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Thousands of Monks in Burma to be imprisoned

Thousands more reported dead.

Singer Britney Spears loses custody battle



A court ruling has today decided that pop singer Britney Spears will have to give up custody of her children by noon Wednesday as ex-husband,

Kevin Federline, wins court case in Los Angeles

Featured story

Bat for Lashes plays the Bowery Ballroom: an Interview with Natasha Khan

Musician Natasha Khan spoke recently with Wikinews about art, transvestism and drug use in the music business.



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Five workers are trapped underground in an Xcel Energy

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hydroelectric plant near Georgetown, Colorado.

- At least 27 people are killed when a bus catches fire in southwest China.
- Pakistan Cabinet drops all corruption charges against Benazir Bhutto
- Princess Märtha Louise becomes the first member of the Norwegian Royal Family ever to appear in a court of law as she wants to halt sales of a book entitled Martha's angels.

•Israel confirms it conducted an attack on Syria.

•Ukrainian parliamentary election, 2007: A projection by the authoritative Ukrayinska Pravda said the results would produce 229 seats in parliament for an "Orange" coalition, a majority of three.

•The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Gordon Brown arrives in Baghdad for his first visit to Iraq.

•A powerful earthquake hits the western coast of Sumatra in Indonesia prompting a tsunami warning.

•War in Afghanistan: A suicide bomber blows himself up near a bus carrying policemen killing at least 11 in Kabul.

•The President of South Korea Roh Moo-hyun walks across the Korean Demilitarized Zone in travelling to Pyongyang for talks with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il.

Wikipedia Current Events

- 2007 Burmese anti-government protests:
- Ibrahim Gambari, the United Nations special envoy to Burma, meets with Burmese General Than Shwe to tell him to stop the killing of dissidents.
- Gambari later meets with democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi with growing fear about the wellbeing of approximately 1000 dissidents held in a warehouse in the Government Technical Institute in Rangoon.

2007/08 UEFA Champions League: Manchester United vs. AS Roma

Manchester United 1-0 AS Roma

Manchester United defeated AS Roma 1-0 in Group F of the UEFA Champions League 2007-08 at Old Trafford, Manchester, England.

Wayne Rooney scored the only goal of the match, his first goal of the season for Manchester United, in the 70th minute.

Manchester United currently lead Group F with two wins from two matches. AS Roma are second on goal difference ahead of Sporting CP, who defeated FC Dynamo Kyiv 2-1.

2007/08 UEFA Champions League: Stuttgart vs. Barcelona

Stuttgart 0-2 Barcelona

Barcelona beat Stuttgart 2-0 to remain tied at the top Group E

today in a game that saw plenty of chances for both sides.

Barcelona Defender Carles Puyol scored from a few metres in the 53rd minute after a rebound off of Stuttgart goalkeeper Raphael Schäfer after failed to hold on to a header from Ronaldinho. Messi secured the victory 14 minute later.

Rangers and Barcelona, who both lead Group E with 6 Points, faces each other the next 2 matchdays while Stuttgart and Olympique Lyonnais will face each other the next 2 matchdays.

South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun to meet with Kim Jong-il

South Korea's President Roh Moo-hyun left Seoul yesterday to meet with North Korea's leader Kim Jong-il to discuss the future of the divided peninsula. Although the 1950-1953 Korean War between the two sides has never formally ended, the meeting may prepare the ground for a permanent truce. The meeting is only the second summit between the two sides. The first summit took place in 2000, and led to former South Korean President Kim Dae-jung winning the Nobel Peace Prize for his Sunshine Policy of reconciliation with the North.

"How to make peace take root on the Korean Peninsula will be the top-priority agenda item for the summit," Roh said in a speech on Monday. He added that "It will not be an uneventful course, but once discussions on a peace regime get under way in earnest, we can take up building military confidence and a peace treaty, and furthermore the issue of arms reduction." Roh said that the top item on his agenda was establishing greater peace along the border between

the two countries.

South Korea has only limited ability to seek a peace treaty because it was not a signatory to the ceasefire that ended the Korean War, which was signed by U.S.-led forces. "I do not believe that the peace regime could be actually resolved through the two parties alone," South Korean Unification Minister Lee Jae-joung said at a news conference in Seoul. United States President George W. Bush has said that he would be willing to discuss a peace treaty if North Korea were to give up its atomic arms.

One issue that is not part of the summit's agenda is North Korea's nuclear program, which is the subject of ongoing talks between multiple nations. South Korean officials also do not intend to discuss North Korea's widely-criticized human rights record.

Fire kills six at Moscow State Institute of State and Corporate Management

A fire has broken out at the Moscow State Institute of State and Corporate Management, a five-story university, claiming at least six lives. More than two dozen are said to be injured.

The fire started around 13:00 (09:00 GMT). Some students and teachers were trapped and had to climb out onto trees, jump four or five stories onto nets held by firefighters, or climb down drainpipes to escape.

Helicopters were called in to evacuate the injured and engage in aerial firefighting activities.

Spokesman for the Emergency Situations Ministry Viktor Beltsov said that six died and 30 were treated for smoke inhalation,

burns and other injuries. The International Herald Tribune says that seven were killed and 35 injured, although it also quotes it's figures from Mr Beltsov.

27 killed in Southwest China bus fire

Twenty-seven people have been killed after a bus was engulfed by fire in Chongqing, Southwest China today; eleven more were hospitalized.

None of the 38 on board escaped unscathed after the disaster occurred at around 5 p.m. local time. Emergency services rushed the injured to a nearby hospital for treatment, while two vice-mayors visited the scene of the tragedy.

It is not currently known what caused the accident.

Fred Thompson: Iraq had WMD in 2003

In October United States Presidential candidate for 2008 Fred Thompson said about Iraq, "We can't forget the fact that although at a particular point in time we never found any WMD down there he clearly had had WMD."

However, the several different investigations, including the Iraq Survey Group headed by Charles Duelfer concluded, in part, that "The ISG has not found evidence that Saddam possessed WMD stocks in 2003..." Shortly after in October 2004 President George W. Bush said, "Charles Duelfer has now issued a comprehensive report that confirms the earlier conclusion of David Kay that Iraq did not have the weapons that our intelligence believed were there."

