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SHOULD TWIN BOMBINGS IN RUSSIA SPARK SOCHI FEARS?

OLYMPIC COMMITTEE AND RUSSIAN OFFICIALS SAY GAMES WILL BE SAFE, DESPITE ATTACKS **PAGE 6**



Sorry, we're partying on New Year's too

A full year of reporting can really tucker you out, so we won't be publishing on New Year's Day. Have a great time and look for us on Thursday!

OK, let's see a good, hostile game out there

Without enough games between them, Leafs and Wings rivalry lacks historical punch ahead of New Year's Day's Winter Classic **PAGE 17**

The NSA can do what? You must be joking

Journalist and privacy advocate says U.S. agency can use energy waves to see what you're typing, among other spy techniques **PAGE 5**



Ontario offers cornucopia of grocery cards

Ice storm. Until Friday, families can grab \$100 gift cards to restock after fridges lost power

Premier Kathleen Wynne says more than \$200,000 for grocery-store gift cards has been raised through provincial and corporate donations to provide for those who can't afford to replace food they lost as a result of the ice storm.

"It will not meet the entire need, but we are going to do our very best to help people. I believe it is better to do something than to do nothing," said Wynne, who earlier handed out food hampers to residents in the east end who were without power for 157 hours.

"I believe it the least we can do and I am very, very grateful to all of the private-sector businesses that have stood up

and to Loblaws for leading the way," she told reporters.

The premier explained that the Daily Bread Food Bank has offered to co-ordinate distribution in Toronto and that kind of system is expected to be expanded to other municipalities recovering from the ice storm.

Loblaws was first out of the chute with a donation of \$25,000, followed by \$25,000 each from Shopper's Drug Mart, Metro, Sobeys and another \$5,000 from Coppas Fresh Market — all of which was matched by the province.

In Toronto, victims will also be able to pick up grocery-store gift cards at 15 Ontario Works offices beginning Tuesday and ending Friday. Office hours on Thursday will be extended until 7 p.m.

Families in need will be eligible to receive a \$100 gift card. Individuals will receive \$50.

Recovery update

As of Monday evening, 400 customers were without power, down from more than 300,000 during the peak of last weekend's ice storm.

- For most without power, Toronto Hydro has said a damaged electrical stand pipe could be the culprit, which would require an electrician's expertise.
- Toronto Hydro said residents may also need to reset the breaker, which could have seen a surge when hydro came back.

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Residents will be asked to provide confirmation of their address and state the number of people living there.

Wynne said victims consistently complained to her about the food that had been spoiled "and were concerned about some kind of compensation for those losses."

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WAVE GOODBYE TO 2013

There are only a few moments left before 2013 leaves the calendar and enters the history books. So before it goes, Metro takes a look at 28 people, places and events that made the year so memorable. Who could forget the singing spaceman? Or the disastrous Leafs vs. Bruins playoff game? Story, page 4.

Give what you can

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Canada's top moments of 2013

1 #InADrunkenStupor. Toronto Mayor Rob Ford: "Yes I have smoked crack cocaine. Am I an addict? No. Have I tried it? Probably in one of my drunken stupors." And then the hashtag (and line) #InADrunkenStupor went viral — around the world.

2 Grey Cup in Regina. Amazing vibe, a win by the hometown Saskatchewan Roughriders in front of their boisterous fans — and heck, even Hollywood royalty showed up in the form of Tom Hanks, who was there in the crowd with his buddy Martin Short. Long live Canadian football.

3 Ron Burgundy. Will Ferrell serving as colour commentator at Canada's Olympic curling trials in Winnipeg was the funniest thing ever for TSN. Yep, the Tim Hortons Roy of the Rings was not a roar but a scream because of Ferrell's curling pointers.

4 Twitter Canada. Twitter put itself on the map in this country with the announcement they hired Kirstine Stewart as the first employee of Twitter Canada. Stewart was a powerhouse in the TV world, having been head of English language services at CBC. The move signalled an enormous shift in the industry as old media gives way to new.

5 Blackberry. The troubled smartphone maker based out of Waterloo released an open letter pledging: "You can continue to count on Blackberry," persuading customers to stick with the company through this tumultuous time of restructuring. 2014 is make or break for them. I still have mine.

6 WestJet. Their heartwarming holiday video WestJet Christmas Miracle: Real-Time Giving went viral. In it, staff from the Canadian airline install a video kiosk at Pearson airport and Hamilton International Airport, where WestJet passengers heading to Calgary were asked to share their Christmas wish with a virtual Santa. Their gifts were waiting for them on arrival. Uplifting — and brilliant marketing.

7 Chris Hadfield. The rock star Canadian astronaut made space exploration totally sexy again, teaching us everything there is to know about

As the clock winds down the final hours of 2013, it's a good time to reflect on what was a dramatic year from coast to coast. In no particular order, here are 28 people, places and things that defined our country this year — from pop culture and social media, to politics, hockey and, well, the weather, eh?

NEIL MORTON/FOR METRO



Toronto Mayor Rob Ford dances to a live reggae version of Merry Christmas performed by Jay Douglas during a break in a council meeting in Toronto on Dec. 17. The mayor stirred up controversy all year, and has shown no signs of slowing down into 2014. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

space travel, tweeting pictures of our beautiful planet from space and even performing his own version of David Bowie's hit Space Oddity. He's this generation's Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.

