



First Place Winner

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News Brief

Olympic Preparations on Target

Fears that the first Olympics ever to be held in Africa would be a logistical nightmare have proven unfounded. IOC officials visiting venues in both South Africa and Zambia declared the Games would open in Cape Town without a hitch on September 10th.

Meanwhile back in Toronto...

Plans to extend Toronto's subway to Pearson International Airport in light of the city's successful bid for the 2020 Olympic Games hit a major snag today. First Nations activists claim the proposed route desecrates a traditional burial ground and have erected barricades blocking access to the construction site.

Bush Lauds Public Transit as an Alternative

Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush lauded the Texas plan to build a network of high speed light rail transit throughout the state. Bush proposed that a similar program be pursued on the national stage. "Illegal migrants can no longer be expected to walk to work!!" Bush declared.

Business

Canadian Bank Mergers Problems Ongoing

Merger of all Canada's major banks into a single financial institution continues to face challenges. Recent attempts to amalgamate all Visa and MasterCard operations inadvertently resulted in a massive write-off of consumer debts/obligations with corresponding cash deposits in millions of savings accounts.

Business

Tim Horton's to Expand in Afghanistan

The popularity of Tim Horton's in Afghanistan continues unabated with the 100th franchise opening in the country this week. Newly elected Afghan President Hamid El Shariquez stated in Kabul that "Tim Horton has become an integral part of the emerging Afghan identity despite occasional tribal fights in the drive-thrus."

Technology

Sumac Comes of Age

In a long anticipated announcement researchers at the University of Guelph unveiled their "Sumac Ethanol Delivery Engine" (SEDE). Using the hitherto despised and reviled Sumac tree SEDE technology can efficiently and economically produce superior grade Ethanol suitable for both consumer and industrial use.

Arts

No Photo I.D. for the Prophet

Conservative Muslims continue to protest against the Vatican Museum's decision to display ancient photographs of the Prophet Mohammed. Last year under pressure from French archeologists Vatican officials admitted to possession of catalogues containing ancient photographs produced by communes of early Syrian Christian anchorites using methods lost during the Middle Ages.

World:

Iran to open first "Islamic Disney World" in Tehran.

Vietnam-era U.S. Marine found "holding out" in jungle in Cambodia

Mysterious 1947 Studebaker uncovered in Antarctic Ice Sheet.

Canada:

PM McGuinty says "Ontario expects too much!!"

Auditor General slams federal government for wasteful spending.

Albertans found party promoting province's annexation to U.S.

Health and Science:

Scientists close to successful gene therapy to mitigate spinal cord injury.

Surface probe of Pluto sends back evidence of subterranean "hot spots".

Marine biologists identify new species of 'cold water piranha' in the Keweenaw.

Arts and Entertainment:

Brad Pitt and Jennifer Ashiton to remarry. Jolie says, "She can have the old guy."

Former socialite Paris Hilton found destitute and homeless in Peoria.

Lesbian interpretation of Moodie's "Roughing It in the Bush" to open Toronto film festival.

Sports:

"Next season will be a rebuilding year!!" Leafs coach says.

Canadian born track star Dwight Edmunds to run for Jamaica.

Former Taliban insurgent to coach Canadian shooting team.

C.F.L. expansion into the United States proposed.

Promotions

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