> UNITED STATES

Fatally beaten boy's uncle pleads guilty

The uncle of a 9-year-old boy fatally beaten over a missing piece of birthday cake who pleaded guilty to first-degree child abuse Tuesday, said he handcuffed the child to a chair and allowed the mother's controlling boyfriend to beat him senseless.

When the beating became so brutal that Jacob Barajas couldn't bear to watch, he closed his eyes, Maryland assistant state's attorney Sarah Mollett-Gaumer told court. Barajas called 911 but the boy's mother sent the ambulance away, delaying treatment for hours. Barajas, 24, faces up to 15 years in prison.

The trial of the boy's mother, Oriana Garcia, 27, is in February. Garcia's boyfriend, Robert Wilson, 31, is serving a 30-year sentence after pleading guilty in March to second-degree murder in the July 2015 death of Jack Garcia.

Loaded gun left in bathroom by teacher

A teacher at a Christian school accidentally left her loaded pistol in a bathroom, where it was found by elementary schoolchildren.

Pennsylvania state police said Beth Jean Dixon, 63, put her pistol on a toilet tank when she used the unisex, one-toilet bathroom Aug. 25 at Cumberland Christian School, in Chambersburg. Police said she forgot about it and left.

A child using the toilet told his parent, who told the school. The teacher who left the gun resigned and is facing charges. There were no injuries. Star wire services



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Woman wearing hijab has clothes lit on fire

Incident follows several recent hate-related attacks on Muslims in the U.S.

DEREK HAWKINS
THE WASHINGTON POST

A Muslim woman wearing traditional garments had her clothes set on fire by a man with a lighter as she shopped on a crowded New York City street over the weekend, police said Monday.

The 35-year-old was dressed in a hijab and standing outside a Valentino store on Fifth Ave. in Manhattan Saturday night, when she felt heat on her left side, according to the New York City Police Department.

The woman, who has not been identified, saw that her blouse was on fire and patted out the flames. When she looked up, she noticed a man standing with a lighter in his hand, police said.

The incident is the latest in a series of attacks on Muslims and Islamic sites across the U.S. in recent months.

"We are clearly seeing a spike in attacks on individual Muslims and Islamic institutions in New York and around the country, which should be of concern to all Americans," said Afaf Nasher, director of the New York chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) in a statement posted on Facebook. "It is time for the mayor and the

NYPD to put forward the necessary resources to investigate and prevent these attacks on the Muslim community."

Police are investigating the alleged assault as a hate crime. No one has been arrested and no suspects have been identified. NYPD spokesman Christopher Pisano said the woman was visiting the city from another country.

After the attack, the man disappeared down a side street, leaving the startled woman with a "quarter-sized hole" in her blouse and no injuries, Pisano said.

Two days earlier, a Brooklyn woman allegedly beat two Muslim mothers as they pushed their toddlers in strollers down a busy sidewalk in the borough's ethnically diverse Bath Beach neighbourhood.

The woman, Emirjeta Xhelili, punched one of the mothers in the face and tried to rip off her hijab while screaming obscenities at them, authorities told the New York Daily News. Xhelili then allegedly tried to grab the other mother's stroller, which was carrying her 15-month-old child, according to the Daily News. Xhelili, 32, was arrested and charged with hate-crime assault. Xhelili is being held on a \$50,000 (U.S.) bond or \$25,000 cash bail. Her lawyer told the Daily News she has no prior arrests.

In another attack that has stoked fear in the city's Muslim community,



NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT VIA REUTERS

New York police have released a video of a man, seen in this frame grab, who is suspected of setting fire to a Muslim woman in New York.

a Queens man in August allegedly shot and killed an imam and his assistant as they left afternoon prayers in the borough's Ozone Park neighbourhood.

Alauddin Akonjee and Thara Miah were walking together on a weekend afternoon when a gunman came up behind them and shot them execution-style in their heads, authorities said. Oscar Morel, who is charged with murder, has denied killing the men.

Late Sunday, an arsonist damaged the Florida mosque that was occasionally attended by Orlando nightclub gunman Omar Mateen.

Hamaad Rahman, assistant imam of the Islamic Center of Fort Pierce, said the mosque's 100 members were "saddened and scared" by the fire, which burned for five hours before being extinguished early Monday.

Investigators believe it may have been a hate crime, St. Lucie County sheriff's spokesman Maj. David Thompson said.

No one was injured, but the fire burned a three-metre hole in the roof of the mosque's main building.

A surveillance video from the mosque showed a man on a Harley-Davidson-type motorcycle approaching the building with a bottle

of liquid and some papers, then leaving after a flash, Thompson said.

The mosque has been subjected to more threats since June's shooting than in its previous 20 years of existence, Rahman said.

Since the Orlando shooting, "a lot of people have been driving by hollering and yelling epithets at the church or mosque or whatever they call it," said Michael Parsons, 22, in front of his parents' home, directly across the street from the mosque.

In Georgia, officials cancelled a vote on a new mosque scheduled for Tuesday over threatening social media posts.

On Sunday, a self-described militia group, the III% Security Force, held a protest across the street from the site of a planned mosque and Muslim burial ground, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

In August, opponents of the mosque packed a public hearing, with some expressing fears that it would be used to train terrorists.

The Tuesday vote would have allowed the Muslim community in Newton County, 64 kilometres southeast of Atlanta, to go ahead with their plans for the mosque.

Governments "cannot allow extremists to bully, harass or scare them into cancelling public meetings," the Georgia chapter of the CAIR said after the meeting was called off.

With files from The Associated Press

To the parasport community, results are not a surprise

RUNNERS from A1

But while celebrating the athletes' achievements, those in the parasport community are a little befuddled, and even disappointed, by the world's response.

"It's totally awesome. It shows that people who are partially sighted or visually impaired can be just as fast as everyone else. And I hope that gets out to the whole world," said Christine Robbins, a para-triathlete who competed in Rio and works as a research and policy specialist at the CNIB.

But Robbins also said her fellow athletes had a slightly different response.

"It depends on the exposure everybody gets to people with disability. In the community, we all see each other do all these great things all the time. We all know we can be as good as everyone else and as strong as everyone else. So it's not a huge surprise."

"The reaction to it does show that there is an automatic expectation that someone with a disability is therefore going to perform at a lower level," said Laura Misener, a professor at Western University's kinesiology department and a member of the International Centre for Olympic Studies, who specializes in sports and social impact.

Both races were extreme in their own ways. In the Olympic 1,500-metre final, Centrowitz led for almost the entire race, controlling the pace to his liking — keeping the first two laps incredibly slow and then gunning the final one.

Centrowitz "ran a perfect tactical race," said Jill Mallon, assistant

coach of the University of Toronto Varsity Blues track and field program. "To try and pass him, they have to run (or kick) harder, which is almost impossible to do on a world class runner."

The result was the slowest gold medal time in the 1,500 metres since 1932.

The Paralympic race played out in the opposite way: the lead changed hands several times throughout the race, and Baka and the other three top finishers pushed each other to the finish, resulting in a world record time for Baka.

David Howe, a Canadian former middle-distance Paralympic runner and a reader in the social anthropology of sport at Loughborough University in London, agrees that the two races were decided based on the "cat and mouse" nature of the distance. But he, too, questions the value in comparing them.

"Guys in wheelchairs have been running 1,500 metres below three minutes for the last 20 years. And we never try to make these comparisons," he said.

The Paralympics "should be seen as one window to celebrate difference and to marvel at the performances of the athletes that are out there. Not better or worse, but different."

Athletes have competed in both the Olympic and Paralympic Games in the past. "Blade Runner" and convicted murderer Oscar Pistorius is surely the most notorious person to do so, but he is not the only one.

Marla Runyan, a legally blind runner, won medals across multiple distances in the Paralympics in the 1990s and was named to the U.S.



BOB MARTIN/OIS, IOC VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Algeria's Abdellatif Baka narrowly wins the gold in the men's 1,500-metre T13 final during the Paralympic Games.

Olympic team in 2000. She competed in the 1,500 metres in Sydney. Brian McKeever, a cross-country skier and biathlete, was the first Canadian to be named to both the Paralympic and Olympic teams in 2010, though he didn't end up starting in the Olympics.

Robbins says that "in general, for me, if people haven't been exposed to people who are blind or visually impaired, a lot of people think anything we do is amazing. But for us, we do these things every day."

She points out that the winner of the women's 100-metre sprint in the T11 classification, for those who are completely visually impaired, only ran 1.25 seconds slower than the Olympic women's champion.

"They all go really, really fast, and I just wish people would see that."



FABRICE COFFRINI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Matt Centrowitz of the U.S. wins the men's 1,500-metre final, followed by Algeria's Taoufik Makhoulouf, left, at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Trump reveals Bill Clinton-esque paid maternity leave plan

Proposal is first of its kind from a Republican presidential candidate

DANIELLE PAQUETTE
THE WASHINGTON POST

DES MOINES, IOWA—Donald Trump released a paid maternity leave plan on Tuesday — the first from a Republican presidential candidate. The measure, a pillar of the real-estate mogul's detailed child-care proposal, bears close resemblance to an idea floated by Bill Clinton in 1999.

Trump's plan would guarantee six weeks of paid maternity leave to women. Currently, federal policy provides only 12 weeks of unpaid leave. The Republican presidential nominee would fund the change by tweaking the unemployment insurance employers must provide under federal law, according to the campaign.

The country's Federal-State Un-

employment Insurance supplies benefits to workers who lose their job through no fault of their own. What that means varies by state, but the state-run program generally covers workers who are laid off. Trump's proposal would open the aid to new mothers, who often lose wages as life's expenses surge. Employers would not absorb the heavier price tag, Trump aides said, because reductions in the programs would offset the cost.

Advocates for working families in the late 1990s called a version of this concept baby unemployment insurance, or "Baby UI." The first iteration emerged in Vermont, where policymakers saw the legislation change as a way to boost working mothers, the breadwinners in a growing number of American households. It never passed, but Vermont legislators sought the federal Labor Department's approval in hopes the model would spread nationwide.

