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PHOTO CARMINE MARINELLI

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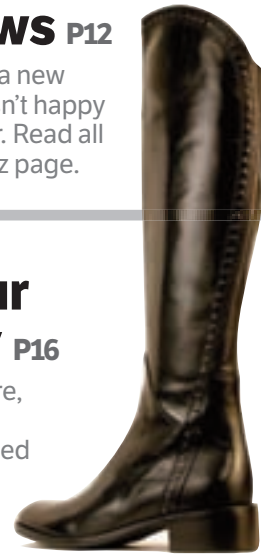
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Uma Thurman has a new stalker and Slash isn't happy with a fellow rocker. Read all about it on our Buzz page.

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Mysterious bones found

Mounties in Surrey are puzzled after a number of bones were discovered late Tuesday morning near Highway 10 and 126 St. Construction crews made the grisly discovery when excavating a lot. The wooded area has been taped off while police investigate. Police aren't sure if the bones are human. — QMI AGENCY



Santa's got mail

Santa Claus can always expect his mailbox to overflow during the holiday season so Canada Post will offer a helping hand. More than 11,000 current and retired Canada Post employees will volunteer their time to respond to letters in the language in which they are received, the postal service said Tuesday in Vancouver. Last year Canadian post volunteers replied to more than 1.1 million letters and 39,000 emails. — QMI AGENCY

LOTTO MAX JACKPOT

Couple wins \$50M

MATT KIELTYKA
QMI Agency

Kurt Blanchette-Ebert quit his job at a small bakery Monday.

On Tuesday, the 63-year-old and his partner Claude, 52, became the country's newest millionaires when they claimed their \$50 million Lotto Max jackpot prize in Vancouver.

"I put the ticket in the machine and it said \$50 million," Kurt told media at the BC Lottery Corporation's office in Richmond. "The first thing I said was 'holy s---!'"

The modest couple was so shocked by their win on Friday, it took them a few days to work up the courage to cash in.

"Well yesterday I had to quit my job," laughed Kurt. "I've never seen that side of my boss. He was laughing and rolling on the floor. Today was a good day (to claim)."

The first thing on the Blanchette-Ebert's list is a new house.

Then they've got a 30th anniversary to celebrate in December.

The couple has never been on vacation together and is eyeing Monaco as a destination.

But despite their new wealth, Kurt said he doesn't intend to change much.

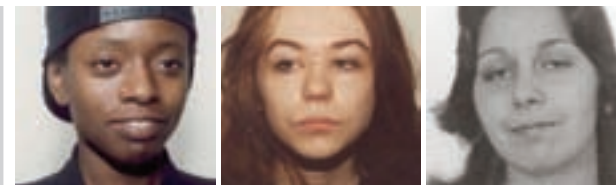
"We'll still be the same people ... I hope," he laughed.



Claude (left) and Kurt Blanchette-Ebert have come forward as the winners of \$50 million Lotto Max jackpot, the biggest in B.C. history. PHOTO CARMINE MARINELLI

What does \$50M look like?

- 1 loonie is 7 grams, so 50M loonies would weigh 350,000 kilograms.
- \$3.29 is the average meal cost at Union Gospel Mission, so \$50M would buy 15,197,568.4 meals for the DTES homeless.
- The CFL salary cap is \$4.25M per team or \$34M league-wide to pay every player across all eight franchises. Which would leave \$16M to buy 89,285 Geroy Simon No. 81 jerseys (\$179.20 each incl. HST). — QMI AGENCY



(Left to right) Tracy Olajide, Tammy Pipe, Victoria Younker. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

New info sought in historic homicides

MATT KIELTYKA
QMI Agency

It's been 15 years since three Vancouver women's strangled bodies were found in remote logging areas in the Fraser Valley.

And though police have long held the belief that the deaths of Tracy Olajide, Tammy Pipe and Victoria Younker are linked, they are no closer to identifying a suspect.

"It's hard to believe we haven't been able to identify a person yet," admitted RCMP S/Sgt. John Cater, in charge of the Missing Women Task Force investigation. "For all we know the suspect could be in jail, or he could be deceased. We have to keep our minds open to anything."

Knowing that a serial killer could still be lurking – though there is no evidence the suspect has been active since 1995 – Cater and his team of six full-time investigators have renewed their call for tips.

Investigators believe the suspect has intimate knowledge of the woods between Agassiz and Mission, and likely lives or works in the area.

The suspect also needed a 4x4 vehicle to access the crime scene and red paint chips were

found at the three sites.

Tiny yellow flecks were found on each victim, possibly rubber from a raincoat or other clothing.

Cater said someone must know something and is calling for people to come forward with information.

Some already have since police released information Monday night.

Anyone with information is asked to call the E-Valley investigation tip line at 1-877-687-3377.

Forums

Missing women inquiry commissioner Wally Oppal will hold community forums in Prince George and Vancouver to help him shape the scope of the upcoming proceedings.

Inquiry lawyer Art Vertlieb said all stakeholders are welcome and reassured the forums wouldn't replace formal hearings at the commission.

More info: www.missingwomeninquiry.ca.



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David Eby

Legal affairs columnist

Paul case shows bigger problems

Almost twelve years after he died, Frank Paul is still having a major impact on B.C.'s justice system. When alive, Frank was visible only to his immediate friends and street-level service providers, and to the emergency service providers who picked him up, night after night, and took him to police cells or to Vancouver Detox.

In death, however, Frank Paul's name and legacy are pulling a Supreme Court justice, a Provincial Court judge, and a deputy minister to testify under oath this week, starting today at 9:30 a.m., to explain why police actions around his death were not criminally prosecuted. Paul, soaking wet and barely conscious, was dragged out of VPD cells and left in a back lane where he died of hypothermia.

The relevance of Frank Paul's death to B.C. residents of all races continues even now, years after he was left in that back lane. The Frank Paul inquiry will now be asking questions of the Criminal Justice Branch, the crown prosecutors who decide which police files justify criminal charges going ahead, and which do not.

In B.C.'s history, our crown prosecutors have never approved any charges related to a police-involved death. One of the questions that the Frank Paul inquiry can answer is the simple query of why that is the case. B.C. has had no shortage of egregious police conduct that has led to deaths, from the historic death of Fred Quilt to those of Robert Dziekanski, Ian Bush and Kevin St. Arnaud. With such a record, it is hard to understand why the Branch challenged the inquiry's ability to call them as witnesses through every available level of court, in an attempt to avoid the opportunity to explain their processes around the very controversial death of Mr. Paul and generally.


Are prosecutors just not getting the information they need from police? Are they failing to ask probing questions, relying too heavily on police-prepared summaries of the evidence? Are prosecutors simply too close to police?

I have worked (very briefly) as a prosecutor, and nothing is ever as black and white as these questions suggest. Most prosecutors question police work around basic issues of compliance with rights around illegal searches and detentions. They don't just rubber stamp police recommendations to charge – and this refusal to blindly approve police charge recommendations can often lead to tensions between police and prosecutors.

Most prosecutors also look beyond police summaries, knowing that if the case goes to court, they'll be the ones explaining why the charges were approved to the judge. But something changes when it comes to reviewing the videotapes of the deaths of Robert Dziekanski or Frank Paul and deciding no charges will stick. What is it?

If we hope to address why B.C. has Canada's highest provincial rate of in-custody and police-involved deaths, we must ask how B.C. is holding police accountable for their actions, including the criminal justice system. The inquiry starting today has a critical role – fixing a system that is broken, and very obviously broken.

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David Granirer, founder of Stand Up For Mental Health, has a comedy class comprised of DTES sex workers. PHOTO CARMINE MARINELLI

Beating a stigma with stand-up

DHARM MAKWANA
QMI Agency

A sex worker who owned the stroll near Firehall Arts Centre a year ago will perform inside the show hall as a standup comic, her teacher proudly boasted.

