

QP Briefing - Morning Edition

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Headlines

The Sault may have turned blue last night, but there is a bright spot for the Liberals. After months of lagging in public-opinion polls, they seem to have clawed their way back into contention in the Grit bastion of Toronto, according to Forum Research. Forum's latest survey shows the Grits sitting neck-and-neck with the PCs in the 416. QP Briefing has the story.

The survey comes the morning after the Liberals were defeated by the Tories in the Sault Ste. Marie byelection to replace former cabinet minister David Orazietti, who had held on to the riding since 2003.

The last time the Tories won a seat in the Soo was 1981. Such a big win appears to have warranted a trek from Toronto.

Speaking of the six, Mayor John Tory is hoping to enlist Ottawa's help in putting pressure on Queen's Park to fork out more transit and infrastructure cash, the Toronto Star reports.

The PC Party has turned down a request to appeal the nomination contest in Newmarket-Aurora, which was won by Charity McGrath, the Star reports. The riding association executive had complained to the party brass about alleged "irregularities" on nomination night.

Lake Ontario's giant rubber ducky continues to ruffle feathers.

PC MPP Michael Harris wants to outlaw pill presses, machines that can make thousands of counterfeit pills an hour, to combat the opioid crisis, the Toronto Star reports.

The trial of Elizabeth Wettlaufer began on a grisly note. In a taped interview with police that was played in court, the former nurse, who pleaded guilty to murdering eight patients, described her reaction to the deaths "like a cackling from the pit of hell." CBC has the story.

Our other stories from yesterday:

OPG called out for proposing 'excessive' employee pay and 'expensive' rate proposal
Revamped labour bill hits the table, will be sped through to committee
Child protection bill passes as social conservatives fear 'overreach by the state'
Anti-racism bill passes after anti-Semitism, Islamophobia amendments
In the opinion pages:

David Reevely defends the duck

Thomas Walkom wonders where Ontario Power Generation should bury nuclear waste

Alan Whiteley likens the Fair Hydro Act to a Ponzi scheme

Events

9 a.m.

Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and Member of Parliament for York South—Weston, Steven Del Duca, Ontario Minister of Transportation, and John Tory, Mayor of the City of Toronto to make an infrastructure announcement. Queen Station, 8 Queen St., W., Toronto.

9:30 a.m.

Premier Kathleen Wynne to make an announcement alongside MPP Ann Hoggarth. Innovation Automation, 191 Saunders Rd., Barrie.