At the time, Clinton told former Labor Secretary Alexis Herman to draft regulations allowing states to draft unemployment insurance benefits to new parents. The Labor Department's resulting Baby UI plan, as released in 2000, allowed states to fund both maternity and paternity leave for 12 weeks. By 2003, however, the movement chilled. The Bush administration rescinded the policy, insisting it would burden employers, stifle business and put women at risk of employment discrimination. Trump's spin on Baby UI would be cheaper than the design Clinton backed. Mothers would be eligible for the new safety net if their workplace lacked the benefit. Fathers, however, would not qualify. The program would cover half the time Democrats fought for 17 years ago — six weeks instead of 12. And to offset the cost to employers, other unemployment insurance benefits would be slashed, though the Trump

campaign did not specify which ones.

On Tuesday, Trump aides addressed the long-held conservative concerns about using unemployment insurance to fund maternity leave. In a campaign memo shared with the Washington Post, they said women who intend to have children would not become "less desirable" to employers. Program reductions would pay for the change without raising taxes, staffers said, so hiring a potential mother would not add to a business's costs.

Economist Heidi Hartmann, president of the non-partisan Institute for Women's Policy Research, said the plan would still single out women by extending guaranteed paid leave to only one gender. But she welcomes the conversation, which she said was previously silent on the right.

Michael Tanner, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute, a right-leaning think tank in Washington, D.C., said Trump's plan isn't free — it's a gov-

ernment program expansion, dressed up to look fiscally conservative.

"Someone's going to pay that cost," he said. "Ultimately, you'll have men or women who don't have children paying for women who do."

That could mean lost vacation time, Tanner said, or lower wages.

Hillary Clinton has proposed 12 weeks of paid family leave funded through tax increases on the wealthy. Advocates generally applaud Trump's focus on working family issues, with caveats.

"It's great to see candidates addressing the need for paid leave, given that the U.S. is at the very bottom of the world's nations when it comes to affordable time to care," Ellen Bravo, executive director of Family Values at Work, said in a statement. "But we need to remember that it's not just pregnant women who welcome new children. Fathers and adoptive parents need time as well."



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> FRANKLIN EXPEDITION

The Arctic yields a secret

One of the Canadian Arctic's most enduring mysteries appears to have been solved — and with an ironic twist worthy of a film script.

A search for a long-lost shipwreck that involved multiple missions, high-resolution side-scan sonar, the latest in remote-controlled underwater vehicles and images from a Canadian Space Agency satellite successfully ended earlier this month through the recollections of an Inuit hunter.

Explorers, scientists, historians and all Canadians should be grateful to Sammy Kogvik. He noticed what remained of a mast sticking through the Arctic ice while on a fishing expedition seven years ago, and he shared that information with the crew of the research vessel Martin Bergman this summer.

That insight led directly to the detection of a wreck believed to be HMS Terror, the second of two ships lost by the doomed Franklin expedition almost 170 years ago. Remains of the other vessel, the HMS Erebus, were found in 2014 in the Queen Maud Gulf. Taken together, the discoveries present a wealth of underwater evidence concerning the tragic fate of Sir John Franklin and his 128 crew members.

But there's more to be gained here, beyond a treasure trove of historical data. The modern search, which began in 2008, has resulted in better mapping of the Arctic Ocean floor. More accurate charts are a necessity with global warming expected to open the Northwest Passage to navigation.

The hunt, plus actual discovery of the wrecks, informs the world that these disputed waters are historically important to this country, shoring up claims of Canadian sovereignty.

And the search has showcased the reach of Canadian technology, including the capabilities of the RADARSAT-2 imaging satellite, a remotely operated underwater vehicle (ROV) and special side-scan sonar.

Rounding out this Canadian success story, Inuit experience and knowledge of barrens proved the decisive factor in finding the Terror in a bay on the coast of King William Island, about 100 kilometres due north of the Erebus.

Kogvik, a resident of the Inuit hamlet of Gjoa Haven, happened to be a crew member on the Martin Bergmann and mentioned what he had seen seven years earlier. To their credit, expedition leaders acted on his recollection.

The vessel made a detour, to the coincidentally named Terror Bay, deployed its ROV and detected the well-preserved remains of a Victorian ship. The find was all the more surprising because prevailing theory held that the Terror had likely been shattered in the crushing ice of Victoria Strait, causing it to sink in thousands of pieces.

On the contrary, video images of the wreck reveal a vessel resting upright, with its timbers, smokestack and even windows on the captain's cabin still remarkably intact. Given how much has been preserved in the frigid waters of the Arctic, it's likely that a considerable body of new knowledge will be gained into the ultimate demise of Franklin and his crew.

They set out in 1845, in two iron-reinforced ships equipped with the most up-to-date technology that Victorian England could provide, including three years worth of canned supplies and steam heating for the comfort of the crew. It was all for naught.

Details are sketchy, but it has been established that the vessels ended up hopelessly trapped in ice. Franklin died in 1847. A year later, the expedition's last survivors tried walking across the ice to the mainland. None made it home.

In addition to learning more about what happened through discovery of the Terror, Canadians stand to gain a better understanding of their history and a stronger claim to northern sovereignty. All thanks to a timely tip from Sammy Kogvik.



Canadians can take pride in the discovery of HMS Terror, one of two ships lost in doomed expedition by Sir John Franklin

> CANADIAN WRITING

Looking outward

What are the odds that Canadian writers would earn two of the six spots on the short-list for the prestigious Man Booker Prize for Fiction?

Not great, considering they were competing with the best English-language authors in the world.

But kudos to Vancouver-born Madeleine Thien and Montreal-native David Szalay, who pulled it off.

Thien is short-listed for *Do Not Say We Have Nothing*, a story that starts in Vancouver and explores the politics of China during the Cultural Revolution and the legacy of the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests. (Her book was also long-listed for Canada's illustrious Scotiabank Giller prize last week.)

Szalay (who was raised in Britain and now lives in Hungary) is nominated for *All That Man Is*, a collection of stories that follow men at different stages in their lives in various European cities.

Canadian writers are hardly strangers to the Booker, the most celebrated award internationally for English-language writers. But it's a sign of the steadily growing prestige of Canadian writing that they've been recognized more and more frequently in recent years.

It took 23 years from the founding of the Booker in 1969 for the first Canadian, Michael Ondaatje, to win in 1992 for *The English Patient*. Just eight years later, Margaret Atwood scored for *The Blind Assassin*, then it was Yann Martel's turn in 2002 for *Life of Pi* and Eleanor Catton's in 2013 for *The Luminaries*.

The competition has been even tougher since 2013, when it was opened to English-language writers anywhere in the world, allowing U.S. authors to vie for the prize.

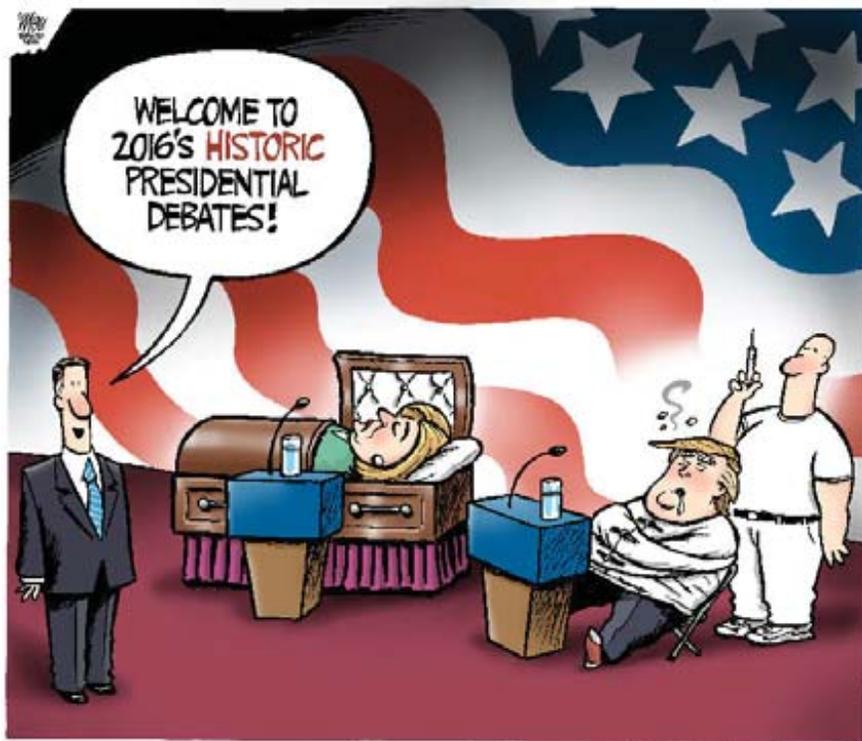
The fact that Canadians can earn two spots this year alongside two Britons (Deborah Levy and Graeme Macrae Burnet) and a pair of Americans (Paul Beatty and Ottessa Moshfegh) is particularly satisfying.

Their work also underscores that Canadian writing these days more often than not looks outward and explores universal themes.

Of course, it's possible to find the universal in quintessentially Canadian experience (as Alice Munro, our beloved Nobel Prize winner, famously did). But nowadays Canadian writers can just as frequently be found ranging around the world — at least in their imaginations.

Inevitably, this has altered our understanding of exactly what constitutes "Canadian" writing. Instead of worrying about that, however, we should embrace the change. If it works for the Booker judges — and it clearly does — then it works for us.

Two Canadian writers have been short-listed for the prestigious \$87,000 Man Booker Prize



THEO MOUDAKIS/TORONTO STAR

Progressive policy can save capitalism

Re The urgency to 'civilize' capitalism, Opinion Sept. 11

Robin Sears misleads readers when he states that Thomas Piketty, in his iconic book *Capital*, argued that the only reason for the narrowing of income inequality in the first three quarters of the 20th century throughout the industrialized world was successive rounds of asset destruction.

Readers familiar with the book in question will know that the emergence of progressive income taxes and the rise of the social welfare state along with strong labour unions played an equally important role in making the distribution of income more equal during this period.

Mr. Sears similarly confuses the issues by stating that the contents of a new basket of public policies to civilize capitalism "remains mostly baffling." To whom?

For starters, one might suggest more progressive taxation, taming the powers of the global finance industry, the ending of austerity economics in Europe, labour market reforms such as higher minimum wages and making it easier for workers to unionize along with meaningful labour rights clauses in international trade agreements.

