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Abducted Richmond Hill, Ontario man walks into police station

A Richmond Hill, Ontario man is currently released after he was abducted and escaped last night. Chan walked into the Major Mackenzie Dr. W. police station, at about 6:45 p.m. last night suffering from injuries and went to a hospital for examination. The investigation is still ongoing and the police believe that the suspects wanted money.

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•The Rev. Ted Haggard resigns as head of the National Association of Evangelicals in the United States amidst allegations of a gay affair.

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•The journal Science publishes a study predicting the collapse of commercial fisheries in 2048, due to overfishing, pollution and other environmental factors.

•Iran fires dozens of unarmed missiles to begin 10 days of military war games, with "ranges from 300 km to up to 2,000 km," some of which have "the capacity to carry 1,400 bombs," Iranian state television reported.

•The UK Office for National Statistics announces that, in 2005, 565,000 immigrants arrived in the UK, mainly from Poland, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, while there were 380,000 emigrants, over half of whom were UK citizens. The most popular emigration destinations were Australia, Spain, and France. The net immigration total, 185,000, was 17,000 less than 2004's record.

•Gazprom, Russia's state-controlled natural gas monopoly, intends to double the price it charges Georgia. This follows the 2006 Georgian-Russian espionage controversy in early October.

•Don McKinnon, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, conveys the support of the Commonwealth of Nations to the Prime Minister of Fiji Laisenia Qarase. He warned Fijian military commander Frank Bainimarama against staging a coup d'etat.

•The U.S. military identifies

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Ahmed Qusai al-Taai, an Iraqi-American translator, as the U.S. soldier kidnapped at gunpoint in Iraq on October 23, 2006.

Free Software Foundation announces release of gNewSense version 1.0

The Free Software Foundation has announced today the release of the first version of gNewSense, a new GNU/Linux distribution based on both Ubuntu and Debian. The goal of the newly created distribution is to offer an operating system 100% proprietary software free.

Generally, GNU/Linux distributions comes with proprietary software such as kernel drivers (eg. NVIDIA and ATI card drivers), the Opera web browser or the VoIP Skype software among others. According to its developers: "From a philosophical perspective we wanted to create a GNU/Linux distribution where the user has access to all the sources for all software on the system. This includes everything from the heart of the kernel through to the everyday desktop applications."

Ted Teah, FSF's free software directory maintainer explained, "With all the kernel firmware and restricted repositories removed, and the reliance on Ubuntu's proprietary distribution management tool gone, this distribution is the most advanced GNU/Linux distribution that has a commitment to be 100% free."

gNewSense will provide users with full security updates and is available for immediate download in LiveCD ISO format along with a version of the Ubiquity graphical installer. The developers have also created a set of tools called Builder that allows users to create their own gNewSense-based distributions.

In the new 1.0 version, gNewSense has removed all non-free firmware from the kernel, removed access to the Ubuntu Restricted component (such as links to LaunchPad and Rosetta which are redirected to the gNewSense webpage for now) and replaced the Ubuntu logos with its own. Also the Universe component is enabled by default and emacs, bsdgames, nethack, and build-essential part of the default install.

There already exists such a distribution called Ututo which aims for zero proprietary software but it never really took off in popularity. A few years ago Mark Shuttleworth, founder of the Ubuntu distribution, also initiated a similar initiative dubbed gubuntu but it never materialized.

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John Kerry apologized yesterday for saying on Monday at an appearance at Pasadena City College that American students who did not study hard and stay in school would end up "stuck in Iraq."

"You know education," he said, "if you make the most of it, and you study hard, and you do your homework and you make an effort to be smart, you can do well. If you don't, you get stuck in Iraq."

Kerry posted on his website that he meant to say if you don't study hard, you would end up like U.S. President George W. Bush stuck in Iraq. "My poorly stated joke at a rally was not about, and never intended to refer to, any troop," Kerry said yesterday. "I sincerely regret that my words were misinterpreted to wrongly imply anything negative about those in uniform, and I personally apologize to any service member, family member, or American who was offended."

Mr. Bush said Kerry's comment was "insulting" and "shameful" and that he should apologize to the U.S. forces. War veterans also demanded that he say he was sorry.

