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Rural Grit, NDP MPs prepare for aggressive Tory attacks ads

But NDP MP Charlie Angus says it will take more than 'big assed' Tory billboards to push legislation through the House.

By BEA VONGDOUANGCHANH

Prime Minister Stephen Harper promises to aggressively campaign in the next election against the opposition rural NDP and Liberal MPs who switched their votes last week to keep the controversial long-gun registry, but some of those MPs say they're not worried even though the Conservatives placed second in nine of the 14 ridings in the last election.

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Election could come sooner rather than later, says pollster Nanos

Parliament now the forum for 'cut and thrust' campaign workouts by the four party leaders until the vote is called.

By TIM NAUMETZ

A senior New Democrat says Prime Minister Stephen Harper's persistent emphasis on the prospect of a coalition between the NDP and the Liberals demonstrates it is the one thing he fears as the Conservatives and opposition parties square off

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'It was apparent that more people had been in my file than had any business being in my file'



Photograph by Jake Wright, The Hill Times

Speaking up: Veteran Ombudsman Pat Stogran, popular with veterans, became a lightning rod with the bureaucracy after a news conference he held in August following the government's disclosure it would not keep him on.

Vets Ombud Stogran has OSI, fears department has shared his medical files

Vets Ombudsman Pat Stogran says Veterans Affairs may have improperly shared his medical files during his high-profile fight to improve vets' benefits.

By TIM NAUMETZ

Veterans Affairs Ombudsman and former Army colonel Pat Stogran has revealed he is under treatment for operational stress injury stemming from his Army service, including combat in Afghanistan, and says he fears the Veterans Affairs Department may have improperly shared his medical files and other information during his recent high-profile fight to improve veterans' benefits.

Mr. Stogran, whose term is not being renewed when it expires on the eve of Remembrance Day in November, following his recent criticism about controversial aspects of financial support for Canadian veterans, disclosed his medical condition to *The Hill Times* as well as his concerns over the security of his personal files after another veteran revealed last week the department gave files on his medical treatment to two former Cabinet ministers, former Liberal veterans affairs minister Albina Guarnieri and former Conservative veterans affairs minister Greg Thompson, and several bureaucrats.

Mr. Stogran, popular with veterans for the work he has done on their behalf since his term as the country's first veterans ombudsman began on Nov. 11, 2007, became a lightning rod for veterans at odds with the bureaucracy after a news conference he held in August following the government's disclosure it would not keep him in the post for another term.

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New lobby rules could have chill effect on GR, say stakeholders

NDP MP Pat Martin says a chill on Parliament Hill lobbying is 'best possible outcome.'

By BEA VONGDOUANGCHANH

The government's move to include all Parliamentarians as designated public office holders under the Lobbying Act is a "knee-jerk reaction" and could lead to a chill in government relations as new reporting requirements could make MPs and Senators reluctant to meet with lobbyists, say industry experts. But

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Without StatsCan's integrity 'we might as well not exist': Fellegi

Ivan Fellegi fights against the government's move to scrap mandatory long-form census. From the inside.

By JESSICA BRUNO

Ivan Fellegi, Canada's former chief statistician for 23 years who was named chief statistician emeritus in 2008, and is today one of the most vocal critics of the government's explosive move to scrap the long-form mandatory national census, still works on a volunteer basis at Statistics Canada, but says he hopes he's not in trouble with the federal government.

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FEATURE: EVENTS

CPAC to throw its 'ultimate political party' on Sept. 29



THE PARLIAMENTARY CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPT. 27

CSDS Lecture—The Centre for Security and Defence Studies at Carleton University presents a talk with Sanela Dursun, Department of National Defence. She will discuss "Adaptation of Canadian Forces Members and Their Spouses to the Demands of Military Life." Sept. 27, 12:30-2 p.m. Free. Alumni Boardroom, 617 Robertson Hall, Carleton University, 1125 Col. By Dr., Ottawa, Ont. Register to 613-520-2600, ext. 6671 or csdsevents@carleton.ca

David Suzuki: The Legacy Lecture—David Suzuki presents his legacy lecture, which will present a critical and candid exploration of a period of human history which includes his own life. Presented by the Writers Festival. Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m. \$25-\$30. Dominion-Chalmers United Church, 355 Cooper St., Ottawa, Ont. www.writersfestival.org

State of Political Journalism—Join guest speaker David Frum for a talk on "The State of Political Journalism." Presented by The Canadian Journalism Foundation and The Canadian Club. Sept. 27. Fairmont Royal York, 100 Front St., Toronto, Ont. www.cjf-fjc.ca

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

Special Soccer Match on the Hill—Minister of State for Sport Gary Lunn will lead a team of Parliamentarians to compete against the Ottawa Flames on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. Front lawn, Parliament Hill.