Over the past four months David Granirer taught a small group of Downtown Eastside sex workers how to deliver a

punch line as a way to tell their story of life and survival on the streets.

At the group's graduation tonight the upstart comedienne will poke fun at police, pimps, johns, drug use and abuse, among a host of other topics.

"When we started out, the class the women were much more tentative and shy,"

Granirer explained. "We talked about much more generic kinds of things. It took a bunch of classes before they started to feel comfortable, and maybe feel comfortable in front of me, to talk about the real nitty-gritty stuff."

Through the course Granirer didn't ask his students to keep their jokes clean because it would rob them of

sharing their experiences.

"When you see it delivered by these women in the context of the show I think it's pretty funny," he said. "I really admire these women for their courage and their honesty, and I think that what they're doing is on the cutting edge by fighting a stigma around sex trade work."

Teen hit with Taser

MATT KIELTYKA
QMI Agency

Police in Surrey managed to save the life of a 14-year-old Monday after a scary incident.

Officers were called to a home in the Guildford area around 4 p.m. and were confronted by a suicidal youth.

The officers tried to take the male into custody but he fought them off, grabbed a mallet and tried to hit himself with it.

The boy's family tried to help restrain their son, but even with their help it turned out to be a "significant" struggle.

One of the officers then pulled out a Taser and used it in its push stun mode once.

The shock made the teen give up his fight, say police, and he was taken to a local hospital for treatment without incident.

Developer joins fight to save East Vancouver school

DHARM MAKWANA
QMI Agency

A real estate developer is backing a community bid to save Sir Carleton Guy Elementary School from the chopping block.

In a letter submitted as part of a package of documents to the Vancouver School Board at a town hall meeting Tuesday night the president of Wall Financial Corporation explains how an elementary school is needed to support potential residents of a proposed 800-plus unit development covering 32 single-family residential lots.

"While the proposed development is not specifically within the Carleton School catchment area, we respect-

fully suggest that is addition to the neighbourhood should be taken into consideration when projecting student population levels over the next ten years in the Collingwood neighbourhood," Corporation president Bruno Wall wrote.

The application for development will be submitted within 30 days, he added.

Vancouver-Kingsway MLA Adrian Dix said the school board should consider what

amounts to one of the largest developments his neighbourhood has ever seen before deciding on the fate of the school.

"It's not going to mean thousands of new children," he said. "It's going to mean significantly more children than the board has projected out over the next 10 years."

Public hearings on potential closure of five Vancouver schools are scheduled to continue through the week.

— NDP MLA Adrian Dix

Arrest warrant issued for Evi Quaid

BOB MACKIN
QMI Agency

Santa Barbara, Calif., Judge Donna Geck issued an arrest warrant Tuesday for Evi Quaid, wife of troubled actor Randy Quaid.

The eccentric couple failed to appear in court for arraignment on felony charges that they vandalized a house they used to own.

Evi Quaid, 47, forfeited a \$500,000 bond. Lawyer Robert Sanger convinced Geck to postpone a new arrest warrant for Randy Quaid. The 60-year-old has a Nov. 8 refugee hearing in Vancouver and a new Nov. 16 court date in Santa Barbara.

The Quaid's are both believed to still be in Vancouver, where they were arrested Oct. 21 after they missed an Oct. 17 court hearing in Santa Barbara.

Evi Quaid was released by Canada Border Services Agency on Oct. 27 when the Immigration and Refugee Board agreed she could qualify for citizenship because her father was Canadian.

Randy Quaid was freed on a \$10,000 bond.

They both believe they're being followed by so-called "Hollywood star whackers," but their ex-private investigator Becky Altringer said the murder conspiracy does not exist.

The Quaid's immigration lawyer Catherine Sas said Thursday they would do whatever is "legally required," but she stopped short of saying they would travel to California for the hearing.

Sas did not return a phone call on Tuesday.

STIR up rental housing

SANDY BUEMANN
QMI Agency

Rental housing is a necessary amenity and crucial to the sustainability of downtown Vancouver, Mayor Gregor Robertson said Tuesday when breaking ground for the city's first purpose-built rental housing project.

"We consider the undersupply of rental housing something we have to work on," he said.

Fifty-two per cent of people in Vancouver are renters.

The housing will be created under the city's Short Term Incentives for Rental Housing (STIR) plan and should be completed around January 2012. The 10-storey building located on 1142 Granville St., will have 106 units available for rent. The spaces are guaranteed for renters for 60 years.

Making rents affordable is a crucial piece of the puzzle, according to Robertson. The city expects rent for the units to be between \$900 and \$1,000 per month, but have no control over the costs, which are regulated by



Mayor Gregor Robertson and developer Dale Bosa break ground for the first Short Term Incentives Rental Housing project in Vancouver Wednesday. PHOTO CARMINE MARINELLI

provincial legislation.

STIR opponent Randy Helten, of West End Neighbours, said a key problem with the buildings created under the program is that they don't provide affordable housing.

The units have to rent out at

whatever the market can bear, he said.

The average rent in Vancouver for a two-bedroom apartment in 2010 for both new and existing structures was about \$1,169 according to the Canada and Mortgage Housing Corporation.

The housing will be built to LEED silver standards, according to Dale Bosa, the president of the company building the development, BlueSky Properties. It will only contain 32 parking units.

Pricey reception on taxpayers' backs

BOB MACKIN
QMI Agency

Vancouver taxpayers got charged almost \$9,000 since March for catered city council receptions where politicians, staff and guests nibbled on gourmet delights.

Documents obtained via Freedom of Information show menus included delicacies like grilled jumbo prawns and Kalamata olive, grape tomato, bocconcini skewers drizzled with basil oil. The total charge for seven events was \$8,803.55.

The most expensive was \$1,923.84 for Peake of Cater-

« When they start thinking this kind of stuff is normal, they've really lost touch with how they should be appropriately spending other people's money. »

— Canadian Taxpayers Federation director Scott Hennig

ing's March 2 reception marking International Women's Day. Peake also catered the March 23 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (\$1,851.29). Ex-Mayor Art Phillips' Freedom of the City Award was celebrated July 6 with a \$1,657.78 spread from Savoury City. Savoury City also catered the

May 17 Squamish Nation memorandum of understanding event for \$1,022.

"It's important that there's an appropriate kind of food for the event that's being hosted," Mayor Gregor Robertson said. "All of these events aren't appropriate to have juice boxes and chips at, they're celebrating community leaders and

they're important events for the city."

The city spent slightly more to recognize the Navy's centennial on July 19 (\$971.39) than the National Aboriginal Day reception on June 23 (\$953.60). The cheapest bill was the June 8 Access and Inclusion Awards (\$423.65).

"When they start thinking this kind of stuff is normal, they've really lost touch with how they should be appropriately spending other people's money," said Canadian Taxpayers Federation national director Scott Hennig.

LAW CHANGE

CITIZEN ARRESTS

The "Lucky Moose" Bill was adopted by Conservatives Tuesday, and Don Davies, MP for Vancouver Kingsway and NDP safety critic, is pleased. The proposed law will allow citizens to arrest a thief within a reasonable time after a crime has occurred, instead of only during the exact time of the theft. "This is a small victory for all law-abiding citizens who want to see the government get smart on crime," said Davies.

GAY BASHING

HATE CRIME

Two suspects allegedly involved in an Oct. 8 gay bashing near Tinseltown were released from custody, Vancouver police said Tuesday. Investigators found the men, both in their early 20s, in Fort St. John and Port Moody. Police are recommending hate crime charges based on evidence of alleged homophobic comments. The men, with no prior contact with police, are scheduled to appear in court.

