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Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan to resume in November

Dialogue between the two nations will resume on the 13 of November at New Delhi. The Foreign Secretaries will discuss such matters as the ongoing peace-process and the implementation of a joint anti-terror mechanism.

Featured story

"Friday the 13" Buffalo, New York snow storm in pictures

At least 340,000 people and businesses are still without power as the City of Buffalo, New York begins to clean up after the worst October lake effect snow storm in "137 years of records" being kept, according to the National Weather Service.

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•United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrives in Tokyo for talks with Japanese officials amid fears North Korea could be readying for a second nuclear test.

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•Suspected Tamil Tiger rebels attack a Sri Lankan navy base and an adjoining port in the southern city of Galle, police and military officers claim.

Virus carried on fifth generation iPods

Apple Computer, Inc. has recently discovered a Windows OS computer virus on more of their fifth generation iPod 'Video' product.

"We recently discovered that a small number - less than 1% - of the Video iPods available for purchase after September 12, 2006, left our contract manufacturer carrying the Windows RavMonE.exe virus... So far we have seen less than 25 reports concerning this problem. The iPod nano, iPod shuffle and Mac OS X are not affected, and all Video iPods now shipping are virus free."

The RavMonE.exe virus, more commonly known as Win32.RJump.a, is a known Trojan virus which works by opening a "backdoor" that allows others access to the infected computer. After installation, RavMonE.exe sends a message to several different servers in order to let them know about the computer's new vulnerabilities.

Up-to-date anti-virus software installed on Windows OS machines should detect and remove the virus. Apple's web support page is

supplying links to trial programs that will remove it free of charge. Affected iPods will need to be restored to factory settings by re-installing the iTunes 7 software.

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A senior South Korean official, however, told journalists that South Korea has not yet confirmed any imminent signs of a second test and said that a second test is unlikely to occur immediately.

The U.S. official spoke to the Associated Press on the condition of anonymity, reportedly because the matter involved intelligence gathering.

The satellite photos show that ground at one site is being prepared for construction, while the other site already shows signs of construction activity, according to the U.S. defence official. The official said that such activity suggested preparation for a second nuclear weapons test.

Indian lawyers debate how to execute Mohammad Afzal

Even as the debate over whether Mohammad Afzal should be put to death for his role in the foiled 2001 attack on Indian Parliament rages on, lawyers are trying to determine the most humane method by which he may be executed. Some are quoting a Law Commission report that says lethal injection is the most painless way of ending a condemned person's life. A former member of the Law Commission, N M Ghatate said

Hanging is one of the cruelest ways of putting a man to death because he gets strangulated and his eyes pop out. There are many other gory details and he has to be prepared for the punishment.

Afzal's lawyer Gavin Fernandes however rejected the lethal injection idea stating

Lethal injection has been held to be cruel, inhuman and degrading. This goes to show that whenever you take a life, whether it is by hanging or by lethal injection, it causes enormous pain

Indian law allows for the death penalty to be awarded for serious offences, albeit in the "rarest of rare" cases. Hanging has traditionally been used as a method of execution, and the other option (that of having the condemned face a firing squad) has seldom been exercised. Those against hanging however claim it is more cruel than lethal injection. Studies have however shown that the paralytic agent in the lethal injection may give the appearance that the condemned individual is "calm" due to the fact that he/she is unable to express his/her pain externally.

Pope Benedict XVI canonizes four new saints

In the second canonization ceremony of his papacy, Pope Benedict XVI today named four new saints.

The new saints were Rosa Venerini (1656-1728), Mother Theodore Guerin (1798-1856), Filippo Smaldone (1848-1923), and Bishop Rafael Guizar Valencia (1878-1938).

Rosa Venerini helped to establish Italy's first public schools for girls.

Mother Theodore Guerin pioneered schools and religious institutions in Indiana after emigrating from France in 1840. One of the schools she founded, a girls academy, is still in existence a few miles west of Terre Haute. Now named Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, it is the oldest Catholic liberal arts college for women in the United States of America.

Italian priest Filippo Smaldone founded an order of nuns and schools for the deaf.

Bishop Rafael Guizar Valencia disguised himself to care for the wounded during the anti-clerical Mexican revolution.

NZ Government passes bill to legalise controversial electioneering overspending

A new law to govern how New Zealand political parties spend money in the run up to an election has just been passed in Parliament.

The Appropriation Bill was passed by 61 votes to 50 after hours of debate.

Parliament's been under urgency to allow Member of Parliaments (MPs) to discuss the new

legislation, which now validates the \$1.2 million of unlawful spending before last year's election.