Such a progressive agenda would go a long way in bringing about a capitalism that benefits us all.

Simon Rosenblum, Toronto

Iraq war's biggest fiasco

Re Five lessons from the failed war on terror, Insight Sept. 10

With his usual trenchant insight, Tony Burman has zeroed in on some of the major reasons for the sad legacy of measures undertaken post-9/11 by the Bush administration.

He might also have mentioned the incredible blunder committed by the occupying U.S. forces in May 2003 in disbanding some 385,000 members of the Iraqi armed services and the police force. Instead of being employed gainfully, for example, in reconstruction projects, these men were simply turned loose on to the streets, jobless and many still in possession of their weapons.

Fuelled by the anger that this demobilization policy generated against the U.S. administration in Iraq, it's not difficult to imagine how many of these bitter, disaffected men were willingly recruited by insurgent entities.

This massive fiasco reportedly encompassed, in all, about half a million Iraqis and arguably did more than any other single act to fuel hatred of the United States and, by association, the West in post-war Iraq.

Brian Veall, Port McNicoll, Ont.

Rather than deconstruct Tony Burman's simplistic and revisionist history article on 9/11 point by point, let me just state that his five lessons to be learned wouldn't qualify in any journalistic realm as a realistic and fair analysis of the war on terrorism.

It's quite clear from this brief and shallow rendering of the U.S. government of that day puts this article as a non-news item and somewhat throw away piece of journalism during a slow news cycle. Does Burman scratch the surface with this column? No more than the guy who gets his historical accurateness from CNN and Fox news.

Daniel Kowbell, Toronto

Councillors' excuses just won't cut it

Re Some councillors regret Boardwalk deal, Sept. 12

David Rider clearly identifies the inability of our city councillors to understand and properly assess the complex issues that arise in a city of our size. The Boardwalk lease arrangement is but one example of council's lack of experience and outright ineptitude when dealing with self-serving and often manipulative developers.

And to make matters worse, the array of excuses as to why they voted in support of the lease is nothing short of astounding. The excuses include "had I known," "it's not like most of us gave it a lot of attention," "from advice we had from staff," "it's not the vision I was sold."

But the lamest of all was from Councillor Pam McConnell who stated "it was late at night and there were not many people there."

Unbelievable! As elected officials, it's their job to fully comprehend an issue before voting on it.

If they don't understand, then ask questions, get clarification from the

bureaucracy and/or legal staff.

Or maybe have an afternoon nap if they can't think clearly after 8 p.m.

Steve Craine, Toronto

'Dream' miles a nightmare

Re Panic predictable as points expire, Sept. 6

This column on Air Miles was right on. What a total scam.

I have been a collector of Air Miles since 1997. And now that my points are due to expire, I am being told that the selection of merchandise ("dream" miles) is less because my card is a Blue Card.

As a senior, there is very little in merchandise that is of interest to me. I agree that my "dream" miles are becoming "nightmare" miles.

I agree with the suggestion of dream miles being converted on a one-time basis to cash. That would certainly show some consideration for loyal customers.

I even tried to give my points to a charity but was told that I would not be entitled to a tax receipt for this donation.

Mrs. E.A. Dephoure, Toronto

Australian PM Malcolm Turnbull's "bon mot," as described by Robin Sears to "civilize capitalism," is perhaps just that — a bon mot, an economics jest, an upside-down of trickle-down economics.

When, to use the U.S. as an example (and Canada may be on the same path), 2 per cent of the population own 98 per cent of the wealth, surely the notion of trickle-down economics has been a decades-long-in-the-making ruse, a magical semidiaphanous potion that is really a mask for greed. Greed cannot be nor ever was civilized. Civilizing greed is an oxymoron of the worst kind.

Truth is, capitalism, like democracy, is largely artifice masquerading as egalitarianism; neither really exist. Democracy and capitalism are moving us in the direction of feudalism; the U.S. is already there. The only things missing are the moat, drawbridge and the castle tower.

Louis MacPherson, Bowmanville

Junior star's win missed

I was very disappointed Monday to see that the Star had absolutely no mention of our Canadian junior tennis star Félix Auger-Aliassime.

For those who do not know, this 16-year-old lad won the Junior Grand Slam U.S. Open Tennis Championship at the same time as Stan Wawrinka was winning the U.S. Open seniors singles title.

Your paper found sufficient time to cover Wawrinka's victory in detail, but not even a footnote about our Canadian's victory. We need to celebrate our own achievements as and when they happen.

The experts think that Félix Auger-Aliassime is the future of Canadian tennis. Please do not let it happen again.

Tim de Mello, Mississauga

9/11 rescuer a true hero

Re The saviour and the saved, Sept. 11

Brain Clark and I are originally from Scarborough. We share the same birthday. We played on the same baseball team. The similarities may end there.

Thanks for refreshing our minds about the heroic deeds performed by Brian under such stressful circumstances. He is an amazing person.

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The report says continuing home delivery for dense urban areas and those with mobility issues would cost \$50 million a year.

Report hints about the future of Canada Post



Thomas Walkom

What is to be done with the post office? A government task force report released this week doesn't exactly answer the question.

But it does provide some hints as to where Justin Trudeau's federal Liberal government may go.

Door-to-door mail delivery. During last year's election campaign, the Liberals promised to stop Canada Post from replacing urban home delivery with widely unpopular community mail boxes.

Critics said that ending home delivery would particularly disadvantage the elderly and those who find it hard to get around.

Some municipal politicians said there simply isn't enough room in dense urban areas to set up community mailboxes.

Opposition was especially fierce in Trudeau's home city of Montreal.

In its 94-page discussion paper, the four-member task force notes, without comment, that permanently cashing in the conversion to community mail boxes would cost Canada Post \$320 million a year.

Fully restoring home mail delivery for those who have already been moved to community mail boxes, it says, would cost the Crown corporation \$1.2 billion annually.

To put that figure into perspective, it notes that individual stamp prices would have to go from \$1 to \$1.50 to cover this cost. Or, conversely, each household receiving door-to-door delivery could be charged \$124 annually for the privilege.

My guess is that the government won't want to go anywhere near these extra

levies, particularly given the fact that polling commissioned by the task force found that 69 per cent of Canadians think the conversion to community mail boxes should continue apace.

What can the Liberals do to square all of this with their campaign promise to "save home delivery?"

The task force report provides one hint. It notes that continuing home delivery for those in particularly dense urban areas as well as for those suffering mobility problems would cost Canada Post a mere \$50 million annually.

One of the more unexpected suggestions from the task force is that the government set up a new regulatory body to oversee the post office — and competing couriers

In short, door-to-door mail delivery could be saved — but just not for everybody who has lost it.

New ventures. One of the ways Canada Post could continue delivering the mail without losing money is by getting into new lines of business.

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers has argued long and hard that Canada, like France, the United Kingdom and New Zealand, should set up postal savings banks.

In those countries, the profits made in banking help cover the cost of postal services.

Japan's postal savings bank was so profitable that the government privatized it.

Alas for CUPW, this particular task force doesn't think much of postal banking. Echoing Canada Post management, the report says the country already has a sophisticated and widespread financial

system and there is not much room for a newcomer to break in.

But the figure that will mean most for politicians studying this file comes from the task force's polling. It found that 60 per cent of those surveyed thought poorly of postal savings banks.

More to the point, only 7 per cent of those surveyed said they would make use of such banks.

It's possible that the Liberal-dominated Commons committee charged with making recommendations to the government later this year will have a radically different take on postal banking.

But it's unlikely.

Marijuana. The task force says once marijuana is legalized, the post office could get into the business of delivering the drug through its parcel service. But as the Star reported, it expects such a move would net Canada Post \$20 million a year at most.

Postal regulator. One of the more puzzling and unexpected suggestions from the task force is that the government set up a new regulatory body to oversee the post office — and competing couriers. This regulator, the report says, could eventually levy fees on private couriers to subsidize Canada Post losses.

More to the point, the regulator would insulate the government from politically tricky issues, such as closing rural post offices and raising stamp prices.

Its job would be to "manage the ongoing decline of Canada's postal service" in a way that balanced the public interest with what the task force calls competitive realities.

I'm not sure what the politicians will make of this suggestion.

Thomas Walkom's column appears Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The future of the knowledge economy is local

RICHARD FLORIDA AND GREG SPENCER

Canada's future lies in the innovation-powered knowledge economy. Indeed, the nation's leaders are well aware of the need for new ideas and approaches to meet the nation's looming innovation, productivity and prosperity challenges.

The Trudeau government has made a clear commitment to shifting Canada from its resource-dependent past to a more knowledge-driven future by setting an innovation agenda dedicated to increased infrastructure funding. Ontario has even created a blue-ribbon commission, headed by former TD Bank CEO Ed Clark, to spark the development of its knowledge economy. Across all levels of government, there is a virtually unprecedented degree of alignment at a crucial time for economic policy-making.

And yet any strategy must recognize there is no one-size-fits-all approach. In fact, the knowledge economy is not a single national economy, but rather a collection of local ones. The clusters of talent, companies, universities and other knowledge-based institutions are increasingly local challenges. To be effective, federal and provincial policies must bolster, build from and strengthen these concentrated local assets.

This is the main take-away from a detailed Martin Prosperity Institute analysis of the knowledge economy in Ontario. The study, which we undertook with our colleague Shade Shutters of Arizona State University, evaluates the performance of more than 300 industries and 500 occupations based on their ability to drive exports and generate higher incomes across Ontario's 15 largest urban regions. The study provides strong evidence that the future of Ontario's innovation economy is local and geographically specific, tied to clusters of talent and industries that are distinct to particular regions of the province.

Toronto and Kitchener-Waterloo form the two edges of a powerful knowledge economy "supercluster" that extends to Guelph, Hamilton and Oshawa. With more than 36 per cent of its workforce employed in knowledge, professional and creative occupations, this supercluster is now the main driver of Ontario's knowledge economy. Not only is it home to a diverse range of high-value-added services, but it also boasts an impressive mix of advanced manufacturing, world-class universities and knowledge institutions.

