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COURTESY OF APPLE

APPLE'S PROFITS SAILING, NEW PRODUCTS RELEASED

Business P6

After announcing their most profitable quarter ever on Monday due to a surge in iPhone and iPod sales, Apple Inc. followed up with the unveiling of new designs of iMac, Mac Mini, Macbook, as well as Magic Mouse, an update to the Mighty Mouse.

New technology could knock insects off their feet

Science & Environment P12

Mustang Machine

This stylish new Mustang coupe is a head-turning, confidence-building honey of a muscle car that is as much fun to drive as it is to ogle. ... For more see Business Directory 15



COURTESY OF FORD MOTORS

Press freedom report finds widespread decline

By CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON
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NEW YORK—Israel's press freedom is in free fall and journalists are being murdered in Russia and Mexico, according to Reporters Without Borders (RSF). RSF released its World Press Freedom Index Tuesday and there was a general downward trend in the 175 countries surveyed.

European countries took the top 13 spots, yet there is a troubling decline overall, according to Clothilde Le Coz, Reporters Without Borders' Washington director.

'The world remains a dangerous place for a journalist'

— John Solomon,
The Washington Times

Five media organizations covered the event.

This is not only due to physical assaults on journalists, "but because these countries are adapting and passing laws that are dangerous for freedom of the press and freedom of expression," she said at the Overseas Press Club in New York.

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A French soldier drives his tank as part of the U.N. peacekeeping force on the border between Lebanon and Israel in March. France is among the 170 countries that have not yet paid their full 2008/09 U.N. contribution. LIONEL BONAVENTURE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Canada among few to pay all U.N. dues

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters)—Just 22 countries out of 192—11.4 percent—are paid-in-full members of the United Nations, a U.N. official said on Wednesday.

Those nations have paid all of what they owed for the world body's 2008/09 core budget, peacekeeping, international tribunals, and renovations to U.N. headquarters in New York, said Angela Kane, U.N. under secretary-general for management.

They are Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Canada, Congo, Croatia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland,

Liechtenstein, Monaco, New Zealand, Niger, the Philippines, Singapore, Italy, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, and Tajikistan.

The rest, including the United States—the top contributor to the U.N.—have yet to pay all their dues, Kane said.

"The financial health of the organization depends on member states, including the major contributors, meeting their financial obligations in full and on time," she said.

She said U.N. members still owed a total of \$3.1 billion for 2008/09—\$2.1

billion for peacekeeping, \$828 million for the core budget, \$63 million for the international tribunals, and \$86 million for renovations to U.N. headquarters.

There are 123 countries that have cleared their bills for the U.N. core budget and 119 that have paid for the U.N. renovations. Only 84 have paid for U.N. international tribunals.

While Kane did not say how many countries had settled their peacekeeping bill, she said the outstanding debt of \$2.1 billion is \$813 million lower than what was owed a year ago.

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Canada to sentence Rwandan for his part in killing spree

By NANDA NA CHAMPASSAK

OTTAWA—Désiré Munyaneza, a 42-year-old Rwandan man who was recently convicted for his role in the 100-day killing spree that butchered 800,000 defenseless ethnic Tutsis during Rwanda's 1994 genocide, will soon be sentenced.

The Quebec Superior Court convicted Munyaneza in September for his horrendous crimes that were committed 15 years ago, in a country halfway around the world, in a small town few Canadians have heard of.

The trial was an important test case in Canada and globally, as Munyaneza was the first to be charged and convicted under Canada's Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Act that came into force in 2000.

Justice André Denis found Munyaneza guilty beyond a reasonable doubt on all seven charges—two counts of genocide, two counts of crimes against humanity, and three counts of war crimes—for his role in the planning and execution of a murderous campaign including rape and sexual violence against the Tutsi civilian population in the Rwandan town of Butare.

"Canada's first experiment in applying the principle of universal jurisdiction to combat impunity for perpetrators of heinous crimes has been a remarkably positive one," said Jayne Stoyles, Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for International Justice.

"This verdict should pave the way for the prosecution of more of the alleged war criminals living in Canada."

Richard Nsanabaganwa, a Canadian citizen who was 25 years old at the time of the Rwandan genocide, narrowly escaped the slaughter, but continues to grieve the loss of his parents, two younger brothers, three half-brothers, and numerous relatives killed during the violence.

"Until this verdict, the opportunity under Canadian legislation to hold perpetrators to account for war crimes was just a theory," said Nsanabaganwa, a lawyer and chair of the Humura Canadian Association of Rwandan Genocide Survivors in Ottawa.

To those who say that Munyaneza should have been deported to face justice in Rwanda, Nsanabaganwa responded: "Direct victims of the Rwandan genocide are living here, have become Canadian, and are therefore Canadian victims whose protection includes the prosecution of perpetrators. To protect them without prosecuting their tormentors living in Canada—as expressly provided for under Canada's war crimes law—would not make sense."

Another reason for trying Munyaneza in a Canadian court is that Rwanda's court system is overburdened with genocide cases; a staggering 800,000 have been awaiting a hearing before traditional community courts since 2005. Referring his case to the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda is also not an option since that tribunal was set up to try only high-ranking genocide suspects and is wrapping up its heavy workload before its mandate expires next year.

But fugitives remain at large, and Nsanabaganwa said countries such as Canada can play a critical role in bolstering the development of international justice by apprehending and trying suspected war criminals in its domestic courts so that there can be no impunity or safe haven for perpetrators of mass atrocities.

Nsanabaganwa also believes that the trial result has far-reaching implications that extend beyond Rwandans to include other groups who have suffered from past atrocities.

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A scene from NFB's Strange Invaders on the new iPhone application. COURTESY OF NFB

NFB launches iPhone app for Canadian films

By MATTHEW LITTLE
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TORONTO—The National Film Board of Canada has launched an iPhone application that lets users watch hundreds of free, full-length films, documentaries, animations, and trailers on the mobile phone.

The application streams the films to iPhones but users can also preload a film to view up to 24 hours later without the need for a network connection. There are options to search the NFB collection, explore films by themes, and save a list of favourites.

Close to 2,000 people had downloaded the app by press time, with an average

rating of 4.5 out of 5 and rave reviews from those who took the time to post a comment.

"The NFB app seems to work flawlessly and is well thought out. Thank you NFB for all your efforts over the years and thank you very much for bringing access to those inspired projects to a 'mobile' audience," wrote one person in his review on the iTunes store.

NFB, Canada's public film producer and distributor, has created over 13,000 productions and won over 5,000 awards, including 12 Oscars and more than 90 Genies in the 70 years it has been in existence.

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Rewriting history: Ancient Chinese discovered America, says author

By CINDY CHAN
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It was in 1973 that the late Dr. Hendon Harris Jr. published a book documenting what he believed was proof that the Chinese discovered and colonized America thousands of years before Columbus arrived.

His proof centred on a world map he found

in an old map book a year earlier in an antique shop in Korea.

Entitled "Everything under Heaven," the ancient Chinese map not only showed known major land masses such as Asia, Africa, Australia, and Europe, but located China's fabled Fu Sang—literally "land to the east"—in the region we now know as North and South America.

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