On November 1, 2006, the following statement was released by the Democratic Senator's office:

As a combat veteran, I want to make it clear to anyone in uniform and to their loved ones: my poorly stated joke at a rally was not about, and never intended to refer to any troop.

I sincerely regret that my words were misinterpreted to wrongly imply anything negative about those in uniform, and I personally apologize to any service member, family member, or American who was offended.

It is clear the Republican Party would rather talk about anything but their failed security policy. I don't want my verbal slip to be a diversion from the real issues. I will continue to fight for a change of course to provide real security for our country, and a winning strategy for our troops.

— Senator John Kerry

"Sen. Kerry's apology to the troops for his insulting comments came

late, but it was the right thing to do," said the White House, which were quick to respond to Kerry's apology.

In response to the comment, U.S. troops in Iraq held up a sign saying: "Halp us Jon Carry -- We R stuck hear N Irak." Eight U.S. soldiers, who are stationed near the southeastern city of Nasiriya, are shown holding the sign in a photo that has been widely distributed on the Internet.

Sealing in New Delhi put off until Monday

The Government of ministry has decided not to resume the sealing of unauthorised commercial establishment until Monday. The decision came after seeing the present tense situation in New Delhi.

Union Urban Development minister S Jaipal Reddy told reporters that it is very difficult to conduct the sealing drive in the city under these circumstances. He made the statement after a meeting of Group of Ministers.

The Supreme Court had already sent the notice to Municipal Corporation of Delhi to resume the sealing drive from Thursday. They will approach the apex court on Friday and will apprise the court about the difficulties in carrying out the sealing drive in these circumstances where the traders are overplaying their hand by going on rampage in the capital.

Supreme Court's Monitoring committee said MCD that the sealing of unauthorised shops in the city must resume on Friday in any case.

The Supreme Court had appointed three members monitoring committee to oversee the sealing

drive. The sealing drive is an operation to seal around 44,000 unauthorised shops in residential areas.

United States issues warning of terrorist attacks in Kenya and Ethiopia

The United States embassy located in Nairobi, Kenya has issued a warning that "extremists from Somalia" are planning to launch suicide bomb attacks in Kenya and Ethiopia. The warning comes as the U.S. says it has received information that specifically mentions the use of suicide bombers that will blow up "prominent landmarks" inside of Ethiopia and Kenya.

The Department of State has said that they are concerned "about terrorists in Somalia with links to outside terrorist groups."

"These threats specifically mention the execution of suicide explosions in prominent landmarks within Kenya and Ethiopia. [The] terrorist threats [are] emanating from extremist elements within Somalia which target Kenya, Ethiopia and other surrounding countries," said the statement.

The statement adds that all Americans need to "be vigilant" and to use "extreme caution" while traveling in any of those areas of Africa.

West Indies will play 2006 ICC Champions Trophy final against Australia

West Indies have beaten South Africa by 6 wickets in the second semifinal of the 2006 ICC Champions Trophy at Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur to reach in final of the tournament.

South African cricket captain Graeme Smith won the toss and

decided to bat first. South Africa could make 258 runs by losing 8 wickets in 50 overs for New Zealand.

The start of the West Indian team was very aggressive. They made first fifty runs in just 43 balls without losing any wicket. Graeme Smith added 154 runs with Chanderpaul in the innings before Chanderpaul got retired hurt. West Indian team were able to reach to the target of 259 in just 44 overs.

Now West Indies will play in the final with Australia who had won the match against New Zealand yesterday.

The man of the match award was given to Chris Gayle. He made 133 runs not out in just 135 balls.

Massive operation results in arrests of 10,733 fugitives in Eastern U.S.

10,733 fugitive felons have been arrested after Operation Falcon II (Federal and Local Cops Organized Nationally), came to a close after 7 days, U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and U.S. Marshals Service Director John F. Clark announced on Thursday. The Operation Falcon projects are part of a federally organized effort involving about 3,000 federal, state and local law enforcement officers, who target fugitives with state and local law enforcement warrants, a Justice Department spokesman said.

According to Clark, there are currently at least 1 million fugitives in the United States, and police across the nation arrest about 1,000 fugitives per week.

