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## MP talks about Beijing's efforts to influence our politicians

### Free trips to China, honeytraps, lavish gifts used to compromise Canadian officials

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EDMONTON—It could take the form of a guaranteed business deal, a lavish gift, or a young seductive woman at a bar. The end goal is always the same for the Chinese communist regime—to gain influence over Western politicians, says Rob Anders, Member of Parliament for Calgary West.

"The reach is deep, and it's very unfortunate."

Anders says the extent of the regime's influence goes even beyond what Richard Fadden, head of CSIS, Canada's intelligence agency, said in comments on CBC in June or his televised appearance before a parliamentary committee earlier this month.

"I would argue that I've seen things happen on a federal level as well in our own government. And so I think there's a lot more than he has even mentioned," he says.

"I think that Mr. Fadden only gingerly scratched the surface. I feel for him that he was dragged before an investigative committee with parliament, to have to explain, and I think that this situation is far worse than what he let on."

Last month, Fadden said in an interview with CBC television that some Canadian officials are under the influence of foreign regimes, alluding to China as the most aggressive country in the effort to gain influence. He said that many of those being manipulated by Beijing were not even aware they were acting on the regime's interests due to the long-term nature of their relationship with Chinese agents of influence.

Anders said he has seen aspects of that occur.

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Matt Shiozawa flips a calf to win first place and \$100,000 in the Tie-Down Roping event during the final day of the rodeo at the Calgary Stampede on July 18. REUTERS/TODD KOROL

## Animal deaths put pressure on Calgary Stampede

### Humane Society wants some rodeo events eliminated

By OMID GHOREISHI  
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EDMONTON—While most still see it as the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth, the Calgary Stampede wrapped up its annual 10-day run on Sunday tainted by controversy.

A midway ride malfunction last week injured 10 people and sent 6 teenagers to the hospital; a young rider suffered a broken shoulder and serious head injury

after her horse collapsed due to a heart attack; and six horses died in different events, including four in chuckwagon racing.

The sixth horse died last Thursday amidst outcry over the deaths of the other five. The horse sustained an injury to its right leg during a chuckwagon racing event and was later euthanized.

"The fact of the matter is, to lose those horses is very unusual, and very saddening," says Doug Fraser, a spokesperson for the Calgary Stampede.

Two horses died of heart attacks during the events, three were euthanized after various injuries, and another died for reasons a necropsy has yet to determine.

Fraser says it is not a normal occurrence to have that many animal deaths at the Stampede, and stresses that the

deaths are not due to accidents on the track.

"We had three horses die of natural causes, and three die from situations that happen on a racetrack, or in a rodeo ring. I mean, horses break their legs on the racetrack frequently, and it's not just the Calgary Stampede," he says.

"We've had a bit of a tough year, we'll admit that, but we're still going to improve that, and hopefully change things around next year."

Reviewing the safety practices and improving animal care and welfare are a constant year-round effort, Fraser says, and with the advice and contribution of a panel of experts on animal safety, the Calgary Stampede endeavours to make its events safer each year.

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## British work on plan to replace big government with volunteers

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LONDON—British citizens will take the role of state officials in an experimental run of the Conservative Party manifesto promise of dissolving big government bureaucracies in favour of the "Big Society."

Prime Minister David Cameron named four parts of England where money will be provided for social enterprise groups, voluntary organizations, and charities to run local amenities such as bus routes and broadband Internet provision. This would be the "vanguard" of his big society project.

In a speech in Liverpool on July 19, Cameron said that Liverpool, Eden Valley in Cumbria, Windsor and Maidenhead, and the London borough of Sutton would be part of "the biggest, most dramatic redistribution of power from elites [government] to the man and woman on the street."

While he sees reducing the country's financial deficit as his "duty," he said that empowering people to shape their own destinies was something that has driven his philosophy since 2005—before the financial crisis hit.

He said he wanted his government to be seen as pushing forward a new spirit of community activism as much as for overhauling the deficit.

All four places had asked to be involved in local projects including a buyout of a rural pub, support to speed up broadband supply, developing renewable energy, giving residents more power over council spending decisions on parks and other amenities, and increasing powers to parish councils.

Cameron denied that this was a coverup for the local council cuts coming next year. He said he wanted to expand the "great work" that volunteers were doing already.

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## UK businessman become Dubai's new homeless

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates—Once a business development manager but ruined by credit card debt, Nicholas Warner is now one of Dubai's new homeless.

The 42-year-old British national sleeps every night by Dubai Creek, the emirate's main waterway, after losing his job, his home, and finally his passport.

"I'm homeless and I've got nothing," Warner told local newspaper 7Days.

"I'm desperate to pay my way, but without a passport I can't work. I wish they'd just send me to jail so all this could be over with," he said.

Defaulting on credit card debt or bouncing a check is a criminal offence in Dubai, and the emirate's prisons are



Dubai's three most prominent architectural icons, Burj al-Arab Hotel (L), Burj Dubai (R), and Burj Khalifa (C), are seen along the coast of the emirate. MARWAN NAAMANI/GETTY IMAGES

filled with thousands of white-collar workers.

Warner was arrested in January after returning from a Christmas break in Spain. His passport was seized by police on instruction from Warner's bank, and

he later lost his job.

Seven months later, Warner's case has not been taken to the courts, and a repayment plan has not been agreed upon with the bank.

PLEASE SEE DUBAI ON P5

## Sweden charges 10 in most audacious crime ever

By ARON LAMM  
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STOCKHOLM—Ten people have been charged for participating in one of the most daring crimes in Swedish history in which robbers used a helicopter to raid a cash depot.

Prosecutor Leif Görts announced the arrests at a press conference on Monday. The 10 facing charges are between 23 and 38 years old and several of them have previous felony convictions and links to organized crime.

The alleged leader was arrested in January in the Dominican Republic and was previously convicted for participating in another dramatic heist in 2000, where priceless paintings by artists including Renoir and Rembrandt were stolen.

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