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Alleged Russian spy captured in Montreal Canada

An alleged Russian spy was arrested in Montreal. He had threatened national security. The man is identified as a Russian spy and has been living under a false name.

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Proposal for Buffalo, N.Y. hotel reportedly dead: parcels for sale "by owner"

A proposed hotel that was supposed to be built at the corner of Elmwood and Forest Avenues in Buffalo, New York is apparently off the table and properties are for sale.

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- UK prime minister Tony Blair has admitted that Iraq is 'pretty much a disaster' in an interview broadcast today on Al Jazeera English.
- The Government of the Netherlands announces it will introduce a bill banning the wearing of the burqa in public, stating that burqas disturb public order, citizens and safety. About 5% of the Dutch population is Muslim, but only a few dozen

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- wear the burqa. (BBC)
- Dutch newspaper de Volkskrant reports that officers of the Military Intelligence and Security Service of the Netherlands have physically abused prisoners in the Iraqi governorate of Al Muthanna.
- Australian and New Zealand military forces are on standby to fly to Tonga following riots in the Tongan capital Nuku'alofa yesterday. Eight people died in the riots. The Tongan government declares a state of emergency and passes emergency laws giving security forces the right to stop and search people without a warrant.
- Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev calls on the Government to switch the alphabet used in the Kazakh language from Cyrillic letters to Latin.
- Former Uruguayan dictator Juan María Bordaberry is arrested in connection with the 1976 abduction and assassination of 2 congressmen.
- President of the United States George W. Bush and Prime Minister of Australia John Howard discuss Iraq strategy over lunch. The two leaders are attending an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in Hanoi.
- The Chinese Government blocks internet access to Wikipedia in China less than one week after a year-long ban was lifted.
- Greg Anderson, personal trainer

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to Barry Bonds, is ordered to go to prison for the third time for contempt of a grand jury for refusing to testify against Bonds regarding alleged perjury in connection to an earlier steroids investigation.

Wild storm forces Vancouver to issue boil water advisory

Wednesday's storm has caused the entire Greater Vancouver area to issue a boil water warning. The storm overwhelmed three local water reservoirs which serves more than two million people.

The local medical health officer advised that tap water not be used for anything.

"We know that with turbidity levels this high there is an increased risk of gastrointestinal illness. So people need to be aware of that, although it's their choice," warned Dr. Patricia Daly, medical health officer for Vancouver Coastal Health Authority. "If I'm asked, I'm telling the public: Don't drink the water from the tap at this time. Drink bottled water or boil your water for a full minute."

The Greater Vancouver area has received a total of 236.8mm of rain this month. The rainfall record of 350.8mm was set in 1983, according to measurements taken at Vancouver International Airport.

Starbucks, a coffee shop, in downtown Vancouver had to stop serving coffee and grocery stores

had to turn off the produce sprayers used to cool vegetables.

BC Hydro are busy at the moment repairing power and telephone lines blown down in the heavy winds. It left over 220,000 customers without electricity.

2006 MLS championship goes to Houston Dynamos

Ninety minutes wasn't long enough to decide the Major League Soccer's 2006 Championship game last Sunday between the Houston Dynamo and the New England Revolution. At the end of regulation play the score stood at 0-0.

Two 15 minute overtime periods commenced. In the 113th minute Revolution striker Taylor Twellman finally put the ball into the net from 18 meters out, giving New England a 1-0 lead. Minutes later - one commentator mentioned it happened while New England was still celebrating its goal - Houston's Brian Ching, with a header assist from Brian Mullan, brought the score back to a tie at 1-1.

Five minutes later the championship game went into a best-of-five penalty kick period.

Making the final score 4-3, Brian Ching made the winning kick that finally gave Houston the 2006 Major League Soccer championship as the record crowd of 22,427 in Frisco's Pizza Hut Park watched.

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It has gotten so bad that two gunmen in Putnam, Connecticut, came up to 15 to 20 people standing outside Wal-Mart a little after 3:00 a.m. and demanded money. One man resisted and he was shot. Police are now on the scene and are searching for the suspects.

