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Buffalo, New York warehouse fire injures 12 firefighters

12 firefighters in Buffalo, New York, United States have been taken to a hospital for smoke and chemical inhalation after a fire broke out at a warehouse on Buffalo's West side early this morning.



Credit: Jason Safoutin (CC-BY 2.5)

Teams are testing the air for chemicals and residents have been advised to stay indoors.

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Democratic Party reaches deal over Florida and Michigan

The Democratic Party has reached a deal to seat primary delegates from Florida and Michigan



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at the Democratic National Convention in Denver this August. The Democrats will seat all of the pledged delegates from both of the states, but will give each delegate only a half of a vote.

News crew kidnapped and tortured by slum 'militia' in Brazil

A crew of three news workers was kidnapped and tortured by members of a criminal organization self-labeled as a militia in a slum near Rio de Janeiro, local daily O Dia reported. They were working undercover on a story about the rule of such groups when they were found out by the criminals and kept captive for over seven hours.

Wikipedia Current Events

A SNCF train runs into a school bus at a level crossing at Mesinges, near the town of Allinges in the mountainous Haute Savoie area of France with at least six people killed.

•Wachovia, the fourth largest bank in the United States, sacks its Chief Executive Officer, G. Kennedy Thompson, due to losses incurred in the subprime mortgage crisis.

•The Bank of England says that new mortgage approvals in the United Kingdom in April were at record lows.

•In United States v. Santos, by a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court

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takes a narrow interpretation of federal laws regarding money laundering, and use the decision in Cuellar v. United States to unanimously overturn the money laundering conviction of Humberto Cuellar.

•The Supreme Court refuses to hear Major League Baseball Advanced Media v. C.B.C. Major League Baseball had sought to overturn a judgement against them in state court in Missouri that permitted C.B.C. to run fantasy baseball leagues using real player names without a license from MLB.

•The International Atomic Energy Agency will send an inspection team to Syria to investigate claims by the United States that it was secretly building a nuclear reactor.

•A suicide bomber strikes outside the Danish embassy in the Pakistani capital Islamabad with at least eight people dead.

•The United Nations Security Council goes on a mission to Africa with the first leg of the mission to Djibouti to discuss the Somali Civil War.

Five dead in Calgary murder-suicide

Five people are dead in a murder-suicide in Calgary, Canada, which occurred on Tuesday, May 27. 34-year-old Joshua Lall stabbed and killed his 35-year-old wife, Alison, his two daughters, Kristen, 5 and Rochelle, 3, and 30-year-old

Amber Bowerman, a tenant in their home, before committing suicide. A third daughter, one-year-old Anna, was not harmed.

Joshua apparently harboured a mental illness, which is thought by police investigators to be the driving force behind the murders. A few days before this event, Joshua had called his father, Dominic Lall, telling him of a "mental breakdown" he was having. Just prior to the murders, the family's babysitter, Katie Blewaska, had received a call stating that her husband was "finally on the mend".

Joshua was studying to become a professional architect, and had been interning at Cohos Evamy, a local architectural firm. Rob Adamson, chairman of the firm, said of Joshua "[t]here were no indicators to us at work of any problems. He was just a solid, come-to-work and get-it-done kind of guy."

Amber Bowerman was a journalist working as the publication editor for the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) student newspaper. She had been attending a conference in Lake Louise, in the Rocky Mountains, and had been invited to stay an extra day. Instead, she chose to go back to her residence in the Lall family home to finish up her work. Suzanne Trudel, publications manager of the SAIT newspaper, rode home with Bowerman from the conference, and said that she spoke glowingly of the family.

2008 WiMAX Expo Taipei to showcase the solutions of WiMAX

Leading up to the 2008 COMPUTEX 2008 show, the "2008 WiMAX Expo Taipei" is being held. Co-organized by Taiwan External Trade

Development Council, Taipei Computer Association (TCA), the Industrial Development Bureau of the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA), M-Taiwan Office, and WiMAX Forum, the expo will be held in Taipei Show Hall two. It is planned to run for five consecutive days commencing on June 2. In addition, the 2008 WiMAX Forum Operator Summit will be also held at Far Eastern Plaza Hotel on June 2 & 3.