HASTINGS DAYCARE

KIWASSA

Vancouver city council rubber-stamped a licence for Kiwassa Neighbourhood House on Tuesday to operate the Hastings Racecourse daycare centre for track workers. But the group's tenure could be short. The initial term is up Nov. 9, 2012, which is also the expiry date of Great Canadian Gaming's lease to operate the city-owned racetrack. Great Canadian has options to stay until 2027, but the future of horseracing in B.C. is uncertain.



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Cabinet split over Khadr

BRIAN LILLEY
QMI Agency

The decision by the Harper government to "favourably review" any application by Omar Khadr to serve part of his sentence in Canada is not supported by the PM's entire cabinet.

Top Conservative sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, told QMI Agency that cabinet ministers reacted angrily during a meeting prior to question period on Monday. The government had taken a strong stand against Khadr coming back to Canada and continued to make statements to that effect in public even as it exchanged diplomatic notes with the United States.

According to Khadr's lawyers, the language in the pa-

pers exchanged with the Americans is strong enough for courts to back any application for the convicted terrorist to return to Canada.

The papers also make clear that if Khadr comes back to Canada he will be subject to the Canadian parole system. Dennis Edney, one of Khadr's Canadian lawyers, said he will seek to get Khadr parole shortly after he returns to Canada.

Meanwhile, a poll by Ipsos-Reid showed that 49% of Canadians want Khadr to serve his entire sentence in American custody, compared to 26% who want him to serve some of his sentence in Canada and 25% who want him to serve all of his sentence here.

POTASH TAKEOVER BID

Tony likely to give thumbs up: Sources

DAVID AKIN
Parliamentary Bureau Chief

The federal government is widely expected to give a half-hearted thumbs up Wednesday to the hostile foreign takeover of Canada's fertilizer giant, Potash Corp.

Australian mining giant BHP Billiton has made a \$40-billion bid for Potash Corp., which had its beginnings as a Saskatchewan Crown corporation. BHP must prove to a federal foreign investment review board that its takeover will provide a "net benefit" to Canada.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says the deal is a dog and wants Ottawa to spike it. A new survey out Tuesday from pollster Angus Reid suggests that about one-third of Canadians agree with Wall — at least among those who have followed the story. Just 25% of the 1,014 Canadians polled by Angus Reid say they've been following the story.

In the House of Commons Tuesday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said no deci-



Industry Minister Tony Clement makes a point about the Potash Corp. takeover bid in the House of Commons. REUTERS

sion had been made at that time about the BHP deal.

But some Conservative MPs and political aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, believe BHP has convinced federal bureaucrats that their deal will mean more jobs and investments for Canada and, as a result, qualifies as a "net benefit" for Canada. BHP has

agreed to some new accountability procedures to make sure it follows through on its promises, sources said.

Still, Industry Minister Tony Clement has the final say and — though it's believed to be unlikely — could still reject the advice of bureaucrats. He is expected to announce the decision at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Cancer fraudster enters guilty plea

MICHELE MANDEL
QMI Agency

Ashley Kirilow has pleaded guilty to faking cancer and bilking sympathetic supporters of more than \$5,000.

The Burlington, Ont., woman still faces six more fraud charges of under \$5,000.

The 23-year-old woman pleaded guilty in a court in Milton, Ont., to being the recipient of \$7,400 raised on her behalf last February at a local fundraiser organized by realtor Donna Michalowski to help her cover her cancer treatment expenses.

The court heard she faked her cancer after a benign breast tumour was removed to win attention from her estranged family.

She shaved her head and eyebrows and plucked her eyelashes to appear as if she were suffering from cancer.

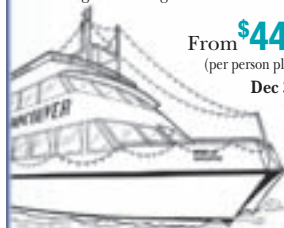
She also faces charges related to a bogus charity she called "Change for a Cure" on Facebook.

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FURTHER VIOLENCE ROCKS BAGHDAD

Bombs explode while families mourn

REUTERS — At least 10 explosions rocked mainly Shi'ite areas of the Iraqi capital on Tuesday, killing more than 30 people two days after al-Qaida militants caused a bloodbath when they took hostages in a Christian church.

◀◀ **Ten cars exploded with bombs in them. There were also four roadside bombs and two sticky bombs. They were all in Shi'ite neighbourhoods.** »

— Major-General Qassim al-Moussawi

Iraq remains in political limbo almost eight months after an inconclusive vote, raising fears that insurgents might exploit tension to try and reignite sectarian war. Tuesday's attack was the third major assault in Iraq since Friday.

"Ten cars exploded with bombs inside them. There were also four roadside

bombs and two sticky bombs," Baghdad security spokesman Major-General Qassim al-Moussawi said. "(They were) all in Shi'ite neighbourhoods."

Thirty-six people were killed and 320 wounded in the blasts targeting mainly Shi'ite areas of Iraq's capital on Tuesday, a minister said.

Health Minister Saleh al-Hasnawi told Iraqiya state television that most of the wounded had already left hospitals after being caught up in at least 10 explosions around Baghdad.

One of the biggest explosions appeared to target restaurants and cafes in the Shi'ite slum of Sadr City. A police source said 15 people had been killed and another 23 wounded.

Gunmen seized a Catholic church in central Baghdad during Sunday mass. The siege ended in a raid by security forces that saw 52 hostages and police killed in the bloodiest attack on Iraqi Christians since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.



Women grieve during a funeral for victims of an attack on the Our Lady of Salvation Church, at St. Joseph Chaldean Church in Baghdad on Tuesday. REUTERS

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Smoke billows from an oil pipeline blown up in the southern Yemeni province of Shabwa. Suspected al-Qaida militants blew up the pipeline on Tuesday, local officials said. — REUTERS

PIPELINE BLOWN UP IN RETALIATORY ATTACK

Al-Qaida targets Yemeni oil pipeline

REUTERS — As Yemen launched an operation on Tuesday to arrest a Saudi bomb maker accused of being behind a foiled bomb plot involving U.S.-bound parcels and suspected al-Qaida fighters blew up an oil pipeline, apparently in response.

Yemen's military, under international pressure to find the bomb maker, deployed to the south of the country, where the insurgents attacked the pipeline operated by the Korean National Oil Corporation. It was not clear if exports would be affected.

"This is one of the things we should expect because al-Qaida wants to give the message to the Yemeni government that military escalation does not mean that al-Qaida will remain silent now — that they will react and escalate," said Ibrahim Sharqieh, deputy director at Brookings Institute's Doha Center.

The attack on the pipeline was in Shabwa.

The mission is also to catch the U.S.-born radical preacher Anwar al-Awlaki, who is wanted by Washington.

