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Afghan women's rights official shot dead

Suspected Taliban militants shot dead Safia Ahmed-jan, a senior official in the Women's Affairs ministry and a staunch advocate of women's rights, in Khandahar. She is the first woman official to be targeted by the militant group.

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Interview with Olive Rose Steele, City Council candidate for Ward 6 in Mississauga, Canada

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- The U.S. Republican Party selects Minneapolis-St. Paul as the venue for its 2008 convention.
- Legislation passes in the U.S. House and Senate giving President Bush authority to detain, interrogate and try terrorism detainees before military commissions.
- A funeral service for Empress Maria Fyodorovna of Russia is held at the Gothic Chapel at Peterhof.
- U.S. Democrats urge the Bush administration to release in full a report linking the Iraq conflict and global terrorism.
- An Israeli court sentences Asher Weisgan to four consecutive life sentences plus an additional 12 years in prison for murdering four Palestinian workmen and wounding a fifth in August 2005. Weisgan is also obligated to pay more than 1,000,000 sheqels in compensation to the victims' families.
- Israeli Defense Forces raid several Palestinian towns, arresting eight people in Jenin, seven people in Hebron, three people in Nablus, and twenty people in Khan Yunis.
- An Israeli military court has ordered the release of the Palestinian Deputy Prime Minister, Nasser Ed-Deen Al Sha'er, who had been captured by the Israeli Defense Forces on 19 August, as there was not "enough evidence". Al Sha'er will not be allowed to

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enter Ramallah, where the Government offices are located, and will not be allowed to leave the Palestinian territories until October 15. Another 23 Palestinian legislators had their remand extended.

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A 35 year-old gunman, who is believed to be a parent of a student who attends Platte Canyon High School in Bailey, Colorado, who took 2 girls hostage has been killed after police reportedly stormed the school.

"It is a hostage situation, an adult is holding the hostages, he claims to have explosives," said Lance Clem, a spokesman for the Colorado State Police Department.

At least two schools, Platte Canyon High School and Fitzsimmons Middle School were evacuated and the main highway between Bailey and Shawnee, Colorado, Highway 285, was closed to all traffic until further notice.

A SWAT team and the bomb squad were also deployed in the area. Six hostages were initially taken, but four were released. The remaining hostages were two girls who were being held hostage in a classroom located on an upper floor and reports say that the girls may have suffered some injuries during the raid.

According to the secretary of the school district's superintendent, Jan Howard, students in both schools are in a "safe location", but police say that parents are not able to pick up their kids due to the closure of the main highway.

Several shots were fired according to the sheriff's department, which are believed to be the "loud noise" that prompted the evacuation of the rest of the the two schools.

The police had "limited contact" with the gunman and the hostages. Contact with them had been "a little bit sporadic," said spokeswoman with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Jacki Kelley.

"It's very sketchy at this stage but we can confirm that a man carrying a weapon is inside the building and two girls are being held hostage. The man entered a classroom at about noon and had an exchange with a teacher and fired more than one shot. We have no reports of any injuries. We know he is armed with a weapon because shots were fired but we do not know what kind of a weapon it is," added Kelley.

Police have not released the name of the gunman.

"We have almost no information on this suspect. We don't know who he is. We don't know what he wants," said Kelley.

During the raid on the school, the gunman shot one of the hostages, critically wounding her, before killing himself. The injured female was airlifted to a local hospital.

Hockey star Tie Domi alleged to have cheated with Canadian MP Belinda Stronach

Canadian MP Belinda Stronach, 40,

has reportedly cheated with Canadian hockey star Tie Domi. Domi and his wife were in court today getting divorced and both have now reached a temporary settlement in their divorce proceedings, less than an hour before the case was to be heard before Toronto's Superior Court. Stronach is refusing to comment on the divorce or say if she "wrecked" Domi's marriage.

"If it wasn't for my husband's affair with Belinda, we wouldn't be getting a divorce," Leanne told the Toronto Star in an interview last night. Domi's wife claimed that the former Toronto Maple Leaf player told her if she did not hire a lawyer he would give her \$1 million in cash and a \$1.5-million house if she kept quiet about his affair with Stronach. If she contacted a lawyer, however, she "would get nothing."

"I'm not going to comment at this point in time whether it's true, it's false or it's just the opinions of others," Stronach said on CTV's Mike Duffy Live. "I'm not prepared to talk about my personal life at this moment."

When Stronach was with the Conservatives she dated fellow MP Peter MacKay. In an interview in the Toronto Star on January 8, 2005, Stronach confirmed that she and MacKay were dating.

Stronach, elected as a Conservative in the 2004 election, crossed the floor to the Liberal Party on May 17, 2005. She did not comment on what impact this would have on their relationship. On May 18, 2005, MacKay told the CBC that his relationship with Stronach was indeed over.

Stronach crossed the floor from the Conservative party directly to Paul Martin's Liberal cabinet in May 2005. Stronach was

previously married to Olympic speed-skating champion Johann Olav Koss of Norway, then divorced in 2005.

Tie Domi said he would not comment on his personal life and his agent said Monday the hockey star would have nothing to say while the matter was before the courts.

Leanne Domi's divorce application was filed on September 18, just one day before Tie Domi announced his retirement from the NHL.

None of the allegations have been proved in court.

New Delhi: Video shows witnesses in the Jessica Lall murder case being bribed

The Indian newspaper Tehelka has carried out a sting operation which shows how coercion and bribes were used to manipulate the witnesses in the high-profile Jessica Lall homicide case.

The three-month long sting shows how Shyan Munshi, Karan Rajput and Shiv Das were bribed into not testifying, which in turn led to the acquittal of key-accused Manu Sharma. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) which is in charge of the case has taken custody of the tapes.

