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## MARTIAL ARTS CHAMPIONS CROWNED

If you grew up in the West, chances are when martial arts are mentioned, Bruce Lee is the first person who comes to mind. But like many aspects of Eastern culture, Chinese martial arts are not easily understood by those who did not grow up with them. ... For more see *Arts & Culture P10*

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NEW YORK—After a 25-year-run, the sun has set on Saturn Corporation. ... For more see *Business P6*



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## Feds consider random breath testing to combat drunk driving

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OTTAWA—Amid concerns that impaired driving is worsening in Canada, the federal government is considering a new law to allow police to conduct random breath testing.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson talked about the possibility recently at a conference held by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), a group that works to stop impaired driving and support its victims.

Random breath testing has been credited with "amazing success" in deterring drunk driving and reducing related deaths and injuries in Australia and Europe, said Andrew Murie, MADD's chief executive officer.

It was one of MADD's recommendations to the House of Commons justice committee in March. "We're pleased it was one of the recommendations coming out of the federal justice committee back to the justice minister," Mr. Murie said. "If they're sincere about making a difference, this is the one thing that will make that difference."

The potential legislation means police would be able to request a breath sample without having to establish "reasonable" suspicion of impairment, as currently required under the Criminal Code.

The problem with this requirement is that alcohol consumption is hard to detect, as people do not always show obvious signs of being intoxicated or impaired, especially experienced drinkers, MADD says.

Thus police apprehend only a small percentage of impaired drivers, said the all-party committee's report tabled in June, which noted that impaired driving remains the number one criminal cause of death in Canada.

The report also said that if an impaired driver escapes detection at a checkpoint, "it can serve to reinforce drinking and driving behaviour and increase the likelihood of its recurrence."

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## Shen Yun returns to Toronto



AWE-INSPIRING: Three young girls are captivated by Shen Yun Performing Arts. THE EPOCH TIMES

## Acclaimed cultural show to hold special Thanksgiving performances in Toronto

By MADALINA HUBERT  
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TORONTO—Shen Yun Performing Arts, the dance company known for capturing the visual, historical, and spiritual wealth of China's traditional culture, returns to

Toronto this week to play four shows at Toronto's Canon Theatre.

Shen Yun's centrepiece is classical Chinese dance, one of the oldest dance systems in the world with techniques that have been refined throughout China's 5,000-year-long history. This allows the

performer access to a wide range of movements while portraying the unique characteristics of China's many ethnic groups.

Story-based dances derived from Chinese folklore are also prominent among the company's repertoire. From the courage of Mulan and the loyalty of general Yue Fei, the resourcefulness of the Monkey King as well as the dignity of those persecuted for their faith, audiences get a taste of the virtues of ancient Chinese culture.

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## Court denies Italian PM's immunity

By NINA HAMRLE  
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Italy's constitutional court on Wednesday overturned a 2008 law which granted Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi immunity from prosecution while in office.

According to Italian media, 15 lawyers declared the law to be unconstitutional. Berlusconi had implemented the law last year to protect himself and three other high-ranking politicians.

The court, similar in power to the U.S. Supreme Court, said that the law violates the principle that all citizens are equal. Moreover, the Italian news agency Ansa said the law is not enough to guarantee the leader's immunity; instead, such a provision would need to be amended in the constitution.

At the time that Prime Minister Berlusconi, known for his lavish parties and affairs with prostitutes, came to office, he faced at least three court cases. Given the court's decision, the charges of bribery and tax offenses against him will proceed.

Despite the unprecedented ruling, Berlusconi wants to stay in office and will not resign. He claims the court is made up of left-wing judges opposed to his centre-right position, according to BBC news.

Though the opposition has already called for him to step down, they are too scattered and weak themselves to form a new government. According to an article in the Spiegel, Berlusconi's strongest opposition is the centre-left Democratic Party (PD), but since the PD lost the 2008 elections, it hasn't been able to form a convincing profile.

The government officials formed by Berlusconi are unilaterally against his resignation.

A post-World War II body, the constitutional court is composed of 15 judges. One-third of the judges are appointed by the president, one-third are elected by Parliament, and one-third are elected by the ordinary and administrative supreme courts.



ABANDONED: Lainie Towell chases after a limo in a publicity stunt to raise awareness about marriage fraud. LORNE FINLEY

## Publicity stunts put spotlight on marriage fraud

By JOAN DELANEY  
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Determined to call attention to her plight as a victim of marriage fraud, Lainie Towell donned her wedding dress and staged an elaborate protest in Ottawa last Thursday. Braving cool temperatures in her strapless gown, Towell walked and cycled the 15 kilometres between Ottawa's Airport Parkway and Parliament Hill while her so-called groom, wearing a wolf's mask, enjoyed a free ride in a decorated wedding limousine.

Instead of "Just Married" the limo sported a "Just Landed" sign, while the

"wolf in groom's clothing" leaned out the limo window waving a Canadian flag.

"I'm using art as a vehicle for communication and I believe it's extremely effective," says Towell, a professional dance artist.

Towell married Fodé Mohamed Soumah in April 2007 in Conakry, Guinea. They began a relationship in 2004 when she travelled to West Africa to research dance. She traveled between Canada and Guinea regularly, and Soumah, a musician, finally moved to Ottawa on New Year's Eve 2007.

But four weeks later Soumah was gone, his closet empty, his wedding ring on the counter.

"My life was just destroyed. The ground was pulled out from under my feet," Towell says.

Soumah later told Towell that he wanted a divorce and reminded her that as his sponsor she would have to provide for him. Under Canada's immigration laws, sponsors are financially responsible for their spouse for three years even if the marriage fails.

Another shock came for Towell when she discovered that after they were married and before he moved to Canada, Soumah fathered a child by a 15-year-old ballet dancer in Guinea.

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## Italian soccer supporters now made to register

By DANA BETLEVY  
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ROME—Italian soccer fans who want to follow their favourite team on the road will now have to carry an "official supporter" card to gain entry into stadiums, according to a new government regulation that goes into effect in 2010.

Soccer fans can get the supporter card after their soccer club receives confirmation from police headquarters that the fan has not been convicted for inappropriate behaviour at a stadium in the last five years.

Established by Roberto Maroni, Italy's Interior Minister, the directive specifies that stadiums with a capacity exceeding 7,500 spectators

will have to provide special access lanes for card holders.

One advantage of the supporter card is that cardholders can enter the stadium even if the soccer match has restricted public access. In addition, entrance to the stadium is expected to be faster because of the special corridors reserved for registered supporters.

Italy is counted among the countries with the most soccer-related violence, according to a 2005 report by the U.K.-based Social Issues Research Centre. Other countries named were Britain, Germany, the Netherlands, and Belgium. The report, called "Football Hooligansim," says roughly 10 percent of supporters can be classified as violent.

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