Gonzales explained that the operation was designed "to be sure that there aren't second or third victims, especially children. . .by a

dangerous fugitive". Included in the operation were 24 states east of the Mississippi River, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Amongst the 10,733 fugitives arrested were 1,659 sex offenders, 971 of which were wanted for failing to register. 360 gang members were also apprehended, and over 270 weapons confiscated in the raid.

No enforcement officers were killed during Operation Falcon II. According to officers, a male murder suspect was killed when he showed a weapon to the police in Atlanta. In Florida, a suspect's mother fired a weapon at police.

RSA: cautious welcome to Stern Review

The Royal Society of Arts (RSA) gave what it called a "cautious welcome" to the Stern Review on the economics of climate change.

The leader of the RSA's CarbonLimited Project, Matt Prescott, agreed that this needed global co-operation, but urged the British government to expand the notion of carbon trading downwards to the level of the individual when drafting the Climate Change Bill.

The RSA has produced the first mock-up of personal carbon trading online. There, members of the public can obtain an estimate of their own carbon 'footprint' by entering their gas and electricity consumptions, car and air mileages, on the RSA's Carbon DAQ web site.

The RSA suggest that a personal target of 5 tonnes of carbon emission per annum should be achievable.

The RSA has a three-year project

to investigate the feasibility of personal carbon trading. It has initiated research, conducted open public debates and is co-ordinating various trials.

Personal carbon trading entails allocating to each individual an equal share of the overall sustainable level of carbon emissions. There would be an open market that would enable those who had not used up their share to sell their surplus to those who need, or can afford, an entitlement to emit more than their ration.

Finnish parliamentary ombudsman faults infant formula study

Helsinki, Finland – The Finnish Parliamentary Ombudsman has found that an infant formula study has been conducted on thousands of newborns in several hospitals without obtaining informed consent from the parents, who were not informed of the commercial funding for the study. Additionally, the study was found to have been started and carried out for six months without ethical committee approval, and suffered from other shortcomings.

Findings

Numerous shortcomings were found in a study which according to documents signed by WHO Director-General candidate Pekka Puska, head of the Finnish National Public Health Institute (NPHI) "complies with the law regarding medical research and good research practice. ... informed consent fulfills the requirements of the law. ... distribution of infant formula does not deviate from legal norms."

The Finnish Parliamentary Ombudsman Riitta-Leena Paunio disagreed with professor Puska. On October 25, the 60th

anniversary of the filing of the indictment in Doctors' Trial (of the Nuremberg Trials) which led to the framing of modern medical research ethics, she resolved a complaint filed by The Breastfeeding Support Association in Finland. According to the resolution, it was not possible for the parents to give informed consent as required by law due to many reasons.

The Ombudsman lists lack of disclosure of the study's funding, lack of clear statement pointing the benefits of breastfeeding, lack of disclosure of the fact that the Principal Investigator working within NPHI is an inventor and benefactor in a patent on the research formula owned by the Finnish formula manufacturer Valio, as reasons for lack of capacity to give informed consent. The Ombudsman also points out that during discovery of the facts concerning the study, NPHI gave information which was simply not true. Documents given during discovery by NPHI were signed by Pekka Puska, the Finnish candidate for the post of WHO Director-General. NPHI also claimed in statements signed by professor Puska to have accepted public funding addressed only directly to it, while in actual fact NPHI accepted public funding addressed to Valio which Valio directed to NPHI.

Further omissions pointed out by the Ombudsman include lack of the naming of the one single person responsible for the safety of the study as required by Finnish law and omissions in giving information and asking for consent and ethical approval when changes to the study were made, and the omission of not asking for consent from both parents.

According to the Parliamentary Ombudsman's resolution, both National Public Health Institute and the ethical committee failed in fulfilling their duties. The Ombudsman reminds that according to the Finnish Constitution, everyone has the right to life, personal liberty, integrity and security. No one shall be treated in a manner violating human dignity. Medical research has a connection to this basic right. The Ombudsman also cites the Declaration of Helsinki and international conventions on human rights in her decision. During the discovery phase of the complaint, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health stated that the Declaration of Helsinki, named after the Finnish capital, is not legally binding.

The aim of the study was to find out whether removal of bovine insulin from infant formula would reduce type 1 diabetes (IDDM) and find out mechanisms leading to IDDM, whose prevalence in Finland is more than in any other country in the world.

