



THE FORD TAURUS SHO

IT'S SHO TIME AT FORD!

AUTOS | P15

COURTESY OF NETCARSHOW.COM



THE WEDDING ARBOR

GORGEOUS WEDDING GOWNS

STYLE | P14

CHRISTOPHE SIMON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES



BRYAN BEDDER/GETTY IMAGES



PASCAL LE SEGR ETAIN/GETTY IMAGES

Farmers' union sounds alarm on first synthetic cell

By HELENA ZHU
Epoch Times Staff

A synthetic cell created by scientists in the United States could have long-term negative consequences, says the National Farmers Union in a statement issued from Saskatoon.

On May 20, scientists from the

J. Craig Venter Institute in Maryland announced that they had created the world's first 100 percent synthetic bacterial cell designed by humans.

"This new technology raises serious concerns about who controls it, what it will be used for, and its potential impact," said NFU President Terry Boehm. "We cannot imagine

the implications of synthetic life technology. It would be irresponsible to allow markets and patents to be the only control of a technology with this much potential power and unforeseen impact."

He said the synthetic life form poses a risk to humankind and the environment.

"All too often, farmers and nature

bear the brunt of the exploitive potential of these new technologies," he said, noting that farmers have lost markets due to the introduction of genetically modified plants into the environment.

Some groups are worried that the technology could be used to make biological weapons. President Barack Obama has directed

the recently created Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues to look into the implications of the scientific development and report back to him within six months.

The institute says the technology could be used in biofuels, vaccines, and water and food projects. It has stressed that the

development, which took 15 years and cost \$40 million, will be used for beneficial purposes.

"This becomes a very powerful tool for trying to design what we want biology to do," Craig Venter, president of J. Craig Venter Institute and leader of the research, said at a news conference.

PLEASE SEE UNION ON P2

North Korea cuts ties with the South

By PETER SEDIK
Epoch Times Staff

North Korea's dictatorship has said it is cutting ties with South Korea and will expel all South Koreans working in the joint-industrial zone in the Kaesong Industrial Region near the border.

The move comes in reaction to Seoul announcing on Monday that it was suspending trade with Pyongyang and would be forbidding North Korean ships to enter its waters.

Tensions between the archrival nations grew significantly after international investigators confirmed that a torpedo belonging to North Korea struck and sank the Cheonan, a South Korean warship patrolling in the Yellow Sea. All 46 sailors on board were killed in the attack.

The North's communist regime denied any involvement and accused the South of deliberate provocation, saying that its troops are braced for war.

The United States backed Seoul's measures and the U.S. Defense Department said that joint naval exercises with South Korea would be conducted in the near future.

PLEASE SEE KOREA ON P5

SWEDEN PREPARES FOR ROYAL WEDDING



Sweden is getting ready for a royal wedding as Crown Princess Victoria (L) and her fiance Daniel Westling prepare to march down the aisle on June 19. Seen here arriving for a gala performance in celebration of Denmark's Queen Margrethe's 70th birthday at the Royal Danish Theatre in Copenhagen in April, the royal couple is unusual because of Westling's status as a commoner and the fact that they are marrying out of love. REUTERS/BOB STRONG

Detroit ex-mayor off to prison, again

By IAN RITZ
Epoch Times Staff

Former Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick has once again stepped on the wrong side of the law in Detroit.

After a probation violation related to his conviction for lying

under oath about an affair with his chief of staff, Kilpatrick was slapped with a prison sentence of up to 5 years in a Michigan courtroom on Tuesday.

Kilpatrick's term as mayor was riddled with scandals and corruption. His previous conviction landed him ten felony charges

including obstruction of justice, perjury, and spending city finances illegally.

After pleading guilty to reduced charges and serving 99 days in jail, Kilpatrick was released early and ordered to pay \$1 million to the City of Detroit.

PLEASE SEE MAYOR ON P5

Government and Parliament again stand off over who has the power

Opposition MPs upset with Baird's appearance in place of Soudas

By MATTHEW LITTLE
Epoch Times Staff

PARLIAMENT HILL, Ottawa—The battle over access to information reached a fever pitch on Tuesday with MPs on the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics accusing each other of everything from opposition intimidation to government secrecy.

The dispute is the latest in an ongoing tug-of-war between opposition MPs and the government over parliamentary privilege and what rights Parliament and opposition MPs have to make demands on the government. In April, Speaker of the House, Peter Milliken, ruled in favour of opposition MPs who were demanding access to documents

surrounding the Afghan-detainee controversy.

For a month now, the ethics committee has been calling witnesses for its investigation into allegations that the government is interfering with access to information requests.

On Tuesday, the scheduled appearance of Dimitri Soudas, Director Communications for the Prime Minister's Office, sparked a fierce argument when Minister of Transport John Baird showed up in his stead on behalf of the prime minister.

Earlier that day, Jay Hill, the Government House Leader, announced that the government has instructed ministerial staffers not to appear when requested by committees.

PLEASE SEE PARLIAMENT ON P3

UK coalition government sets out 'radical programme'

By SIMON VEAZEY
Epoch Times Staff

The U.K.'s first legislative programme by a coalition government since the time of Winston Churchill was set out in the Queen's Speech on Tuesday at the State Opening of Parliament.

New Prime Minister David Cameron called it a "radical programme for a radical government."

Twenty-two bills, to be pushed through the gauntlet of a coalition-controlled Parliament in the next 18 months, include major plans for education, the political system, and policing.

But the top priority of the Conservative-Liberal Democrat government remains the economy and more specifically the deficit.

PLEASE SEE COALITION ON P5



Prime Minister David Cameron walks to the House of Lords during the State Opening of Parliament on Tuesday. CHRIS JACKSON - WPA POOL/GETTY IMAGES

Inside

NEWS & COMMENTARY

P2 & P3 Nation
P4 & P5 World
P6 Business
P7 Opinion
P8 Sports

LIFE & LEISURE

P9 Entertainment
P10 Arts & Culture
P11 Travel
P12 Science
P13 Home & Marketplace
P14 Style
P15 Autos & DV.com
P16 Food

GreenPrinter

SAVE TREES. PRINT GREEN

778 737 7750 | greenprinteronline.com
Please check out our BLOG greenprinteronline.com/blog