National, ACT and the Maori Party opposition failed to stop the passage of the Appropriation (Parliamentary Expenditure Validation) Bill and it passed by 61 votes to 50. The Green Party abstained.

The Government rushed the bill through under urgency in two days, despite National putting up 130 amendments to try to slow it down.

A key National amendment to make the validation conditional on all parties paying back the money was among those that failed.

The bill prompted fiery scenes in parliament with many MPs ejected from the Chamber for disorderly and inappropriate behaviour.

All parties but New Zealand First have agreed to pay back the money they were pinged for. Labour's \$824,000 bill is by far the biggest.

The bill validates all types of spending under the Parliamentary Service budget for MPs' support going back to 1989, and extends beyond the advertising and publicity Auditor-General, Kevin Brady scrutinised to regular MPs expenses such as travel and accommodation.

It also provides a temporary definition for parliamentary purposes and electioneering to preserve what the Government says MPs had generally understood these to mean before Mr Brady's inquiry.

Dr Donald Brash, leader of the

National Party, has said that the bill effectively over-rode Mr Brady's report and Labour had been trying to defend the indefensible.

He again argued that Mr Brady's view that Labour's \$446,000 pledge card was outside the rules for parliamentary funding meant the card should have been counted as campaign expenses, putting Labour in breach of the election spending cap under the Electoral Act.

This meant Labour had stolen the election by breaking two laws, he said "It's a fraudulent illegitimate government and I believe that Helen Clark should go the Governor-General, offer her resignation and invite the Governor-General to call a general election."

The bill contained no legal obligation for anybody to pay anything back, Dr Brash said, and he questioned if Labour would get around to paying.

"What has come through this debate is a fierce and ugly sense of entitlement on the part of the Labour Party . . . that they are able to do with taxpayers money whatever they like to serve Labour Party interests," English, said.

Argentinian woman sticks to slot machine after winning 35 million pesos

A 36-year-old woman stuck herself to a slot machine in a game hall in downtown Lomas del Mirador when she hit the jackpot of 35 million pesos, because the halls chief refused to pay up.

The woman placed a bet of 5 centavos. When the slot machine displayed that she had won 35 million pesos, the game hall chief

didn't pay her that prize, because they claimed the slot machine was malfunctioning.

She then held on tightly to the slot machine for as long as it took for TV journalists and a lawyer to arrive at the scene. In the Argentinian news broadcasts the machine is seen with the amount of money won on the display. The game hall offered a settlement of 125000 pesos, but she has refused to accept that offer.

Clint Brown, TV3 presenter, resigns amid attack allegations

Clint Brown, sports presenter for 3 News on TV3 in New Zealand has resigned amid the allegations that he had verbally attacked a taxi driver which resulted in him being admitted to hospital with a concussion and a broken eye socket.

TV3 has confirmed that they have accepted the resignation of Brown.

Rick Friesen, Chief Operating Officer of the TV Works division of CanWest MediaWorks NZ, that runs TV3, said: "We wish to acknowledge Clint's significant skills as a sports broadcaster, and thank him for his 17 years of very loyal service to TV3. Clint Brown is a passionate New Zealand sports fan, and he has been at the forefront of some of New Zealand's biggest sporting moments."

Brown said: "The last month or so has been enormously stressful for me and my family. I am pleased that the investigation into my violent assault has clarified what was and was not said. As a family we have decided that it is now time for a change. All that is left to say is thanks to TV3 for 17 great years and to the loyal viewers over that time."

Friesen said the TV3 does not believe that Brown uttered the remarks attributed to him.

"We will celebrate Clint's 17 years of service to TV3 with an appropriate send off," Friesen said.

TV3 has said that they wish Brown well in his future endeavours.

Interview with Brodrick Thorpe, City Council candidate for Ward 10 in Mississauga, Canada

The upcoming 2006 Mississauga municipal election, to be held November 13, features an array of candidates looking to represent their wards in city council.

Wikinews contributor Nicholas Moreau has contacted as many candidates as possible, including Brodrick Thorpe, asking them to answer common questions sent in an email. There is no incumbent in the newly created ward; the sixteen residents competing for the position are Shah Rukh Alam, John Briers, Tony Ciufu, Jamie Dookie, Dale D'Souza, Prag Euclid, Adnan Hashmi, Elias Hazineh, Jack Janiak, Fasal Javaid, Craig Lawrence, Sue M. McFadden, Patrick Mendes, Barbara Polis, Graziano Roti, Ali Tahmourpour, and Scott Wilson.

