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Michael Anzeletti catches George Springer's home-run ball as the Blue Jays head to first World Series since 1993. **Story A3**

BUSINESS

Mass layoff as GM pulls EV van production

Ingersoll plant says move due to poor vehicle sales

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The shock waves from U.S. President Donald Trump's trade war continued to spread across Canada's manufacturing heartland Tuesday, as yet another Ontario town received grim news from a U.S. automaker.

The beleaguered Canadian automotive industry got another piece of bad news as GM announced it's halting production of its Bright-Drop electric delivery van, leaving the future of 1,144 workers at its idled CAMI assembly plant in Ingersoll, Ont. — where the Bright-Drop was built — up in the air.

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EDUCATION

TDSB ends ‘failed’ lottery program

Board moves back to merit-based admissions system for specialty schools

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Toronto's public school board is scrapping the controversial process that handed out spots in coveted specialty programs through a lottery, returning to one based on merit.

The move — made by the provincial supervisor now in charge of the Toronto District School Board — marks another major shift in how students gain entry to the city's most sought-after schools and programs focused on the arts, athletics, math and science.

The lottery-based admissions had prioritized bringing under-represented racial groups into the pro-

grams, but caused an uproar among some families who said it failed to accomplish that while at the same time weakening program quality. Others, however, had argued the lottery was a fairer system.

In an email to parents on Tuesday announcing the change, the school board said that “based on direction from the supervisor ... the decision has been made to change the application and admission process for specialized programs.”

From now on, elementary specialty programs will admit students based “on an evaluated portfolio or audition video submitted with their application,” and that teens seeking entry to secondary school programs will receive an “overall applicant score” based on report card

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STAR EXCLUSIVE

LRT test ‘incident’ delays Eglinton line debut

Source says trains collided in Mount Dennis train yard

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One of the final tests for the Eglinton Crosstown LRT has been put on pause after a collision between two trains on the beleaguered line, the Star has learned.

The Crosstown had started its 30-day revenue service demonstration on Oct. 7, during which trains ran regularly on the tracks, as they would when the line is open to the public. On Thursday, two trains collided in the Mount Dennis train yard, leading to a pause in the revenue service test, according to a source who spoke on condition of anonymity, as they are not authorized to speak publicly about the matter.

“Following an incident late last week, (revenue service demonstration) has been paused and will resume shortly to continue testing along the line,” Dakota Brasier, Transportation Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria's spokesperson confirmed in a statement to the Star.

The government did not respond to questions on whether the “incident” was a collision between two trains in time for publication.

“We continue to make progress on the Eglinton Crosstown LRT, with revenue service demonstration underway,” Brasier added. “Safety is at the forefront of everything we do and we continue to

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