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'Buried' videos surface of police making mass arrests during RNC

Video has surfaced which shows police in Saint. Paul, Minnesota arresting over 200 people at Harriet Island Regional Park during the first day of the Republican National Convention on September 1, 2008. The videos first appeared on video sharing website, YouTube which were then picked up by and first reported on by Alertnet.org and a blog titled Blue Linchpin on WordPress. Glass Bead Collective (GBC), who had interviewed the author of one of the buried video, had been preemptively raided before the Republican National Convention according to Bruce Nestor in an interview with Amy Goodman.



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Website of Bill O'Reilly, FOX News commentator, hacked in retribution



According to a document published by Wikileaks.org, a document leaking website, the official website account of Fox News Channel commentator Bill

O'Reilly has been hacked. The hack was in response to comments O'Reilly made on his show against the press, and

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Wikileaks.org.

Wikinews interviews Prince Christopher I of the Principality of Vikesland on his micronation's recent space launch

Little over one month ago, micronational history was made when the Principality of Vikesland had its flag sent into outer space. In a recent interview with Wikinews reporter Joseph Ford, Vikesland's head of state, Prince Christopher I, explained how his country achieved this and much more.

United Nations requests US\$700 million in aid for East Africa to avoid famine

The United Nations has called for wealthy donor nations to donate US\$700 million (£382 million or €484 million) in emergency aid for Eastern Africa to prevent widespread famine. Since the start of 2008 the number of people living in hunger in the region has almost doubled to seventeen million, according to the UN.

Wikipedia Current Events

Four people die in a plane crash in Columbia, South Carolina with Travis Barker, formerly of Blink 182, and DJ AM being critically injured.

•The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and United Kingdom Financial Services Authority take emergency action to temporarily

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ban short-selling of financial companies stock.

•The United States Department of the Treasury guarantees money market mutual funds up to an amount of \$50 billion to guarantee their viability.

•The New York Stock Exchange responds positively to these initiatives with the Dow Jones Industrial Average rising by 390 points.

•The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta announces that it has blown up a pipeline operated by Royal Dutch Shell.

•Nigerian oil production has been reduced by 280,000 barrels per day since renewed attacks on oil facilities began.

CanadaVOTES: Christian Heritage Party leader Ron Gray running in Langley

On October 14, 2008, Canadians will be heading to the polls for the federal election. Christian Heritage Party candidate Ron Gray is standing for election in the riding of Langley.

Wikinews contacted Ron Gray, to talk about the issues facing Canadians, and what they and their party would do to address them. Wikinews is in the process of contacting every candidate, in every riding across the country, no matter their political stripe. All interviews are conducted over e-mail, and interviews are published

unedited, allowing candidates to impart their full message to our readers, uninterrupted.

Mr. Gray has been leader of the Christian Heritage Party since 1995. He first ran for office in 1988.

Interview

Why are you running for political office, why at the federal level, why this party, and why in this riding?

I'm not a 'new' candidate, having run eight times before; but neither am I an incumbent.

I'm running for office because I believe Canada desperately needs to restore respect for time-tested, proven biblical principles as the foundation for public policy; because the Conservatives have now made themselves the defenders of the abortion industry and the "gay rights" lobby... with Stephen Harper's statement (in december, 2005) : "I will use whatever influence I have to ensure that no legislation on abortion comes into Parliament"; and Justice Minister Rob Nicholson's statement, when he introduced a government bill designed to trash Conservative MP Ken Epp's Unborn Victims of Crime bill: "Let me be clear, our government will not reopen the debate on abortion... the government will introduce legislation that will punish criminals who commit violence against pregnant women but do so in a way that leaves no room for the introduction of fetal rights." Of course, the other parties are all in complete accord with this, which leaves the 40-70% of Canadians (depending on how the survey is framed) who are pro-life with no one to represent them.

In addition, the so-called "Conservatives: broke their promise on income trusts... on

defending the traditional definition of marriage... and they even broke their own LAW on fixed election dates.... and all the other parties are equally vapid and culpable. Why? Because they have no principled basis for shaping policies!

Previous to this campaign, have you been politically involved? How will you apply your previous work/volunteer/life experience to serving your constituents?