Q: List the three most important issues in your campaign, and briefly explain why these are important.

A: THE MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC WITHIN WARD 10, COMPLETION OF ROADS - This is important to protect the safety of the residents of ward 10 and to ease the traffic congestion in and out of this area. The early morning commute with all the school buses is very slow and congested. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, RECYCLING, POLLUTION - These issues should be important to

everyone, the reduction of waste products and the conservation of resources will help us reduce processes that create pollution. IMPROVED SOCIAL SERVICES LIKE CHILDCARE AND TRANSIT - The children are the future. Many homes now require that both parents work. Our children need to learn skills under the proper guidance to become assets to the community. Expanded transit is a cost effect way to get cars of the street and aid with the traffic movement and pollution.

Q: Of the decisions made by council since the last election, which one would you have changed, and why?

A: The decision I would have changed is the one concerning store openings on Labour Day. I am a member of an organized union and believe it should be kept a holiday.

Q: What one election issue do you feel is most relevant to your ward in this election?

A: The development and completion of roads, parks, schools, and community centres in Ward 10.

Q: What vision do you have, for what you ward should look like?

A: My vision is safe neighbourhoods where people look out for one another. It is an area the (sic) has several parks and community centres that are easily accessible to all residents, minimal traffic and little congestion.

Q: What service is most lacking in Mississauga?

A: Transit.

Q: What are your opinions on Mississauga's congestion and public transit funding?

A: I think more has to be done to relieve the bottlenecks and more

funding for public transit would aid in that.

Q: The city recently released a study regarding transforming the City Hall and area. How do you feel about these plans?

A: I am in favour of any transformation that continues to offer services to the cities (sic) residents. I have no problem with the way it is now, my wedding photos were taken there, but the plans I have heard sound interesting.

Q: How do you feel about Mississauga's rate of expansion?

A: I don't mind the expansion, but I don't like the high density approach.

Q: Why should businesses be attracted to locating in Mississauga?

A: I am in favour of any business as long as it does not create environmental hazards or is a visible eye sore. Mississauga has great highway access and is close to the airport making it a great location for most industries.

Q: How could Mississauga further itself in attracting corporate investment?

A: I think they just have to continue on the path they are on, maintain and upgrade current projects, and keep offering cost effective solutions to potential investors.

Q: Why have you chosen to involve yourself in the political process?

A: I feel it is time for a younger person that has more in common with the residents to be a leader. Ward 10 is a young ward filled with young couples with young children who will be able to reap the rewards of this vibrant neighbourhood. I fit into that same category.

Q: Why do you want to represent your ward on council?

A: I think it is time for someone younger to take over. The decisions being made are for the younger generations future and we should have an input.

Q: How are you currently involved in the community?

A: I am involved with a ministry that mentors young men. I have also canvassed for ADRA, the cancer society, and the diabetes association.

Q: Many councillors are quite seasoned in the civic political process. What could you bring to the table as a "rookie", above and beyond the current roster of councillors?

A: I think the councillors are too seasoned, and it is time for new ideas, and new approaches. I would bring youthful excitement and energy.

Q: What does Mississauga mean to you?

A: Mississauga to me is a quiet area away from the big city with fresh air, friendly neighbours, and a world of potential.

Notes

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Today in History

202 BC - Proconsul Scipio Africanus of the Roman Republic defeated Hannibal and the Carthaginians in the Battle of Zama, concluding the Second Punic War.

1469 - Ferdinand II of Aragon wedded Isabella of Castile, a marriage that paved the way to the unification of Aragon and Castile into a single country, Spain.

1781 - American Revolutionary War: British forces led by Lord Charles Cornwallis officially surrendered to Franco-American forces under George Washington, ending the Siege of Yorktown.

1943 - Streptomycin, the first antibiotic remedy for tuberculosis, was first isolated by researchers at Rutgers University.

1987 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by 22% on Black Monday, the largest one-day decline in history.

October 19 is Constitution Day in Niue (1974); Mother Teresa Day in Albania.

Quote of the Day

Give me my freedom for as long as
I be

All I ask of livin' is to have no
chains on me

All I ask of livin' is to have no
chains on me

And all I ask of dyin' is to go
naturally...

And when I die, and when I'm
gone

There'll be one child born, in our
world

To carry on, to carry on...

~ Laura Nyro ~

Word of the Day

nth; adj

1. (mathematics): Occurring at position n in a sequence.
2. Occurring in a relatively large but unspecified position in a series.

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