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**THE MARK NEWS WELCOMES A BATCH OF NEW AND NOTABLE
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David Eaves, Gordon Walker, Hal Niedzviecki, Janice Gross Stein, Robert Rainer, Samantha Nutt, Shauna Sylvester and Saeed Rahnema become contributors to The Mark News, Canada's online forum for news commentary and debate.

Toronto, ON-- [The Mark News](#), Canada's daily online forum for news, commentary and debate, is pleased to welcome a new group of talented Canadians as contributors.

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