University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law, Public forum on Canada's New Governor General: The Challenges Ahead—Speakers include Professors Errol Mendes, Adam Dodek, Peter Oliver, Daphne Gilbert, Sébastien Grammond and Professor Carissima Mathen. Moderated by Evan Solomon. Topics include "The New Presidential Governor General?"; Fixed Election Dates and the Expansion of the Governor General's Power and Codifying Constitutional Conventions. Sept. 28, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Room 12102, Desmarais Building, Laurier Ave., Ottawa, Ont.

Lunch with Justin Trudeau and Darren Hill—Come and meet Liberal MP Justin Trudeau (Papineau, Que.) for lunch in support of Team Darren Hill in Saskatoon-Humboldt, Sask. Sept. 28, 11:30 a.m., \$50. Sheraton Cavalier, 612 Spadina Cr., Saskatoon, Sask. Contact: Zach Jeffries at 306-374-4455 or zach@prismservers.ca

Celebrating Mario—Please join family and friends of Mario Lagüe as they gather to share stories and memories of him. Sept. 28, 6-8 p.m. Room 200, West Block, Parliament Hill, Ottawa, Ont., RSVP to OLO@parl.gc.ca

University of Regina Alumni Reception—Join University of Regina alumna Conservative Sen. Pamela Wallin and others for a reception. Sept. 28, 6-8 p.m. Rideau Club, 99 Bank St., 15th floor, Ottawa, Ont.

Just Watch Me: The Life of Pierre Elliott Trudeau—Author John English will discuss his book about one of Canada's most fascinating political figures. Presented by the Writers Festival. Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m. \$10-\$15. Southminster United Church, 15 Aylmer Ave., Ottawa, Ont. 613-562-1243 or www.writersfestival.org

The History of Canada—Join Margaret McMillan, Tim Cook, and Dan Snow as they discuss pivotal moments in Canadian history. Presented by the Writers Festival. Sept. 28, 8 p.m. \$15-\$20. Southminster United Church, 15 Aylmer Ave., Ottawa, Ont. 613-562-1243 or www.writersfestival.org

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

Conservative Caucus—The federal Conservatives meet Wednesday mornings for their caucus meeting at 9:30 a.m. in Room 237-C Centre Block, when the House is sitting. For inquiries, call Eric Duncan at 613-992-7381. The chair of the national conservative caucus is MP Guy Lauzon.

Liberal Caucus—The federal Liberals meet Wednesday mornings in Room 253-D Centre Block when the House is sitting. For more information, please call Caucus chair MP Anthony Rota at 613-995-6255.

NDP Caucus—The federal NDP caucus meets Wednesday mornings in Room 308 West Block at 9 a.m. Please call senior press secretary Karl Bélanger at 613-720-6463. Caucus meets Wednesday when the House is sitting.

Bloc Caucus—The Bloc Québécois meets Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 209 West Block when House is sitting. For more information, please call the leader's press secretary Karine Sauvé at 613-947-2495.

IRPP Working Lunch—IRPP presents a working lunch panel discussion titled "Making Parliament Work," regarding the September issue of *Policy Options* on parliamentary reform. Guest speakers include Nik Nanos and Michael Chong. Sept. 29, 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Sheraton Hotel, 150 Albert St., Ottawa, Ont. Contact: Suzanne Lambert at 514-787-0746 or visit www.irpp.org

Sir John A. Walking Tour—Join Tom Axworthy for a special 90-minute Sir John A. Walking Tour of downtown Kingston. The tour is in support of *Hill Times* columnist Arthur Milnes' non-profit, political book series *The Library of Leadership*. Sept. 29, 5 p.m. Kingston Visitors Centre, City Hall. To reserve, call Arthur Milnes at 613-328-5592 or arthur.milnes@sympatico.ca

Book Launch: The Ghosts of Europe—Douglas & McIntyre and the Munk School of Global Affairs host a book launch for author Anna Porter and her new book *The Ghosts of Europe*. Sept. 29, 5:30-8 p.m. Vivian and David Campbell Conference Facility, Munk School of Public Affairs, University of Toronto, 1 Devonshire Pl., Toronto, Ont.