Ontario Votes 2007: Interview with Freedom Party candidate David McGruer, Ottawa-Orleans

David McGruer is running for the Freedom Party of Ontario in the Ontario provincial election, in the Ottawa-Orleans riding. Wikinews' Nick Moreau interviewed him regarding his values, his experience, and his campaign.

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Interview

Why have you chosen to involve yourself in the political process? Why did you choose to run in this constituency?

I have long had the urge to speak out when I see wrongs being done. For the last two years a monthly column in the Orleans Star has been an outlet. I have a client who moved to Ottawa from London Ont. years ago and who introduced me to the Freedom Party's principles, which meshed with my own. The party leaders asked if I would run in this election.

What prior political experience do you have? What skills and insight can you bring to office, from other non-political positions you may have held?

No prior political experience. My insight comes from working in the real world as a teacher and then a financial advisor. I have read considerably on economics and

philosophy and come to understand the deep flaws in the current popular thinking.

Which of your competitors do you expect to pose the biggest challenge to your candidacy? Why? What makes you the most desirable of all candidates running in the riding?

I do not expect to gain more than 1% of the vote. My objective is to plant a small seed in the minds of those voters who care to think about and challenge belief systems and the status quo. Hopefully, over time, those seeds will grow until the day when it is common to talk about individual rights in political circles and the discussion turns to how to make government less instead of more intrusive.

What do you feel are the three most important issues to voters in your riding? Are these the same top three issues that are most important to you? What would you do to address these issues?

Let me preface my response. The Freedom Party is very different from all the others because we wish to get government intrusion out of people's lives instead of extending its tendrils even deeper. As such, I am not attempting to tackle so-called "riding issues" because all these are a function of the problems created by poor thinking and poor government. For me the only issue is the promotion of a province and country which protects individual rights, and all other issues tie in and are solved by a proper understanding of rights and creation of a government suitable for the protection of rights.

Property taxes. A lady long ago bought back her childhood home in Ottawa's core. Her husband died and her budget tightened but her property taxes ballooned to \$12,000 per year. This year she is

tearfully selling. What moral code allows a government to force a homeowner to pay taxes for services not of her free choosing and threatens seizure if she does not pay? What is the mental state of people thinking it proper to force individuals to pay for things they neither use nor wish to pay for? Isn't it time we regained the right to really own our homes and removed the taxation of property from our laws? The Freedom Party would work to eliminate the property tax and rely on consumption tax to fund basic and proper government operations. Municipal services. Ottawa operates a vast bureaucracy and spends millions on consultants, yet everywhere we look we find waste, inefficiency and interference in business. From social housing to roads, from buses to pollution of our waters, from crime to hockey rinks, there is no end to problems. These are inherent in the nature of government. Because government uses force to implement its plans, it opposes the flexibility and accountability that comes with freedom. To fix your car you have a nearly infinite choice of services and all fully accountable to you. When you want a city service you have no choice or accountability. Efficiency disappears and you are left prisoner to the government monopoly. In the last municipal election my councilor said the city is in over 100 businesses. The City should exit most of these businesses and return them to individual decision making and the province should facilitate this. Trust in government. applies to government at all three levels. In past elections some parties and candidates have run on explicit platforms including tax reduction, yet spending at all levels continues to climb to new heights, faster than inflation. Such high spending rates are a tool to control your life

more than ever before. The Freedom Party believes government should return to its original role as the protector of individual rights and be dramatically smaller than it is today. That way, politicians would have many fewer promises to make (and keep or break) and you would control your own life and be accountable to yourself. Without control over your life, politicians need not make promises to bribe you with your own money. "No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the legislature is in session." - Judge Gideon J. Tucker

What should be the first order of business in the 39th Legislative Assembly?

Confirm the rights and freedoms contained in the 1960 Canadian Bill of Rights and then set about dismantling all programs which infringe on the rights of individuals, meaning most of the government programs.

Are the property taxes in your riding at a fair level for the amount of services received in the municipality?

Absolutely not. The taxation of property is a direct violation of rights and should be abolished as quickly as possible.

How can the province lead the way in stimulating job creation?

It is not a proper role of government to stimulate anything. The best action government can take is to stand back and let free people determine their path in life.

What are your views on the mixed member proportional representation (MMP) referendum?

I think MMP would be a bad idea as it would allow individuals who are not chosen by the electorate in any particular riding to be government leaders, and would

create a much higher probability of minority governments. It could prove almost impossible for voters to keep an individual out of government.

What role, if any, does "new media" play in your campaign, and the campaign of your party? (websites, blogs, Facebook, YouTube videos, etc) Do you view it as beneficial, or a challenge? The Party's YouTube postings have proven to be the most popular of all parties. Aside from Wikinews, I have also responded to a Sun Media web site inquiry and a Carleton University student inquiry. Personally, I was expecting ahead of time to run and so did not prepare my own net materials.

Of the decisions made by Ontario's 38th Legislative Assembly, which was the most beneficial to your this electoral district? To the province as a whole? Which was least beneficial, or even harmful, to your this riding? To the province as a whole?

The single decision that stands out the most was the one to implement a massive new health tax. If McGuinty can run a campaign on the most crystal clear of promises, sign a declaration of taxpayer rights, get elected and then almost immediately violate every word and detail of his promise, yet can still hold office and be re-elected, then there is at present almost no hope and the average voter has lost all contact with rationality and morality. Politicians promises must be treated more like an inviolable contract with voters instead of a tool of deception and convenience. As a believer in the freedom of the individual, I see almost all government actions as intrusive, unnecessary and wasteful. The most honest decision a politician can make is to reduce taxes and

government and give power back to individual citizens. There has been none of that for the past legislative session.

Ontario Votes 2007: Interview with Progressive Conservative candidate Dan McCreary, Brant

Dan McCreary is running for the Progressive Conservative in the Ontario provincial election, in the Brant riding. Wikinews' Nick Moreau interviewed him regarding his values, his experience, and his campaign.

Stay tuned for further interviews; every candidate from every party is eligible, and will be contacted. Expect interviews from Liberals, Progressive Conservatives, New Democratic Party members, Ontario Greens, as well as members from the Family Coalition, Freedom, Communist, Libertarian, and Confederation of Regions parties, as well as independents.