Ebay is restricting PlayStation 3's to only experienced ebay sellers with high ratings. Only one PS3 can be listed per eBay account. The listing has to include a photo of the pre-order receipt and the seller must guarantee shipment within 30 days starting from the date of purchase.

Convoy attacked in Iraq, 5 kidnapped

Five contractors, four Americans and an Austrian, working for Crescent Security Group were kidnapped in Iraq after their convoy was attacked and hijacked by militants. At least 2 of the American men have been freed by police officers, but the security guard from Austria, a 25 year-old former soldier, has been killed. His body was found in Safwan, Iraq according to a police officer for the Basra, Iraq police force.

"Police were able to free two of the foreigners kidnapped and they are in good health," said the Basra provincial governor, Mohammed al-Waili.

The men were on their way to Nassiriya, Iraq and were taking a road that is supposed to be guarded to ensure the safety of convoys traveling in the region.

The fate of the other two missing men is not yet known.

UCLA student tasered repeatedly

UCLA police tasered a student who

repeatedly refused to show ID while the officers were making a usual 11:00PM safety sweep of a campus library. Tasers are meant to be non-lethal weapons which immobilize people by discharging an electrical charge into their bodies. Their use has been considered controversial.

A statement put out by the University of California, LA police department says that the student, Mostafa Tabatabaiejad, 23, was asked to leave multiple times during the incident and refused. It goes on to say that when officers tried to escort him out of the library he continued to refuse to cooperate.

Some witnesses refute this statement saying that Tabatabaiejad had been walking toward the door of the library when police grabbed him.

Police tasered Tabatabaiejad multiple times after the student attempted to encourage other students to join him in his act of resistance. This action was caught by another student via a cell phone. The video has been posted to YouTube.

This is the third incident this month where a LA police department has been taped engaging in critical behavior.

Acting Chancellor Norman Abrams in a statment promised an investigation saying that the safety of the university students is a paramount concern.

China reinstates ban on Wikimedia after short-lived loosening

HEFEI, China (Wikinews) After about one week of free access to Chinese Wikipedia, millions of netizens in mainland China found

their access blocked once again. All requests for pages on the site are now answered only with the error message "The page cannot be displayed."

According to test results and feedback available so far, everything has been reverted to what it was before mid-October. No direct access to any project page under the Wikimedia Foundation is available, and the keyword "zh.wikipedia.org", which is the URL of Chinese Wikipedia, is a banned search term. Attempts to search for that string in any search engine outside mainland China (Google, Yahoo, AltaVista, etc) results in the blocking of access to that search engine for several minutes.

The Chinese government had lifted its ban on all non-Chinese versions of Wikipedia in mid-October, and the Chinese version on November 12. Whether the five-day partial absence of censorship (with politically sensitive contents still forbidden) was intentional or accidental is still unknown, however it had allowed millions in China to witness the Chinese Wikipedia's attainment of 100,000 entries. Many netizens had expressed their delight on online bulletin boards and chat rooms all over the country.

No reason has been given as to why this happened.

Brazilian model dies of anorexia

Anorexia nervosa claimed the life of another model. Ana Carolina Reston was 21 years old when she died on November 14 in Sao Paulo from a generalized infection caused by anorexia, an eating disorder in which sufferers obsessively deprive themselves of food in pursuit of an ultra-slim

look.

She was 5'8" tall and weighed only 88 pounds. Doctors consider this weight normal for a 12-year-old girl who is no more than 5 feet tall. Her mother has revealed to the press that her diet, since the last two months, consisted only of apples and tomatoes.

Reston's death is set to strengthen claims of links between the fashion industry and eating disorders. It comes shortly after one of Europe's most prestigious catwalk shows, in the Spanish capital, banned underweight models, using their body mass index as a guide.

It was the death of another model, Luisel Ramos from Uruguay that first cast light on the problem of models starving themselves to achieve "the perfect form". Ramos died of a heart failure during a fashion show.

Anorexia is a common eating disorder in which people strive to get thin because they think that they are overweight.