Jessica Lall, a model who worked at the posh South Delhi restaurant Tamarind Court, was shot dead, allegedly by Manu Sharma, for refusing to serve him a drink, on 29 April 1999. Manu Sharma is the son of Vinod Sharma, a Congress Party leader in Haryana.

TVNZ wins court battle to screen Rainbow Warrior court footage

New Zealand broadcast company,

Television New Zealand (TVNZ), has won a 20 year court battle to show court footage of Alain Marfart and Dominique Prieur pleading guilty to the manslaughter of photographer, Fernando Pereira during the bombing of Greenpeace ship, Rainbow Warrior. The Supreme Court dismissed the pair's request of appeal and has ordered that they pay NZ\$2,500 to TVNZ.

The Supreme Court said: "The pair pleaded guilty to manslaughter in 1985 in circumstances hard to imagine ever being repeated in this country."

TVNZ had originally won the rights to screen the footage on August 7, 2006 after the Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal made by the French Secret Service. A lawyer acting on behalf of Marfart and Prieur stopped TVNZ from rebroadcasting the footage.

TVNZ say they are "overjoyed at the result."

Bill Ralston, head of news and current affairs for TVNZ, said: "It has been an incredibly long and dogged fight to bring these pictures to the public. This is a significant triumph for media freedom and hopefully demonstrates to the French (and any other Government, corporate or individual) that the New Zealand media will not be intimidated into submission by legal stonewalling. Best of all, a whole new generation of New Zealanders will now get to be eyewitness to a pivotal moment in our country's history."

TV One, owned by TVNZ, will screen the footage on October 1, 2006 on Sunday.

Interview with Olive Rose Steele, City Council candidate for Ward 6 in Mississauga, Canada

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Wikinews contributor Nicholas Moreau has contacted as many candidates as possible, including Olive Rose Steele, asking them to answer common questions sent in an email. There is no incumbent in the ward; also competing for the position are Matanat Khan, Sean Semper-Whyte, Terry Pierce, Jr., Ron Starr, and former MP Carolyn Parrish.

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

A: The three most important issues to my campaign are the reform of property tax, so that is fairer to all residents, addressing traffic gridlock, and addressing air/water quality.

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

A: The environment, for example issues such as air and water quality, rain forests, green spaces, trails.

Q: What vision do you have, for your ward?

A: That community centers extend their hours of operation to accommodate a diverse array of extra curricular activities for our youth.

Q: What qualities or experiences do you possess, that make you more desirable than the incumbent?

A: I live in Ward 6 for 15 years. I

am inspired to run for Councillor because a strong woman with unique instincts such as myself will help our council to better reflect the people it represent. My qualifications include 15 years as a public servant, twenty years as a volunteer community leader and 15 years as a successful businesswoman.....a business I started from scratch. I believe Ward 6 Residents like the fact that I am not a career politician and I will not be operating in a "business as usual" mode.

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

A: I believe I possess the skill and ability needed to sit on council; I bring to the table successful decision-making skills that I now use in the daily running of my own business; I bring people skills which make me an excellent team player and, I believe the municipal level puts me closer to the residents of Ward 6 in particular and the citizens of Mississauga in general; and gives me an opportunity to have the greatest impact on their lives.

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

A: I do not have a answer to this question.

Q: How are you currently involved in the community?

A: I am on the City of Mississauga Traffic Safety Council, the Chair of Elders Connect, Director of the Canadian Ethno-cultural Council, Immediate Past President of the National Council of Jamaicans, and CEO of Blackwood Staffing Solutions.

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: "Seasoned" does not always translate into efficiency. I believe that municipal political offices should be governed by term limits. As a rookie Councillor, I will work hard to get the votes of the other members of council so that outstanding items from my election platform can be implemented.

Q: What service is most lacking in Mississauga?

A: I feel that school-based child-care and children and youth school nutrition programs are most lacking.

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

A:

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

A: Packing as many people as possible in our City may make initial economic sense however; the long-term consequences and costs to the environment (human and natural) are far too high.

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

A:

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

A: Because it could be more economical to do business.

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

A: One way is to establish a rapid rail system that connects with regional systems.

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

A: Because I believe that more women are needed in municipal politics – not because our male colleagues are not capable – but because our community cannot afford to lose the intelligence, insights and experience those women such as myself bring to the table.

Q: What does Mississauga mean to you?

A: Mississauga is my home for 32 years, Mississauga means success to me.

Some changes have been made to the responses of the interview, the entire original text can be read on the article's talk page. Best efforts have been made to not affect the actual text and meaning of the answers.

Today in History

1066 - Norman Conquest: William the Conqueror and his fleet of around 600 ships reached England and landed at Pevensey, Sussex.

1106 - Henry I of England decisively defeated his older brother Robert Curthose, the Duke of Normandy in the Battle of Tinchebray, and claimed Normandy as a possession of the English crown.

1542 - Portuguese explorer Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo (pictured), the first European to travel along the coast of California, landed on what is now the U.S. city of San Diego.

1972 - Paul Henderson scored the game-winning goal against Vladislav Tretiak, securing a Canadian victory in the Summit Series over the Soviet ice hockey team.

1994 - The ferry M/S Estonia sank while commuting between Tallinn, Estonia, and Stockholm, Sweden, claiming 852 lives in one of the

worst maritime accidents in the Baltic Sea.

September 28 is St. Wenceslas Day in the Czech Republic, Teacher's Day in Taiwan.

Quote of the Day

"When once the mind has raised itself to grasp and to delight in excellence, those who love most will be found to love most wisely".
~ Francis Turner Palgrave

Word of the Day

wroth; a

1. Full of anger; wrathful.

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