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## Harper to axe party subsidies

Federal Conservatives to follow through on pledge to phase out vote-based funding in June 6 budget

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OTTAWA—Scrapping public subsidies for federal political parties will be a key plank in the Conservatives'

revised budget, which will be unveiled June 6 on Parliament Hill, the *Star* has learned.

Stephen Harper's new government, elected earlier this month, intends to move fast on its election

vow to end the \$2-a-vote annual subsidy, which pumps \$27 million a year into various party coffers.

The Conservatives have long opposed the subsidy, and armed now with a majority mandate they have the political weight to finally axe it.

However, sources say Harper will also make good on his campaign pledge to phase in the cut gradually,

giving political parties three years to wean themselves off the subsidy.

In their election platform, the Tories proposed cutting the subsidy first to \$1.50, then \$1 and then 50 cents before ending it altogether.

"Political parties need to take some responsibility in raising their own money," Harper said during the recent campaign.

While the move sits well with the Conservatives, who excel at grassroots fundraising, the elimination of the subsidy could put the existence of the Bloc Québécois and Green Party at risk and create serious financial problems for the diminished Liberals.

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## 'THEY TOOK THE BODIES AND PUT THEM ON A TRUCK'



MABERE MAKUBI FOR THE TORONTO STAR

Friends and relatives of Emmanuel Magige, shot by African Barrick security forces last week, gather around his coffin, found on a dirt road Tuesday.

## Grim warning near African Barrick mine

Bodies of men shot at Tanzanian site stolen and dumped by police to stop memorial, families say

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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

TARIME, TANZANIA—It was on the side of a dirt road in northern Tanzania that relatives found a coffin containing the body of Emmanuel Magige on Tuesday morning.

The 27-year-old man was one of seven people killed and more than 12 injured on May 16 when villagers at African Barrick's mine in northern Tanzania clashed with security forces.

Late Monday night, police

stormed a mortuary in the small northern town of Tarime and removed bodies belonging to four of the dead in a bid to prevent a memorial planned at the mine for Tuesday, witnesses said.

After finding the bodies of the victims forcibly returned to their villages, families instead held small burial services at their homes in the afternoon.

"It was inhuman. They did this like animals," said Magige's 20-year-old wife, Mary.

African Barrick is a subsidiary of Barrick Gold Corp., which is headquartered in Toronto.

African Barrick said on Tuesday that it had no knowledge of the incident.

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## 'One less roadblock' to city cash for Pride

Demand withdrawn for written guarantee of activist group's exclusion

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Pride Toronto will likely get city money after all.

The festival avoided the biggest threat to its future Tuesday when Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti abandoned a plan to make its funding contingent on banning the controversial activist group Quercus Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA).

The group promised in April not to participate in this year's festivities. But Mammoliti called the pledge insufficient and demanded a letter from Pride guaranteeing QuAIA would be barred. Pride leaders refused, setting up a showdown they said could result in the loss of their licence to hold the 2014 World Pride festival, as well as bankruptcy.

Mammoliti was to propose a motion requiring the letter at the executive committee. But he chose not to do so at a heated meeting Tuesday, pronouncing himself satisfied with Pride co-chair Francisco Alvarez's verbal commitment to evict QuAIA members if they show up at festival events without registering.

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## Just call her Kate of Green Gables

Anne's allure draws Duchess of Cambridge to P.E.I. on royal tour

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TORONTO STAR

The magic of the girl with the carrot-red hair apparently led the Duchess of Cambridge to make sure Prince Edward Island was one of the stops on her first trip to Canada this summer.

Prince William and his bride, the newest royal couple, will start their 10-day tour of Canada on June 30, and Kate insisted that the setting for one her favourite books — *Anne of Green Gables* — was included, according to the *Daily Mail*.

"It is something of a sentimental journey," a source told the British paper. "The book was Kate's favourite when she was growing up."

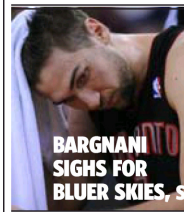
"The details of the Canadian tour are still being worked out but she requested that Prince Edward Island be on their itinerary so she

could see the house and places mentioned in the book."

The classic Lucy Maud Montgomery story about the adventures of the orphan Anne was published in 1908, and the main character has since become an iconic image for both the country and P.E.I.

The setting for the book was inspired by a house in Cavendish, which draws hundreds of thousands of visitors to the island each year.

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