CPAC's Ultimate Political Party—CPAC hosts an evening of food, fun and rock 'n' Roll. Sept. 29, 5:30-8 p.m. East Block Courtyard, Parliament Hill, Ottawa, Ont. RSVP to 613-364-1186 or www.cpac.ca/rsvp/

Dinner with Trudeau—Join Liberal MP Justin Trudeau (Papineau, Que.) for a special dinner. Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m. \$99. Grand Taj Banquet Hall, 6-8388-128th St., Surrey, B.C. www.liberal.ca

OCMS Wine Auction—The Ottawa Chamber Music Society presents its annual Wine Auction, featuring more than 500 bottles of wine. Followed by the live auction. Sept. 29, 7 p.m. \$50. Chateau Laurier Hotel, 1 Rideau St. For tickets, call 613-234-6306. To view the catalogue, please visit chamberfest.com

Parliamentary Associations—The Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association will meet with members of ESECEW in Prague, Czech Republic. Sept. 29-Oct. 1. For more information, please visit http://www2.parl.gc.ca/ia

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

Bacon & Eggheads Breakfast—PAGSE presents a talk "Turboscience-Supercharging Discovery and Innovation" with Eugenia Kumacheva, University of Toronto. Sept. 30, 7:30 a.m. No charge to MPs, Senators and Parliamentary Press Club members; all others, \$20. Room 200, West Block, Parliament Hill. Please register by Sept. 27 by contacting Donna Boag at 613-991-6369 or pagse@rsc.ca

Newsprint 3.0—Join guest speaker John Stackhouse, Editor-in-Chief, *Globe and Mail*, for a talk on Newsprint 3.0, or how his publication is expanding its editorial platforms, from social media to glossy newsprint, and generating more revenue. Sept. 30, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$79. The Sutton Place Hotel, Stop 33, 955 Bay St. www.economicclub.ca

Book Launch: The War with Ottawa—Bill Rowe, author of *Danny Williams: The War With Ottawa*, will be on hand for a reading/book signing. Sept. 30, 7 p.m. Fluvarium, 5 Nagles Pl., St. John's, Nfld., 709-739-4477.

CORD 3rd Annual Action Day on Parliament Hill—The Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders (CORD) is connecting with rare disease patient advocates with individual MPs and Senators to transform commitment to action on establishing a national rare disease program and an orphan drug regulatory framework. For more information, please call Roberta Kramchynsky at 613-783-6086 or rkramchynsky@globalpublic.com

Second Annual Symposium on Cancer Drug Access—The Public Policy Forum, The Canadian Cancer Action Network and the Canadian Cancer Society hold a one-day meeting to address key gaps in cancer drug access. Sept. 30. NAC, 53 Elgin St., Ottawa, Ont. www.pforum.ca



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GOLD MEDAL PLATES—Ottawa's top chefs will be competing for gold, at a fundraiser for the Canadian Olympic Foundation on Nov. 16, at the NAC. Olympic moguls gold medalist Alexandre Bilodeau is this year's honorary ambassador and keynote speaker. The event features headline entertainment by Jim Cuddy and Holly Cole. There will be a VIP reception with Sports Minister of State Gary Lunn at 5:15 p.m. followed by the culinary competition, a live auction and the concert. For more information: www.goldmedalplates.com

58th Executive Weekend Conference—The Conference Board of Canada presents the 58th Executive Weekend Conference. Sept. 30-Oct. 2. By invitation only. Chateau Fairmont Montebello, Montebello, Que. For more information, call Jennifer Riopelle at 613-526-3090 ext. 406 or riopelle@conferenceboard.ca

Accessing Democracy Conference—As part of Right to Know Week (Sept. 27-Oct. 1), the Faculty of Public Affairs at Carleton University and The Office of the Information Commissioner will host an all-day conference dealing with access to information issues. Sept. 30, Free. Senate Room, Robertson Hall, Carleton University, 1125 Colonel By Dr. Contact: 613-520-2600 ext. 8297 or vincent_kazmierski@carleton.ca

Installation of the Governor General—If demand exceeds the number of seats in the Senate Press Gallery for Press Gallery Members for the Installation of the Governor General, a draw will be held today. Sept. 30, 12 p.m. Room 350-N, Centre Block, Parliament Hill, Ottawa, Ont. FRIDAY, OCT. 1

New GG Assumes Duties—Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced in a statement on July 8 that the next Governor General will be David Johnston. Mr. Johnston officially takes over as GG on Oct. 1. For more information, call the PMO Press Office at 613-957-5555.