Behind Toronto, Hamilton, Kitchener-Waterloo and Guelph take second, third and fourth place in terms of their knowledge economy strengths and potential for future success. The key challenges for these places are as much social as they are economic: investing in transit and local infrastructure, providing affordable housing and dealing with growing inequality. Ironically enough, each of these challenges stems from the cluster's very success.

With 44 per cent of its workforce in knowledge, professional and creative occupations, Ottawa is also ripe for the knowledge economy. But other parts of the province face deeper challenges. Southwestern Ontario suffers from an older industrial economy that is closely tied to the struggling Rust Belt economy in the United States. Just 28 per cent of southwestern Ontario's workforce is employed in knowledge and creative occupations, while most of its economy depends on the unsteady automotive sector. In this sector, jobs are subject to both competition from lower-cost areas of the world and the threat of further automation, as well as the possibility of longer-run disruption from new technology, such as driverless cars and electric vehicles. If southwestern Ontario seeks to lead technological change rather than fall victim to it, the region must invest in people, infrastructure and its education system to upgrade and deepen its historic strengths.

In other parts of Ontario, cities such as Sudbury and Thunder Bay are built on natural resource industries, which are exposed to swings in global commodity prices. Buffering these cities from external forces depends on diversifying their economic base while drawing on their existing stock of knowledge. Ultimately, these and other resource-based communities must sell their knowledge of mining, forestry and energy along with commodities themselves.

While many commentators and policy-makers favour a shift in Ontario's economy away from older industries toward newer, more knowledge-based ones, the more effective strategy is to deepen the innovation and knowledge component of all industries, from engineering and technology to agriculture, service and manufacturing.

Ultimately, the assets that power the knowledge economy are geographically concentrated. Because of this, there is no one strategy for bolstering innovation and creating a sustainable knowledge economy. This carries even more weight for large jurisdictions such as Ontario or Canada as a whole. Indeed, the key to our economy's long-run prosperity lies in building on local industries, talent and knowledge-based institutions, while strengthening and deepening the connections between them.



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Heather Mallick

Remembrance of things past, with Ford and Clement

This week in dregs: Doug Ford and Tony Clement spoke up, and what a spokes they had. Has someone set Time to Rewind?

A reminder to readers who can't remember who these two are or who, like me, made a manful effort to forget: Ford was the defeated Toronto mayoral candidate who, along with his late mayor brother Rob, disgraced himself in a multitude of ways. Short form: Rob was the chaotic drug-user who made a famously foul remark about sex with his wife, and Doug was the mean one. Tony Clement was the minister in the Harper government who cancelled Canada's mandatory long-form census and built the nation's most expensive gazebo in his

riding at our expense.

The Fords have "written" a book to be published on Nov. 22. This is the date JFK was shot to death, recalling the Fords passing themselves off as the Kennedys of, I guess, Etobicoke. Doug Ford announced Tuesday he would be running for office, but still didn't know if it would be at the municipal, provincial or federal level because the levels haven't responded to his cries — dear levels, please take me, I am nice — but how grand if it were all three simultaneously.

Ford dragged a pile of reporters to his poolside (he also has a gazebo, a nylon one) and told them it would be "the most exciting book this country has ever seen." I am already so excited you could toss and dress a salad with me. I quiver, I radiate, I'm lit up like a solar-powered LED. I just spilled my drink, Doug.

The book will be titled *FORDNATION: Two Brothers, One Vision: The Story of the People's Mayor* and on its cover will be a photo of two huge heads staring off into space. "What the heck?" say their thought bubbles.

Ford said the book would be "no holds bar" (sic), would deal with the "lying Toronto Star" and, more importantly, would "rock" the media and the political world. Who cares, Ford had already

rocked my world even before he wrote his rad book. Reporters covering the book announcement thought the world might rock on Nov. 8 with the possibility of a President Trump but no, there would be 14 further sleeps before the book came out.

Anyway, back to another disconnected dreamer and that's Clement, now running for the Conservative leadership. He has a "10-point national security plan" to make Canadians safer, including jailing potential terrorists if they can't be watched 24 hours a day in some other manner.

Clement is a dreary man, possibly the dreariest. There were nine other points, which I can't track down, but possibly Clement is letting them drip out day by day to retain voter interest. I am now saying out loud "My 10-point Plan to Rock Your World" and wondering how Clement and Ford deliver lines like this with a straight face.

Very few people suspected of anything can be watched all day and night. I am now recalling police surveillance of Mayor Rob Ford, the vodka bottles and public urination, the police helicopter. Remember that? Non-stop tracking is expensive and consumes every moment of time, as North Korea and former police Chief Bill Blair well know. Cast

your net that widely and you'll end up with nothing more than a fish metaphor, as I have.

Clement suggests face-to-face video conferencing with immigrant hopefuls, so we can weed out terrorists. How hi-tech of him, how digi-vid. Where does he get these fancy ideas?

What worries me is that Clement hasn't Skyped, or shopped in a store, or imagined that people lie or that they aren't interviewed in person before they get anything from anyone in modern times. You can't even change your health card without lining up at Canadian Tire ServiceOntario, after weeks of carefully studying lineup and time-of-day data as you buy your pop-up summer gazebo and BBQ scrubbers.

You fill out forms. They question you. You are photographed. This is for a card you already have. Clement is so "out there." My mind is totally "blown."

I apologize for writing about these men, as I'm not sure they remain in people's minds except as a bitter residue. Should I keep you updated on Clement's other bits of point or Ford's promised "naming of names" in his daft manuscript? Or would you prefer that your world remain stable, beautifully matured and unrocked? "Email" me with your "thoughts."



Ford told reporters it would be "the most exciting book this country has ever seen." I am already so excited you could toss and dress a salad with me



SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY CANADA PHOTOS

The Sotheby's listing for this \$4.5-million Rosedale home promises buyers will be "mesmerized" by "the perfect blend of historical elements with the space and flow for today's living."

Chinese investors ditch Vancouver for Toronto

LUXURY from A1

"While \$1 million is still a considerable amount of money, it's difficult to find a single-family home in the city of Toronto for less than \$1 million and it is not uncommon to find homes in the \$2-million, \$3-million or even \$4-million-plus range," he said.

Sotheby's says sales of homes in the \$4-million-and-up category rose 74 per cent in the region and 58 per cent in the city in July and August.

That continues the trend identified in the first six months of 2016. A July report from Sotheby's showed sales of detached homes in the \$4-million-and-up range had increased 79 per cent year over year.

The Sotheby's report also suggests there are signs that foreign home buyers, put off by the new 15-per cent real estate tax in Vancouver, are considering other Canadian markets.

That tax signals more than a financial penalty for non-Canadian buyers, Henderson said.

"What the (Vancouver) tax introduced is . . . some uncertainty as to what other policy issues the city or the province may introduce, which would adversely affect investors," he said.

Those investors are looking elsewhere, including cities outside Canada.



The home has been renovated to the highest standards, the listing says.

Ten per cent of homes sold in the Toronto region in the first six months of 2016 were \$1 million or more, according to Sotheby's

"But, if they are looking in Canada, we believe Toronto will be the most logical place for people to consider. Montreal and Calgary will probably also get a look-see," Henderson said.

He cited statistics from web-based hub Juwai, which bills itself as "the most integrated platform connecting international agents and Chinese buyers."

"They recently reported . . . an 81-

per-cent drop in the numbers of inquiries on that website for Vancouver and a 146-per-cent increase in inquiries for Toronto," Henderson said.

Although those won't necessarily lead to more Toronto-area purchases, "it's certainly an indicator that interest is moving from Vancouver to other markets," he said.

Sotheby's report forecasts a "more normalized fall market" in Vancouver, based on summer sales there.

On Tuesday, the chief economist and strategist at National Bank of Canada predicted Vancouver's housing market may enter a correction



The home's master bedroom features a "hotel grade" ensuite bath.

with price declines of at least 10 per cent.

"There is a downside to single-family homes in Vancouver," after policy changes in the past year, such as higher down-payment requirements and the provincial tax on foreign buyers, said Stefane Marion. Price declines will be moderated by the province's strong job growth, he said.

"I don't think it sends the economy into a tailspin. It's a healthy correction," Marion said.

Ten per cent of homes sold in the Toronto region in the first six months of 2016 were \$1 million or more, according to Sotheby's. Sales

over \$4 million comprised less than 0.05 per cent of the total transactions, according to Sotheby's.

Strong GDP growth, low unemployment, well-paying jobs and its position as Canada's leading city continue to make Toronto an attractive place for people immigrating and raising their families, Henderson said.

There are many pockets of larger, high-quality homes outside the city, too, he said, citing parts of Mississauga, eastern Oakville, King City, Kleinburg, Caledon, Markham, Richmond Hill and Aurora.

With files from Bloomberg

Autism plan 'not in keeping' with advice, experts wrote

AUTISM from A1

But after three months of parent protests and headlines, the ministry boosted that substantially, promising those families successive payments of \$10,000 to pay for private therapy until their child gets a spot in the new program next June.

The money came as a relief to many families. But children over 5 can no longer apply for IBI even if they are diagnosed at older ages, and many parents and experts in the field worry the new program will fall short of meeting their needs.

The age cap has been the most contentious piece of the revamped autism program, announced last March. The ministry said it was aimed at cutting long wait times — which average 29 months in Ontario and can be as long as four years in some regions — and providing IBI at younger ages when it's considered most beneficial.

To do so, it planned to remove 2,200 children aged 5 and older from wait lists over a two-year period and transition another 1,400 out of treatment after their fifth birthday.

But the committee's letter stressed that while earlier treatment is optimal, older children still benefit.

"It is important to clarify that even though 2 to 5 years (old) is the most effective time period for IBI, it does not mean that IBI is ineffective for children over 5," the letter said.

The age cut-off sparked repeated



Dr. Wendy Roberts, committee vice-chair, wrote in an email about feeling "the heat."

demonstrations at Queen's Park and around the province, a vocal campaign by the advocacy group the Ontario Autism Coalition, and the grassroots social media crusade #autismdoesntendat5.

After three months of backlash, MacCharles was replaced in a cabinet shuffle by Michael Coteau, who announced \$200 million in additional supports, including the \$10,000 payments for kids taken off wait lists.

