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Canada Post warns about scam

TORONTO Canada Post is warning customers of an email scam that's disguised as a parcel-delivery notification. The email tells the recipient Canada Post is trying to deliver a package. It gives instructions to open an email attachment to proceed with the delivery. Canada Post says the email is fake and likely contains a virus. They are warning recipients not to open the attachment. The mail carrier suggests recipients delete the emails.

Inmate escapes correctional centre

SASKATOON Police are looking for a low-security inmate who they say escaped the Saskatoon Correctional Centre on Sunday morning after ditching his correctional escort and carjacking a vehicle. Jonathon Richard Anderson, 28, broke free from his escort when taking out the garbage at around 10:30 a.m., police said. He then jumped a low fence, raced down the road from the facility, stopped a vehicle travelling there at the time, forced the driver out and drove away, corrections officials said. The vehicle is a brown 2000 Grey Chevy Blazer.

Boy's injuries life threatening

OTTAWA A six-year-old boy was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries after a collision between a tanker truck and a minivan Sunday morning in Ottawa. Four children, between the ages of three and 11, and their mother and father were in the minivan when the crash occurred. The other three children and their mother were all taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, according to the Ottawa Paramedic Service. The father was not injured. The driver of the fuel tanker truck was also unhurt.

Autistic teen goes missing

TORONTO Police in Toronto are looking for a missing autistic teenager who functions at the level of a seven-year-old. Kevin Kwok, 17, of Scarborough, was last seen around 9 p.m. Saturday at his home at 138 Bonis Ave., police said. Police say they're concerned for the safety of Kwok, who needs to take medication. Kwok was wearing black shorts and an orange Adidas T-shirt before he went missing. He is five-foot-six, weighs 130 pounds and has a thin build. Anyone with information about Kwok can call police at 416-966-4200 or Crime Stoppers at 416-222-8477.

Foreign aid rife with problems: Report

But flaws can be fixed

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HALIFAX Billions of public dollars have been wasted on corrupt and ineffective foreign-aid programs over the past several decades, but even so, rich countries must fix such flaws and increase their spending on development aid, says a new report by Oxfam International. The report's release coincides with this week's gathering of international develop-

ment ministers from the G8 nations. Bev Oda, federal minister of International Co-operation, will host her G8 counterparts in Halifax for a three-day meeting starting today. One of the issues for discussion will be Prime Minister Stephen Harper's new foreign-aid priority of improving maternal health care in the world's poorest countries. The initiative, whose details are still unclear, has become politically bogged down over whether it should include new funding for birth control and access to abortion. "I haven't seen a concrete public explanation of what Canada wants to do," says Mark Fried, Oxfam Canada's

policy co-ordinator. "Hopefully Canada is trying to build a consensus on this with other G8 countries. I hope they'll confirm their belief in it this week, and put specific, new money on the table for maternal health." Oxfam, an independent aid agency with decades of experience in the world's poorest regions, says rich governments need to drastically increase funding to maternal health care and numerous other social and economic aid projects. Canada spends 0.33 per cent of its gross national income on foreign aid, mostly in Afghanistan, our largest aid recipient. While calling for such spending to rise, Oxfam also ac-

knowledges what a growing chorus of critics are saying: that foreign aid efforts are often beset by waste, corruption and outright failure. "Clearly it is impossible to argue that no aid is wasted," says the report, 21st Century Aid: Recognizing Success and Tackling Failure. "Aid is touched by corruption ... (and) aid dependency is an issue that needs attention." Oxfam agrees that too much aid spending is determined by the wishes of donors, rather than the needs of recipients. It says aid efforts also fail when development spending is coupled with military goals — such as in Afghanistan — or handed over without account-

ability to corrupt governments, or misspent on third-party consultants rather than actual projects on the ground. It also agrees in part with Dambisa Moyo, the influential aid critic, who has argued that foreign aid leads to economic dependency and laziness in recipient countries. But Oxfam says such problems are not reasons to abolish aid, but to fix it. "Pulling the plug on aid now, or even in five or 10 years time, would almost certainly result in vast increases in poverty, the collapse of burgeoning health and education systems, and major reverses in the progress that has been made," the report says.

MEDIEVAL MARTIAL ARTS



Matt Brundie puts on his helmet beside his son Lucas as he prepares for an authentic reproduction of a 14th-century martial arts tournament held by The Academy of European Medieval Martial Arts in Toronto on Sunday. Armoured combatants battle it out with swords, spears, poleaxes and daggers with heralds and marshals.

Family wins human rights ruling

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MONTREAL A Montreal family of Filipino origin is rejoicing over its victory in a school-cafeteria dispute that ate up a lot of money and time. "Hopefully it's all over and we can move on," Maria-Theresa Gallardo said of a Quebec Human Rights Tribunal ruling that awarded her and son Luc Cagadoe \$17,000 in damages for how the boy was treated over his eating habits at Ecole La-lande in the borough of Pierrefonds-Roxboro. "Of course we're happy

(with the ruling), but we just hope (the school board) won't appeal," Gallardo said, referring to the Marguerite-Bourgeoise School Board. Even though the award is less than the \$24,000 sought in moral and punitive damages in the claim of racial and ethnic discrimination, Gallardo said she is still pleased with the amount. She said she is particularly happy that last week's judgment "made it very clear (the treatment of the Filipino family) was discriminatory." She first filed a complaint with the Quebec Human Rights Commission in April

2006, after her then seven-year-old son was forced by a lunch-hall monitor to eat alone. The monitor told her that her son "ate like a pig" and the school principal told her he should eat "like a Canadian." Gallardo had explained that the youngster eats in the Philippine tradition by breaking up food with a fork and then pushing it into a spoon. When the commission rejected her claim in October 2006, Gallardo filed a new one with the Quebec Human Rights Tribunal in March 2009. In Quebec, complaints about human-rights violations must first be submitted to the com-

mission, which investigates and decides whether there are grounds to forward cases to the tribunal, or to any other court. But people have a right, under certain circumstances, to apply to the tribunal to hear a case, even if the commission has previously rejected their complaint. The tribunal heard the Cagadoe case last fall and handed down its ruling at the beginning of last week. The school board, school principal and Luc's former teacher have 30 days to decide whether to challenge the ruling.

Bedtime stories for Fido

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SASKATOON A Saskatoon entrepreneur wants to help Canadians bond with their dogs — one bedtime story at a time. Jenan Mujkic, director of marketing and development at Ideas Inc., will be promoting his new book on CBC's Dragon's Den, a TV program that gives inventors an opportunity to pitch their ideas to financial backers. Mujkic said he got the idea for the book while putting his toy poodle Pepsi to bed one night. "I wished him good night and I was telling him I loved him, and I couldn't help thinking that somehow, at that moment, I could have done something else," he said. "Then I recalled that when my children were really small, I used to read bedtime stories to them. And I thought, 'Wouldn't it be nice if there was a bedtime story for dogs?'"



Encouraged by his wife and friends, Mujkic wrote the book "in one sitting." "The story is about the first meeting between dog and man," he said. The 30-page book and accompanying music CD are called The Walk of Life. He said he's not concerned about pitching his idea to the judges on Dragon's Den. With 5.4 million dogs living in Canadian homes, Mujkic is confident there will be interest in his bedtime story. The book will cost about \$35 and will be available at his website www.aidjog.com. Mujkic will appear on Dragon's Den on May 10.



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