

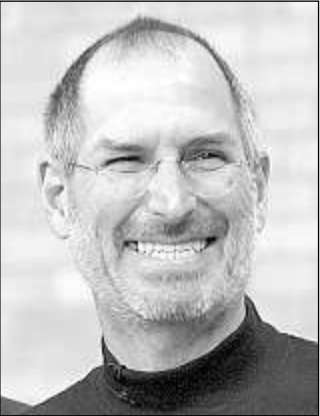
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Steve Jobs

Jobs yields to angry iPhone complaints

Apple Inc. chief executive **Steve Jobs** said Wednesday that outside developers will be allowed to create programs for the iPhone, changing a policy that had angered many.

Blocking outsiders from making programs that would run easily on the iPhone has been one of a series of restrictions that have annoyed users, even leading to some lawsuits.

Jobs, in comments on Apple's website, said a kit for developers still will not be available until February, as the company works out how to open up the phone without exposing it to malicious programs.

"We think a few months of patience now will be rewarded by many years of great third party applications running on safe and reliable iPhones," Jobs said on the website at apple.com/hotnews.

Developers have tried to open up the iPhone for use in the United States on networks beyond Apple's U.S. partner, AT&T Inc., though Apple has blocked many such moves. Spokeswoman Natalie Kerris said Apple has not changed its policy on locking the phone to other networks.

But until now, Apple also had stopped software engineers from creating whatever they wanted to run on the iPhone, without delivering them through the iPhone's web browser.

Some 200 applications have been created for use on those terms.

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Bruce Cran

Bombardier ban prompts consumer probe

The national head of the Consumers' Association of Canada said the organization's legal team will be examining a decision by Quebec-based Bombardier Recreational Products to prohibit its American dealers from selling lower-priced products to Canadians.

Bruce Cran, national president of the CAC, said he doesn't understand how or why a Canadian manufacturer would sell Canadian-made products in the United States for 30 to 40 per cent less than the sale price in Canada and then block Canadians from trying to purchase the lower-priced items.

"The actions of Bombardier are disgraceful," Cran said. "This is a Canadian firm that has received billions and billions of dollars in the form of loans, loan guarantees and grants from Canadian taxpayers."

Cran said the move by Bombardier against Canadians, first reported in the Winnipeg Free Press earlier this week, is morally wrong but added he doesn't know if the giant Quebec manufacturer is breaking any laws.

Snowmobile dealer **Ron Thompson** of Grand Forks, N.D., detailed to the Free Press how Bombardier escalated its punitive measures aimed at stopping Canadians from going to the U.S. to buy its snowmobiles and other recreational vehicles as the Canadian dollar reached parity with the U.S. dollar.

Bombardier had always required its American dealers to charge Canadian customers a 7.5 per cent surcharge.

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THE WRITE STUFF

An employee of Swiss luxury stationery-maker Caran d'Ache displays the company's \$174,000 US fountain pen "1010" made with 18-karat gold and studded with a diamond and a ruby, at the Swiss Embassy in Tokyo on Wednesday. Caran d'Ache produced 10 limited edition models with one piece made available for the Japanese market.



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AROUND TOWN



Courtesy, Le Caille Group

Construction has begun on the northeast corner of 8th Street and 4th Avenue S.W. on a project by Le Caille Group, which will tie in a high-end condominium tower, an affordable housing complex, and a badly needed fire station and EMS facility.

Le Caille Group plans 22-storey tower



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The old yellow house along 4th Avenue S.W., across from **Abruzzo Restaurant** and just before where traffic crosses the Louise Bridge, will come down within the next few weeks to make way for an exciting new development.

Construction work has begun at the prime piece of property on the northeast corner of 8th Street on a project by **Le Caille Group**, which will tie in a high-end condominium tower, an affordable housing complex, and a badly needed fire station and EMS facility.

It will complement the company's other fine residential properties in the neighbourhood — the two towers of Five West on 5th Avenue and 8th Street, Chateau Le Caille and Le Caille Park Place at the Bow River north end of 7th Street.

The **GEC Architecture**-designed 22-storey tower is named **Solaire**. It will offer spectacular views of the river valley, rising high above the adjacent city-owned land that separates it from the bridge. The west-facing central column has curved glass on the upper floors giving it a gib sail look. It will offer 135 deluxe units with superior La Caille finishings including laminated blue or green glass. The building will be pre-wired for satellite, one of the first residential towers in downtown Calgary

to have this feature.

Solaire's residential lobby, with room for coffee shop retail, is located on the corner of 4th and 8th. Units will not start until the fourth floor. There's good acoustical separation above the fire hall with its entrance in the back alley.

Le Caille Group president **Peter Livaditis** says the fire hall will have control of traffic lights so that trucks will leave using lights only — sirens will not be activated until they are some distance away.

The 12-storey affordable housing tower to the east of **Solaire** has been designed with a lookalike feel to the main tower, giving the appearance of a single complex. Its 88 units will be managed by the Calgary Housing Company.

This city has a great reputation in the strength of its volunteers, but few go to the lengths that **Len Rooney** and **Dean Stella** did to promote this city and the Calgary Stampede.

Rooney, a retired policeman, and Stella, who runs **Stella Developments**, serve as chair and vice-chair of the Caravan Committee. When they heard the Stampede was sending a delegation to the Epcot Centre — **Disney's** resort playground in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. — for the launch of a new Canadian Tourism Commission film, they decided to hitch up their chuckwagon and be part of the celebration.