Why have you chosen to involve yourself in the political process? Why did you choose to run in this constituency?

I have been interested in the political process all my life; and involved in the political scene for over 20 years.

What prior political experience do you have? What skills and insight can you bring to office, from other non-political positions you may have held?

I am serving my second term on Brantford City Council.

I believe that my experience at the municipal level will be very helpful in taking the concerns of Brant to the Provincial level.

As a small business person I know the challenges that small business face. I can use this experience to make sure that the provincial government is aware and responds

to the need of the economy in our area.

Which of your competitors do you expect to pose the biggest challenge to your candidacy? Why? I am facing (sic) an incumbent and that is often thought to be an advantage.

What makes you the most desirable of all candidates running in the riding?

As I said above I beleive (sic) that my municipal experience will give me considerable insight into the needs of Brant and my interaction with other levels of government while a city councillor will be most helpful in understanding how government works, so I will be able to get down to work right away.

What do you feel are the three most important issues to voters in your riding? Are these the same top three issues that are most important to you? What would you do to address these issues?

The three most important local issues are:

The growing lack of respect for the law and increasing local crime rate. The PC platform is clear that everyone must obey the law; that there must be tougher penalties for those who break the law and more resources are needed to increase the number of police.

The number of people who do not have a family doctor. While this is a complex issue, we will increase the number of places in medical schools, speed up the accreditation of suitably trained foreign doctors and provide sufficient funding for the health care system and still eliminate the so called Liberal healthtax that is not all being spent on health.

Job loss. We have lost a large number of manufacturing jobs lately, as indeed has the whole

province. A PC government will take those steps to create a productive economy by reviewing the tax system to see that we are competitive. We will invest in education to see that we have the best work force available. We will stimulate business investment in machinery and equipment as well as the latest technology. We believe that are policies will help people to find and to keep jobs.

What should be the first order of business in the 39th Legislative Assembly?

To get a grip on out of control Liberal spending and to eliminate waste such as the Liberal "slush fund" that went to friends of the Liberal Party.

Are the property taxes in your riding at a fair level for the amount of services received in the municipality?

Yes, but they are too high since we are paying for things that should be the responsibility of the province, such as court security.

How can the province lead the way in stimulating job creation?

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What are your views on the mixed member proportional representation (MMP) referendum? personally I think it will create more problems than it will solve, but I will respect the will of the elcctorate and if that is what they want we will implement it.

What role, if any, does "new media" play in your campaign, and the campaign of your party? (websites, blogs, Facebook, YouTube videos, etc) Do you view it as beneficial, or a challenge? Our campaign has a website and uses Facebook. These can be great waysto connect with the public.

Of the decisions made by Ontario's 38th Legislative Assembly, which was the most beneficial to your this electoral district? To the province as a whole? Which was least beneficial, or even harmful, to your this riding? To the province as a whole?

I cannot think of one decision that was particularly beneficial to Brant or the province. As to what was the most harmful it would be hard to choose, but the habit of the Dalton McGuinty Liberal government to make promises that they knew they would not be able to keep and then later break them while offering a feeble excuse, has done little to improve the opinion of people in the political process.

Ontario Votes 2007: Interview with Family Coalition Party candidate Tad Brudzinski, Newmarket-Aurora

Tad Brudzinski is running for the Family Coalition Party in the Ontario provincial election, in the Newmarket-Aurora riding. Wikinews' Nick Moreau interviewed him regarding his values, his experience, and his campaign.

He did not answer the question "Of the decisions made by Ontario's 38th Legislative Assembly, which was the most beneficial to your electoral district? To the province as a whole? Which was least beneficial, or even harmful, to your riding? To the province as a whole?"

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independents.

Why have you chosen to involve yourself in the political process? Why did you choose to run in this constituency?

I had enough of the political circus on the provincial and federal level and was tired of having only a choice of a smaller evil, when voting for politicians, that were not representing me, nor the people I associate with, and who (not even sharing my values) were not going to keep their campaign commitments anyway. The political landscape has been shared by overpresent, virtually monopolistic parties, that compete with each other in degrees of corruption and levels of scandal scoring.

The reality of life in Ontario is quite different from the Canada of my dreams and the gap continues to grow. It has costed me a great deal of effort to arrive in this fine country in December 1989 and I do not want to let it be wasted. Therefore I jumped at the opportunity to have a chance to positively change the politics of Ontario, by becoming a candidate at the Newmarket-Aurora Electoral Riding.

In my opinion we cannot afford to stay away from politics anymore. We have to act, while the opportunity is there. People like myself need to regain our voice in this province, as we have been ignored for too long. We must change and regain our democratic right to participate in the government decisions, which affect us on a large scale at both, public and (more and more in the) private areas of our lives. We need to be represented by individuals, who would stand for the values we commonly share, and would work with our best interest in mind. I believe it is up to us to have our voices heard and acted upon in the provincial government.

Which of your competitors do you expect to pose the biggest challenge to your candidacy? Why? Frank Klees, as a man of proven integrity, seasoned MPP and a professional politician.

What makes you the most desirable of all candidates running in the riding?

I was nominated by and do represent the Family Coalition Party - the only party, that is committed to protecting life. We do not make promises we do not intend to keep, just to get the votes. Only FCP has a sound program of reforms in all the areas of the public life. PC and Liberals do not offer anything new - just differ on details, like funding of separate schools. If people are happy with things as they are, they should vote for the big parties and we will get "the same old" guaranteed. From what I see, Ontarians are not happy with the government, feel detached and oppressed so much, that some of them do not even want to talk politics. FCP will bring a long seeked change for the better.

What do you feel are the three most important issues to voters in your riding? Are these the same top three issues that are most important to you? What would you do to address these issues? Eradicate poverty, especially child poverty. Many families are struggling financially and sinking into perpetual debt. The government gladly taxes the low income earners. People living in poverty should be tax exempt. FCP would double the tax exemption amount.

Give legal protection to the people, who are not yet born and still dwell in their mothers' wombs. These people are future voters, who will be able to vote in 18

years. I'm sure it's extremely important to them.