The mandate of the expert committee, formed in 2012 after the Star's Autism Project highlighted the dire shortage of autism services in Ontario, is to review research and advise the government about evidence-based services.

It does not provide input on specific policies or funding.

But in announcing the new autism program, the minister said it had been informed by scientific research from the committee and cited its 2013 report, released along with the March 28 announcement on the ministry website.

Three weeks later, the committee stated in its letter to MacCharles that the government's autism plan "is not

in keeping with the report recommendations as a whole."

Other concerns highlighted in the letter include:

► The autism program was "initiated prematurely, without sufficient consultation" with families, schools, professionals and the committee and should have been developed and tested first, perhaps as a pilot project.

► The committee's report cited by the ministry did not propose imposing an age cut-off. Instead, it envisioned an IBI program refocused on children ages two to four only if there were ample supports for older children provided in schools and through an enhanced version of the Ontario's applied behaviour analysis (ABA) program.

ABA services outlined in the new autism program last spring "will fall short of meeting the needs of these children," the letter said.

And without the proper school supports in place, "many children will fail to progress — or even lose previously acquired skills," it warned.

"These two pieces should have been put fully in place and developed in consultation prior to announcing the change in the policy."

► It also called for the government to "honour the commitment" made to families of children on wait lists or receiving IBI by providing funding beyond the original \$8,000 payment to ensure they get the treatment they were promised.

Correspondence between the ex-

pert panel and the ministry in the two months after the autism program was launched reveals that as the Wynne government plowed ahead in the face of growing criticism, its committee of autism experts was feeling the pressure from families and the media.

"The heat we are having put on us is fierce," committee vice-chair Dr. Wendy Roberts wrote in an April 13 email exchange with colleagues and ministry officials. "Fever building at (a) very fast pace."

When contacted by the Star this week, six of the eight committee members named in the letter responded. Some said they couldn't comment because of confidentiality agreements with the province. Others referred questions to panel chair Susan Honeyman.

"I am sorry that I am still bound by the confidentiality agreement," Roberts, a developmental pediatrician and autism researcher at Sick Kids Hospital, said in an email.

"I have remained on the CEC (committee) to continue our ongoing advocacy for children and families living with autism."

Honeyman said in an email the agreement "does not allow me to respond to your questions."

"I'd like to reiterate our commitment to advising the ministry on the design and implementation of a new Autism Program for children and youth with ASD (autism spectrum disorder) in Ontario that would pro-

vide more flexible services at a level of intensity that meets each child's needs."

In an emailed statement, the ministry said it consulted a number of groups while redesigning its autism program.

"We listened to a variety of input from a wide range of sources, including families, advocacy groups, service providers, and experts including the clinical expert committee (CEC). The CEC was one voice among many stakeholders that helped to shape our approach," the statement said.

It added that Coteau "will continue to work with families and stakeholders on the implementation of the new Ontario Autism Program in order to put children first, improve outcomes for children with autism and ensure they get the supports they need to be successful in life."

Jessica Perusco said her daughter, now 5, is thriving in IBI. She has progressed from not speaking to using two-word phrases like "Mommy, juice" to ask for what she wants.

Perusco said she's been told Lucia won't lose her IBI after her first six-month review in November as she had previously feared. But she worries it could be reduced from the current 20 hours a week.

"It's still not resolved," Perusco said. But she's just focusing on the fact that at least for six months, her daughter is getting treatment that is making a difference.

WEIGHT WATCHERS LOSS

CEO Jim Chambers is stepping down after turnaround attempt fails despite Oprah's help, **B3**

THE 'POT SOMMELIER'

Colorado-based Cultivating Spirits offers three-course dinners pairing food, wine and cannabis, **B3**

BUSINESS

CLASSIFIED, B5



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Hillary Clinton's health has taken centre stage, obscuring her strong stance on Wall Street reform, writes Jennifer Wells.

Clinton misses media moment as consumer protector-in-chief



Candidate's cough eclipses her stance on Wells Fargo financial fiasco and Wall Street reform

Jennifer Wells

Here's what's unfortunate about the Hillary Clinton cough-cough brouhaha: The preoccupation with her health has obscured what should have been a deeply considered distinction between her candidacy and that of what's-his-name.

I speak here of the cataclysmic revelations at Wells Fargo Bank, now known to have been gaming the system via the "sandbagging" and "pinning" and "bundling" of customers and their accounts, actions that recall such sleight-of-hand language as channel stuffing and cookie-jar reserves.

Last week, the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau announced a \$100-million (U.S.) fine against the fourth-largest bank in the U.S., a bank, by the

way, that consistently espouses such old timey virtues as community outreach and knowing the customer.

That stagecoach logo was always a helpful reminder that Wells Fargo, founded in 1852, is really old. The quintessential down homey investor, Warren Buffett, holds a big piece of the company.

On top of that \$100-million fine, the U.S. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has ordered the bank to pay full restitution to customers, the total sum of which is not yet known. (The bank advises that customers scrutinize their accounts. Helpful.) We do know that, at an estimate, more than two million deposit and credit card accounts may have been opened without authorization. The bank was ordered to pay a further \$35-million penalty to the Office of the Comptroller and another \$50 million to the city of Los Angeles.

WELLS continued on B6

Oil demand slowing as supply rises

An inventory surplus will limit price increases, agency suggests

STEVEN MUFSON
THE WASHINGTON POST

The much-anticipated rebalancing of oil markets appears to be a bit further away after the International Energy Agency revised its forecast, trimming its expectations for the growth in oil demand and citing near-record production by OPEC's Middle East exporters.

The agency said Tuesday that global oil demand is rising at a slower pace than expected, lowering its forecast by 100,000 barrels a day to an increase of 1.3 million barrels a day in 2016 and 1.2 million barrels a day in 2017.

"Recent pillars of demand growth — China and India — are wobbling," the energy agency said.

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INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY

GLUT continued on B4

Note 7 software tweak may prevent overheating

Samsung introduces update in South Korea that limits battery charges in recalled devices

YOUKYUNG LEE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA — Samsung plans to issue a software update for its recalled Galaxy Note 7 smartphones that will prevent them from overheating by limiting battery recharges to under 60 per cent.

The front page of the Seoul Shinmun, a South Korean daily newspaper, carried a Samsung advertisement announcing the software update plan for any users of the Note 7 who may be disregarding its recall notice and continuing to use the smartphone.

"It is a measure to put consumer safety first, but we apologize for causing inconvenience," Samsung Electronics said.

SAMSUNG continued on B4

Starbucks now counting calories in your coffee

Chain will start posting nutritional information on menu boards across Canada

LISA WRIGHT
BUSINESS REPORTER

Starbucks customers will soon have another consideration besides price when deciding between that grande and venti — calories.

The coffee behemoth says it's going to start posting calorie counts on all its menu boards across Canada starting Sept. 29, with pastry-case labelling to follow on Nov. 2.

"We will be the largest national retailer to fully provide caloric information on menu boards in store," said Starbucks Canada president Rossann Williams, who will make the announcement Wednesday.

The java chain is getting the jump on a new Ontario menu law that takes effect in January. By 2017, all restaurants, fast-food locations, movie theatres, supermarkets and convenience stores that serve hot food with 20 or more locations in the province must post calorie counts for each item on their menus, menu boards, on tags in display cases and at drive-thrus.

Seattle-based Starbucks already made the move in 2013 in the U.S., where law-

makers have had trouble imposing menu overhauls amid strong industry backlash.

"Menu labelling is yet another step to extend our long-standing commitment to ensuring our customers across Canada have the information they need to make informed decisions," Williams said.

So before ordering, customers will be able to see, for instance, that the "tall" (small in Starbucks-speak) pumpkin spice latte has 370 calories, the sausage, egg and cheddar classic breakfast sandwich has 500 calories and a slice of lemon loaf has 430 calories.

STARBUCKS continued on B4



Starbucks will post calorie counts on menu boards in Canada as of Sept. 29, and in pastry display cases by Nov. 2.



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Supermodel lends Hilfiger a hand

Gigi Hadid pairs with brand to launch a new collection aimed at young shoppers

KIM BHASIN
BLOOMBERG

The moment the superfamous began filing onto Pier 16 at New York's South Street Seaport on Friday, it was obvious Tommy Hilfiger's fall fashion show was about so much more than the clothes — if it were even about the clothes at all.

Bulbs flashed early as Taylor Swift and her supermodel-squad member Martha Hunt glided to their seats, perching next to Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton. Kardashian matriarch Kris Jenner followed. The producers cranked up the lights and music, and Gigi Hadid came out blazing in a navy-and-white jacket and leather pants. Spectators jostled, craning for a good Instagram angle.

If the idea was to attract attention, it worked.

The extravaganza was part of a hype train meant to woo younger shoppers and imbue the Hilfiger name with the coolness it once enjoyed.

Much of the brand's lustre from the 1990s has faded, pushed aside by indie brands, Internet upstarts and fast-fashion stores as shoppers demand individuality over mass-market normality.

Tommy Hilfiger has done well abroad in recent years by exporting classic American style to Europe and Asia, where its retail shops are thriving.

Not so at home. Its North American business hasn't posted positive comparative store sales for eight straight quarters. At one point, Hilfiger even considered selling its clothes at Wal-Mart.

For Friday's show, the label, owned by Calvin Klein and Izod parent PVH Corp., had built a carnival on the pier. The Tommy Pier, as the brand dubbed it, marked a new era of fashion show, a commercial event staged for both industry insiders and the public.

Fashion VIPs packed half the catwalk; general-admission attendees filed into the other after waiting in line to score a spot. Food stands churned out lobster rolls, hotdogs and fries. Guests got their nails done, pasted on temporary tattoos, played carnival games or hopped on rides. And, of course, there were the new



LARRY BUSACCA/GETTY IMAGES

Model Gigi Hadid and her legions of young fans are the centrepiece of Tommy Hilfiger's revival efforts in the U.S.

designs — a capsule collection in collaboration with the 21-year-old Hadid. Red, white, blue and nautical styles ruled the runway as the models walked the lengthy wooden aisle, with Rihanna and Skrillex songs belted into the night sky.