CORD 3rd Annual Conference on Rare Disorders and AGM—The Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders (CORD) hosts Many Rare Disorders: One Common Voice, a two-day conference that brings together the rare disorders community to celebrate, learn, share and inspire. Oct. 1-2. For more information, please call Angela Covato at 416-969-7431 or angela@optimizinghealth.org or visit www.raredisorders.ca

IDRF 12th Annual Gala—Dr. Thomas Axworthy, president of the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation, will deliver a keynote address on water security. Oct. 1, 6 p.m. Royalton Banquet Centre, 8201 Weston Rd., Vaughan, Ont. 416-497-0818 or www.idrf.ca

MONDAY, OCT. 4

Israeli and Canadian Nanotechnology Experts to

Meet—Experts in the field of nanotechnology from various universities in Israel and from Carleton University will meet for a two-day summit. Oct. 4-5, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Senate Room, 6th floor, Robertson Hall, Carleton University, 1125 Col. By Dr. Media must RSVP to Lin Moody at 613-520-2600 ext. 8705 or Lin_moody@carleton.ca

FLA Brossard-La Prairie Fundraising Cocktail—Join Quebec Liberal MP Alexandra Mendès and her guest Martin Cauchon for an FLA fundraiser. Oct. 4, 6 p.m. Espace Rive-Sud Club de Golf, 500 ave. du Golf, La Prairie, Que. Contact: Nathalie Dallaire at 450-466-7837.

Sisters in Spirit Vigils—The Native Women's Association of Canada is encouraging Canadians to host Sisters in Spirit Vigils across the country to honour the lives of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls. For information on hosting a vigil please visit http://www.nwac.ca/2010-sisters-spirits-vigil

The Ninth Canadian Urban Forest Conference—The 9th Canadian Urban Forest Conference will gather hundreds of foresters, arborists, city planners, and environmentalists together to discuss the impact of urban forests. Oct. 4-8. Truro, N.S. 902-893-6090.

TUESDAY, OCT. 5

Technology Advancement for Prosperity—Join guest speaker Stéphane Boisvert, president Bell Business Markets, for a talk on "Technological Advancement for Prosperity: Canada's Way Forward." Presented by the Economic Club of Canada. Oct. 5, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$79. The Sutton Place Hotel, Stop 33, 955 Bay St. www.economicclub.ca

Canadian Club Luncheon with Pierre Karl Peladeau—The Canadian Club presents a luncheon talk with CEO and President Quebecor and Sun Media. Oct. 5, 12 p.m., members, \$45.20; non-members, \$67.80. Fairmont Chateau Laurier Ballroom, 1 Rideau St., Ottawa, Ont. 819-628-2877 or www.canadianclubottawa.ca

GRIC Networking Event—The Government Relations Institute of Canada is hosting a wine and cheese networking event with special guest U.S. Ambassador David Jacobson. Oct. 5, 4-6 p.m. Rideau Club, Main Lounge, 99 Bank St., 15th floor, Ottawa, Ont. Register to Donna Lachance at 613-745-8598 or info@gric-igr.ca

CIHR Café Scientifique—The National Aboriginal Health Organization is hosting a CIHR Café Scientifique "First Nations, Inuit and Métis Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Safety in Health Research." Oct. 5, 6 p.m. NAC, 53 Elgin St., Ottawa, Ont. www.naho.ca/cafescientifique

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

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Courage + Evidence = A Better Health Care System—Tom Closson, president and CEO, Ontario Hospital Association, will discuss "Courage + Evidence = A Better Health Care System." Oct. 6, 7:45-9 a.m. \$79. The Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen St., Toronto, Ont. www.economicclub.ca

Countdown: Where Ontario's Parties Stand Before the 2011 Ontario Election—PAAC presents Greg Lyle, Innovative Research Group, who will present an exclusive strategic poll. Oct. 6, 7:30-9 a.m. \$55 member; \$65 non-member. Borden Ladner Gervais, 40 King St. W. 44th floor, Elliot Room, Toronto, Ont. RSVP to Lana Deluca at 416-367-6341 or ledluca@blgcanada.com

Co-operative Sector Parliamentary Reception—The Canadian Co-operative Association and the Conseil canadien de la coopération et de la mutualité will hold a joint Parliamentary Reception to celebrate the co-operative and credit union sector. Oct. 6, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Room 2-2, Booth Building, 165 Sparks St., Ottawa, Ont. For more information, please call Simone Ruedi-Goyer, CCA at 613-238-6711 ext. 248 or Andréa Renaud, CCCM, at 613-789-5492 ext. 22 or email reception@coopcanada.coop

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