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Racial profiling at the border

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Zeitoun holds a Canadian passport. That's not good enough in this day and age, and if you're of Middle Eastern heritage, your difficulties at the border multiply.

A U.S. Customs and Border Protection official in Minneapolis said detentions of Canadians lasting as long as Zeitoun's are "not normal." It sure appears racial profiling is being practised.

– The Sault Star

Group wants racial profiling at U.S. border to stop

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“My whole life is on that laptop,” he said. “They pretty much took my life from me.”

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--Ontario Update--

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– (Native-Occupation-Compensation)

Some Caledonia residents say a provincial offer of compensation for homeowners living near the site of a year-long aboriginal occupation is an insult.

The province is offering 135 households amounts ranging from two-thousand to six-thousand dollars.

Caledonia resident Christine Neill says homeowners expected to be offered a lot more in compensation.

The Caledonia occupation has cost the province more than 46 (m) million dollars so far --- nearly half of that in extra policing costs. (BN)

(Deadbeat-Parents-Website)

Five so-called deadbeat dads in Ontario have been tracked down after having their names and personal details posted on a government website.

Community and Social Services Minister Madeleine Meilleur says the website --- called Good Parents Pay --- has received almost 17 (m) million hits and about 200 tips from the public.

There are currently 18 profiles posted on the website, and the government says they'll stay online for up to three months or until the parent agrees to pay. (BN)

(Schools-Funding)

New money for school boards is all well and good, but Conservative Frank Klees says the Liberals haven't solved basic problems in education.

The McGuinty government is pouring an additional 781 (m) million dollars into Ontario classrooms for special education, aboriginal studies, more teachers and arts programs.

But Klees says boards are still having trouble balancing the books because the Liberals haven't fixed the education funding formula.

New Democrat Rosario Marchese says the new cash may never make it to the classroom. (BN)

(Cdn-Student-Detained)

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(Psychotherapist-Charge)

A Toronto man faces charges following a report that a woman was sexually assaulted while being treated by a psychotherapist.

Toronto police say the woman alleges she was touched inappropriately after being asked to undress and lie down on a table under a blanket.

Gregory Nye has been charged with sexual assault.

He is to appear in a Toronto court on April 18th. (BN)

(Menu-Foods-Recall)

Nestle says its Canadian Purina wet dog or cat food products are not affected by a recent recall.

Toronto-based Menu Foods recalled dog food sold under 48 brands and cat food sold under 40 brands, including Iams, Nutro and Eukanuba.

An unknown number of cats and dogs suffered kidney failure and about 10 died after eating the suspect pet food.

The food was distributed throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico by major retailers such as Wal-Mart, Kroger and Safeway. (BN)

(Ontario Update by Maria Babbage)

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Jim Flaherty is almost daring his opponents to block the budget he will deliver tomorrow.

The finance minister says he's feeling confident about the budget, adding that he thinks it's something for which Canadian families would vote.

Liberal Leader Stephane Dion says he could support Monday's budget if it does three things -- helps Canada's economy by investing in business innovation and post-secondary education, help lower-income Canadians, and contains measures for the environment. (10)

(Que-Elxn)

It could be a major shot in the arm for Jean Charest's election hopes.

The Quebec Liberal leader has been told by Public Works Minister Michael Fortier that things will go well tomorrow, meaning there will be more money for the province in the federal budget.

Quebec is slated to get the bulk of new transfer payment money from Ottawa.

Monday's budget is expected to contain around 3.5 (b) billion dollars in annual transfers to the provinces. (10)

(Green-Party-May)

Green Party Leader Elizabeth May is taking another shot at the House of Commons.

May has announced she'll seek the Green Party nomination in the riding of Central Nova -- currently held by Foreign Affairs Minister Peter MacKay.

May says a nomination vote will be held April 10th. (10)

(Cdn-Student-Detained-US)

A Northern Ontario university student says he felt insulted and frightened after U-S border officials held him for over 12 hours before letting him go.

The incident took place when 22-year-old Mahmoud Zeitoun tried boarding a flight at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport last Thursday.

Zeitoun, who is Lebanese born yet holds a Canadian passport, says he was interrogated and had his computer laptop seized. (10)

(Conrad-Black-Trial)

Former media magnate Conrad Black finally has his day in court tomorrow.

When Black's fraud and racketeering trial gets underway in Chicago, it's expected that his lawyers will argue that he had proper approvals from the Hollinger International newspaper group to cover personal expenses.

Prosecutors allege Black defrauded shareholders to the tune of 85 (m) million dollars. (10)

(HEALTH–Tanning–Teens)

As of tomorrow, teens under the age of 16 will need their parents to accompany them if they want to tan at one of Canada's largest chains of tanning parlours.

And 16– and 17–year–olds will need parental permission to tan at Fabutan.

The company's owner says the new policy will ensure that parents can supervise and exercise caution with their children's tanning. (10)

(NewsWatch by Leanne Davis)

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Horror at the border Canuck detained for 12 hours

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The Lebanese-born man, who has always held Canadian citizenship through his parents, was headed to Denver with dentist Jennifer Lee and an assistant on March 15. Zeitoun was supposed to act as Lee's patient while she performed an exam to practise in the U.S.

While en route at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Zeitoun said they were initially questioned normally as to why they were entering the U.S. and about Zeitoun's planned return five days later.

After Zeitoun asked to speak with a supervisor for clarification, he was apparently told that he needed a visa to enter the country.

But instead of letting Zeitoun return to Canada, U.S. authorities apparently detained him for 12 1/2 hours. Zeitoun, a Muslim, said he sat in an interrogation room all day, facing questions about whether he has ties to the Lebanese group Hezbollah, or knows anyone who has hatred towards the U.S.

Student slams U.S. treatment

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Ontario. Student outraged

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Canadian student grilled at U.S. airport

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A northern Ontario university student says he was detained for more than 12 hours on a recent trip to the United States and interrogated like a suspected terrorist.

And because his laptop computer with school assignments was seized, Mahmoud Zeitoun, 22, pictured, says the incident might cost him his semester at Lakehead University.

The Lebanese-born Muslim, who holds a Canadian passport, was going to Denver with friends on March 15 when he was taken aside at Minneapolis–St. Paul airport. His friends continued, but he was detained.

Student interrogated at U.S. airport for 12 hours

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While en route at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Zeitoun said U.S. officials told him he could only enter the U.S. on the condition that he depart the country through major ports between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

He asked to speak with a supervisor, and was then apparently told that he needed a visa to enter the country. Canadians entering the U.S. don't normally need visas, unless they are visiting for work purposes.

Instead of letting him return to Canada, authorities apparently detained him for 12 1/2 hours.

Zeitoun, a Muslim, said he was questioned as to whether he has ties to the Lebanese group Hezbollah, or knew anyone with hatred toward the U.S.