MP STABBER FOUND GUILTY

CONVICTED A female student was found guilty at a London court on Tuesday of trying to murder a British politician in revenge for him voting for the Iraq war. Roshonara Choudhry, 21, knifed former treasury minister Stephen Timms twice in the stomach at London community centre in May. She converted to violence by a radical preacher being hunted in Yemen, a security source said. — REUTERS

MEXICO HONOURS THE DEAD

DAY OF THE DEAD Stunned by rising violence in Mexico's drug war, people laid marigolds on the graves of its victims and lit candles on altars as they celebrated the Day of the Dead in Monterrey. "It's like a bad dream and everyone is afraid," said Chrystel Rangel, a classmate of murdered 21-year-old student Lucila Quintanilla, who was shot by a hitman. — REUTERS

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1 The European Union urged Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko on Tuesday to hold a fair election next month and member state Poland said an honest vote would free up billions of euros in investment. The foreign ministers of Germany and Poland arrived in Minsk on Tuesday as part of a rare EU delegation to the isolated former Soviet state to tell Lukashenko that future ties with the union would hinge on how the presidential vote is conducted. — **REUTERS**

ISTANBUL**BOMBER WAS A SEPERATIST: TURKEY**

2 The suicide bomber who blew himself up on Istanbul's main square, wounding 32 people, came from Turkey's mainly Kurdish southeast and belonged to a separatist rebel group, the Istanbul governor said on Tuesday. Seven people have been arrested in connection with the attack. — **REUTERS**

TEHRAN**WOMAN WILL BE HANGED**

3 An Iranian woman whose sentence of execution by stoning for adultery provoked a worldwide outcry will instead be hanged for murder on Wednesday, a human rights group said. "The authorities in Tehran have given the go-ahead to Tabriz prison for the execution of Iran stoning case Sakineh Mohammadi Ash-tiani," the International Committee against Stoning said on its website. — **REUTERS**

HONG KONG**VIGILS SEEKS LIU'S RELEASE**

4 Candles are placed around portraits of jailed Chinese pro-democracy activist Liu Xiaobo during a candle-light vigil demanding his release, outside the Legislative Council in Hong Kong on Nov. 2. It is unclear who will accept the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to jailed Chinese dissident Xiaobo and the Norwegian Nobel Committee may keep custody of it for the time being, its secretary said last week. — **REUTERS**

**ROME****BERLUSCONI LOVES ALL WOMEN**

5 Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi over reports he helped a 17-year-old girl who attended parties at his house, saying it was "better to like beautiful girls than to be gay." He refused to apologize for his fondness for young women and denied doing anything improper, after the case of the girl known as Ruby filled Italian newspapers last week and opposition lawmakers called for him to step down. "As always, I work without interruption and if occasionally I happen to look a beautiful girl in the face, it's better to like beautiful girls than to be gay," he told a meeting at a motorcycle industry show in Milan. — **REUTERS**

WASHINGTON**COAST GUARD OFFICE DAMAGED**

6 A Coast Guard recruiting office in Virginia was damaged by apparent gunfire overnight, and authorities said Tuesday they were investigating whether the incident was related to a recent spate of shootings at other military buildings close to the capital. No one was hurt in the incident and the Federal Bureau of Investigation had taken over the lead in the investigation. — **REUTERS**

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Cyclone leaves 81,000 homeless

REUTERS — A cyclone that hit western Myanmar killed at least 45 and left 81,000 homeless, the United Nations said on Tuesday, providing details of damage and casualties from the storm that struck the secretive state last month.

Some 200,000 people will require food aid over the next three months after Cyclone Giri destroyed 40,000 acres of rice paddies, UN aid agencies said. Some 430 schools and 57 health centres in Myanmar were damaged or destroyed.

There was no immediate word on how the disaster and uprooting of voters might affect Sunday's long-awaited election in the former Burma.

Myanmar authorities have requested plastic tarpaulins to provide shelter for the 81,000 people left homeless after at least 15,000 houses were completely destroyed.

REPUBLICANS TAKE CONTROL: FOX

ELECTION Republicans rolled up key U.S. election wins Tuesday, putting them on the threshold of taking control of the U.S. House of Representatives, but Democrats scored a key Senate victory in West Virginia that could ensure they retain at least a slender majority in the upper chamber. Anxiety over the stumbling economy and discontent with Obama powered big Republican gains, giving them enough clout to put the brakes on Obama's agenda. MSNBC and Fox News projected Republicans had picked up enough seats to wrest control of the House. — **REUTERS**

PARCEL CATCHES FIRE

SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE A package addressed to Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi that was found on a courier plane from Athens caught fire when police opened it at Bologna airport, where the plane was made to land, an Italian police source said on Wednesday. "Police found the package addressed to Berlusconi and it caught fire while it was being checked. The explosive substance is still unknown," a source said. — **REUTERS**

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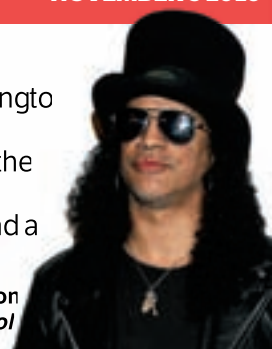
BRITNEY FACES LAWSUIT BY EX-BODYGUARD

Britney Spears' conservators have asked a judge to move a bodyguard's sexual harassment lawsuit out of a public court to prevent the release of private information about the singer. Fernando Flores is suing the pop star over claims she repeatedly exposed herself and made sexual advances towards him while he worked as her personal bodyguard. — WENN.COM

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« It's really sort of disappointing to me that he's gone and done that, for whatever reason ... the other guys in the band are bummed out and they've had a really rocky road for a while.

Rocker Slash on Steven Tyler's decision to accept a job on *American Idol*



Kudrow in money battle

Lisa Kudrow is heading back to court in California to battle an ex-manager who is fighting for a slice of her *Friends* fortune. The actress ended her professional relationship with her long-time representative Scott Howard in 2007 and he subsequently sued her for a portion of the syndication payments she receives for work she carried out between

1991 and 1997, while he was her manager. A judge dismissed the case, claiming there was not enough evidence to proceed, but an appeals court has now ruled Howard should be given another chance to stake his claim. The case will now head back to court for a new trial, according to the *Hollywood Reporter*.

— WENN.COM

THURMAN STALKER STRIKES AGAIN

A man who was convicted of stalking Uma Thurman two years ago has allegedly violated a restraining order by attempting to contact the actress. Jack Jordan was found guilty of fourth-degree stalking and one count of second-degree aggravated harassment by a jury in 2008 after he bombarded Thurman with notes and letters, and threatened to kill himself outside her New York home in 2005. He was ordered to seek psychiatric counselling and stay away from the *Kill Bill* star for five years. But the 39-year-old allegedly violated the order of protection by making a series of phone calls to the actress last week, reportedly calling her home and cell-phone and speaking to her assistant. Thurman lodged an official complaint with police on Sunday, according to *E! Online*. — WENN.COM



Zac's fake weed

Robert Downey, Jr. has spoken out to reassure fans after Zach Galifianakis sparked up a joint on U.S. TV — insisting his *Due Date* co-star was smoking “fake weed.” — WENN.COM



Seyfried's date?

Actress Amanda Seyfried appears to have moved on from her *Mamma Mia!* boyfriend Dominic Cooper — she's reportedly dating Reese Witherspoon's ex-husband Ryan Phillippe. — WENN.COM

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Musical turn for story of serial killer

Murder and music join forces this month for Touchstone Theatre's latest production, *Mimi (Or A Poisoner's Comedy)*. The musical tells the tale of the Marquise of Brinvilliers, one of France's most notorious serial killers. *Mimi* runs Wednesday to Saturday at Burnaby's Shadbolt Centre for the Arts and then Nov. 10 to 20 at the Firehall Arts Centre. - 24 HOURS



Roseanne Barr to release nutty new book

Roseanne Barr has opened up about her life in a bizarre new book, in which she rants about kids, menopause and the curse of celebrity. The 57-year-old funnywoman will release her third tome *Roseannearchy: Dispatches From the Nut Farm* in January. Chapter titles include *Bipolar, Paranoid, Obsessive-Compulsive, Jewish and Mormon* - 24 HOURS

MEASHA BRUEGGERGOSMAN

Soprano back from near-death

JANE STEVENSON
QMI Agency

To say that Canadian soprano Measha Brueggergosman has been through some life-changing experiences in the last couple of years is a major understatement.

For starters, she divorced her husband, who she had been married to for a decade, had a June 2009 brush with death that led to open heart surgery, performed at the Vancouver Olympics opening ceremony in February and studied to become a Bikram yoga teacher during a nine-week spring course in Las Vegas.

Brueggergosman said despite having lost 150 pounds and practising Bikram for the last four years she couldn't escape her undetected heart problems.

"There was no warning," said the 32-year-old Fredericton-born, Toronto-based singer in Toronto prior to her three November tour dates in Canada.