The clothes, though mostly casual, managed to bridge levels of formality, from cherry-red tracksuits to long, sheer cocktail dresses. They were safe, wearable and available to buy immediately — not six months later, as the traditional fashion calendar demands.

Still, amid the overwhelming spectacle, it was hard to concentrate on the clothes, as the women strode past the ferris wheel under dangling lights.

This was no mere launch party for a new line. Hadid is signed as Tommy Hilfiger's global ambassador, and PVH plans to build its women's business around her.

That business now accounts for just 25 per cent of Hilfiger's sales; executives want to pull that ratio closer to 50 per cent.

"It's also a part of an overall marketing strategy to build up our women's business globally," Emanuel Chirico, chief executive officer of

PVH, said of the Hadid event at a conference last month. "We think it's a huge opportunity."

Fashion shows were once insider affairs, a place for magazine editors to critique clothes for future issues and for retail buyers to decide which designs they'd put on store shelves. All these things still happen, but at shows like Tommy Hilfiger's, everything — including the clothes — seems secondary to celebrity. In a social media era marked by instant access and shareability, labels are now finding ways to include the public, whether by letting people attend shows in person or by streaming them online.

Hadid is the centrepiece of this U.S. revival effort, using the Tommy x Gigi collection to get young people aboard in a hurry.

Compare the Hilfiger fashion show with her usual appearances: A day before, Tom Ford snuck her into the middle of his presentation. And when Victoria's Secret last year picked her to show off its casual Pink line geared at young women, it slotted her like any other model.

But the Hilfiger show was a full-on collaboration, with ballyhoo from both parties for more than nine

months. It was about her as much as Hilfiger, perhaps because the label needs her more than she needs it. Hadid gives it instant credibility and exposure among her legions of young fans.

"She has an amazing sense of style, but at the same time as being a supermodel, she's probably the most important social media star in the world," Hilfiger, the designer, said on ABC's *Good Morning America* the morning before the show.

On Friday night, once the last models were off the pier and the congregation had been herded to the exits, gawkers and paparazzi awaited the celebrities outside.

A mob of teens — and adults, for that matter — squealed and rushed to get a glimpse of Swift as she squeezed into a black SUV.

As she was whisked away, they turned their gaze to Hadid, now scrambling across the street as a logjam of drivers honked at the holdup. The crowd, weaving through cars, chased Hadid onto the seaport cobblestones until she ducked into a building.

They all wanted a piece of Gigi Hadid. Hilfiger hopes they'll want a piece of Tommy, too.

Uber aims for upfront surge pricing

VANESSA LU
BUSINESS REPORTER

Uber is taking away its lightning bolt warning about surge pricing, with a new feature called Upfront Fares in Toronto and Ottawa on Tuesday.

The ride-booking company says it will tell passengers ahead of time what their fares will be based on "the expected time and distance of the trip and local traffic, as well as how many riders and nearby drivers are using Uber at that moment."

Uber has come under fire in the past for hiking prices during natural disasters or during a hostage attack in Sydney, Australia, with its surge pricing model.

The company has always insisted the model, based on an algorithm, lets drivers know where there is a demand, to ensure cars are available for riders, ensuring supply meets demand.

With the new fare system, "when fares go up due to increased demand, instead of surge lightning bolts and pop-up screens, riders are given the actual fare before they request their ride," the company said in a blogpost.

Uber said it first introduced upfront fares in its UberPool service, letting passengers know their fares ahead of time, because it was matching riders headed in the same direction so calculations were made. It has already tested the upfront fare model in some U.S. cities.

> CORRECTIONS

> Kelvin Kusey is deputy registrar at the Real Estate Council of Ontario (RECO). A Sept. 9 article about a recent poll about Toronto homebuyers' willingness to spend beyond their budget misspelled his surname. As well, a poll by RECO found almost one-third of Toronto-area respondents were willing to submit an offer without knowing their financing was secure. The article mistakenly said this poll was done by the Canadian Real Estate Association.

> The state of Victoria is located in the southeast corner of the Australia. A Sept. 12 column about Australia's economy mistakenly said it is a southwestern state.

ON THE MARKETS

Unofficial close



S&P/TSX 14,349.10 -248.04	DOW 18,066.75 -258.32	S&P 500 2,127.02 -32.02	NASDAQ 5,155.26 -56.63	OIL US\$44.90 -1.39	GAS US\$2.91 -0.01	GOLD US\$1,319.60 -2.00	SILVER US\$18.95 -0.05	DOLLAR 75.95¢ -0.68
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YOUR REAL ESTATE



Rates are from top Canadian mortgage lenders by volume as of Tuesday, Sept. 13. Charts are compiled by FiscalAgents.com; house listings are provided by real estate agents; real estate data is from the Toronto Real Estate Board.

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WHAT MORTGAGES COST	VARIABLE, OPEN, COVERTIBLE				CLOSED 1-5 YEAR					
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Bank of Montreal	2.70	6.95	4.20	6.95	n/a	3.09	3.19	3.59	4.09	2.59
Bank of Nova Scotia	2.90	6.45	4.55	6.50	4.55	3.29	3.09	3.39	3.89	4.49
CIBC	2.70	6.95	3.14	6.35	n/a	2.84	2.79	2.44	4.09	4.79
National Bank	n/a	6.70	n/a	6.70	4.40	3.14	3.04	3.39	2.64	2.74
Royal Bank	2.60	6.75	3.14	6.75	n/a	3.14	2.34	2.44	4.39	4.64
TD Canada Trust	2.60	n/a	3.14	6.30	n/a	2.99	2.84	3.39	2.39	2.59
Alterna Bank	2.45	6.30	n/a	6.30	4.00	2.79	2.34	2.40	2.69	2.48
Alterna Savings	2.45	6.30	n/a	6.30	4.00	2.79	2.34	2.40	2.69	2.48
Canadian Western Bank	n/a	6.45	4.00	6.30	4.00	3.14	3.04	3.65	4.20	4.74
Community Trust	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.50	3.14	3.25	3.95	4.39	4.74
DUCA Credit Union	2.50	n/a	3.90	5.75	n/a	2.89	2.79	2.79	2.99	2.49
Effort Trust	n/a	6.30	n/a	6.30	4.45	3.35	3.50	3.70	4.30	4.35
Equitable Bank	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.14	3.04	3.65	4.39	4.64
First National Fin. LP	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.10	2.29	2.24	2.39	2.49	2.49
Home Trust Company	2.30	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.95	2.69	2.14	2.34	2.59	2.49
HSBC Bank Canada	2.79	6.20	n/a	6.35	4.45	3.14	2.70	3.39	4.09	2.70
IC Savings	2.70	6.50	n/a	6.50	4.25	2.89	2.79	2.89	2.95	2.89
ICICI Bank Canada	2.75	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.84	2.84	2.84	2.89	2.89
Investors Group Trust	n/a	6.50	n/a	6.30	4.20	3.14	3.09	3.39	3.89	2.45
Manulife Bank	2.60	n/a	n/a	3.20	4.45	3.00	2.94	2.84	2.79	2.89
Meridian Credit Union	2.40	n/a	n/a	6.30	4.00	2.84	2.79	2.64	3.89	2.44
PACE Savings & C.U.	n/a	6.70	n/a	6.30	5.00	2.99	2.69	3.49	3.99	4.54
Parama Credit Union	2.65	n/a	n/a	2.95	n/a	2.80	2.85	2.95	3.05	3.15
President's Choice Finan	2.70	n/a	6.19	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.79	3.34	3.99	4.44

Source: The Canadian Press



What they got Asked: **\$1.059M** Got: **\$1.025M**

This two-plus-one-bedroom, three-bathroom, two-storey condominium near St. Lawrence Market boasts spectacular views of cityscapes and the CN Tower from multiple rooms and its Juliette balcony, a breakfast bar, and a rooftop deck with barbecue. Sold by Duncan W. Fremlin, Re/Max Hallmark Realty.

Report on real estate

Fewer semi-detached home sales: The 416 area saw a decline of 8.8 per cent year over year in semi-detached home sales in August. The average price headed the other direction, skyrocketing 16.4 per cent to \$774,700.



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Winfrey owns a 10-per-cent stake in the company and serves on its board.

Weight Watchers turnaround fails even with Oprah's support

CEO Jim Chambers departs as revenue slide continues

CRAIG GIAMMONA
BLOOMBERG

Weight Watchers International Inc. chief executive officer Jim Chambers is stepping down after his attempt to turn around the weight-loss company failed to gain traction, even with a high-profile endorsement from Oprah Winfrey.

Weight Watchers will be run by a trio of executives after the 58-year-old Chambers leaves the company on Sept. 30, according to a statement on Monday. Winfrey, who serves on Weight Watchers' board, will help pick the new CEO, the New York-based company said.

The move follows an uneven comeback bid by Chambers, who managed to boost subscriber rolls but disappointed investors with financial results.

It also remains to be seen how much Winfrey can bolster the company's fortunes. Weight Watchers' stock rallied last year when the media magnate agreed to invest in the company and act as a spokeswoman, but its most recent sales missed analysts' estimates.

The company's revenue and net income have declined in every year since Chambers became CEO in 2013.

Weight Watchers already had dropped 55 per cent this year through the close of regular trading on Monday.

An interim office of the CEO — consisting of finance chief Nicholas Hotchkin, board member Christopher Sobecki and former chief oper-

ating officer Thilo Semmelbauer — will lead Weight Watchers for now. As part of the changes, Semmelbauer also has been elected to the board.

Weight Watchers announced its deal with Winfrey in October, when she bought a 10-per-cent stake in the company and received options for an additional 5 per cent. The stock, which had been hammered by years of losing subscribers, more than doubled in a single day.

Since then, Winfrey has tweeted about her weight loss and released a video that featured a surprise appearance at a Weight Watchers member meeting in New York. The company also plans to use Winfrey as part of its marketing campaign this winter season, when potential customers start dieting because of New Year's resolutions.

New North American subscribers, a key measure for the company, grew 9 per cent in the second quarter. That prompted Chambers to say Weight Watchers was making progress on its turnaround plan.