Complaint

The complaint, filed in April, 2004 by The Breastfeeding Support Association in Finland (founded 1997), asked the Ombudsman to find out the legality of an infant formula product development study with national health implications, funded by the Finnish infant formula manufacturer Valio and carried out by the National Public Health Institute of Finland.

The two major points in the complaint were to find out

1) whether the study fulfills informed consent requirements, when parents are not told enough about the benefits of breastfeeding nor the product development

nature and commercial funding of the study

2) whether it is legal to distribute infant formula provided by an infant formula manufacture free of charge from the hospital with means which resemble the milk nurse practice of some infant formula companies.

The Breastfeeding Support Association based the first part of the complaint on the law concerning medical research. The second part was based on the part of International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes established in 1981 by the general assembly of the World Health Organization (WHO) implemented in Finnish law and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, (right to best possible health, advancement of breastfeeding).

The Breastfeeding Support Association pressed that they think the study's aims (both the product development goals and the scientific goal of finding out whether dietary bovine insulin triggers the autoimmune reaction causing IDDM) are valid and important, but that research should be done according to laws, international conventions and ethical principles.

Reaction to the Ombudsman's decision
While the part of the complaint concerning informed consent was successful, The Breastfeeding Support Association expressed disappointment that the part regarding formula distribution was not. The Parliamentary Ombudsman's resolution stated that the Finnish legislation placing restrictions on gratis infant formula distribution is not meant to apply to medical research, and

the same holds for food safety legislation. The Breastfeeding Support Association is looking into whether international conventions require changes to legislation. The Breastfeeding Support Association has stated that many of the problems in the study could perhaps have been avoided if infant formula research would have at least the same checks and balances as drug research has. This would be prudent, since infant formula is the only nutrition for most infants in an important phase of their lives and thus it's effects can be much greater than the effect of many drugs used only occasionally.

The Breastfeeding Support Association has been concerned with outside, partly commercial funding directing the research of NPHI. According to "Good Research Practice, Handbook" (2005), outside funding amounts to 40 percent of NPHI's spending, and the policy is to get as much outside funding to carry out NPHI's plan of action as possible. Research on breastmilk was planned in the study the complaint was filed on, but was not carried out because of lack of funding.

The director of National Public Health Institute of Finland is a candidate for the Director-General post of the World Health Organization (election to be held 6th-9th November, 2006), and considered to be among the three leading candidates by The Lancet.

Background

The Breastfeeding Support Association in Finland is a volunteer association, founded in 1997, whose work is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (article 24) and WHO breastfeeding promotion programs.

The Association is funded by membership fees, advertisements in the Imetysuutiset newsletter and fees on training of volunteers. RAY (Finland's Slot Machine Association which funds health and social welfare projects) has awarded the association a grant for 2005/06 for the purpose of establishing a nationwide project, which includes the maintenance and advertising of the Breastfeeding Support Hotline.

The City of Helsinki has awarded the Association a small grant annually to support mothers in the Helsinki area. In the other municipalities in Finland some local groups have had opportunities to apply for grants from local social authorities.

The Finnish Parliamentary Ombudsman exercises oversight to ensure that public authorities and officials observe the law and fulfil their duties in the discharge of their functions. In addition to authorities and officials, the scope of oversight includes also other parties performing public functions.

The Ombudsman's office aims to ensure good administration and the observance of constitutional and human rights.

The National Public Health Institute of Finland, according to it's website, promotes people's possibilities to live healthy life and is responsible as an expert body under the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, for providing various professionals and citizens the best available information for their choices.

Kiwis docked competition points

The New Zealand Rugby League team (Kiwis) have been docked

two competition points and hooker Nathan Fien barred from playing in the Gilette Rugby League Tri-Nations series.

It comes after allegations of Fien's availability to play for the Kiwi's were exposed by a documentation of his birth certificate.

At a hearing the Rugby League International Federation ruled that Fien was unable to play for the kiwis as he was Australian born. Instead of his grandmother a resident of New Zealand, it was in fact his great-grandmother. According to Rugby League International Federation chairman Colin Love, the Kiwis thought great-grandparents were as good as grandparents.

For a player to play for a different team other than their birth place the rules say that then their parents and/or grandparents have to be born in the other country.