"I don't think it's cliché to say that you take stock because you do contemplate what's important, you do start to prioritize. I've never been afraid of dying so it didn't bother me that I may have died.

"I thought it would suck for the people who loved me but I believe this life is but a flash."

She said she knew about a year before the event that she would be performing at the Olympics opening ceremony and nothing was going to stop her.

"I would have sang that from the coffin, are you kidding?" she said.



Canadian opera soprano Measha Brueggergosman is currently promoting her new album *Nights and Dreams*. JACK BOLAND, QMI AGENCY



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UNDERCOVERS

8 p.m. on CITY, NBC
Shaw (Gerald McRaney) sends Steven, Samantha and Leo (Boris Kodjoe, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Carter MacIntyre) to Peru to foil a plot to assassinate the president-elect (Alex Fernandez). Unfortunately, Samantha gets too close to the case, putting the mission and her own life in jeopardy in the new episode *Assassin*.

CRIMINAL MINDS

9 p.m. on CBS, CTV
The new episode *Middle Man* finds Rossi (Joe Mantegna) and the BAU team in Indiana, where a pack of serial killers is murdering exotic dancers and dumping their bodies in cornfields. Robert Newman appears as a sheriff who helps with the investigation.

COUGAR TOWN

9:31 p.m. on ABC, CITY
Every year, Jules (Courteney Cox) challenges her friends to compete to see who can give her the best birthday gift. Ellie (Christa Miller) has a long winning streak, but Laurie (Busy Philipps) is determined to win, so she teams up with Grayson (Josh Hopkins) to find the perfect present in *Foiled Again (I Don't Like It)*.



LAW & ORDER: LOS ANGELES

10 p.m. on CTV, NBC
Winters and Jaruszalski (Skeet Ulrich, Corey Stoll) investigate the hit-and-run death of a young pregnant woman and discover the baby's father may be a married politician and the death no accident. Their investigation leads them to a young couple who may know more about the victim than they're telling in the new episode *Pasadena*.

TV WEDNESDAY

STATION	1.	2.	3.	4.	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
CANADIAN BROADCAST													
SUNTV	213				5:00 Movie	The Insider	Old Christine	Becker	Grill Room	Forensic Factor		Infomercials	Infomercials
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CBC 3	251	3	7		Coronation S	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy!	(N) Dragons' Den				The National	
CHEK 6	255	7	6		CHEK News	Island 30	The Aviators	*** River's Edge ('86, Drama) Keanu Reeves, Crispin Glover				CHEK News	Island 30
CITY TV 13	253	6	13		CityLine	How I Met...	The Office	(N) Undercovers	(N) Modern...	(N) Cougar...		How I Met...	How I Met...
CTV 9	250	4	9		6:00 CTV News	eTalk	Big Bang T.	(N) The Defenders	(N) Criminal Minds			(N) Law & Order: Los Angeles	
GLOBAL 11	252	11	11		6:00 News Hour	ET	ET Canada	(N) Survivor: Nicaragua	NCIS			Shattered	
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SRC 7	120				6:00 Téléjournal	(N) Virginie	L'Épicerie	Les enfants de la télé	(N) Mauvais...	(N) Tout sur...		Le téléjournal	
TVA 123				401	Le cercle	La poule aux...	(N) Tranches...	(N) Destinées	(N) La collection			TVA nouvelles	
TV5 124	145				La copie...	Urgences à...	40 Exploration...	TV5 le journal	35 Thalassa			Chiffres...	
AMERICAN NETWORKS													
ABC 21	288	21	20		6:00 News	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy!	(N) The...	(N) Better...	(N) Modern...	(N) Cougar...	31 In the Spotlight	
CBS 15	289	15	19		6:00 News	ET	The Insider	(N) Survivor: Nicaragua	(N) Criminal Minds			(N) The Defenders	
NBC 16	287	16	21		King 5 News	Evening...	Inside Edition	(N) Undercovers	(N) Law & Order: SVU			(N) Law & Order: Los Angeles	
KCPQ 28	290	28	22		How I Met...	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	Hell's Kitchen				Q13 FOX News @ Ten	
PBS 27	291	383	23		6:00 Newshour	Rudy Maxa's...	Rick Steves...	Secrets of the Dead		Circus			
CW 14	297	14	26		King/Queens	The Office	The Office	(N) America's Next Top Model	(N) Hellcats			Seinfeld	Seinfeld
NEWS, VIEWS & CURRENT AFFAIRS													
BBCW 36	510		96		Asia...	BBC News	Asia...	BBC News	Asia...	BBC News	Hardtalk	BBC News	World...
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CNN 33	500	33	94		6:00 Larry King	Anderson Cooper 360			Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		
NEWSWORLD 26	502	26	91		6:00 CBC News	The Human Journey		CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National		The Human Journey		
VISION 118	261	118	156		Emmerdale	Just Cause		Unscripted	IdeaCity		The Covenant		
MOSTLY SPORTS													
GOLF 416	144	116			Big Break Dominican Republic	19th Hole	Golf Central	19th Hole	HSBC Champions				
OLN 49	411	49	119		Opera. Repo	Ghost Hunters	Monsterquest	Opera. Repo	Opera. Repo	Opera. Repo	Ghost Hunters		
SCORE 54	410	114	115		6:00 WWE NXT	Footy Show	Basketball NBA, Los Angeles Lakers vs Sacramento				Games/Night	MMA Show	
SPEED 55	417	117			6:00 Pinks...	Stealth Rider	Stealth Rider	Intersections	Intersections	Pinks - All Out	Stealth Rider	Stealth Rider	
SPORTSNET 22	407	22	111		4:30 To be announced			Connected	Sportsnet Connected	Sportsnet Connected	Sportsnet Connected		
TSN 23	400	23	110		Hockey NHL, Detroit vs Calgary				Sportscentre	24/7	Scott FireFit Championships		
MOSTLY MOVIES													
AMC 53	293	53	228		5:00 ** Predator ('87)	** Predator 2 ('90, Science fiction) Danny Glover, Maria Conchita Alonso					Rubicon		
MC1 60	308				Second Chances ('10, Suspense) Melissa George	** Daybreakers ('09, Horror) Ethan Hawke			40 *** Live ('07, Comedy) Eva Mendes, David Krumholtz				
MC2					5:30 Movie	** Paul Blart: Mall Cop ('09, Comedy) Kevin James	White Out				15 Movie		
HBOC 63	307	63	243		5:45 ** Fierce Light ('08)	25 Bored ...	The Promise: The Making of Darkness on the...	25 Eastbound...	Eastbound...	Bored Death			
TCM 46	292	46	227		5:00 Movie	Mooguls and Movie Stars	15 *** Nickelodeon ('76, Comedy) Ryan O'Neal, Burt Reynolds		15 Movie				
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MTVC 120	581	120	177		6:00 The...	The Challenge: Cutthroat	MTV Live	26 Sex, News	Sixteen and Pregnant	The Challenge: Cutthroat			
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FOR THE KIDS													
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INFORMATIVE													
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HISTORY 44	133	44	201		Am. Pickers	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Chasing Mummies	Ice Road Truckers	Weird or What?			
VARIETY													
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COMEDY 57	625	57	173		6:00 For Laughs	22 Minutes	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	Big Bang T.	Kids in Hall	SCTV
KTLA 65	298				6:00 KTLA 5 News	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	(N) America's Next Top Model	(N) Hellcats		KTLA 5 News at 10		
PEACHTREE 47	294	47	60		5:00 Movie	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	*** Men in Black ('97, Comedy) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith		Rescue Me		
SHOWCASE 39	617	39	172		6:00 Silent...	Love Wine ('02)			Shattered		Project Runway Canada		
SLICE 41	601	41	141		Bulging Brides	I Do, Let's Eat!	I Do, Let's Eat!	ET Canada	Bootcamp	Real Housewives of New...	Supernatural		
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Hells Angels suing McQueen