Teenage boys rape 13-year-old in Zurich, film act on cellphone

A group of 13 teenage boys raped a 13-year old school girl in Zurich last weekend, reports the website of the German language newspaper 20 Minuten. The report says that the girl was raped repeatedly and the act filmed on mobile phones.

Six of the suspects are Swiss nationals, two come from Serbia and Montenegro, one comes from Italy, two from the Republic of Macedonia, one from the Dominican Republic and one from Bosnia and Hercegovina. All live in Zurich.

All the suspects were arrested on

Thursday. Police secured 3 mobile phones. Police say that securing the phones ensures the movies don't get published on the Internet and cannot spark potential copycat acts.

The alleged act took place in the flat of an 18-year-old colleague of a 15-year-old friend of the victim. The victim and four of the arrested suspects attend the same school in Zurich Oerlikon.

Verena Lang Temperli, a school official, told 20 Minuten that this case is a problem of society itself, not a problem of the school.

Islamic groups protest Pakistani rape law reform

Islamic fundamentalists have vowed large scale protests after Pakistan's Parliament amended laws to transfer rape cases from Sharia courts to civil courts.

Sharia courts in Pakistan, based on Islamic religious law, try rape cases under "Hudood" laws instituted in 1979. The laws say that a rape victim must herself face adultery charges unless she can produce four Muslim male witnesses to the rape. The maximum sentence for adultery is death by stoning.

The laws are widely condemned by women's and rights groups as an almost impossible burden of proof. Human rights groups have long campaigned for changes to the religious laws. On Wednesday, Parliament voted overwhelmingly in favor of the amendments.

A coalition of Islamic parties, the Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal (MMA), which forms the Parliamentary opposition, has opposed the changes, saying it encourages "free sex". The MMA says that its members will resign from national

and provincial assemblies in protest.

US Soldier gets life in prison for Iraq rape-slayings

Specialist James Barker, a US Army soldier in the 502nd Infantry Regiment, pleaded guilty to raping a 14 year old Iraqi girl before murdering her and her family and was sentenced to life in prison.

Barker could face up to 90 years in jail, but is eligible for parole in 20 years.

The incident took place in the town of Mahmudiyah, south of Baghdad in March, 2006. Five soldiers are facing charges in connection with the rape-slayings, which sparked outrage in Iraq, and led Iraqi leaders to call for a review of the immunity from prosecution given to coalition forces operating in Iraq.

Baker testified in detail about what had taken place, which led to the court-martial proceedings against three other soldiers, Pfc. Jesse Spielman, Sgt. Paul Cortez, and Pfc. Bryan Howard. A fifth soldier, Steven D. Green, who is no longer in military service, faces trial in a civilian court in Kentucky.

Canadian Prime Minister to meet Chinese President Hu Jintao in Vietnam

Stephen Harper is set to meet with Chinese President Hu Jintao at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Harper arrived in Hanoi at about 7:30 a.m. ET on yesterday.

On Wednesday, the Chinese government proposed the meeting during the APEC conference between the two leaders, the Chinese government withdrew from the meeting right after

Harper agreed to it. They said they would signal at the eleventh hour that its president would meet with Mr. Harper. They added that China rejects any criticism of its human-rights situation.

Harper vowed to speak his mind on human rights issues regardless of Chinese sensibilities. "We'll talk in a frank manner and we won't accept conditions on the subjects of discussion," Harper said.

"I think Canadians want us to promote our trade relations worldwide. We do that. But I don't think Canadians want us to sell out important Canadian values of belief in democracy, freedom and human rights — they don't want us to sell that out to the almighty dollar," said Harper.

"This is not the only incident of the Chinese demanding or asking for a meeting and then declining it once it is accepted and it is a pattern that kind of perplexes us," he said.

China's human rights has been raised by former Prime Minister Paul Martin when Hu visited Ottawa last year. Martin said he had a full discussion of human rights with the Chinese president and had raised the cases of 10 Falun Gong members.

"The Chinese government attaches great importance to China-Canada relations," said Jiang Yu, a Beijing foreign affairs spokeswoman.

"During the APEC meeting, President Hu Jintao and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper will meet."