The health system is in jeopardy. People do not know what to do to stay healthy, as there are so many contradicting advices. Even a Health Minister gets sick from time to time, and doctors die from heart attacks and strokes. Clearly most of us do not know what to do. We should focus on prevention and research, instead of throwing money at the symptoms and enriching big pharma. Also the system needs a redesign. If you tried the hospital food and experienced how bad it was, it would surprise you how expensive it is. The FCP will propose a system of Medical Savings Accounts (MSA) to increase disease prevention, a responsible use of the system and easier access for those in need. The FCP will consider a system of health insurance that allows for competition, and increase the quality of delivery.

What should be the first order of business in the 39th Legislative Assembly?

Parliament should make sure, that the courts are no longer able to make the law, but only interpret the law in their judicial activities. Parliament has to have the exclusive right to set the law.

Are the property taxes in your riding at a fair level for the amount of services received in the municipality?

This is not a provincial issue, but a municipal matter. FCP would drop the educational amount from the property taxes and fund education from the general revenue.

How can the province lead the way in stimulating job creation?

Province should help small businesses and the people, who are interested in starting small

businesses.

I do not think job creation, should be our goal. I think wealth creation should. People do not need more work, we need more wealth.

Generally people are busy enough, but hardly getting ahead. There is so much wealth to be generated. We do not necessarily need to work any harder, but should work smarter. The government should facilitate that.

What are your views on the mixed member proportional representation (MMP) referendum? The present system does not represent the voters and that's why there is such a low turnout at the polls.

MMP would allow more voters to be represented in Parliament. Voters would not need to choose a lesser evil anymore. Party leaders would not need to lie in order to win elections, as with the present systems they do.

What role, if any, does "new media" play in your campaign, and the campaign of your party? (websites, blogs, Facebook, YouTube videos, etc) Do you view it as beneficial, or a challenge?

New media enable regular people to reach fellow Ontarians in an affordable manner and convey our message in efficient way. I have my website. Our party has the www.familycoalitionparty.com website, that had to be hooked up to a larger pipe, to accommodate all the visitors. The FCP leader has his own blog:

giuseppettori.blogspot.com Most of the FCP candidates are on Facebook united in the FCP facebook group.

Ontario Votes 2007: Interview with Family Coalition Party candidate Joel Kidd, Beaches-East York

Joel Kidd is running for the Family

Coalition Party in the Ontario provincial election, in the Beaches-East York riding. Wikinews' Nick Moreau interviewed him regarding his values, his experience, and his campaign.

Stay tuned for further interviews; every candidate from every party is eligible, and will be contacted. Expect interviews from Liberals, Progressive Conservatives, New Democratic Party members, Ontario Greens, as well as members from the Family Coalition, Freedom, Communist, Libertarian, and Confederation of Regions parties, as well as independents.

Why have you chosen to involve yourself in the political process? Why did you choose to run in this constituency?

I care about the future of my homeland, Ontario, and I believe Ontario badly needs leaders of moral integrity, who stand on principle for what they believe. I am running to give the voters of Beaches-East York a candidate to vote for who stands for moral integrity, accountability, justice, defending the family, defending life, and fiscal responsibility.

What makes you the most desirable of all candidates running in the riding?

There is no other candidate running to represent the need for historic moral principles and ethical integrity to government, who will defend life and defend the family. These issues of justice matter far more than issues of finances and budgets, but no other party has the courage to say so and stand on a principled moral foundation. In short, only the Family Coalition Party has what that Ontario needs.

What do you feel are the three

most important issues to voters in your riding? Are these the same top three issues that are most important to you? What would you do to address these issues?

Government's number one priority is justice, and there is a glaring, tragic injustice happening in Ontario: abortion. It's our Darfur, our hidden genocide. Learn the truth here:

<http://www.silentnomore.ca/> The Family Coalition Party will compassionately seek to provide ways to end this tragedy for unborn babies it kills, and for the men and women it hurts.

How can the province lead the way in stimulating job creation?

By reducing the red tape and tax burdens, wherever possible, and encouraging innovation. When it comes to the government, less is more -- less is better. This is a lot of non-essential spending that needs to be eliminated to reduce the burden on taxpayers.

What are your views on the mixed member proportional representation (MMP) referendum? There is no question that our current electoral and parliamentary system is dysfunctional. Ontario needs electoral reform! I have weighed the pros and cons to MMP, and I believe it will lead to a healthier political environment in Canada.

What role, if any, does "new media" play in your campaign, and the campaign of your party? (websites, blogs, Facebook, YouTube videos, etc) Do you view it as beneficial, or a challenge?

Alternate media is a benefit because it de-centralizes the control of media, it gives freedom to the flow of ideas, a necessary ingredient of a healthy society. Alternate media means the decentralization of ideological and

political power.

Note that Joel did not reply to these five questions:

"What prior political experience do you have? What skills and insight can you bring to office, from other non-political positions you may have held?"

"Which of your competitors do you expect to pose the biggest challenge to your candidacy? Why?"

"What should be the first order of business in the 39th Legislative Assembly?"

"Are the property taxes in your riding at a fair level for the amount of services received in the municipality?"

"Of the decisions made by Ontario's 38th Legislative Assembly, which was the most beneficial to your electoral district? To the province as a whole? Which was least beneficial, or even harmful, to your riding? To the province as a whole?"

Ontario Votes 2007: Interview with Family Coalition Party candidate Vicki Gunn, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

Vicki Gunn is running for the Family Coalition Party in the Ontario provincial election, in the Glengarry-Prescott-Russell riding. Wikinews' Nick Moreau interviewed her regarding her values, her experience, and her campaign.

Stay tuned for further interviews; every candidate from every party is eligible, and will be contacted. Expect interviews from Liberals, Progressive Conservatives, New Democratic Party members, Ontario Greens, as well as members from the Family Coalition, Freedom, Communist, Libertarian, and Confederation of Regions parties, as well as independents.

Why have you chosen to involve yourself in the political process? Why did you choose to run in this constituency?

The basic grouping of our society, the family, has been undermined by government for years. Parents are involved in a struggle with the government to raise their families. Parents are penalised should they wish to educate their children with their values. They must either pay public school taxes and pay the cost of private schooling or pay public school taxes and purchase supplies and home school their children or send their children to public school to have them taught values contrary to their family values.

Our teenagers are encouraged to leave home at 16 years because the government will provide them with student welfare. Our government will not provide the love and direction parents will, they will simply offer our children a way to elude family discipline and live without rules. Then we can all deplore our society where teenagers are violent and out of control.

