


Weekend features you might have missed



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Here are some weekend feature stories you might have missed:

[Something Wiki this way comes?](#)

This week's WikiLeaks disclosures have been deplored on the one hand as the "Sept. 11 of world diplomacy" and lauded on the other as a triumph for transparency. The elusive mastermind, Julian Assange, has been vilified as a reckless anarchist "with blood on his hands," but also praised as a brave whistle-blower willing to risk his life to expose the truth.

[Bang goes that theory](#)

Ripples of radiation in the sky have all but convinced a famous British physicist that the Big Bang was not the true beginning, that the universe dies and is reborn endlessly, and that the laws of existence permit at least a glimpse behind the curtain of infinity.

[A farmers lament for his 100 stolen Balsam firs](#)

On Wednesday morning, Doug Drysdale drove out to one of his Christmas tree lots to chop down a field of Balsam firs. When he arrived, the third-generation farmer saw the work had already been done for him — not by his staff, but by a team of thieves he believes have targeted his crop in the past.

Digitizing the law

The Universite de Montreal last week inaugurated a \$6-million cyber-justice laboratory, directed by Mr. Benyekhlef, to examine how technology can improve the administration of justice.

Canadian textbook publishers fear copyright changes will kill their market<

The canyon-like stacks of textbooks piled more than 10 metres high at Nelson Education's distribution centre stretch over an area the size of six football fields, resembling some giant, futuristic library.

From 16 & Pregnant to tabloid star in one easy step

Amber Portwood has not had the best of months. Her two-year-old daughter, Leah, was recently declared a ward of the state of Indiana. She was charged last month with three counts of assault stemming from alleged attacks against Gary Shirley, her former fiancé. Gary, a husky, bearded, soft-tempered fellow who first proposed to Amber with a ring from Wal-Mart that cost \$21.40, tax included, did not press charges against the 20-year-old woman he tried to marry.