But it still faces long-term hurdles, including the rise of free fitness apps and changing attitudes about wellness and weight loss. Weight Watchers also has about \$2 billion (U.S.) in debt. The company repaid a \$144.3 million first-lien term loan in April, helping alleviate concerns about a default.

The challenge for the next CEO will be using Winfrey's halo to generate better results.

"We remain confident we will deliver revenue and earnings growth in 2016," Hotchkin said in Monday's statement. "We are posted to enter 2017 with a revenue and earnings tailwind."

Pot sommelier helps pair food with wine and weed

Colorado catering company provides diners with cannabis protocol, menu suggestions

POLLY MOSENDZ
BLOOMBERG

To your left, a fork and a wineglass. To your right, a pipe for your pot.

The pipe, with lighter and ashtray, are yours to keep at the end of a meal catered by Cultivating Spirits, which pairs dishes with wines and — it promises — just the right kind of cannabis.

"We are adding a third layer onto your dinner experience," said its 31-year-old founder, Philip Wolf, who started the Silverthorne, Colo., company in early 2014. Wolf has two full-time employees and, after bootstrapping for two years, recently received a verbal commitment for a \$400,000 investment.

He's one of the nation's first accredited cannabis sommeliers, having completed two levels of schooling at the Trichome Institute in Denver. It's one of a handful of such schools, greatly outnumbered by the many certification programs for wine sommeliers.

The legal-marijuana industry is in its infancy, with recreational use permitted in Colorado, Alaska, Oregon

and Washington D.C., and it's on the ballot in eight states this year.

Trichome calls its program Interpening, which refers to "a method used to identify and understand cannabis variety, based on interpreting the plant's terpenes and flower structure. Scientifically speaking, terpenes are evaporating molecular hydrocarbon chains that produce scent." Wolf "will break down the strain of cannabis and give that over to the chef," he said.

"What I'm trying to teach millennials is to slow down a little bit . . . to focus on different tastes and textures."

PHILIP WOLF
POT SOMMELIER

"We don't prepare the menu until two days before the event, to utilize the freshest ingredients."

A typical menu features a rib-eye steak with chili relleno, a 2013 Malbec and Gorilla Glue. For dessert, there's a white chocolate creme brûlée with a 2012 Petite Syrah and Blue Dream.

The protocol is puff, eat, drink, in that order, though it's more a sensible suggestion than a rule. Wolf

doesn't expect weed to replace wine at the dinner table.

"If anything, I think it'll take something away from hard alcohol," as the slow, deliberate tasting experience of wine and marijuana makes for a better pair than food and cocktails.

Most restaurants charge handsomely for a dinner with wine pairings. Adding weed to the mix only increases the price. The minimum cost of a three-course pairing dinner catered by Wolf is \$1,250, which provides enough of everything to entertain a group of 10. The company, which caters at least five events a month, served 56 people for dinner on opening night of X Games in 2015.

Cultivating Spirits targets bachelor, bachelorette and birthday parties, as well as the wedding industry.

Many of Wolf's customers are millennials treating themselves for a special event, he said, as well as affluent women hosting an alternative dinner party.

"What I'm trying to teach millennials is to slow down a little bit, to get in tune with themselves and what they're putting in their bodies, to focus on different tastes and textures," Wolf said. He added that he doesn't target that demographic exclusively.

"I feel like cannabis is something for all walks of life," he said.

Ford exec pushes ethics for self-driving cars

KEITH NAUGHTON
BLOOMBERG

The great-grandson of Henry Ford called on the auto industry and public institutions to address ethical issues emerging in a world where robot cars will make life-and-death decisions in roadway crashes — and to do it soon.

"These cars will have the ability to process data and make decisions much faster than we will as humans," said Bill Ford, executive chairman of Ford Motor Co., which has promised to have robot taxis on the road by

2021. "No individual company is going to program these vehicles with a set of ethics that isn't bought into by society at large."

The discussion to set robot-car ethics must include the auto industry, government, universities and ethicists, said Ford, who commented to reporters Tuesday after a speech at the company's headquarters in Dearborn, Mich. With self-driving cars set to hit the road over the next five years, the need for this discussion is urgent, he said.

"How do you want these vehicles to

behave?" Ford asked during his speech. "Whose lives are they going to save?"

Ford, 59, was among the first automaker executives to sound the alarm about the changes that would roil the industry as 60 per cent of the world's population migrates to large urban centres over the next 15 years, causing congestion, pollution and mobility challenges. Since warning of "global gridlock" in a 2011 TED talk, Ford has pushed his company to embrace new methods of mobility, including ride-sharing and driverless cars.

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OPEC's low-cost producers Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and Iran cranked up output, with Saudi Arabia and Iran each producing one million barrels a day more than they did in late 2014.

OPEC producers crank up production

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It added that increases in Europe had "vanished" and that U.S. "momentum" toward higher consumption had slowed.

On the supply side, rising output by members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has more than made up for falling output among non-OPEC countries, especially the U.S., formerly the engine of non-OPEC supply increases. OPEC's low-cost pro-

ducers Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and Iran — where production costs are often lower than \$10 (U.S.) a barrel — cranked up output, with Saudi Arabia and Iran each producing one million barrels a day more than they did in late 2014. The increase by Iran, recovering from years of economic sanctions following the international agreement limiting its nuclear program, has been swifter than the energy agency expected.

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question today," the agency wrote in its closely watched monthly oil market report. With the price of oil at current levels, one would expect supply to contract and demand to grow. "However, the opposite now seems to be happening. Demand growth is

slowing and supply is rising."

The agency had forecast that demand would catch up with supply and that prices would increase, but it said Tuesday that "supply would continue to outpace demand at least through the first half of next year."

It's scenario would mean a prolonging of pain in the oil industry, while promising modest fuel costs for consumers. It also affects calculations by the central banks by keeping a lid on inflation.

Oil inventories also rose in the in-

dustrialized world, the agency said, increasing the overhang that will continue to limit price increases in the months ahead. It said stockpiles would continue to grow worldwide.

The agency called the supply side "confounding," adding that "despite oil's collapse and resulting investment cuts, global oil production is still expanding — although nowhere near the breakneck pace of 2015.

"As for the market's return to balance — it looks like we may have to wait awhile longer."



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Samsung recalled its Note 7 phones after a manufacturing glitch caused overheating batteries to catch fire and explode in dozens of cases.

2.5 million phones recalled

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The update for South Korean users will start at 2 a.m. on Sept. 20, it said.

South Korean media earlier reported the software upgrade plan, citing Samsung. It was not clear when the update may roll out overseas. The Yonhap news agency reported that Samsung is in talks with mobile carriers to carry out the same update plan to keep battery power at 60 per cent or below at all times.

Samsung plans to begin issuing new Note 7s on Monday with batteries it says will not be prone to overheating. It has recalled 2.5 million of the devices after dozens of cases of them exploded or caught fire. Samsung says the problem stems from a manufacturing glitch in the batteries.

The company has urged consumers to immediately turn off the phones and get them replaced with the new Note 7. But implementing such a large-scale recall is a challenge. Consumers have to visit Samsung service centres or retailers twice: once to get a replacement phone — not a Note 7 — and have a safety check of their existing Galaxy Note 7, and a second time to get a new Note 7. South Koreans are travelling for one of their two biggest national holidays of the year starting Wednesday, which complicates the recall plan.

Samsung did not answer emails and calls seeking comment on Tuesday. Analysts said the update appears to

be a last-ditch effort to contain the crisis.

Samsung "has to contain the battery explosions, but people are not returning the phone," said Peter Yu, an analyst at BNP Paribas. "It is taking a desperate measure."

Keeping the battery level low could reduce the risk of overheating, but would be equivalent to getting a downgrade of a top-of-the-line phone, said Kim Young Woo, an analyst at SK Securities.

The Galaxy Note series is one of the most expensive handsets made by Samsung.

"It means that the phone has not been optimized before the release," Kim said.

Samsung is the world's largest smartphone maker and analysts said the recall may leave a larger impact on its brand than earlier estimated. Aviation regulators and airlines have deemed the Note 7 a flight hazard and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is considering an official product recall.

Canada has issued a recall notice. The company did not say how many more faulty batteries in the Note 7 have been reported since Sept. 1, when 35 cases were confirmed.

In announcing its recall Tuesday, the Canadian government said one case was confirmed in Canada while Samsung received more than 70 reported cases in the United States alone.

Major chains will display calorie count by January

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The chain has 1,378 locations in Canada.

The Ontario Health Ministry says the Healthy Menu Choices Act, passed in 2015, is aimed at helping families make more informed choices about what they're putting in their mouths. Skyrocketing obesity rates cost Ontario's health-care system an estimated \$4.5 billion annually.

Another chain that started early in Ontario is the Firkin Group of Pubs, which released a new menu in May that includes calorie counts for each dish at its chain of 27 restaurants — though the lettering is rather tiny. The act says calorie counts must be displayed "in at least the same size, font, format and prominence as the name/price of the standard food item."

Major chains including McDonald's Canada, Cineplex and Cara Foods — which owns Swiss Chalet, Harvey's, Montana's, Milestones, Casey's, Biermarkt, Kelsey's, New York Fries, Prime Pubs and East Side Mario's — have confirmed that they are working on it and will be compliant by January.

Studies show that consumers poor-



Starbucks plans to overhaul beverages by removing artificial flavours by the end of 2017 and reducing average added sugar by the end of 2020.

ly estimate the nutritional content of food and that their choices are influenced by seeing the information while ordering. On average, Canadians eat 30 per cent of meals outside the home.

Starbucks says the proactive move is in keeping with other health-related moves the company has taken over the last 20 years, from the introduction of sugar-free syrup with zero calories and zero grams of fat in 1997 to the launch in 2015 of a line of salad bowls under 450 calories.

In addition, Starbucks has pledged to eliminate artificial flavours in all of

its beverages by the end of 2017 and reduce average added sugar in sweet beverages by 25 per cent by the end of 2020.

"I think this could help Canadians to eat better," said Jeffrey Pilcher, professor of food history at the University of Toronto.

"Calories are a simplistic measure and other kinds of labelling might be even better. But this is a step in the right direction."