Our government has undermined the vows of marriage by reducing them to a contract then offering us ways to break the contract.

They've redefined the function of marriage to make it simply a sexual contract between any two adults.

It's for this reason that I have entered the political process in Ontario.

What prior political experience do you have? What skills and insight can you bring to office, from other non-political positions you may have held?

I have served twice as a candidate for the federal Christian Heritage Party. I am able offer creative solutions to problems. I am able to work with different people to

achieve a common goal. I am willing to stand alone, if I must, against pressure to conform to an idea or course of action. I am thrifty with other people's money, such as tax dollars, as well as my own. I believe in personal responsibility for our actions... not excuses. I am a good listener, I have spent 11 years volunteering at a distress centre.

Which of your competitors do you expect to pose the biggest challenge to your candidacy? Why? All of them because they all seek a mandate from the people of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell.

What makes you the most desirable of all candidates running in the riding?

I am not a resident of the riding so my decisions will not be based in local bias or favouritism. I come with a commitment to help empower families with the authority which is rightfully theirs. I seek to serve, not because of a love for power but, because I believe that we need strong families to build a strong society and economy. I would cheerfully address the issues of G-P-R and maintain a residence there to ensure there is access to me as their MPP.

What do you feel are the three most important issues to voters in your riding? Are these the same top three issues that are most important to you? What would you do to address these issues?

My first priority is our families. It is for them that we work and seek to maintain a stable home life. I believe the welfare of their families is of prime importance to the people of G-P-R. Whether it's recreational concerns, information provided to them outside of approved sources such as the internet, education or child care.

People are concerned primarily about their family. This would be the first area I would seek to address. I would do so by decreasing government involvement in our personal lives. I would like to see parents empowered to make decisions for the well-being of their family. This would include the freedom to choose what form of education the children should have.

Access to health care - There are too many people who do not have access to a family doctor. A cooperative clinic does not provide the same access. Wait times in hospitals can be as long as 10 hours in the emergency room. For all the touting of things getting better, this was about 1 month ago. These are important issues. Elective surgeries should not be paid for by public health care. They are elective and thus un-

essential. The health care savings would ensure that we are able to fully provide necessary and lifesaving medical care.

I would work with the federal government to develop a testing and upgrading system to ensure qualified foreign doctors become active medical practitioners within our system.

Rural areas find the shortage of doctors even more challenging than large cities. We would strengthen the Under-serviced Areas Training Program, providing tuition, books and living expenses for each year of medical school in exchange for an equal number of years in under-serviced areas.

While small communities generally have less dramatic crimes, where there is crime there are victims. We need to protect the rights of law abiding citizens over those of convicted offenders.

Educationally, we need to promote personal responsibility. Violent offenders should need not receive reduced sentences.

What should be the first order of business in the 39th Legislative Assembly?

The first order of business should be to recognise the intrinsic value of the family and seek to withdraw all programs which interfere in the health of the family. This would include: eliminate funding for abortion which has contributed to our nationwide crisis due to the loss of 'replacement birthrate'. This problem will still compound for many years but it would be a first step towards resolving the issue; it would also include a voucher system for education to ensure that parents are in control of how their children are educated; The FCP would also seek to remove social assistance to youth under 18 who have parents able to support them.

Are the property taxes in your riding at a fair level for the amount of services received in the municipality?

Because of the vast infrastructure which must be maintained using a limited income source, I believe that property taxes are above what they should be. Municipalities are closer to the people thus they should be able to provide the services using some of the tax strategies of federal and provincial governments. Property taxes are paid only by homeowners, there are many people who do not own homes but using the services. We need a system of taxing fairly all users of our infrastructure.

How can the province lead the way in stimulating job creation?

The province can lead the way by encouraging the growth of small business. Enabling people to become self-employed stimulates the economy with new jobs. By taking the pressure off municipalities to offer incentives

for large companies to move from municipality to municipality, depending on where they get the best tax break.

What are your views on the mixed member proportional representation (MMP) referendum? I believe it will better represent the diverse opinions which are part of this province. Under the present FPTP system the majority of opinions are not represented in the Legislature because they have been effectively silenced by false majority governments. We need to allow representation to all members and viewpoints in Ontario.

What role, if any, does "new media" play in your campaign, and the campaign of your party? (websites, blogs, Facebook, YouTube videos, etc) Do you view it as beneficial, or a challenge? My campaign is largely based in 'new media'. I live 3-4 hours from the riding for which I am the candidate. This means that I must use the opportunities provided by websites, emails etc.

Of the decisions made by Ontario's 38th Legislative Assembly, which was the most beneficial to your this electoral district? To the province as a whole? Which was least beneficial, or even harmful, to your this riding? To the province as a whole?

The decision to go ahead with the Citizen's Assembly on Electoral Reform was the most beneficial. The decision to break promises was the most harmful. A promise in which there is the least possibility of it being broken under any circumstances should not be made. Broken promises have the effect of estranging public and those who should be representing them.

Ontario Votes 2007: Interview with Libertarian candidate Zork Hun, Parkdale-High Park

Zork Hun is running for the Libertarian party in the Ontario provincial election, in the Parkdale-High Park riding. Wikinews' Nick Moreau interviewed him regarding his values, his experience, and his campaign.

Stay tuned for further interviews; every candidate from every party is eligible, and will be contacted. Expect interviews from Liberals, Progressive Conservatives, New Democratic Party members, Ontario Greens, as well as members from the Family Coalition, Freedom, Communist, Libertarian, and Confederation of Regions parties, as well as independents.

Why have you chosen to involve yourself in the political process? At a recent federal election I was so appalled by the available choices that I couldn't make any. Since I take my civic responsibility seriously, I decided to get involved.

When I came to Canada, I was simply an anti-communist but as I explored the issues I am interested in, I slowly drifted toward libertarianism. I resisted the label for a long time, but part of my decision to get involved was to embrace it. I consider myself to be a 'social libertarian' akin to Charles Murray. What this means is that my main concern is the damage that the state can cause to society.

I am alarmed by our slow drifting toward socialism and I think I must speak up to warn those who have no idea what's at the end of the road.

Why did you choose to run in this constituency?

