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NATIONAL

Canadians want to keep gun registry: poll



Prime Minister Stephen Harper may have a tough time convincing Canadians it's time to scrap the country's gun registry program, as a recent Ipsos Reid survey found that 67 per cent of Canadians believe the government should revamp the expensive registry system. Harper is expected to start dismantling the program this week, which Conservatives have blasted as inefficient and unnecessary. ■

INTERNATIONAL

Democracy returns to Haiti as Préval sworn in



Haitian President René Préval took office on Sunday, giving the poorest nation in the Americas its first democratically elected leader since Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted more than two years ago. Chants for Aristide's return from exile in South Africa filtered into Parliament as Préval took the oath of office, shortly after police and foreign troops fired tear gas at the nearby National Penitentiary to quell a riot. ■

TOMORROW IN DOSE



We talk to Gnarls Barkley's Danger Mouse about the infectious mish-mash of electronic sounds on their new disc, *St. Elsewhere*, and we find out why he was skeptical about the project's success.

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CALGARY

Computer geeks clash over company's name



John Leishman, president of Geek Patrol

WHEN DAVID BEAT Goliath, he used a slingshot. But it looks like one Calgary computer geek will need more than a few rocks if he plans to knock out one of Canada's biggest box-store behemoths.

For the past two years, John Leishman, chief executive geek of Calgary-based Geek Patrol, has been fighting with Best Buy since the corporation opposed his company's application to trademark its name.

Leishman incorporated Geek Patrol, an on-site computer technical support service, in October 2001 and applied for a trademark in July 2003, only to have Electronics retail chain Best Buy come forward and claim Canadian consumers would confuse Geek Patrol with its own on-site computer tech support service called Geek Squad.

"It's just been ongoing since then," said Leishman. "There's a little bit of strategy involved from their perspective. They're really good at this — they've got lawyers that do this full time."

The company also opposed Leishman's trademark application in the United States.

Geek Squad was founded in Minneapolis, Minn. in 1994. It was acquired by Best Buy in 2002 and can now be found in the retailer's stores throughout North America.

Best Buy was unavailable for comment.

Since 2003, Leishman has been knee-deep in trademark law. He estimates he has spent up to \$40,000 on research time, legal fees and trademark agent consultation fees.

Leishman says he expects he'll lose his bid to trademark Geek Patrol in the U.S., but is optimistic Canadian law may be on his side. Still, Leishman is prepared if Geek Patrol does lose the lawsuit, and he already has a new domain name picked out.

Geek Patrol has also applied for trademarks in the United Kingdom, Ireland, New Zealand and Australia.

— TONYA ZELINSKY/DOSE CALGARY

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FORTUNE

Looking for a little change in your life? Try the couch. There's, like, two bucks in there.

FACT

Close to 2,000 people died in more than a dozen fuel pipeline explosions in Nigeria between 1998 and 2003.

SOURCE: AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

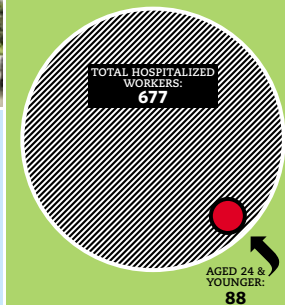
FUTURE

Nigerian president Olusegun Obasanjo has ordered an investigation of a fuel pipeline explosion near Lagos which killed up to 200 people on Friday. Authorities say the group of suspected fuel thieves burned to death when a vandalized pipeline blew up. The victims were given a mass burial late Friday.

FIGURE

TRAUMATIC FIGURES

A recent Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) report found that of the 677 Canadians who were admitted to hospital because of major trauma experienced in their place of work in 2003, 13 per cent were aged 24 and younger.



SOURCE: CIHI