Yes. As stated above, I have run for office 8 times. My background as a journalist involved covering politics, as well as BC Supreme Court. My background in public information services (especially Information Canada) brought me into frequent direct contact with Canadians from many walks of life, and acquainted me with their needs and the ways in which the government bureaucracy (and, often, Cabinet venality) frustrated them.

As you campaign around your riding, it's likely that some issues are mentioned more often by voters, than other issues. What would you say are the three hottest topics this election, in your riding? What would you and your party do to address these issues?

1 - A deep, deep sense of betrayal and mistrust... the Tories 'Gardasil' program -- delivering up 9-12-year-old girls as guinea pigs to be vaccinated with an inadequately-tested vaccine that trats only four of the 36 forms of HPV, a sexually-transmitted disease -- a vaccine promoted by a 'friend' of the Prime Minister, and a program that delivered \$300 million of taxpayers' money to Big Pharma... this scandal is seen as the Tories equivalent to the Liberals' 'Adscam'...

2 - High gasoline prices, a result (in the view of most constituents)

of government inaction on energy and a too-close relationship to Big Oil...

3 - The revolving door of the court system pumps criminals back onto the streets faster than the police can arrest them; brainless court decisions handcuff the police, and we are not allowed to protect ourselves...

4 - When I tell them, (because the mainstream media won't) constituents are infuriated that the courts are unconstitutionally violating the exclusive right of Parliament to make laws, even unconstitutionally altering the Constitution...

5 - When I tell them, (because the mainstream media won't) constituents are infuriated that the four parties now in Parliament have voted themselves \$30 million a year of taxpayers' money to finance their re-election campaigns, but at the same time they strangled the ability of the smaller parties to raise voluntary contributions, cutting the ceiling from \$5,000 to \$1,000 and outlawing all business contributions, even those from small sole proprietorships... What would we do to address these issues:

1 - we would keep our promises
2 - Eliminate federal gasoline taxes (including GST) on prices higher than 75 cents a litre; mount a Royal Commission on energy marketing, to determine if pricing collusion exists.

3 - Make penalties for Criminal Code offenses mean what they say; mandate that penalties for crimes are automatically doubled if the offender carries a firearm; doubles again if it is loaded; and tripled on top of that if it is discharged.

Adopt the National Firearms Association's "Practical Firearms Control System", and allow any

citizen who does not have a criminal record or mental illness, after taking the appropriate safety training program, to own and keep at home, or carry a firearm for personal and family protection. The NFA can provide \$4 million of a liability coverage to its members for \$9 a year; that proves that their system works!

4 - Parliament MUST establish a Standing Committee on the Judiciary, and arm it with the authority to examine any court decision on the sole grounds of conformity to the Constitution. This limitation of grounds would protect judicial independence in matters of law and fact; but if the SCJ considered a decision to violate the spirit of letter of the Constitution, they would have the authority to bring into Parliament a bill amending that decision (so that the body of precedent would not be contaminated by unconstitutional rulings). This would make the courts accountable to the SCJ for the constitutionality of their ruling; the SCJ accountable to Parliament; and Parliament is accountable to the electorate.

The SCJ should also have the authority to accept or reject Supreme Court Justices from nominations prepared by the Justice Committee; and to initiate impeachment proceedings, to be tried by Parliament, on grounds of moral turpitude, bias, corruption or neglect of duty.

5 - Eliminate all present allocations of taxpayer funds to political parties. As Thomas Jefferson wrote, "It is tyrannical to compel a man to pay for the promulgation of ideas with which he does not agree." Instead, the income tax form should include a box with a message somewhat like this: "Two dollars of your taxes will be used to further the democratic political

system in Canada. You may designate which registered political party will receive your \$2; if no party is designated, your \$2 will go into a non-partisan education fund to teach schoolchildren and new immigrants how Canada's democratic political system works."

Is there any misconceptions about you, your leader, or your party and platform?

Yes, indeed! Many people think the CHP is a "one-issue" party, because of our on-going emphasis on the right to life. This issue is of primary importance, because the right to life is the one right without which no other right has any meaning.

But the CHP has a 56-page policy book (available on our website at www.chp.ca) that covers every aspect of federal government jurisdiction.