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Canadians gaining a taste for exotic meats

Non-traditional cuts are rising in popularity, especially in fine dining

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TORONTO—Once a week, Peter Sanagan brings a whole wild boar carcass to his Toronto butcher shop. He divvies it up into chops and other cuts, selling it to adventurous eaters who wander into the Kensington Market store.

While more familiar meats like beef and pork account for up to 90 per cent of sales at Sanagan's Meat Locker, the remainder comes from people seeking so-called exotic meats like wild boar. Game birds are popular, too.

"When in season, we'll have things . . . like pheasants and partridges and squabs, wild turkey," Sanagan says.

Though exotic meat consumption is not well tracked, demand for it appears to be rising and some industry insiders and watchers say that's likely to continue as foodie culture grows.

In Canada, consumption of less-traditional meats like horse, venison, camel, rabbit and game grew an average of 10.6 per cent a year between 2010 and 2015, according to estimates from market research firm Euromonitor International.

Euromonitor's numbers exclude some meats many would consider exotic, like buffalo and guinea fowl, which fall under different categories it tracks.

The firm doesn't have consumption estimates for meats such as ostrich, zebra or bison.

Fine-dining restaurants are the main drivers of these types of meats surge in popularity, according to Michael von Massow, an assistant professor at the University of Guelph's department of food, agricultural and resource economics.

Diners are seeking a culinary experience



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A butcher at Sanagan's Meat Locker, which sells traditional meats like beef and pork, as well as non-traditional meats such as wild boar and game birds.

they can't get at home, he says. That means the nice pasta dishes that impressed a decade ago are out, thanks to the Food Network churning out home cooks.

"Restaurants are pushing the envelope to try and give us an experience," says von Massow.

Canadian chefs have been experimenting with horse, quail, kangaroo and other meats. Toronto restaurant The Beast, for example, allows customers to pick from a list of animals, like water buffalo or elk, and will create a six-course tasting menu using the whole animal.

But it's not just chefs wanting to

experiment with different proteins.

Shai Bomze, director of sales for Toronto meat distributor La Ferme, says that while his company mainly supplies exotic meats to fine-dining restaurants, they do supply some of their product to high-end butcher shops and privately owned grocery stores.

These types of products come with premium price tags. At Sanagan's Meat Locker, its owner says wild boar costs between \$12 and \$22 a pound, venison and elk runs \$18 to \$30 a pound depending on the cut, and game birds range from \$15 to \$30 a piece based on size.

Bomze attributes some of the demand for exotic meats to Canada's multicultural population, saying some of these products are considered staples in various cultures present in the country.

La Ferme's most popular exotic meats include duck, bison and venison, he says.

Mainstream grocery chains have also gotten into the exotic meats game.

Loblaw, for instance, sells elk, venison, bison and wild boar at some of its grocery stores — and the company has seen an increase in sales year-over-year for these products, a Loblaw spokesperson said in an email.

"Canadians are looking to mix it up in the kitchen," noted Sal Baio, senior vice-president of Market Fresh at Loblaw, in a statement. "Their popularity may be due to specialty food programs, innovative restaurant menus and the proliferation of food-focused social media."

Those "culinary adventurers" are definitely helping to drive retail demand, agrees von Massow.

"I think we are seeing an emergence of a Canadian food culture," he says.

"More people are . . . cooking for taste and entertainment, rather than just for fuel."

Producer battles Beatles for rights to Shea show

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A half-century after Sid Bernstein pitched the idea for the Beatles' groundbreaking performance at Shea Stadium in 1965, the company bearing the famed music producer's name needs some help getting the rights to the concert.

Sid Bernstein Presents LLC on Monday sued the entity that holds the rights to the performance's master tape. That company, London-based Apple Corps Ltd., is owned by Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, John Lennon's widow Yoko Ono and the estate of George Harrison, none of whom are strangers to copyright battles.

At the heart of the complaint is the claim that Bernstein, best known as "The Man Who Brought the Beatles to America," was the driving force behind every aspect of the stadium performance and was therefore the rightful owner of the rights to the master tape.

All use of that tape has violated Bernstein's rights, including a 1967 television movie — *The Beatles at Shea Stadium* — that aired nationwide, and a 1995 documentary series, *The Beatles Anthology*, according to the lawsuit.

The suit is entirely frivolous, Apple



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The Beatles 1965 concert at the 55,000-seat Shea Stadium was the first rock show in such a large venue.

Corps' New York lawyer Paul Licalsi said in an interview.

Bernstein's agreement with the Beatles at the time explicitly barred him from any filming rights and a copy of the deal will prove it easily, he said. "Mr. Bernstein never made any claim for the film for nearly 50 years until he died," Licalsi said.

Bernstein died in 2013 at 95. He had reached out to the Beatles' manager, Brian Epstein, to pitch a U.S. tour, according to the complaint. Bernstein helped get the band booked for

their historic appearance on the Ed Sullivan television show and then produced their concert at Carnegie Hall, all in 1964.

"Sid had the idea of putting on a performance by the Beatles at Shea Stadium," according to the lawsuit. "No rock group had ever performed in such a large venue."

The music producer promoted the first-of-its-kind event and arranged for the Beatles to land at the Queens stadium in a helicopter, the company claims.

All 55,000 seats were sold as a direct result of his efforts, it says.

"Sid told people that he was planning a performance by the Beatles at Shea Stadium and the word spread like wildfire," the company said. "Thousands of envelopes containing money and requests for tickets were sent to Sid's post office box in New York."

The Beatles performed 12 songs at the Aug. 15 concert, including "Twist and Shout," "A Hard Day's Night" and "Help!"

Sony Corp. promising to up its VR content

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TOKYO—Sony Corp.'s video game division is readying not just games but music, movies and other entertainment for its virtual reality (VR) headgear, set to go on sale next month.

Atsushi Morita, Sony Interactive Entertainment Japan Asia president, appeared at a Tokyo event Tuesday ahead of the Tokyo Game Show annual exhibition this week.

One of the VR experiences being promised is a music video that's a collaboration between the *Biohazard* horror game, called *Resident Evil* in North America, from Japanese game maker Capcom, and L'Arc-en-Ciel, a Japanese rock band, that takes advantage of VR technology's illusion of 3D and 360-degree surround imagery.

VR can make games more immersive, enhancing the effects of horror, razzle-dazzle and erotic titillation.

The Japanese electronics and entertainment company's PlayStation VR headgear device goes on sale next month for about \$549 in Canada, less than rival VR headsets. Oculus Rift's goes for about \$849 and HTC Vive's for \$1,149.

Another VR shown at Tokyo-based Sony's event was called the Anywhere VR, which delivers to headset wearers a relaxing scene, such as a beach or a star-studded sky, even in their living rooms, while they take care of smartphone chores in VR.

Morita said the PlayStation VR will also be used to show live-theatre performances, tours of historical sites and karaoke video.

He defended his industry against the common criticism that it distracts children from education and real-life development.

He said he learned about societal rules and human drama from games, manga and music. That spirit of creativity must be passed down, he said.



A PlayStation VR headgear device on display at a Tokyo show.

Wells Fargo now a story about rebuilding trust

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This may look like pocket change when you consider Wells Fargo's \$1.9 trillion in assets. What's key here is the central role that the protection bureau, created under the Dodd-Frank legislation, played in bringing Wells Fargo to account. Dodd-Frank, we recall, was itself created in the wake of the financial crisis. Donald Trump thinks little of it. Trump said in an interview with Reuters in May that the legislation "has made it impossible for bankers to function" and that he will come "close to dismantling Dodd-Frank" once he is in the Oval Office.

God help the Americans.

As U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew said in a CNBC interview Tuesday, the Wells Fargo debacle "ought to be a moment when people stop and remember how dangerous a system is when you don't have the proper protections in place . . . This is a wake-up call."

Clinton's position was made clear in late August with her insistence that she would "veto any effort to weaken Wall Street reform."

Clinton never signed on to the Bernie Sanders notion of reinstating the Glass-Steagall Act, the Depression era legislation repealed under her husband's administration, but she has been strong, nevertheless, on consumer protection within the banking industry.

As I've written previously, the protection bureau has undertaken a robust investigation of payday lenders. Clinton is for it. The Wells Fargo disaster should have been a key media moment for Clinton to reassert her potential role as consumer protector-in-chief.

What was Wells Fargo fully up to? Well, one of the bank's distinguishing features, and one that held great appeal on Wall Street, was its cross-selling success rate. It is as it crosses, increasing the number of products sold to customers, from savings and checking accounts to mortgages, debit cards and so on. Those community-level bankers the company was famous for were incentivized to get those cross-selling numbers up.

So, the bankers engaged in simulated finding. Here's how the protection bureau explains the practice:

"To qualify for incentives that rewarded bankers for opening new accounts that were funded shortly after opening . . . employees opened deposit accounts without consumer knowledge and then transferred funds from consumer's authorized accounts to temporarily fund the unauthorized accounts in a manner sufficient for the employee to obtain credit under the incentive-compensation program."

Customers ended up paying service fees on accounts they never opened, including fees imposed for failing to keep a minimum balance on accounts that were never authorized. According to a legal complaint filed by the state of California, the bank is alleged to have "placed customers into collections when the unauthorized withdrawals from customer accounts went unpaid."

Tricks included opening thousands of credit card accounts without customers' knowledge. PIN numbers were created for debit cards customers did not know they had — "pinning" in the bank's argot.

The bank has taken easy action. More than 5,000 of its employees

have been terminated for engaging in the practice. The bank's culture and its management practices remain in question. Carrie Tolstedt, the ultimate overseer of those fired employees as head of community banking, retired in July on a wave of complements from Wells Fargo CEO John Stumpf, who described her as a "trusted colleague and dear friend." Fortune magazine has now dubbed Tolstedt, who exits with \$125 million in the usual stock option/restricted share haul, the company's "sandbagger"-in-chief."

On Tuesday, Wells Fargo, which says it serves one in three U.S. households, announced it was eliminating sales goals in retail banking as of Jan. 1. As far as the bank is concerned, this is now a story about rebuilding trust. That story's not over. The unfortunate reality is that Hillary Clinton should have had a great deal more to say about upholding that "highest standard" in financial regulation that she espouses. I want to hear more about that, and, please, no more about that little rattle in her chest. jenwells@thestar.ca