The heads of the notorious Hells Angels Motorcycle Club are suing bosses at late designer Alexander McQueen's label, accusing them of copying their famous logos. The gang's lawyer Fritz Clapp says, "Hells Angels", the whole phrase, on a pashmina scarf and a Jacquard dress." – WENN.COM



Keep your head warm and polar bears safe

It may still be too early to think of Christmas, but Canada Goose and Holt Renfrew are doing just that — for charity. The two Canadian brands have teamed up to offer a limited-edition toque, starting Nov. 4. A portion of the proceeds from each \$50 toque sold will go to Polar Bears International, a non-profit organization working towards the conservation of the polar bear and its habitat. – ROSALYN SOLOMON, 24 HOURS

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This week, the Twisted Panties test-drive team (a.k.a. Sarah Rowland and Stephanie Mattis) is taking on the elements in the ultimate winter boot breakdown. After a whole lot of puddle-stomping in simulated blizzard conditions, Canada's hardest working consumer reporters came up with their top five picks.

Sarah's pick

BEST RETRO TOOTSIE TOASTERS

Valerie by Cougar
(\$150 @ cougarboots.com)

Not only does this '70s throwback have all vintage-inspired style to keep you looking retro-cool; it's also got all the modern weather-proofing technology to keep you feeling warm. Your tootsies can stay toasty in -30 C weather. So it's all good. However, I do have one warning for women of my age group:

You probably shouldn't draw too much attention to the label (cougar jokes anyone?).



Steph's pick

BEST WINTER WARM-UP

UGG Adirondack Boot II (\$298
@ littleburgundyshoes.com)

The lightest and warmest winter boot ever. They're cute, soft, comfy, lightweight and reliable. They meet all the requirements of a tough winter boot, but still remain utterly stylish. High fashion and durability come together in this Aussie boot. And I won't mind

if we're all wearing these boots this season. Smart women impress. But smart, stylish women impress, influence and amaze.



TOP pick



BEST ECO-FRIENDLY FOOT COZIES

Earthkeepers by Timberland
(\$159.95 @ ingledews.com)

Made from partially recycled fleece and rubber, I figure these eco-friendly, water-proof bad boys will keep me feeling green during whiteouts. In the mean time, they're like a cozy outdoor slipper – similar to the traditional, old-school UGGs from two years ago, but not nearly 'Uggy.' Which is nice because I can rock them without feeling like part of the dated, sheepskin heard of yesteryear.



BEST CLASSIC RIDER

Jersey by Ecco
(\$275 @ eccocanada.com)

This is your basic winter boot must-have. The classic style looks equally good with leggings or denim. The roomier leg can accommodate a thicker calve muscle, but still looks good on slim ones too. What I really love about these boots is the beautiful pebbled leather and the rich cognac shade. If you're in the market for just one pair of boots this season, this may be the one for you.



BEST FRIEND BOOTS

Tall Dress Boots by Ingledew's Private Label
(\$445 @ ingledews.com)

These are the boots that became the uniform. They're so comfortable. The heel isn't too high, but just high enough to give arch support and the studded leg gives it that special detail. We seriously never want to take these black beauties off.

FASHIONISTA: One who has what other women *wish* they had



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Texture is a really important element of fall dressing this season, so it's no surprise that fur is back in a big way. "There are some fabulously over-the-top jackets out there, but chances are, if you're investing in a fur coat, you'll want to wear it for life, so I would go a little less trendy," says Lenczner. But if drama is exactly what you're going for, faux fur will give you that lush textural look at price you can afford. **Smythe Faux Fur Box Jacket**

KNOW THE TRENDS OF COATS

Wear it proudly

Any wardrobe worth its labels should be well-stocked with stylish fall jackets. Fashion lovers know that whether you're taking the train to work, running errands or heading off to the gym, it's your jacket—not your animal print blouse or high-waisted trousers—that will make the biggest statement to everyone around you. But not every jacket works with every body type or style. To help navigate the sometimes murky waters of trendy fall toppers, we've asked designers Andrea Lenczner and Christie Smythe, co-creators of celebrity-favourite, made-in-Canada coat label Smythe, to give us the scoop on this season's top looks. — **NANCY WON, SPECIAL TO QMI AGENCY**



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Rustic Canadian plaids have been big for the last few years, but this season designers are taking things up a notch, pulling inspiration from traditional highland plaids and splashing them all over everything, including skirts, tops and especially jackets. As classic as they are, you do have to be careful when wearing plaids. "You need to do them in the right silhouette or else it can be super unflattering," says Lenczner. "We've found that the most slimming plaids are cut on the bias and in tailored silhouettes."

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"The trench is one of those universally flattering jackets that anybody can wear," says Smythe. "It's a classic silhouette." This season we're seeing this wardrobe staple reinterpreted in chic new ways from short trenches and cape-inspired versions to new colours and different fabrications, like a cozy tweed for winter. If you're looking to dress yours up this fall, try swapping the belt for something more dramatic, like a wide crocodile belt. **Camel-coloured coat from Jacob**



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FIRST LOOK

Ford turns Focus on world markets

JOE DUARTE
QMI Agency

Early in 2011, Ford will open up the garage doors for its global Focus that will be sold in all world markets in four-door hatchback, wagon and sedan.

North American Focus models get a new 2.0-litre direct-injected and variable-valve-timed four-cylinder engine that puts out 160 hp (up 20 from the current engine) and improves fuel economy by 10%.

A five-speed manual transmission is expected to be the standard, with a new six-speed automatic optional.

A stop/start system aids in improving fuel economy on European engines (small fours and diesel variants) but it's not known whether the system will be available on the 2.0L engine.

The new Focus is packed with the latest technologies.

Drivers can custom tailor the new MyFord system to suit individual preferences.

On the high-end series, most of the controls are handled through a touch-screen display.

Sync is, of course, part of the deal, with the ability to control sound, ambience, navigation and communication devices by voice.

Sensors avert crash

On the safety front, Focus uses sensors to determine if a frontal collision (at speeds below 30 km/h) is imminent and stops the car by reducing throttle input and applying brake force.

Other systems available include parking assist, lane departure, adaptive cruise control and blind-spot detection.

A new Focus ST will be based on the four-door hatchback version. Power comes



from an EcoBoost (turbocharged) version of the 2.0L "four."

It makes an estimated 250

hp and peak torque of 265 lb.-ft. Control is entrusted to a six-speed manual transmission.

The ST differentiates itself from the regular Focus with unique front and rear looks, more muscular fenderwork,



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unique alloy wheels and a high mounted spoiler. Inside, Recaro racing-style seats, metal pedals and a carbon-fibre look console add to the sporty flavour.

All Focus models get a new Torque Vectoring Control system that distributes torque between the front wheels and helps reduce understeer, improve traction and produce better turn-in to enhance handling.

The ST gets a lowered chassis and special suspension tuning.

Focus sedans and wagons are due to go into production this fall with a launch slated near year's end. The ST model is due for a 2012 launch.

Prices have not yet been set.

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CAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Experts pick best new autos

QMI AGENCY — The best new vehicles of the year have been selected by 70 of Canada's automotive experts.

AJAC members tested 144 different vehicles before naming the best new cars and SUV/CUVs in 11 different categories, as part of the association's annual Canadian Car of the Year Awards program.

Journalists made their decisions based on almost two dozen vehicle characteristics, including ride quality, handling ability, roominess and comfort.

No. 1 vehicles named Feb. 17

The 11 category winners now go on to compete for the honour of being named 2011 Canadian Car of the Year or 2011 Canadian Utility Vehicle of the Year. The overall winners will be announced on Feb. 17 at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto. Award winners for



Best New Design and Best New Technology will also be announced at that time.