The two points which were docked were the ones that the Kiwis earned when they beat Great Britain last week, it was the same game in which Fien was hooker for the Kiwis team.

The Tri-Nations subcommittee who made the decision didn't want to kick the Kiwis out of the competition.

The penalty incurred has put the Kiwis team into last place with zero points, alongside another team, the Lions. The Kiwis are now not going to be able to qualify for the final on November 25.

The Kiwis last game is against Great Britain on Saturday.

Fien has reportedly left the Kiwis training camp and is reportedly heading back to Townsville.

New Zealand government introduces graphic warnings on cigarettes

The New Zealand government has now introduced graphic health warnings on cigarette packs. The new warnings, which replace the text warnings, will show images of gangrenous toes, rotting gums and teeth and diseased lungs and will also include the quit smoking Quitline number.

The new warnings will cover 30% of the front side and 90% of the back.

The new warnings will come into effect January 2007 but the manufacturers will not have to produce the new warnings until February 27, 2008 and retailers have till August 2008 to clear all their old stock.

Damien O'Conner, associate minister of health and ex-smoker, said: "Pictures were more effective than written warnings. Actually seeing what it does to you is probably more acute than just reading the words on a cigarette packet. The approach is designed to shock people into realising smoking kills and causes serious illness. Using powerful imagery to remind people of the real and horrific effects of smoking will act to deter smokers and discourage New Zealand's young from starting the habit in the first place."

Other countries which also show graphic warnings include Australia and Canada; they say that the warnings are effective. Chris Launson, Health Ministry team leader national drug policy, said that international evidence was strong. "That was confirmed by research in New Zealand which supported the effectiveness of pictorial labelling."

Altogether there will be fourteen images, of which seven will be released first, with rest following.

Mr O'Connor said: "The images were horrific; but they are what happen to people who smoke in this country."

The Cancer Society says that the new warnings are good but does say that the manufacturers will bypass the new warnings by: including stickers to cover the warnings, Peel off labels, provide cigarette holders which will enable smokers to bypass the use of the packet, slow the introduction by stockpiling old packets in storage.

However, according to Mr O'Conner, one company had used removable sticker that were later removed due to consultation.

The industries will not be reimbursed for any cost that may occur. "They've given a commitment to comply by the regulations. They understand what it might mean if they don't and I'm confident that they will," Mr O'Connor said.

"The 2008 deadline is way too excessive, [...] Pictorial warnings are not a new idea. They have already been implemented in other countries and the NZ tobacco industry has the technology to print the new packets within weeks," Becky Freeman, the Action on Smoking and Health director said.

World Health Organization rules make New Zealand obliged to increase the warning sizes on packets.

Consumers' Institute: decline in New Zealand Internet satisfaction

An annual survey done by the New Zealand Consumers' Institute has shown that there has been a dramatic decline in satisfaction with the respondents' Internet service providers (ISP).

Of the over 10,000 Internet users who participated in the survey, only 66% said they were either satisfied or very satisfied with their current ISP. This is compared to the 2005 survey which was at 82%. The reason, according to the Consumers' Institute, is because of national ISP, Xtra dragging down the ratings. Xtra users made up 51% of the respondents.

Only 55% of Xtra's customers said they were satisfied or very satisfied with Xtra, it was 78% last year. Xtra rated worst in every single category. Nick Brown, spokesman, said: "Xtra will be working to improve its ranking. The rapid growth in the broadband market at the moment means you don't get things right all the time. [Xtra is] disappointed with the results and will be going through the details with a view to making improvements."

The best ISP, as voted by the survey respondents, was Inspire, the third consecutive time they have won. 97% of Inspire's users said that its performance was either good or very good.

David Russel, chief executive of the Consumers' Institute, said: "The wonderful world of cyberspace has a long way to go in New Zealand in terms of providing customer satisfaction. Providers must sharpen up on their advertising and improve the performance of their service desks. The big ISPs are promising too

much. Broadband speed and the price people are paying are the biggest bones of contention."

Mr. Russell added: "Support, both online and offline is a key factor in satisfaction with your ISP. However, price is still key."

Canadian Prime Minister Harper agrees to send 'Clean Air Act' to committee

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has agreed to send the government's 'Clean Air Act' to an all-party committee for review, before its second reading, after Tuesday's 25 minute meeting with NDP leader Jack Layton at the PMO.