Because I live in it. It is among the

most hostile ridings to our ideas, but I am not in this race to win. I am in it to represent an alternative. I am uncompromising in my ideas; I couldn't possibly compromise on tactics by choosing a riding where I could have hoped for a few more votes.

My riding has a few very distinct neighbourhoods. The one I live in (Roncesvalles village) is in the process of changing from ethnic/polish to yuppie/alternative. People full of misguided middle class guilt and an ear for the siren song of the NDP. Parkdale represents another solid NDP territory.

High Park and Swansea are a little more to the right but still on the left side of middle.

When you see a middle aged WASP man with Rastafarian hairdo and a "Bush is the real terrorist" T-shirt at an all candidates meeting, you know that you are not in libertarian territory.

But as I said, I am here to stand up, not to win.

What prior political experience do you have?

None. In my school years I was part of the communist youth organization leadership on both schools I attended but I really hope that nobody will hold this against me. I hope to have redeemed myself with the 9 months I spent in a communist jail as a political prisoner.

What skills and insight can you bring to office, from other non-political positions you may have held?

The most important of my experiences is the close observation of the working of a communist country. I was working as a sociological research organizer working on several projects showing us how the benevolent condescension of the

state can kill the spirit of civil society.

Which of your competitors do you expect to pose the biggest challenge to your candidacy? Why? The Libertarian Party advocates a minimal state for several reasons. We believe that a large state apparatus and ambitious government programs are bad for the economy, bad for civil society, bad for individual liberty. The most clearly statist party in Ontario is the NDP, promising anything without any consideration to cost, feasibility or to the potential damage the promised policy can cause. They are by far the most power hungry and the most aggressive in their pursuit of power.

Cheri DiNovo's attitude exemplifies perfectly both the aggression and the irresponsibility, but it seems to work for her amazingly well.

What makes you the most desirable of all candidates running in the riding?

I represent the only party with a coherent political philosophy, the only one that derives his policies consistently from moral axioms and well proven economic principles.

We have simple, straightforward answers to every issue raised in this election. We base every one of our policies on:

Faith in and respect for people
Trust in the power of the free market

Our commitment to non-coercive measures

We represent a moral and practical alternative opposed to the policies to all three statist parties.

What do you feel are the three most important issues to voters in your riding? Are these the same top three issues that are most

important to you? What would you do to address these issues?

My impression from participating in All Candidates' Meetings is that the most important issue is income redistribution. Everybody wants somebody else to pay for what they want and the NDP is more than willing to promise anything to them.

The second issue is Education. People seem to have a problem with the notion of religious education.

The third issue is trust. My impression is that people do not know who to trust and are trying to figure out which of the candidates could be the most trustworthy manager. I don't think people are looking for sweeping new programs, they just want competent managers.

My top three issues are income transfers, government monopolies (especially in education) and accountability.

The ongoing politics of governments taking money away from successful businesses and hard-working individuals just to hand it to badly managed businesses and special interest groups are causing untold amount of harm to the economy. (Also see my answer below on job creation) These direct money transfers should stop.

The tag-line of our party says that we are 'the party of choice' To us, this does not mean that we want to change let's say education or health care, we just want to open the door to change allowing people to make choices for themselves as individuals. This would include allowing private health care and insurance offerings and an unconditional educational voucher system. Allowing the market in is the only thing that can repair the problems of our health care and education systems.

Accountability for me means a lot

more than holding politicians and government bureaucrats responsible for their actions; it means to account for and justify the spending of every dollar they handle. Political parties can get away with waste because people do not know what the money is spent on.

What should be the first order of business in the 39th Legislative Assembly?

Introducing a bill requiring strict fiscal responsibility from all future governments setting very high requirements (75-80% of all MPPs) for the approval of any deficit spending

Are the property taxes in your riding at a fair level for the amount of services received in the municipality?

Absolutely not. Market value based assessment is fundamentally unfair. Since the very essence of the idea is unfair, how could we possibly talk about a fair level?

The only 'fair' tax is one that is based on services or resource use – a combination of lot size – floor space and - # of inhabitants.

If I reformulate your question to say "are the taxes you pay commensurate with the services you receive" the answer would be no. We are not getting \$ 3,500. - worth of services from the city.

How can the province lead the way in stimulating job creation?

By stopping the redistribution of income between businesses.

A picture a few years ago on my tax return provided a telling example. On two pie charts we saw income and expenses. What was striking in the chart was the similarity in size of two items: the income from corporate taxes and the expense that is paid out as corporate subsidies. The income was 2-3% higher, but the

similarity was still striking. What this means is that the government is taking away money from successful businesses and giving it to politically favoured ones.

My answer would be the elimination of both corporate income tax and corporate welfare. The only function of the corporate income tax is to give more power to politicians. Individual taxpayers wouldn't even notice the difference and a corporate-tax friendly environment would give a tremendous boost to the economy.

What are your views on the mixed member proportional representation (MMP) referendum? My party is divided on the subject and I am personally right in the middle.

I followed closely the work of the Citizens' Assembly, I even made a presentation.

My presentation addressed the question of legitimacy, not the issue that is the question of the referendum.

To the referendum question my position is a reluctant yes.

The pros for the change are as follows:

The new system reflects better the distribution of votes and therefore the will of the people.

It will give a chance to smaller parties.

It will create a more cooperative legislative environment by making it more difficult to have majority governments.

The cons are the following:

We will have more politicians with more causes to champion, more political supporters waiting for a payback for that support.

We will have more deal making to make coalitions work resulting in more programs, more spending, higher taxes, less freedom.

In the end we will have more politics and less freedom which is what we stand against. Yet for me

the first argument for – the one saying that it represents the will of the voters better - tilts the scale toward the yes vote.

What role, if any, does "new media" play in your campaign, and the campaign of your party? (websites, blogs, Facebook, YouTube videos, etc) Do you view it as beneficial, or a challenge? Not enough. Ask me again at the next election.

Of the decisions made by Ontario's 38th Legislative Assembly, which was the most beneficial to your this electoral district? To the province as a whole? Which was least beneficial, or even harmful, to your this riding? To the province as a whole?

I pass on this one. I would have to study it more.

