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Tolerance taxed at checkout

I live in a multicultural neighbourhood, in a vast, growing area — an inclusive one, too, or so I thought.

A few months ago, I walked to the neighbourhood grocery store and was in line at the express lane. I had fewer than eight items, I swear! There was a hefty, older 'gentleman' behind me. A woman of colour joined the queue after him. Her cart was overflowing. She politely asked the cashier if any other checkout was open, then asked if she could come through the express line.

The cashier said she would call another cashier to open up right away, reassuring the customer that it would be done so immediately. The woman said she didn't have that many items and asked again if she could come through, as she was in a rush.

The cashier repeated that she would be whisked through promptly but at another checkout.

The alternate checkout opened at once. The customer walked away to proceed through it and the man behind me bellowed to her: "Why don't you go back to where you came from?"

I was stunned into silence and shocked that in our lovely city, in 2010, this type of comment could be considered, let alone uttered. Fortunately, as far as I could see, the other customer didn't hear him, or thinking back, perhaps she chose not to. I can't stop thinking about this, and wonder what I could have said or done.

Fast forward a few months — same grocery store, same express line, same cashier. As I



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proudly packed up my groceries in canvas bags, my veggies and fruit in my own cotton net bags, I commented to the cashier that I was surprised at how many people still used plastic bags.

"The foreigners are the worst," she replied casually.

Anger pounding in my chest, I calmly asked her what she meant by that.

She explained that instead of buying plastic grocery bags, "they" place all "their" groceries into plastic produce bags. She said they sometimes use several of them per shopping trip.

"That is their option, I believe," I said, and left.

Am I naive in thinking this behaviour is shocking? Thinking back to the man shouting after the other customer, it brings to mind for me a song I grew up with. It ended with the words: "This land is your land, this land is my land."

This land is your land, or is it?

Melody Wren is a member of the Guelph Mercury Community Editorial Board

Linamar to make turbine components

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Linamar said Wednesday it will make wind turbine components such as gearbox housings, planetary carriers, bearing housings and torque arms for large turbines in Guelph.

It added that it will spend money in infrastructure, equipment and manpower to accommodate future production.

Germany has one of the world's most advanced alternative power industries, including wind and solar power.

"Our customers will benefit from our longtime experience in the processing of high-precision components for wind turbines, and at the same time they can revert to Linamar to satisfy their local production requirements," said Wolfgang Lohmann, CEO of NCB Lohmann.

Full-scale production of the components is slated to begin later this year.

Linamar employs more than 9,400 people and has 37 manufacturing plants in Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Germany, Hungary, the U.K., China, Korea and Japan.

The company generated annual sales of close to \$1.7 billion last year and makes everything from precision metallic components to modules and systems for global automakers and power generation companies.

Linamar shares were up 59 cents at \$21.20 Wednesday on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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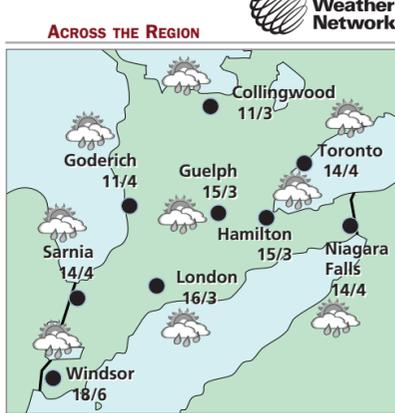
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Normal High 16.6° Normal Low 5° Record High 28.7°/2000 Record Low -1.7°/1970 Precipitation Today's Normals 2.7mm	 Showers H: 15 L: 3	 Showers H: 9 L: 1	 Mainly sunny H: 11 L: 3	 Sunny H: 14 L: 5

CANADA	TODAY	TORONTO	WORLD	TOMORROW	MADRID
Calgary	flurries 2/-3	sunny 16/5	Amsterdam	rain 10/6	rain 15/8
Charlottetown	showers 20/8	p.cloudy 13/7	Beijing	sunny 24/19	Mexico
Edmonton	p.cloudy 5/-2	Victoria	Berlin	rain 10/9	sunny 29/9
Fredericton	showers 18/8	Whitehorse	Berlin	rain 11/4	Miami
Halifax	showers 19/9	Winnipeg	Brussels	rain 11/4	p.cloudy 30/23
Iqaluit	sunny -2/-8	Yellowknife	Hong Kong	showers 29/26	Moscow
Montreal	tshowers 18/7	RESORTS	Honolulu	p.cloudy 27/22	New Delhi
Ottawa	tshowers 16/5	TOMORROW	Jerusalem	p.cloudy 26/10	Paris
Quebec C.	rain 17/5	Acapulco	Kiev	cloudy 29/17	Rome
Regina	flurries 3/-4	Barbados	Las Vegas	sunny 24/18	Seoul
Saskatoon	p.sunny 6/-2	Bermuda	Lisbon	cloudy 19/14	Singapore
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