Layton had asked for changes to the conservatives' environmental bill during the meeting with the PM, asking for a "thorough and complete rewriting" of the Conservative party's environmental bill.

However, Layton was disappointed with Harper's reaction. "I'm not really convinced that the prime minister understands the urgency of the climate change crisis, the threat that climate change proposes and the urgency to move quickly," he said. "Far too much emphasis on consultations that could go on for considerable periods of time as opposed to action.

Layton has introduced a private member's bill on climate change. It calls for emissions to be cut by 25 per cent of 1990 levels by 2020, in an attempt to cut total emissions by 80 per cent of those levels by 2050.

Other parties including the Liberal Party of Canada, Bloc Québécois and the Green Party of Canada are concerned about this.

"What we've been concerned about was really a Halloween stunt from Mr. Layton," Interim Liberal leader Bill Graham said at a news conference.

"It will be completely transformed," said BQ Leader Gilles Duceppe. "The Conservatives won't recognize their legislation."

However, Green Party Leader Elizabeth May said bringing the 'Clean Air Act' into committee would give the legislation some legitimacy it doesn't deserve.

The committee will be full of critics commenting on the conservatives' bill.

The Tory government may have a possible non-confidence motion as early as Thursday unless it allows opposition parties to rewrite its clean air bill, which the PM had agreed to in the meeting with Layton.

Bad British kids scare adults

Drinks, drugs, violence, promiscuity: British youth at the top or near the top of the bad youth list. And they frighten grown ups.

A report by the Institute of Public Policy Research, to be published next week, describes British youth as among the worst in Europe. The study compares teenage English and Scots with their counterparts in other European countries.

Many fewer British youths ate regularly with their family, and many more spent most evenings with their friends; they were drunk more often, got involved in fights and more had sex than other European youth.

More British adults than Continental adults would be

reluctant to intervene should they see youths vandalising a bus shelter fearing a violent response. Many adults were fearful of leaving home after dark and a large number were thinking of moving home because of youths "hanging about".

The demonisation of youth in the British media is said to have induced real fear in many adults.

Many more comparisons are made in this report.

A study comparing the behaviour of South of England youth in 2005 with that in 1985, concluded that youth now are better behaved than their predecessors. There were marked differences between boys and girls.

ASBOs (Anti-social behaviour orders) are civil actions that can be taken against those who are likely to cause alarm, harassment, or distress to others outside their family. Research by NACRO (National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders) in 2002 concluded that they were a failure. The average ASBO costs more than £5,000 to enforce and takes over three months to obtain. Over one third of all ASBOs were breached within the first 9 months of issue.

Another report published today by NACRO criticises some courts for using ASBOs inappropriately and too readily. ASBOs should be seen as the last resort for young offenders. There should be consultations with the local Youth Offending Team (YOT) and the reasons why other remedies were not suitable should be given. There were also indications that ASBOs are being used as weapons of racial discrimination, there being a disproportionate number of young

black people being served with ASBOs. In some quarters, youths flaunt ASBOs as a badge of honour.

Today in History

1793 - French playwright, journalist and outspoken feminist Olympe de Gouges was guillotined for her revolutionary ideas.

1838 - The Times of India, the world's largest circulated English language daily broadsheet newspaper, was founded.

1848 - A new constitution drafted by Johan Rudolf Thorbecke was proclaimed, severely limiting the powers of the monarchy of the Netherlands.

1957 - The Sputnik 2 spacecraft was launched, carrying Laika the Russian space dog as the first living being to orbit the Earth.

1971 - The UNIX Programmer's Manual was first published.

November 03 is Independence Day in Panama (1903), Dominica (1978) and the Federated States of Micronesia (1986); Culture Day in Japan.

Quote of the Day

The wayfarer,
Perceiving the pathway to truth,
Was struck with astonishment.
It was thickly grown with weeds.

"Ha," he said,

"I see that none has passed here

In a long time."

Later he saw that each weed
Was a singular knife.

"Well," he mumbled at last,

"Doubtless there are other roads."

~ Stephen Crane ~

Word of the Day

rodomontade; v

1. To boast, brag or bluster pretentiously.

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