8 4 PMs on a plane. Prime Minister Stephen Harper and three of his predecessors — Jean Chrétien, Brian Mulroney and Kim Campbell — sat together on the plane to South Africa for Nelson Mandela's memorial. What did they talk about? The Leafs, probably.

9 Terry Fox. Canada's national treasure, who has inspired generations with his Marathon of Hope to raise awareness and money for cancer research, was inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame. His legacy will last forever.

10 Canada Post. The federal Crown corporation announced plans to phase out home delivery within the next five years, replacing foot delivery with community mail boxes. Thousands of jobs will be lost. The whole thing seems unfathomable, but that's one of the steep prices in the face of technological advances.

11 Rogers hockey. Hockey Night in Canada could change forever with the exclusive 12-year NHL deal with Rogers starting next year. TSN got shut out, Sportsnet scored, and now CBC stalwarts Don Cherry and Ron MacLean must be un-

certain what the future holds for them as Rogers has editorial control over on-air talent at their network.

12 Prince George, B.C. The mayor and townsfolk were delighted when Will and Kate announced His Royal Highness Prince George Of Cambridge to the world. What town wouldn't want to share a name with the world's most famous baby? They're hoping WillKat visit with the baby in February 2015, when the city hosts the Canada Winter Games.

13 Alice Munro's Prize. The 82-year-old Canadian author won the Nobel Prize in Literature — Ernest Hemingway, William Faulkner and Gabriel Garcia Marquez are past winners. She was dubbed by the Swedish Academy as "the master of the contemporary short story." True that.

14 Cory Monteith. The Canadian actor/Glee star died in a Vancouver hotel room of drug toxicity. During the announcement of his death, even Vancouver police Chief Doug LePard was touched by the sad news: "I watched Glee regularly with my daughters, and I know there will be shock and sadness in many households with the news of his tragic death."

15 Stompin' Tom's memorial. The likes of Sylvia Tyson, Dave Bidini, Adrienne Clarkson and Ken Dryden gave a

farewell to remember at Stompin' Tom Connors's public memorial in Peterborough, Ont. He has left us with the iconic good old Hockey Song and so much more.

16 @Stats Canada book. "78% of Canadians are angry with someone, but will never show it." It was those kind of brilliant parody stats about Canada that led to the release of the book Stats Canada: Satire on a National Scale by six Canadian comic writers. Further evidence the best comedy comes from this country.

17 Pay it forward. An Edmonton man sparked a movement after buying 500 coffees in a Tim Hortons, which were handed out for free to customers. It soon spread to other cities like Calgary, Ottawa and Red Deer, Alta. Kindness + Be The Change = Canada.

18 Senate scandal. Mike Duffy, Patrick Brazeau and Pamela Wallin were the focus of claims they misused taxpayer dollars — and all three were suspended without pay from their positions as senators. As the investigation went on, questions were raised about who knew what and how high up in the government the scandal reached. Transparency and politics? Hmm.

19 Lac-Mégantic disaster. A total of 47 people were killed in the Quebec town of Lac-Mégantic when an un-

manned train carrying crude oil rolled down the tracks, derailed and exploded in the centre of the town. An investigation into the tragedy resulted in questions about the safety of transporting oil by train. Lac-Mégantic will rebuild — but will never be the same.

20 Calgary mayor. During the horrible Alberta floods that left thousands of residents displaced, Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi kept the town composed in regular media appearances and through his use of social media, tweeting in real time what the city was doing and asking them to remain calm — a true leader in a time of crisis.

21 Leafs. In the first round of the playoffs, after a nine-year drought, the Leafs clawed their way back to a Game 7 against the Boston Bruins only to blow a three-goal lead in the final minutes, and were knocked out in overtime. No Leafs fan will ever forget what could have been if they had won.

22 John Morillo. The 47-year-old Canadian man apologized for causing an international incident after drinking eight beers and swimming across the Detroit River, just to prove to his friends he could. His drunken swim led to an international

rescue operation. But he is now a Canadian legend with his buddies.

23 Milos Raonic. He put Canada on the tennis map, becoming the first Canadian to crack the top-10 on the ATP World Tour, appearing in the Rogers Cup final and posting a 5-1 record in Davis Cup play. Our national ace.

24 Justin Trudeau. The Federal Liberal Party put the party back on the radar this year when he took over with his youth, charisma, optimism — and pedigree. With the Liberals surging in the polls, Trudeaumania could sweep the nation once again.

25 The amazing BodyBreak. The Canadian version of The Amazing Race brought attention to a whole new generation of BodyBreak fans as Hal Johnson and Joanne McLeod, the 50-something fitness buffs, competed on the show. It's never a bad thing to draw attention to physical health. And you couldn't ask for two better proponents.

26 Kingston rescue. A construction worker was trapped at the end of a construction crane 100 metres above by a massive fire at an apartment building under construction in Kingston, Ont. Miraculously, he was saved by a helicopter from CFB Trenton in a daring and dramatic rescue that unfolded on social media through live tweets.

27 Basketball. The calibre of players being developed out of Canada showed itself in 2013 as Toronto's Anthony Bennett was taken first overall in the NBA draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers — becoming the first Canadian to do so. Yes, Basketball North is turning the corner. And it could get even better, as Andrew Wiggins is projected to go No. 1 at next year's draft. James Naismith is smiling from above.

28 #IceStorm2013. A massive ice storm hit pockets of Eastern Canada, resulting in the loss of power to hundreds of thousands of people. In Toronto alone, more than 300,000 were without power at one point, many tweeting their frustrations on Twitter. A true nightmare before (and after) Christmas.