Ontario Votes 2007: Interview with Family Coalition Party candidate Ray Scott, Algoma-Manitoulin

Ray Scott is running for the Family Coalition Party in the Ontario provincial election, in the Algoma-Manitoulin riding. Wikinews' Nick Moreau interviewed him regarding his values, his experience, and his campaign.

Stay tuned for further interviews; every candidate from every party is eligible, and will be contacted. Expect interviews from Liberals, Progressive Conservatives, New Democratic Party members, Ontario Greens, as well as members from the Family Coalition, Freedom, Communist, Libertarian, and Confederation of Regions parties, as well as independents.

Why have you chosen to involve yourself in the political process? Why did you choose to run in this constituency?

I first became involved in politics because of my pro-life beliefs. I had no candidate that I could vote for that truly believed in the sanctity of human life. When I found the Family Coalition Party, and saw a well-rounded party platform, I supported the FCP. When there was no candidate in my area, I felt conscience-bound to run. I am running in Algoma-Manitoulin because we need pro-lifers in government and none of the other candidates can offer that.

What prior political experience do you have? What skills and insight can you bring to office, from other non-political positions you may have held?

In terms of elections, I have run twice before. In my professional life, as a public school teacher, I have vast experience in moving agendas forward and resolving conflicts. As a pro-life, and union activist, I frequently engage in the political process and understand how decisions are made, and how to positively influence those processes.

Which of your competitors do you expect to pose the biggest challenge to your candidacy? Why? What makes you the most desirable of all candidates running in the riding?

The incumbent Liberal candidate has held the riding for 20 years and has a very strong campaign organization. The NDP candidate has the best set of promises, though I don't think they can be paid for. I am the best candidate because my party's policy on healthcare realistically addresses the primary needs of Ontarians. The health policy for the Family Coalition Party is called "Medical Savings Accounts".

What do you feel are the three

most important issues to voters in your riding? Are these the same top three issues that are most important to you? What would you do to address these issues?

Issue #1: Healthcare

The Family Coalition Party proposes a system of Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs). Basically, imagine your health card as a debit card. The government puts \$2000 in your own MSA. Every time you visit the doctor or access health services, you present your health card and the cost of service is withdrawn from your MSA. You may only spend that money on healthcare. If you deplete your account, there is a user-pay portion roughly equivalent to the Liberal Health Tax. After that, government run catastrophic healthcare insurance kicks in, similar to OHIP.

Where MSAs are being used around the world, huge cost savings are being realized. More importantly, research shows these cost savings are not resulting in a decline in people's health. The cost savings achieved through MSAs will be re-invested in healthcare areas such as long term care, pharmacare and expensive medical technologies. Lastly, the MSA plan is the only party plan that provides an incentive for eating well, quitting smoking and getting exercise: take care of your body, and you will stay away from the doctor and avoid paying the Liberal Health Tax. Further, unused portions of MSAs can be rolled into RRSPs.

The shortage of healthcare professionals will be dealt with by increasing compensation packages to attract doctors and nurses to the province. These compensation packages are needed to win over doctors and nurses in the international bidding war to Ontario. Prioritizing the provincial budget will pay for the big expense

of winning the bidding war for healthcare expenses. This means cuts in other government areas will be necessary.

Issue #2: Farming

The Family Coalition Party has always believed that the family farm is one of the basic building blocks of Ontario's economy. The FCP will propose "Right to Farm" legislation. The farming sector must be free to operate responsibly, without interference regarding standard farm operating practices. The FCP will continue to support the responsible use of approved chemicals in agriculture. Lastly, I propose an "Adopt-a-Steer" program so that farmers can sell their meat locally at a value-added price. Under our current system, farmers receive the smallest fraction of the cost of beef that people pay at the store. If I want to buy my neighbour's meat, I should be able to, and it is good for the farmer.

Issue #3: Infrastructure

The infrastructure of roads, bridges and water systems is crumbling in Ontario. Investment in safety sensitive infrastructure areas is essential. I propose the creation of reserve accounts in municipal budgets for water systems, for example. These accounts need an initial cash infusion from the provincial government over the short term until the reserve accounts are self-sustaining through a portion of property tax rates.

What should be the first order of business in the 39th Legislative Assembly?

The first thing I would do is introduce legislation banning sex-selection abortions. Even China has a law like this. Ontario should not be second to China for anything when it comes to human rights.

Are the property taxes in your riding at a fair level for the amount of services received in the municipality?

Most people do not believe they receive good value for the property taxes they pay. In general, people used to pay \$1.00 and got \$1.30 in services. Now we pay \$1.00 and get \$0.70 back in services. The FCP is committed to freezing the education portion of property tax rates. We will remove the education portion of taxes from agricultural lands. Concerning Market Value Assessment increases, if a significant increase is required, it must be phased in over time. Halting provincial downloading that forces higher expenses on municipalities and towns can also relieve property taxes. Lastly, property taxes going up are also a response to the pressures of an aging population with a shrinking tax base, so we either need to lower our expectations of government and pay less taxes; or have more babies.

How can the province lead the way in stimulating job creation?

We can wait. The shortage of workers is so severe, even if we do nothing, unemployment will come close to zero. In the meantime, the FCP believes that only in a free-enterprise economy does the creation of wealth take place and productivity is best achieved. The FCP supports the long-term removal of all measures that insulate industries, businesses, financial institutions, professions and trade unions from domestic and foreign competition. Government intervention should be limited to work safety and protection of the environment issues. Finally, governments cannot create wealth, but can create the conditions in which small businesses and corporations

can create wealth. The forces that contribute to the creation of wealth and jobs are need, ingenuity, labour, production, provision of services and the like. The FCP will help the private sector to create jobs by reducing taxes to stimulate investment and increase the buying power of the average citizen.

What are your views on the mixed member proportional representation (MMP) referendum? I support it and my party supports it. Our current system is out-dated (1792). Under our current system 60%+ of the population is routinely not represented. Under the MMP system, the legislature will reflect true voting patterns. The burden of representation would decrease, on average, by 18 000 people for each legislator. Further, "list members" under the new system would be better caretakers of the whole province, rather than thinking in solely regional terms. The citizen's assembly worked on the MMP proposal for 8 months, and voted for it by a majority of 94 to 8. Lastly, in countries with an MMP-like system, voter turnout has increase by an average of 10%, which is a good thing.