Many people also labour under the misapprehension that we aspire to use the power of government to compel others to believe that we believe. This is utterly untrue! Consider this statement from our web-page:

"Our purpose is to place ourselves under the authority and guidance of the principles of the Gospel — principles like justice, honesty, compassion, diligence, thrift and "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Today, the 16% Secularist minority in Canada dominates four powerful institutions that shape all our lives: governments, courts, the public education establishment, and the major news and entertainment media. The best defence of the religious freedom and intellectual liberty of the minority faiths (which at 4% all together total only about 1/3 the 12% who are Secularists) is to make common cause with the

79% of Canadians who identify themselves as Christians. We are thus a bulwark defending religious liberty — for everyone — against a militant Secularist juggernaut that seeks to exclude all faiths from the public square.

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We view the 'new media' — especially the Internet — as a way to get our message past the media censors who have blocked us from speaking to the Canadian public for 20 years. We're still learning to use it, but we have several short policy statements on YouTube ... and there are more streaming videos on our web-page at www.chp.ca

CanadaVOTES: CHP candidate Steven Elgersma running in Haldimand—Norfolk

On October 14, 2008, Canadians will be heading to the polls for the federal election. Christian Heritage Party candidate Steven Elgersma is standing for election in the riding of Haldimand—Norfolk.

Wikinews contacted Steven Elgersma, to talk about the issues facing Canadians, and what they and their party would do to address them. Wikinews is in the process of contacting every candidate, in every riding across the country, no matter their political stripe. All interviews are conducted over e-mail, and interviews are published unedited,

allowing candidates to impart their full message to our readers, uninterrupted.

Interview

Why are you running for political office, why at the federal level, why this party, and why in this riding?

I am running as a Candidate for the CHP because it is the only Federal Party that is squarely based on Christian principles, the only Party that believes in the Supremacy of God, the only Party that is fully Pro-life from conception to natural death, the only Party that believes abortion is the killing of a life and should not be funded by the government, the only Party that is fully Pro-Family, the only Party that believes that homosexuality is contrary to God's will and commandments, for it has been clearly demonstrated, that homosexuality has no genetic or hormonal cause, but is an addiction much like alcoholism, and the only Party that would deal decisively with the Human Rights Commissions, who have been successful in fining people who say anything against the practice of homosexuality. The Plaintiff is paid by the government, and the Defender has to pay his own expenses. This is Christian persecution.

All other Parties do not figure with the Supremacy of God. They have in effect said to God to keep his nose out of our business and we will decide how to do things. Our Policy Booklet says, "We affirm that the spirit, or moral ethic, behind Canada's laws must be that of the Holy Bible in recognition of the fact that Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law. 'Human Rights' as expressed in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms can only, therefore, be legitimately interpreted in light

of, or in conjunction with, the higher Moral Law of God. We therefore believe that Biblical principles must form the foundation for legislation and judicial interpretation thereof." Another policy is quite revealing. It states: We believe that anarchy will result from prolonged enforcement of 'human rights' where these are interpreted to mean the freedom to act in violation of Biblical ethics, or where the term 'discrimination' is used as a pretext for the dilution or dissolution of morally-sound activity or conduct. We affirm that the insistence of so-called "Gay-Rights" by homosexuals and lesbians is a threat to our nation's family life and extends civil rights beyond what is appropriate. We affirm that the society that indiscriminately stresses 'rights' is headed for revolution, while the society that stresses 'responsibilities' is headed for revival.

Another policy says, section 7 of the 'Charter of Rights' should be amended to qualify the term "everyone" with the words, "including the pre-born child from the moment of conception" as having the right to life, liberty and security of the person. The criminal code must be amended to recognize the personhood of all human beings, from conception to natural death, ensuring their rights under the Constitution. These are only a few out of a few hundred policies a government has to deal with. But these are all Biblical principles which the CHP defends. If there were no CHP Candidate, we could not vote our convictions, and for the Christian principles we hold dear.

In the Spectator of Sep. 16 we could read the often used quote, "Those who do not learn the lessons of history are doomed to repeat them." Parties that rule God

out as Supreme Ruler, who will not consider him as King of kings and Lord of lords, who are not based on Christian principles, but instead are based on the 'shifting sands' of public opinion, are repeating the same mistakes of the past. History has proven over and over again that if we live in harmony with God and his commandments, he will shower us with blessings, but the converse is also true.

I am running because I want to stand up for the truth, as opposed to do what seems expedient. I am running because the CHP policies are as good as and better than all others, and which would benefit all Canadians the most, based on the Word of God, the promises of God, borne out by well established history.

