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## Daycare photo cracks grow-op case

Five years after suspect in massive bust flees GTA, detective spots her in online picture from Bucharest

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In happier times, Sau San (Jennifer Wu) loved getting her picture in the newspaper, posing with a cellphone at her ear and a coy smile on her face in ads for her former Richmond Hill real estate business.

Now, Wu is heading to prison after getting her photo in a newspaper

one time too many.

York Regional Police detective Dave Noseworthy spotted her face in the background of a photo in an online Romanian newspaper earlier this year, five years after Wu fled the country — and charges of helping run the largest indoor residential marijuana grow operation in Canadian history.

"I thought 'Wow,'" Noseworthy said in an interview. "I knew her right away."

Wu, 46, faced those charges in a Newmarket court Thursday, where she was sentenced to 6½ years in prison by Justice Michael Brown. She pleaded guilty to an assortment of charges for marijuana cultivation, tax evasion, utilities fraud, money laundering and violating court-ordered bail conditions. She was also given a year to pay \$97,647.79 in back income taxes.

The sentence was jointly requested by defence lawyer Gary Clewley and prosecutor Lisa Mathews.

Her partner in the scheme and co-accused, Phu Nhi (John) Trac, was sentenced to five years in prison in 2009. He was also ordered to pay a fine of more than \$1 million.

Noseworthy told the *Toronto Star* he located Wu after googling the name "El Comsa." Wu's husband and a former auto mechanic in Vaughan, a Romanian newspaper article about a Bucharest daycare

that offered language instruction in four languages appeared on his computer screen.

In the foreground of the photo was Comsa. In the background was a woman identified as daycare operator "Ivy Lim." Noseworthy said he immediately recognized that Ivy Lim was really Wu, one of the architects of the massive marijuana scheme and a fugitive for the past five years.

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**STAR EXCLUSIVE**

### T.O. police tow truck firm awash in debt

Contractor owes \$1.2M, seeks receivership

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AND **KEVIN DONOVAN**  
STAFF REPORTERS

A company with a Toronto Police contract to tow cars from Toronto streets owes \$1.2 million in unpaid city rent, federal taxes and other debts.

Downtown Group Towing and Storage has filed for bankruptcy protection. Its owner, John Long, claims the Toronto Police are trying to put him out of business.

"They are starving me," said Long, sitting in his Cherry St. office surrounded by fewer impounded cars than he said he was promised when he signed a contract three years ago.

"The cops aren't feeding me. The wrecks are going to the chasers (independent trucks). The PIs (personal injury accident calls) are going to the chasers. I'm stressed. I've had a stroke. I am just trying to survive down here."

A proposal filed in an attempt to stave off bankruptcy reveals Long, 56, owes the city-owned Toronto Port Lands company a whopping \$299,000 in back rent. His monthly rent for the two-acre lot is \$20,000.

Long also owes about \$20,000 to the Canada Revenue Agency for taxes. His creditor list includes family members, and Long said his wife, who owns their house, has put a mortgage on their Etobicoke home to keep the business afloat.

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## PUTTING YOUR STAMP ON IT



Image of one of the stamp templates, which are designed to look like picture frames.

Canada Post app lets you create personalized stamps from uploaded smartphone snapshots. We try the look with photos from today's Star

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TORONTO STAR

Is the Queen's mug clashing with your wedding invitations? How about a stamp featuring you and your loved one fighting over the guest list instead?

In a bid to boost the street cred of snail mail, Canada Post launched a free app Thursday that allows iPhone, BlackBerry and Android users to upload their pictures and turn them into domestic stamps.

The app expands a service that has been available online for years but gone largely unnoticed, except by

the occasional bride-to-be. "We're hoping that the convenience of being able to snap a photo on your phone on a summer's day and turn it into a stamp right away will appeal to people," said Canada Post spokeswoman Anick Losier.

Users who download the app, simply named Canada Post, will pay \$2.95 for a sheet of 20 domestic-rate stamps with a souvenir picture. Forty stamps cost \$44.75 — almost double the price of standard postage.

"The stamps are printed at Canada Bank Note, so as soon as they are



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printed, they become real currency with your photos on it," Losier said. The sheets take 10 to 14 days to be delivered. Pictures of babies, weddings and graduations are expected

#### GOODBYE TO GENTLE GIANTS

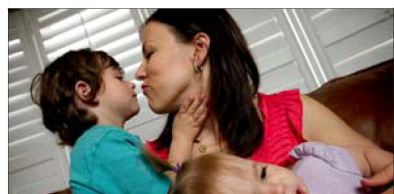
Toronto Zoo's three aging female elephants will live out their golden years in a more comfortable home better suited to their needs, the zoo board decided Thursday, GT1



**LEBRON'S HEAT IS ON**  
With a memorable victory over Boston and a heartfelt apology to Cleveland fans, James is on the path to redemption, writes Dave Feschuk, S1

#### FROM DANGER TO DANGER

Libyan refugees risk all to seek safety abroad, but compassion is wearing thin in Europe for illegal migrants. DiManno, A20



### Kiss me, baby! Parents debate full-on smooch

Blogosphere erupts over mouth-to-mouth embrace

**ANDREA GORDON**  
FAMILY ISSUES REPORTER

Babies are delicious, especially your own. So scrumptious that it's al-

A baby kiss, it seems, may not be just a kiss.

That's what New York blogger Joanna Goddard discovered when she

#### THE BIG REVEAL

The Star's Christopher Hume has been counting down his favourite buildings in Toronto online since Monday. Visit us today to find out which one tops his list.

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#### KEEP IT REAL

NDP MP Niki Ashton, 28, has