What role, if any, does "new media" play in your campaign, and the campaign of your party? (websites, blogs, Facebook, YouTube videos, etc) Do you view it as beneficial, or a challenge? It would be a lot more beneficial to my campaign if I wasn't on dial-up! I use email and websites, but technology is underutilized in my campaign. The only disadvantage to "new media" is that it may not be effective in reaching some demographic groups (e.g., low-income, some seniors).

Of the decisions made by Ontario's

38th Legislative Assembly, which was the most beneficial to your this electoral district? To the province as a whole? Which was least beneficial, or even harmful, to your this riding? To the province as a whole?

Some investments in infrastructure was beneficial. The province will benefit as a whole if MMP passes. The persistent efforts to maintain an unsustainable healthcare system structure are the most damaging policies to the province, and the riding. 1 million people in Ontario still don't have access to a family doctor, and this shortage is even more acute in the North. Life saving surgeries continue to be cancelled due to over-crowded emergency rooms, and the challenges in long term care are huge. The longer we wait to implement Medical Savings Accounts, the more difficult it will be to manage the healthcare crisis.

University of Memphis athlete shot to death; classes canceled

University of Memphis football player Taylor Bradford died after being the victim of what police are calling a targeted attack. The shooting occurred near a campus housing complex Sunday night at 9:45 p.m. (10:45 EST)

Bradford hailed from Nashville, Tennessee and transferred to Memphis in 2006.

Following the shooting, Bradford got into his car and attempted to drive away before crashing a short distance away. Regional Medical Center Memphis spokeswoman Sandy Snell said Bradford was taken to the hospital and pronounced dead shortly after 10:15 p.m. University President Shirley Raines said the student body was notified at 3:44 a.m. via a mass text message. Raines also

said, "This was an act directed specifically toward the victim and it was not a random act of violence."

No suspects have been named in the shooting.

The campus was locked down for a short time following the shooting of the 21-year-old junior defensive lineman. University spokesman Curt Gunther said classes were canceled as a precaution.

The University's football team, The Memphis Tigers, will play tomorrow night at home against Marshall University, as scheduled. The team's head coach Tommy West said, "Our entire football team is deeply saddened by the loss of Taylor... He was well respected and a popular member of our team."

Classes are expected to resume on Tuesday, and police say that the investigation will continue.

Abbott calls for independent boards to govern Australian hospitals

Australian Federal Health Minister Tony Abbott today called for the establishment of independent boards to govern hospitals. The changes will be part of the next five-year Commonwealth-state health agreement Federal funding would be withdrawn from hospitals that did not agree to the boards.

Abbott says the purpose of the independent boards is to reduce bureaucracy and make public hospitals more efficient and responsive. "The board and [the] CEO will have control over budgets and make decisions about what happens in hospitals," he said.

Federal Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd said that the plan would

create more, not less bureaucracy. "Not only are we going to have thousands of federal bureaucrats, thousands of state health bureaucrats, but now a new layer of bureaucracy as well," he said.

UK withdrawing thousand troops from Iraq

Prime minister of the United Kingdom, Gordon Brown announced during his trip to Baghdad, Iraq, that his government will be withdrawing at least one thousand British troops from Iraq by the end of 2007. Brown also plans to gradually hand over control of Basra to Iraq security forces in accordance with the withdrawal.

"What we propose to do over these next few months is to move from a situation where we have a combat role to an over-watch role. Hopefully they will be home by Christmas," said Brown.

There are approximately 5,500 British troops in Iraq, with most of them located in and around Basra.

The reduction agreement was reached between Brown, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq Barham Saleh and General David Petraeus of the U.S. Army in Iraq with the troop withdraw expected to begin in Basra.

Brown is expected to travel to Basra later today. British troops recently withdrew from the city to a nearby base, leaving security in the hands of Iraqi forces.

Fatal fall in Yellowstone National Park

Charlotte Harrison, from Beverly Hills, fell to her death while taking pictures at the edge of a steep canyon after she stepped over a low rock wall at a pull out on the

Grand Loop Road in Yellowstone National Park.

Rangers were called to the Calcite Springs area, just north of Tower Falls at about 6:30 p.m. on Friday. They could see a woman lying immobile on the canyon floor near the Yellowstone River.

Yellowstone fire department and a technical rescue team responded. A ranger rappelled down the steep 500-foot embankment to reach the woman and confirmed that she was dead. Due to darkness, steep terrain, and the complex nature of this type of large scale operation, park staff had to wait until Saturday morning to remove the victim from the canyon floor. An autopsy conducted over the weekend shows the cause of death was massive trauma caused by the fall.

32-year old Harrison and a 39-year old male friend from Los Angeles were traveling through the park, and had stopped to take pictures at a pullout in the Calcite Springs area just north of Tower Falls when the incident occurred.

This is the second fatal fall at this particular pullout in two years. Harrison slipped off the edge only about 4 meters from where a woman fell to her death in April 2006.

The incident remains under investigation. Anyone with information they think might help investigators is asked to call the Park Tip Line at 307-344-2132.

Today in History

1283 – Dafydd ap Gruffydd the Prince of Wales, the last native ruler of Wales to resist English domination, was executed by drawing and quartering.

1918 – World War I: Following his armed forces' defeat to the Allied Powers, Tsar Ferdinand I of Bulgaria abdicated in favor of his son Boris III.
 1929 – King Alexander I renamed the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes as the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, and changed its subdivisions from the 33 oblasts to nine new banovinas.
 1990 – German reunification: The five re-established German states (Bundesländer) of East Germany formally joined West Germany.
 1993 – Soldiers from Malaysian, Pakistani and U.S. armed forces attempted to capture Somalian warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid in the Battle of Mogadishu.
 October 03 is Shemini Atzeret begins at sunset (Judaism, 2007); National Foundation Day in South Korea; German Unity Day.

Quote of the Day

If there must be a god in the house, must be, Saying things in the room and on the stair,

Let him move as the sunlight moves on the floor, Or moonlight, silently, as Plato's ghost

Or Aristotle's skeleton. Let him hang out His stars on the wall. He must dwell quietly.

~ Wallace Stevens ~

Word of the Day

ruddy; adj
 1. Reddish in color, especially of the face, sky, or fire.

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