The 14-minute film is a major feature in the Canadian pavilion, which takes in a lot of action at the Stampede. Rooney and Stella took nine days out of their busy lives to drive the chuckwagon — on the back of a truck — to Epcot, and got there in time to set up

and cook sausages and pancakes for the opening celebrations. Unfortunately, Disney rules would not permit them to give them away, but I understand the smell of our Stampede added much to the ambience of the moment. Good effort.

Next week's Remediation Technologies Conference in Banff, about the latest innovations in soil and groundwater remediation, is attracting a large number of environmental professionals. They include a Dutch delegation that has been organized by **Irene Bakker**, honorary consul of the Netherlands in Calgary. The group will show off Dutch technologies and showcase recent projects from the Netherlands.

The delegation will also be meeting with companies, R&D organizations and the Alberta government in Edmonton and Calgary to exchange experiences in the field of hydrocarbons and salt cleanups. At a dinner meeting at the Danish Canadian Club on Oct. 23, delegation member **Hans van Duijne**, project manager of TNO (the national research association) will make a presentation to the Dutch-Canadian Business Club.

A reminder that Friday is the last day for small and medium-sized businesses to apply for a free business environmental efficiency assessment, valued at up to \$5,000. Click on the Alberta Recycling Association's website at recycle.ab.ca/wrw to apply.

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Oil and Gas

Company	Close	Net Chg
Cdn Nat Res	75.65	+1.98
Compton Pete	8.68	-0.07
EnCana	64.38	+0.38
Fst Calgary	5.10	+0.09
Husky Energy	43.28	+1.68
Imperial Oil	48.48	+0.88
Nexen	31.48	+0.61
Niko Res	107.55	+6.35
OPTI Cda	17.80	+0.72
Paramount Res	18.39	+0.35
Petro-Canada	53.15	+0.52
Suncor Energy	100.84	+3.14
Talisman Enrg	20.24	+0.27
Wstn Oil Sands	38.20	-0.24

Industrials

Company	Close	Net Chg
ATCO 11	57.28	+0.38
Agrium	54.40	+0.10
Cdn Pac Rail	67.36	-0.49
Enbridge	38.00	+0.63
Ensign Energy	17.76	+0.14
Forzani Grp A	18.83	-0.62
Pason Systems	14.90	+0.07
ShawCommB	25.50	+0.32
TransAlta	31.49	+0.55
TransCanada	37.74	-0.06
Trican Well	21.26	+1.21
WestJet Air	18.79	+0.24

Trusts

Company	Close	Net Chg
ARC Enrg Tr un	20.74	+0.05
AltaGasIncm	26.30	+0.29
Baytex Enrg un	20.43	+0.33
Big Rock un	17.75	-0.25
Boardwalk REIT	45.01	-1.29
Bonavista Enrg	29.62	+0.42
CCS Incm Tr un	44.90	+0.04
Cdn Oil Sands	34.95	+0.94
Canetic Res un	15.31	+0.03
Enerplus Res un	44.60	-0.01
Fording Cdn un	38.71	+0.08
Ft Chicago LP	10.57	+0.17
Inter Pplns	9.47	+0.09
Mullen Grp Incm	18.19	+0.19
Newalta Incm un	19.55	+0.22
Pembina Ppln	17.30	-0.40
PengrowthEnun	18.22	+0.36
Penn West un	31.40	+0.67
Peyto Enrg un	17.74	+0.90
Precision DrIng	17.79	+0.73
PrimeWest En	26.56	+0.03
Provident un	12.65	+0.08
SupriorPlus un	13.00	+0.20
Vermilion un	36.60	+0.92

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Markets

▲ TSX Composite	66.47	14219.50
▼ Dow Jones	20.40	13892.54
▲ Nasdaq	28.76	2792.67
▼ TSX Venture	4.95	3009.89

Currency

▲ Cdn dollar	0.46	102.50 US
▼ New York Gold	4.00	754.10 US

Energy

▼ West Texas	0.21	87.40 US
▲ NYMEX gas	0.091	7.458 US

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DEAL OF THE DAY

Air France, Delta team up in transatlantic deal

REUTERS

Air France expects combined annual revenues of \$8 billion from a joint venture it announced with **Delta Air Lines** on Wednesday, in the biggest shake-up in the transatlantic market in years.

They plan to share routes linking major U.S. cities and Europe starting with London's Heathrow in a challenge to **British Airways PLC** and Richard Branson's **Virgin Atlantic Airways** — which immediately promised to defend itself.

"We will fight tooth and nail to ensure we can remain the number two carrier at Heathrow," Virgin Atlantic chief executive Steve Ridgway said at the launch of a new Heathrow check-in.

The Air France and Delta venture is the biggest deal yet to follow a transatlantic Open Skies pact reached by the United States and the Euro-



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Fair France and Delta said Wednesday they plan to share transatlantic routes

pean Union and set to take effect next March. Other airlines are also expected to jockey for position at Heathrow, Europe's busiest airport.

For decades, U.S. access to Heathrow has been limited to two U.S. and two U.K. airlines — currently **American** and **United**, along with BA and Virgin Atlantic.

By forming a joint venture, Air France and Delta will be able to share costs and revenues on transatlantic routes.