

Chinese press summary

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Hi folks,

Bad news is always good news. On the day government introduced its bill to cut hydro bills by 25%, the Opposition released a leaked cabinet document claiming Ontarians would have to pay back double in 10 years' time. The trick apparently worked as the outlets played up that very fear mongering point in their reports and headings.

Sing Tao was fair enough to carry the rebuttal by Energy Minister Thibeault pointing out the document in question was outdated and that there won't be a more than 10% fee increase by 2028.

Ming Pao gave the Opposition more credit with their version of events that the document though not dated was passed onto them by a whistleblower when government introduced its hydro bill plan in March. As for the Minister's defence, the paper had him saying despite electricity rates have doubled in the past 10 years, the system have been updated and the supply of electricity has been very steady. The minister counter attacked the PCs for the lack of a hydro plan.

As usual, Fairchild jumped at the opportunity to beat up the Liberals in its never failing attempt to sell the PC agenda. The news item began with the PC's access of the leaked document crying wolf that hydro bills will increase by \$120 to \$210 on average in the next 10 years in disregard of public good. The item ended up with the assist of NDP. There wasn't any reaction from Minister Thibeault. The propaganda piece was run as the second item in the second half of its broadcast last

evening.

As its city lead, Sing Tao reported exclusively that 2% of grade 7 to grade 12 students, or 43,000 junior high to senior high kids smoked marijuana every day. The study called Tobacco Use in Canada : Patterns and Trends by the university's Propel Centre for Population Health Impact also found 1.8% high school students smoked cigarettes on a daily basis.

In a side bar, Sing Tao reported an E-petition against the legalization of marijuana was launched Monday by Tianshi Yuan, a resident of Richmond Hill. The petition site <https://petitions.par.ca/Details?Petition=e-1053> will remain open until September 5, 2017.

In yet another supplementary, York region trustee (a PC crony) said teachers and trustees have attended talks on drug uses and their negative effect on health. The education board has set up a website that provide detailed info on drug abuse and its consequences to students and parents.

Fairchild TV had coverage of the South Asian Women Empowerment . It showed award winners and individual interviews that did not include Minister Albanese. It did show the Minister and MPP Soo Wong with the winners in group photos The item was run by the end of its broadcast.

That's it for this morning. Thanks.

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