I would like to see a fairer and more democratic way of voting, such as Proportional Representation. That way each vote would count. The 'First Past the Post' system we have now should be scrapped in favor of the Mixed Member Proportional. The Conservatives and Liberals are not in favor of it, because they are more interested in power and majority Parties. I wished that this would change soon.

Well, I went on long enough. It is not that I have no opinion or am not interested in the important issues that politicians are to be concerned about, and we will have to address them, but we must be ruled by God and his Biblical principles in order to be the recipients of his blessings. The Bible says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

Previous to this campaign, have you been politically involved? How will you apply your previous work/volunteer/life experience to serving your constituents?

Yes, I ran as a Candidate before, and we will have to face the same

issues again, for nothing has changed for the better, but only got worse.

As you campaign around your riding, it's likely that some issues are mentioned more often by voters, than other issues. What would you say are the three hottest topics this election, in your riding? What would you and your party do to address these issues?

1. The Supremacy of God, which means that the living God is King of kings and Lord of lords, and that our laws must be subordinate to God's laws.

2. A more democratic voting system, like the Mixed Member Proportional Representation (MMP) like as was proposed in the last Ontario Provincial election. That way every vote would count. What we have presently is the First Past the Post system where only the one with the most votes count.

3. Do away with government sponsored and funded Human Rights Commissions that persecute Christians for standing up to and defending their Christian principles.

4. Abortion laws should be reinstated, as abortion, the deliberate killing of a human life, is murder and infanticide. There are other very important issues, but these should be resolved first.

Are there any misconceptions about you, your leader, or your party and platform?

No, he is a wonderful and intelligent person that loves the Lord, and fully supports the Christian principles the Christian Heritage Party was founded on. We would love to see one or more persons elected to Parliament to transform government for the better. The Bible says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

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get your message out, from the traditional campaign fliers and lawn signs, to new media like websites, Facebook, and YouTube. The tried-and-true routes get the message out to the masses much easier, but digital alternatives are much more measurable in how many are seeing or interacting with your campaign. What seems to be the most effective, from your experience?

Questionnaires like these, printed in the newspapers, for not everyone goes to All-Candidate meetings.

CanadaVOTES: Liberal David Remington running in Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox & Addington

On October 14, 2008, Canadians will be heading to the polls for the federal election. Liberal candidate David Remington is standing for election in the riding of Lanark—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington.

Wikinews contacted David Remington, to talk about the issues facing Canadians, and what they and their party would do to address them. Wikinews is in the process of contacting every candidate, in every riding across the country, no matter their political stripe. All interviews are conducted over e-mail, and interviews are published unedited, allowing candidates to impart their full message to our readers, uninterrupted.

Interview

Why are you running for political office, why at the federal level, why this party, and why in this riding?

I want to give people a chance. For 20 years I have been working in the community, serving on numerous volunteer boards, and municipal council. I believe the Federal Government needs to be more involved in the everyday

lives of Canadians. I think the Federal Government has been too far removed and we must work together with municipal, provincial and federal levels of government to find solutions to the issues we have in communities across the country. I believe the Liberal party of Canada is the party that supports everyday Canadians who are trying to make ends meet. We are the party with that believes in the role of government. I truly believe we are judged by how well we treat the least fortunate among us and Liberal party is committed to helping all Canadians reach their full potential.

Previous to this campaign, have you been politically involved? How will you apply your previous work/volunteer/life experience to serving your constituents?

I have been in business for 20 years and have served as a municipal councilor, deputy mayor and Mayor of the Town of Greater Napanee. I have served on numerous boards for 20 years and have a diploma in Restorative Justice from Queen's Theological College. I have a proven track record of working with others in the community to make things happen and get things done. I have worked to attract new business, spearheaded a new community centre, and have been involved in many social programs to help low income Canadians. I will be a community based politician who believes that if we work together we can find innovative solutions to create jobs, invest in health care, tackle child poverty and seriously address the major environmental threats facing us.

As you campaign around your riding, it's likely that some issues are mentioned more often by voters, than other issues. What

would you say are the three hottest topics this election, in your riding? What would you and your party do to address these issues? The four issues that keep coming up at the door on a regular basis are: Environment, Economy, Child Poverty, Health Care

The average family household earning is \$40,000 in my riding. A family of four will receive a net benefit of \$1,600.00 per year through a personal income tax cut under the Liberal Green Shift. The 700 largest polluters will pay the bulk of the new price on carbon which will then be returned to Canadians through Personal Income Tax Cuts.