Ottawa said it would like to discuss a number of issues, including the case of, Huseyincan Celil, a Chinese-Canadian who is being held in a China prison for allegedly having links to Muslim separatist

extremist groups in his native Xinjiang province.

Tommy Thompson shows interest in 2008 run for the White House

Ex-Wisconsin Governor, Tommy Thompson has decided to launch an exploratory committee early next year to explore a possible 2008 White House bid. Thompson is one of three large Republican candidates to form exploratory committees in the past week. Sen. John McCain (R-Arizona) and Former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani both have formed committees, Giuliani's has already begun work and McCain's will begin work after the Christmas holiday.

"I will be forming an exploratory committee for president after the first of the year, and then I will be spending time in Iowa and other states across the country," Thompson said in an interview. Thompson went on to say that his experience as a former Wisconsin governor and as health secretary during President George W. Bush's first presidential term would be valuable assets in what is becoming more crowded and is expected to be quite competitive.

Other potential Republican candidates include Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, Sens. Bill Frist of Tennessee and Sam Brownback of Kansas and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich. California Representative Duncan Hunter already began his run last month.

Virginia Bill of Rights to deny legal status to same-sex and unmarried relationships

Virginia, United States – A ballot referendum to amend the Virginia Bill of Rights that denies to same-sex and unmarried couples any

legal status that approximates that granted to married couples was approved by state voters during the U.S. midterm election by a 57% to 43% margin.

The Virginia result, along with voters from seven other U.S. states who decided on similar constitutional amendments, brings the total to 27 states that now constitutionally ban the recognition of same-sex unions at the state level. Arizona voters failed to pass a similar ballot initiative this election cycle, making it the first and only U.S. state to reject a constitutional ban.

Both the governor of Virginia, Tim Kaine, and Senator-elect, Jim Webb, publically opposed the amendment before the vote. Governor Kaine said the broad language against the recognition of the "legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals" within the referendum might have negative consequences on the state's business climate. Further, that "it would invite protracted court challenges in areas including contracts, custody cases and end-of-life decisions."

The Attorney General of Virginia, Robert F. McDonell argued that the rights of unmarried individuals are still protected, because such legal protections flow from common law, not solely from marriage.

However, the Bill of Rights is the basis and foundation of government. Thus, as discussed by Raymond A. Warren, any portion of common law that is determined by the seven-member Virginia Supreme Court to be in conflict with the amendment would no longer provide any such protection within Virginia.

The amendment establishes a

section that explicitly prevents the government from recognizing the legal status of any relationships outside of heterosexual marriage. Though paragraph one of the amendment specifically bans same-sex marriage, paragraph two prevents the government from recognizing the legal status of any relationship of unmarried individuals that would in anyway approximate marriage.

That only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions.

This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage. Nor shall this Commonwealth or its political subdivisions create or recognize another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage.

— Section 15-A. "Marriage" which was amended to the Virginia Bill of Rights

Transfer of power and business concerns

Judge Warren argues that one of the greatest dangers of this amendment is that "no body knows what the sentence means". The Judge's position is reinforced by the views of an eminent Professor of Law within Virginia, who is a recognized expert on the social issues surrounding marriage. The professor described the amendment as "murky".

Judge Warren argues that this

modification affectively transfers broad power to the 7-member Supreme Court to interpret how this amendment affects the existing laws, benefits and rights that unwed partners currently enjoy. This would be in contrast to instead creating public policies, which could be adjusted through democratic processes as social understandings of the underlying issues evolve.

The Judge's argument, which is consistent with Tim Kaine's and Senator-elect Jim Webb's position, is that there will be significant costs to the society and many years of uncertainty, as these issues are worked-out in the courts.

For instance, the domestic partner benefits that are offered by many companies operating in Virginia are a concern. Since corporate policies must be consistent with Virginia law, these domestic partner benefits are at risk. This uncertainty may then discourage both the talent and the employers who need to attract that talent from doing business in the state.

Making "murky" modifications to the very foundation of government, which in-turn underlies the most complex social system in history, argues for prudence and pause.

