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## KOREAN CELEBRATION OF CONFUCIUS' BIRTHDAY

September 28 of this year marked the 2,560th anniversary of Confucius' birthday. As has been customary for over 1,000 years, Seokjeon-daejae, the special event that pays tribute to Confucius, was held.

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The C-MAX is the first of a new generation of global C-segment cars scheduled for introduction by Ford over the next several years. This series of new models is scheduled to launch late in the calendar year 2010 in the United States. ... For more see P15



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## Calgary mom fights to keep chickens

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The fight for the right to keep backyard chickens in Calgary has moved up a notch with a mother of three deciding to go to court rather than pay a \$200 fine.

Mary March received the fine in August after she refused to follow a City of Calgary order to remove the three hens she keeps in her back yard within 30 days. March violated a city bylaw that forbids raising livestock in most urban areas.

March believes she should be allowed to keep the chickens, which produce two to three eggs a day, to help feed her children.

"I just want to work to get that bylaw removed. I think it's against people's right to have that bylaw in the first place," she says.

"The U.N.'s declaration of everybody's right to food is kind of what I'm going by. I don't see how they are going to be able to go against that, but I guess I'll have my day in court; we'll see."

March is supported by CLUCK, the Calgary Liberated Urban Chicken Klub, which wants the bylaw changed to allow residents to keep up to six hens. Noisy roosters would not be included.

"People in New York can raise chickens and other progressive open-minded communities can raise chickens. And yet in Calgary, with all of our space, oh no, chickens—that's over the top," says CLUCK organizer Paul Hughes.

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Two lion cubs are seen at the Lecoq zoo park on August 26, 2009. A new report has found that the loss of apex predators like lions is disrupting global ecosystems. Read about how the loss of the world's top predator's is threatening global ecosystems on Science B6. MIGUEL ROJO/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## California to phase out energy-hungry big screen TVs

By IVAN VELINOV  
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The California Energy Commission and members of Consumer Electronic Association (CEA) clashed on Tuesday over California regulations which, for the first time in America, would ban power-guzzling big-screen televisions.

Pleas and lobbying efforts from the influential CEA didn't appear to sway the state's Energy Commission which seemed poised to put a cap on big-screen TV power-guzzlers, the Los Angeles Times reported from Sacramento.

California Energy Commission may vote

as soon as Nov. 4 to implement the new state regulation.

California's 35 million TV's and related electronic devices consume about 10 percent of all household electricity.

But executives and consultants for the Arlington, VA-based CEA asked the commission to instead let consumers decide

whether or not they want to buy the energy-saving new models, which are liquid crystal displays (LCD) and plasma high-definition TVs.

The trade association argued that the California government should not interfere with industry innovation and warned that the new measure could prove expensive to manufacturers and consumers, the newspaper reported.

Representatives of some TV makers did not appear to back up the CEA saying that tighter state standards wouldn't substantially increase the prices for manufacturers and consumers alike.

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## Singapore arrests over sticky tack raise concerns of political pressure

By CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON and MATTHEW ROBERTSON  
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Facing deportation to China and possible torture, Falun Gong practitioners in Singapore are calling for international support in a case that has seen five arrested for putting up posters with sticky tack in a park.

Police handcuffed four practitioners of the spiritual discipline at Esplanade Park on Oct. 5, citing "vandalizing public property" after they put the posters on a wall, something they had been doing for months. Three others, who were meditating, were not handcuffed—the police said "meditation is allowed."

Later the same day, another practitioner, who had taken the posters to the park in his car, was arrested and detained.

Police are holding the passports of four who are Chinese nationals and all are required to return to the police station on Oct. 19 for a verdict.

Falun Gong, outlawed in China in 1999, is persecuted by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). If the practitioners are deported to China, it is likely they would be tortured. A spokesperson for the U.S.-based Falun Dafa Information Center, Levi Browde, said there is a real concern that the practitioners could get deported.

"If they are deported they are at risk of severe persecution," he said. "We will reach out to the Singapore government to make sure they are safe, and to explain the exact facts of the persecution in China to make sure they understand the stakes of an action such as deportation."

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**'It's perturbing and quite suspicious for the state to do this'**

— Madasamy Ravi

## Police officer wins international award for work with aboriginal youth

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An Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officer who "went beyond the call of normal duty" to help aboriginal youth on a remote reserve in northwestern Ontario has won an award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Sergeant Jeff Simpkins from the Aboriginal Policing Bureau received the award for his contribution to a unique OPP initiative designed to provide disadvantaged aboriginal youth with "a positive and culturally-relevant experience."

Through the program, called North of 50 / COPS and KIDS, Sergeant Simpkins and mentors work with youth in the Ojibway First Nation community of Pikangikum, 100 kilometres northwest of Red Lake in northwestern Ontario.

"Part of the reason for selecting Pikangikum is that it's a community that seldom gets anything that's positive," says Simpkins, adding that the reserve

is "a community in crisis."

Like a lot of northern aboriginal communities, Pikangikum has been plagued by suicide, especially among young people. In 2007, 12 of the 14 suicides in Pikangikum were committed by youths under the age of 21, the youngest being 12. In 2000 the reserve, which has a population of 2,400, was reported to have the highest suicide rate in the world.

"It's very much known in the community about suicide," says Simpkins. "The kids—just about every single one of them has been touched in some way by suicide, so we built in a component we call our feelings and emotions teachings."

This includes an open dialogue session about suicide and who the children can or should turn to if they feel sad or feel like they might harm themselves.

"Eventually we have the kids actually talk to us and teach us about the things that they've gone through, so we run it in a way that we use a traditional healing circle format," Simpkins says.



Sergeant Jeff Simpkins (centre), North of 50 mentors, and children from the Ojibway First Nation community of Pikangikum in Northwestern Ontario. JEFF SIMPKINS

There have been three camps so far, each lasting a week. Simpkins says that although at first the children were shy and reluctant, the trust has grown and they now look forward to the camps.

"They participate more, they're more

enlightened. They're more alive just by virtue of the fact that we've exposed them to the basic necessities of life such as good shelter, good food, some love, some care, and a good program."

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