The category winners are:

- Best new small car (under \$21,000): Ford Fiesta
- Best new small car (over \$21,000): Chevrolet Cruze
- Best new family car (under \$30,000): Volkswagen Jetta TDI Clean Diesel
- Best new family car (over \$30,000): Buick Regal
- Best new luxury car (over \$50,000): BMW 5 Series Sedan
- Best new prestige car (over \$75,000): Porsche 911 Turbo S
- Best new sports/perfor-

mance car: Cadillac CTS-V Coupe

- Best new minivan: Toyota Sienna
- Best new SUV/CUV (under \$35,000): Hyundai Tucson
- Best new SUV/CUV (\$35,000 to \$50,000): Ford Edge
- Best new SUV/CUV (over \$50,000): Volkswagen Touareg

AJAC members' vote results, including all of the comparative test data amassed during the week, are on the association's website to help people looking to buy new vehicles. Visit ajac.ca.

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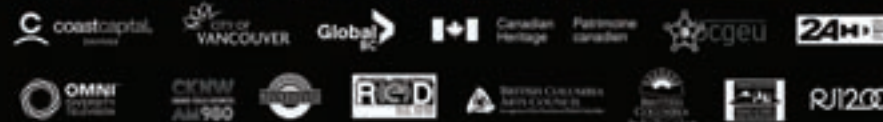
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Calling Captain Kirk

Former Canucks goaltender Kirk McLean, who played 10 seasons with Vancouver, was announced Tuesday as the next inductee into the club's Ring of Honour. The pre-game ceremony will be held Nov. 24 in a game against the Colorado Avalanche at Rogers Arena. — QMI AGENCY

Phillips named best D of the week

The CFL recognized the B.C. Lions' strong defensive effort in the 23-17 win over the Saskatchewan Roughriders Sunday. Halfback Ryan Phillips, who had two interceptions, was named the Defensive Player of the Week Monday, while defensive lineman Aaron Hunt was the runner-up to Phillips after recording three tackles and an interception. Phillips now has 13 career interceptions against Saskatchewan. — QMI AGENCY



Three for Torres in win

HOSEA CHEUNG
QMI Agency

Edmonton finally got a reason to take their hats off to Raffi Torres.

The ex-Oiler did his best "remember-me?" act Tuesday, scoring his first career hat trick against his former club in the Canucks 4-3 win at Rexall Place.

His harmless backhander on Nikolai Khabibulin in the third period proved to be the winner after the Canucks had blown a three-goal lead earlier in the game.

With Vancouver starting seven of eight away from home, the road victory — their first of the season — couldn't have come at a better time.

They headed into the Northwest Division matchup Tuesday with an NHL worst 0-3-1 road record and were 1-7-2 dating back to the end of last year's regular season.

That trend was halted, at least for now, thanks to Torres. The Toronto native, who played five seasons in Edmonton, got the Canucks off to a promising start.

BOXSCORE

4
CANUCKS

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OILERS

1st Period

11:01 **Van - D. Sedin** (8)
(H. Sedin, Edler) (PP)
11:33 **Van - Torres** (4)
(Malhotra, Bieksa)
15:13 **Van - Torres** (5)
(Bieksa) (PP)

2nd Period

9:16 **Edm - Penner** (4)
(Cogliano)

3rd Period

3:48 **Edm - Jones** (3)
(Stortini, Smid)
5:28 **Edm - Brule** (2)
(Cogliano, Smid)
10:53 **Van - Torres** (6)
(Bieksa, Luongo)

Thirty-two seconds after Daniel Sedin scored his eighth of the season in the opening frame, Torres tallied his first of the night with a diving effort on Manny Malhotra's missed shot

off the endboards. He scored again under four minutes later, tipping in Kevin Bieksa's point shot on the powerplay.

The Oilers didn't respond until midway through the second with Dustin Penner's fourth of the season before Ryan Jones and Gilbert Brule evened things up in the third period.

Roberto Luongo, who was starting his second game in as many nights, made 23 saves for the win while Oilers' Khabibulin stopped 26 of 30 shots. Bieksa finished with three assists, all on Torres' tallies, for his first points of the season.

BURR BACK

Alex Burrows returned to the lineup for the first time following offseason shoulder surgery and was a spark on the Sedin line. Although he failed to get on the scoreboard, the winger had three shots in 15:29 of ice time.

The Canucks re-assigned Jeff Tambellini to Manitoba earlier in the day to make room for Burrows.



CANUCKS AT OILERS Forward Raffi Torres (right) celebrates his first of the night with linemate Manny Malhotra Tuesday in Edmonton. The former Oiler scored his first career hat trick in Vancouver's 4-3 win, their first on the road this season. PHOTO QMI AGENCY

BUILDING ISSUES

POSTPONED

Tuesday's game between the Orlando Magic and New York Knicks was postponed because of a building issue at Madison Square Garden. The game has not yet been rescheduled. According to the Knicks press release, some debris from the attic above the ceiling fell into the arena. Part of that debris included asbestos-related cleaning materials.

RAY RETURNS

HEALTHY

Just because the Edmonton Eskimos are 2-0 with Ricky Ray sidelined by injury these last two weeks, doesn't mean they wouldn't be happy to have him back. The Eskimos No. 1 quarterback was back practising Tuesday and is ready to start Saturday against the Saskatchewan Roughriders.



LEG UP

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE Tottenham Hotspur's William Gallas (left) challenges Inter Milan's Wesley Sneijder during their Champions League soccer match at White Hart Lane in London Tuesday. The Hotspurs prevailed 3-1 with goals from Rafael Van Der Vaart, Peter Crouch, and Roman Pavlyuchenko. Samuel Eto'o had the lone tally for Internazionale. — REUTERS

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TWEETspot

More to come

GUTS MCTAVISH
QMI Agency

Quite often, the 10-game mark of the season can give you a fairly decent indication as to whether you have the right ingredients to be in the mix come April.

Unfortunately, based on early season injuries, we've yet to get a proper feel for what we're actually witnessing here in Vancouver.

Nevertheless, the 10-game mark does serve as an adequate barometer for assessing an individual players value to his team.

@Canuckz: Andrew Alberts looks a lot quicker, he blocks

shots and hits! I wanted to run him out of town last year!

@good_tony: I'm happy with the the grit and finish Torres has supplied. He's added secondary scoring and punishing body checks.

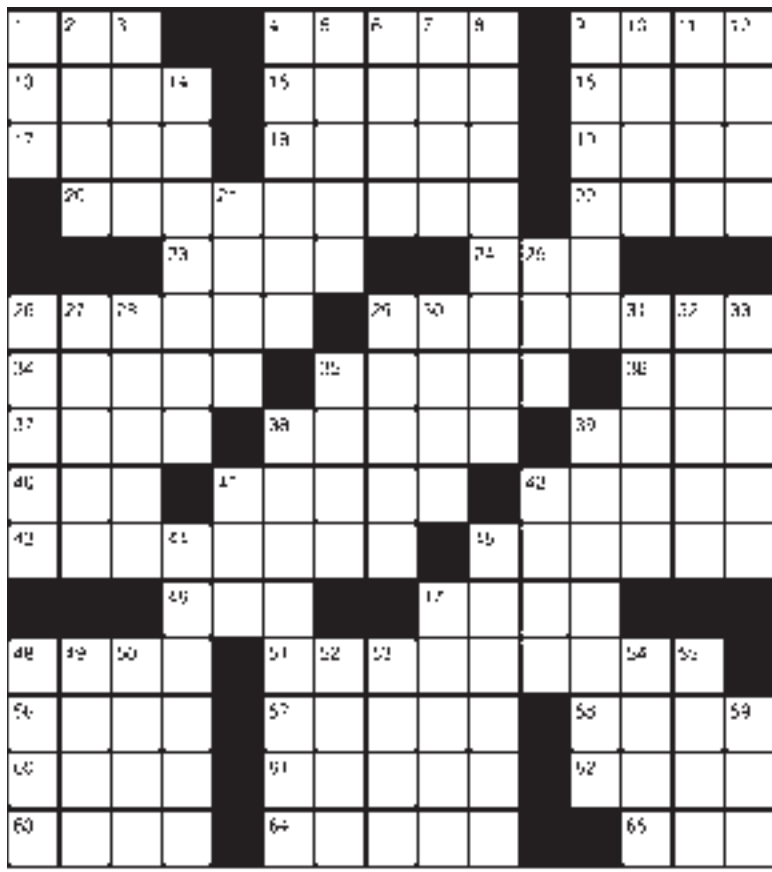
Hard to argue. I have both players as one and two on my own pleasantly surprised list.