Potential for unintended impacts on current law
All of Virginia's current laws were formed on the foundation that they needed to secure the rights identified in the Bill of Rights. However, that foundation has now fundamentally changed. The state is now forbidden from recognizing a broad set of previously recognized rights associated with unwed relationships. So many existing laws may now be

unconstitutional, or will no longer safeguard same-sex or unwed couples and their families.

For example, in 2004 Ohio passed a similar amendment with practically identical language. They also had a 27-year-old domestic-violence law that was applied to all domestic partners. But on May 30, 2006, Ohio's Third Appellant Court ruled that that law was now unconstitutional due to Ohio's 2004 "Defense of Marriage" amendment. Though Ohio's Supreme Court must still hear this case, it does demonstrate how the amendment threatens the stability of existing laws concerning unwed relationships. An excerpt from the ruling follows:

*In doing so [finding Ohio's domestic violence law unconstitutional], we noted that it was unlikely that this was an intended result of the Defense of Marriage Amendment. However, we felt constrained to apply the amended provision of the Ohio Constitution as written, and held that the relationship established in the statute for cohabitants intended to "approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effect of marriage" in violation of the Amendment.
— May 30, 2006, State v. Shaffer, 2006-Ohio-2662*

Stabilizing the marriage tradition
The institution of marriage, as a union between one man and one woman has been a dominant tradition within our society for at least 2 thousand years. The existence of a fundamental tradition that is rooted with the procreation of the human species argues for a conservative and measured approach when faced with absorbing the changes demanded by an evolving society.

(Buckley and Ribstein)

Since the recognition of same-sex marriage represents a significant departure from these traditions, Virginia law has prohibited same sex marriage for over 30 years. Judge Warren argues that it would have been unlikely that Virginia's rather conservative judges would have changed the definition of marriage, even without the amendment.

However, supporters of the amendment are also concerned that the recognition of new standard form relationships, such as same-sex unions could have unintended consequences.

For example, a writer of The Weekly Standard, Stanley Kurtz, a fellow at the Hudson Institute, blames same-sex marriage in the Netherlands for an increase in parental cohabitation contracts. He asserts that same-sex marriage has detached procreation from marriage in the Dutch mind and would likely do the same in the United States.

However, in the 1999 case of Baker v. State, the Vermont court rejected as illogical and lacking empirical support, the argument that giving the same benefits to same sex and heterosexual couples would have unpredictable effects on the institution of marriage(Buckley and Ribstein). However, it stopped short of requiring the recognition of same sex marriage. The court noted that arguments about destabilization of the institution of marriage are "not altogether irrelevant. A sudden change in the marriage laws or the statutory benefits traditionally incidental to marriage may have disruptive and unforeseen consequences."

Security of Individual Rights

The 1776 Bill of Rights was the first document in the Americas to declare protection of Individual Rights to all people, to define these rights as forming the foundation of the government and to recognize Individual Rights as being superior to all other Laws instituted by the government.

Rights differ fundamentally from other instituted laws. Individual Rights are an inherent power or liberty, not awarded by human power, to which one is justly entitled and which cannot be legally deprived or restricted by government. Laws, on the other hand, are the obligations and restrictions instituted by governments that are needed to secure those rights. Since rights are considered superior to laws, the judicial branch should necessarily strike down the passage of any law that violates any of these rights.

The state Supreme Courts of Massachusetts in 2003 and of New Jersey last month, have ruled that anti-same-sex marriage laws were unconstitutional because they found that the state had to give the same rights to gay couples as they did to heterosexual couples.

To avoid this outcome, proponents of preserving only heterosexual marriage as an acceptable partnership, have chosen to amend marriage laws, which carried the risk of being found unconstitutional, into the Bill of Rights.

The following sections of the Virginia Bill of Rights may be in conflict with the "Marriage" amendment:

Section 1 That all men are by nature equally free and independent, and have certain

inherent rights, of which, when they enter into a state of society, they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; namely, the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety.

— Sections 1 of the Virginia Bill of Rights

The Bill of Rights is also a vehicle whereby Virginia decided what is a right.