I will work with community partners to create jobs in our local community. There are several Federal Programs we can bring to the local level such as the Community Futures Development Corporation which is federally funded, and run by a local board of directors who lend money to small and mid sized businesses. I will work to bring High Speed internet to the entire riding so folks can work from home and businesses will locate in our rural communities. We need to have equal access for all Canadians to work from home.

The Liberal Green Shift will provide families with children an additional \$350.00 per child, helping many low income families. We will also continue with the 1,200.00 families receive for each child \$100.00 per month under the current governments child benefit. I will work with low income folks and agencies that serve low income people to ask what they need and support them with available federal government programs. I will support funding for housing for low income Canadians.

A new Liberal government has committed \$900 million dollars for

medical drugs that sick people require and that are currently not covered by drug plans. I support preventative health care measures in the community such as Community Health Care Centres and the use of nurse practitioners to ease up the load on doctors.

Is there any misconceptions about you, your leader, or your party and platform?

The Liberal Green Shift provides significant income tax cuts for everyday Canadians. Many people only think there is a price on carbon and do not understand that they will receive personal income tax cuts which will more than offset the price of carbon. The average family will pay an additional \$250.00 in direct costs to heat their home with oil or natural gas and the average family earning \$40,000 per year will receive a Personal Income Tax Cut of \$1,850.00 leaving them a net benefit of \$1,600.00

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I have used a variety of methods to get our message out from door to door canvass, phoning people, web site, facebook and a blog. I believe a successful campaign should include all aspects to reach the variety of voters we are trying to engage.

Shares worldwide surge due to US government plan

Stock markets around the world,

particularly those in the United Kingdom, have increased dramatically today. This is due to the ongoing events in the financial world, including the United States government's announcement that it would buy billions of dollars of bad loans from US banks.

The primary UK index, the FTSE 100, rose in value by 8.04%, which is 392.50 points, to above the 5000 mark at 5272.50. The Dow Jones, was up 3.10% at 14:58 UTC, an increase of 330.89. The Dow Jones currently has a value of 11350.58 points. The NASDAQ index has risen by 2.53% to 2248.63, while the Dax was 5.06% higher than the start of the day as of 14:58 UTC.

The US Treasury described the government's bail-out plan in a press release released earlier today. It said that "The U.S. Treasury Department today announced the establishment of a temporary guaranty program for the U.S. money market mutual fund industry. For the next year, the U.S. Treasury will insure the holdings of any publicly offered eligible money market mutual fund – both retail and institutional – that pays a fee to participate in the program."

Henry Paulson, the US Treasury Secretary, explained the government's reasoning behind its plan. He said that the government was buying bad loans "to restore confidence in our markets and our financial institutions, so they can fuel continued growth and prosperity, we must address the underlying problem."

President George W. Bush, speaking at a press conference alongside Paulson, said "this is a pivotal moment for America's economy."

The government plan is permitted under the Gold Reserve Act of 1934, which gives the Treasury the permission "to deal in gold, foreign exchange, and other instruments of credit and securities."

Today in History

1378 – Papal Schism: Unhappy with Pope Urban VI, a group of cardinals started a rival papacy with the election of Antipope Clement VII, throwing the Roman Catholic Church into turmoil.

1596 – An expedition of twelve families led by Diego de Montemayor founded Monterrey in New Spain.

1854 – The Crimean War began with a Franco-British victory over Russian forces at the Battle of Alma near the River Alma in Crimea.

1870 – The Bersaglieri entered Rome, ending the temporal power of the Pope and completing the unification of Italy.

1973 – Billie Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs in straight sets before 30,492 spectators at the Astrodome in Houston, Texas in an internationally televised tennis match dubbed "The Battle of the Sexes".

September 20 is Oktoberfest begins in Munich (2008); Feast Day of the Korean Martyrs (Roman Catholic Church)

Quote of the Day

When you come right down to it, the secret of having it all is loving it all. ~ Joyce Brothers

Word of the Day

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1. To plunder or pillage, especially after capture.
2. (informal) To fire or remove someone from their job.
3. (American football) To tackle the offensive quarterback before he is

- able to throw a pass.
4. (slang) To hit a person, usually male, in the groin.

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