Team-wise over the next three weeks we stand to learn plenty about the Canucks as they take on the likes of the Wings, Habs, Penguins and Hawks.

A far cry from the charity points they've racked up versus the Panthers, Canes, Wild, Avs and Devils.

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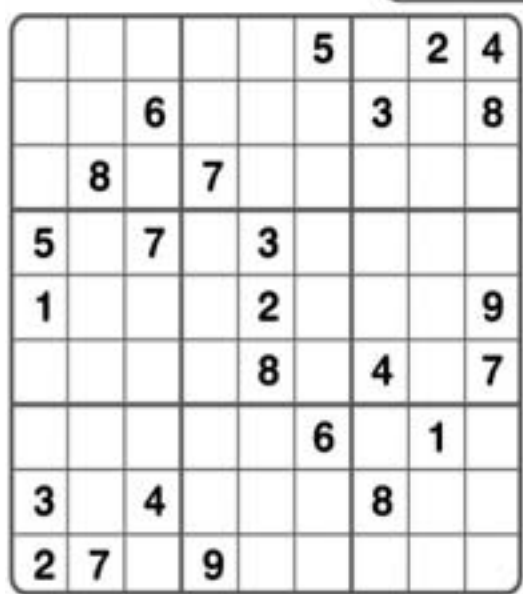
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- 1 Lemon meringue _
 - 4 Clear the slate
 - 9 Snake's greeting
 - 13 _ even keel
 - 15 Persons, places & things
 - 16 Doing nothing
 - 17 Beige shade
 - 18 Gem measure
 - 19 Drop of joy or sorrow
 - 20 Alaska seaport
 - 22 Partner
 - 23 Boys
 - 24 Greek letter
 - 26 Plot
 - 29 Cool drink
 - 34 Zones
 - 35 "Thou shalt not _ thy neighbour's..."
 - 36 Edge
 - 37 Letter opener
 - 38 _ in; paying attention
 - 39 Oscar-winning film for Leslie Caron
 - 40 Dirt bike or quad, for short
 - 41 Rouse
 - 42 Place to sit
 - 43 Adolescent
 - 45 Sunday dinner entrees, maybe
 - 46 Old-age acct.
 - 47 Traffic tie-ups
 - 48 "No way, _!"
 - 51 Caused a jagged wound
 - 56 Heroic story
 - 57 Egg-shaped
 - 58 Ancient harp
 - 60 Grow weary
 - 61 Tree houses?
 - 62 Twelve months
 - 63 Beholds
 - 64 Magnificent
- DOWN**
- 1 Edgar Allan _
 - 2 Peruvian Indian
 - 3 Merit; deserve
 - 4 Translate into symbols
 - 5 Laughs loudly
 - 6 Invisible emanation
 - 7 Unexpected obstacle
 - 8 Respected greatly
 - 9 Hired assassin
 - 10 Notion
 - 11 Bench piece
 - 12 Very dry
 - 14 _ weapons; A-bombs, etc.
 - 21 Exhibitionists
 - 25 Little child
 - 26 Late Egyptian President
 - 27 Largest Greek island
 - 28 Lift with effort
 - 29 Recluse
 - 30 Balanced; fair
 - 31 Opera solos
 - 32 Finger or toe
 - 33 Kuwaiti leaders
 - 35 Cucumber, for short
 - 38 Pesky follower
 - 39 Horrific
 - 41 Card game
 - 42 Unconscious state
 - 44 Daughters of one's sister
 - 45 Most infrequent
 - 47 Volkswagen model
 - 48 Fast planes
 - 49 Mayberry kid
 - 50 Father
 - 52 Declare
 - 53 In _; lest
 - 54 Observed
 - 55 Strong cart
 - 59 Before



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ARIES
March 21 to April 19
A partner or friend shows you how to research a topic quickly and easily. You gather facts and at the same time understand the theory. Get practical later.
Rating: ●●●●●●

LIBRA
September 23 to October 22
You may want to be nice today, but you need to take a stand, even if not everyone likes it. Speak from the heart, and keep one eye on personal values.
Rating: ●●●●●●

TAURUS
April 20 to May 20
Connect with an older co-worker, as you gather necessary information. You need a strong visual message to convince disinterested people. Challenge yourself.
Rating: ●●●●●●

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October 23 to November 21
You'll want to look your best for a public appearance. Listen to a partner concerning what to wear. Boost your confidence by repeating to yourself, "I can do this."
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GEMINI
May 21 to June 20
Your internal sense of balance indicates the need for change today. You don't have to revolutionize the universe. A shift in direction pleases two people.
Rating: ●●●●●●

SAGITTARIUS
November 22 to December 21
An older person challenges your concept of personal power. You discover that age doesn't necessarily diminish intellectual strength.
Rating: ●●●●●●

CANCER
June 21 to July 22
An older family member feels out of balance today. Your energy shifts everything in a positive direction. Make time to take care of this person today.
Rating: ●●●●●●●●

CAPRICORN
December 22 to January 19
Your desire to be in the spotlight bumps up against practical problems. Prepare your acts carefully, as well as your costume.
Rating: ●●●●●●●●

LEO
July 23 to August 22
Challenge yourself to use materials already at hand, instead of buying new. This has many advantages: It cleans the workspace, stimulates imagination and recycles.
Rating: ●●●●●●●●

AQUARIUS
January 20 to February 18
Energy shifts from dramatic to more harmonious interaction. As the balance shifts, take charge and persuade others to move forward. More possibilities emerge.
Rating: ●●●●●●●●

VIRGO
August 23 to September 22
Prepare yourself to spend money on creative projects for home. You may be surprised at how little you spend, especially if you do some of the work.
Rating: ●●●●●●●●

PISCES
February 19 to March 20
What seems like a challenge today is actually a golden opportunity. Your work with a female develops into a potential long-term partnership.
Rating: ●●●●●●●●

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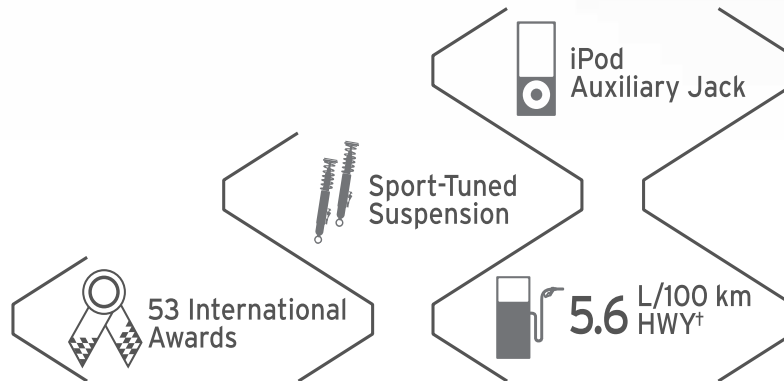
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