That all power is vested in, and consequently derived from, the people, that magistrates are their trustees and servants, and at all times amenable to them.

— Article 1, Section 2. Constitution of Virginia

New Zealand girls planned "undie run" defended by politician

New Zealand politician and head of the United Future party, Peter Dunne, has defended the group of 12 girls from St Margaret's College who attempted to do an "undie run" through Christ's College. Both schools are located in Christchurch, New Zealand.

According to newspaper, The Press, the 12 year 13 (seventh form) girls were stopped by staff who worked for Christ's College when they arrived at the school in their underwear.

It has been reported that the girls' punishment is to be banned from the Leavers Dinner that takes place at the end of the year. Dunne replied to this report by saying: "Let's put this into perspective. It's simply end of year hijinks. There is no malice involved and in comparison with other activities that teenagers get themselves into, this really is

at the low end of the spectrum. I agree that schools need to be vigilant especially as the end of year approaches, however I think they may have gone a little over the top in punishing students for what is traditionally a harmless bit of fun."

Dunne said: "The tradition of undie runs at Christchurch high schools has been going on for many years in good spirits. Such heavy-handedness is political correctness gone mad. It is traditional for Christchurch schools to get up to such antics at this time of year. While the public expects a certain standard of behaviour I would doubt if many people would be offended by such an event as occurred on Monday."

It is said by a person that works for Mr. Dunne that he may have participated in the the "undie runs" when he was a teenager.

Simon Leese, principal of Christ's College, said: "Underwear runs were a dangerous practice."

Claudia Wysocki, executive principal of St Margaret's College, did not comment as it is private and only concerns the girls involved, their parents and the school.

Dunne said: "Kids will be kids; if we are unnecessarily pedantic they will inevitably be compelled to rebel in more destructive ways."

French inspection: North Korean ship has no illegal cargo

Officials on the Indian Ocean island of Mayotte said that a North Korean vessel they searched today had no illegal cargo.

The ship was searched by French Customs to enforce sanctions

imposed by an October 14 resolution of the United Nations Security Council.

The UN passed Resolution 1718, imposing new sanctions on North Korea, in response to a nuclear weapon test in October. The ship was searched at the small French island of Mayotte. The BBC reports that this may be the first search of a North Korean vessel under the new sanctions regime.

Update: November 17, 2006, Press agency AFP reported last night that French authorities plan to continue inspecting the ship until the end of the week.

House Democrats name Pelosi speaker

Nancy Pelosi was chosen by Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives to take the title and role of House Speaker on Thursday. Unanimously chosen, Pelosi will be the first woman Speaker in US history.

While calling for unity within the Democratic party as the party votes as to who gains leadership positions within the House and Senate for the first time in 12 years. Within moments of being officially chosen Speaker-Elect she pushed forward her nomination of Representative John Murtha for the No. 2 post in the House -- majority leader. Voting is now going on in this contested race between Murtha and Representative Steny Hoyer, the current Democratic Party second-in-command.

Pelosi takes the position in January, taking over for Dennis Hastert. Hastert confirmed that he would not seek election as House Minority Leader in 2007.

Today in History

1307 - William Tell, a legendary marksman in Switzerland, is said to have successfully shot an apple on the head of his son with a single bolt from his crossbow.

1626 - St. Peter's Basilica was consecrated on the anniversary of that of the previous church in 326.

1905 - Prince Carl of Denmark became Haakon VII, the first King of Norway after the personal union between Sweden and Norway was dissolved.

1987 - An underground fire kills 31 people at London's busiest underground station at King's Cross St Pancras.

1991 - The Croatian city of Vukovar is invaded by Serbians, ending an 87-day siege.

November 18 is Independence Day in Latvia (1918), National Day in Oman (1940)

Quote of the Day

It's a feature of our age that if you write a work of fiction, everyone assumes that the people and events in it are disguised biography — but if you write your biography, it's equally assumed you're lying your head off.

~ Margaret Atwood

Word of the Day

eponym; n

1. A person whose name has become identified with a particular object or activity.
2. A word formed from a person's name.

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