According to the Taipei Computer Association (TCA), there will be sixty networking companies and manufacturers participating in this show. Their aim, to demonstrate the telecommunications technology in Taiwan. About seventy world-class operators from the networking industry will be invited to join the Forum Summit.

"'WiMAX', the 4th-generation networking technology, showed several advantages as a 'MUST'-have trend, 'M' for mobility, 'U' for ultra-lows, 'S' for smart [or intelligent], 'T', not only for thin [or mini] but also for Taiwan because the WiMAX infrastructure in Taiwan leveled up the ICT industry. If the WiMAX become popular in Taiwan, its industrial applications and solutions will be more valuable after several required testings and evaluations." —John Hsuan, Vice Chairman and CEO of United Microelectronics Corporation

Following the Ministry of Economic Affairs signing an extended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Intel on April 21, both will work together to promote the WiMAX industry in Taiwan. Intel, participating in both COMPUTEX and the WiMAX expo has a number of WiMAX Segways to demonstrate the technology. Their involvement will also include acting as hosts for

the 2008 e21FORUM where Mobile Web 2.0 will be discussed.

A bus promoting the WiMAX expo will also be in service with Far Eastone Telecommunications and First International Telecom doing live demonstrations of their enterprise offerings.

American musician Bo Diddley dies at age 79

Bo Diddley, influential American blues/rock and roll singer, songwriter, and guitarist has died today at his home in Archer, Florida from heart failure. He was 79 years old.

He was born Ellas Otha Bates on December 30, 1928 in McComb, Mississippi, USA. He rose to fame in 1955. His hits included "Pretty Thing", "Say Man" and "You Can't Judge a Book By the Cover". He also appeared as an opening act for The Clash and as a guest of The Rolling Stones. On March 25, 1972, he played with The Grateful Dead at the Academy of Music in New York City.

Diddley is survived by Tammi Deanne and Terri Lynne McDaniel, his daughters.

US Senator Kennedy has brain tumor surgically removed

Today, United States Senator Ted Kennedy underwent surgery for a brain tumor at Duke University Medical Center. Kennedy, 76, was diagnosed with malignant glioma, a common but dangerous form of cancer, after suffering a seizure on May 17.

Kennedy has met repeatedly with friend and medical advisor Dr. Lawrence C. Horowitz to plan a course of treatment. The first, of the major phases of that treatment has now been completed, and it is expected that

chemotherapy and radiotherapy will follow.

"I am pleased to report that Senator Kennedy's surgery was successful and accomplished our goals," said Dr. Allan Friedman, the chief of neurosurgery at Duke, who performed the surgery. "After a brief recuperation, he will begin targeted radiation at Massachusetts General Hospital and chemotherapy treatment," Friedman added.

In talks with the press, the senator has focused on his future beyond surgery. In a prepared statement issued by his office, Kennedy stated, "after completing treatment, I look forward to returning to the United States Senate and to doing everything I can to help elect Barack Obama as our next president."

All FLDS children returning to parents

A Texas court has announced that all children taken from the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (FLDS) compound in Texas are being returned to their parents. Beginning today, parents have been allowed to collect their children, all of whom were in state custody before the announcement.

The 401 allegedly abused children were taken into state custody last month after officials say they received a call from a distressed 16-year old girl. The children were found in a 1700-acre compound belonging to the FLDS. It is now believed that the original phone call was actually a hoax.

The decision follows an appeals court ruling that Texas Child Protective Services (CPS) should not have taken the children from the FLDS.

Recently the CPS in Texas filed papers on this issue, saying that the families may choose to flee Texas if they are reunited per the appeals courts ruling. If the families were to do that, they would then be outside the court's jurisdiction, putting the children at risk of abuse.

The CPS in Texas released a statement regarding the court ruling: "We are disappointed, but we understand and respect the court's decision and will take immediate steps to comply. Child Protective Services has one purpose in this case - to protect the children. Our goal is to reunite families whenever we can do so and make sure the children will be safe. We will continue to prepare for the prompt and orderly reunification of these children with their families. We also will work with the district court to ensure the safety of the children and that all of our actions conform with the decision of the Texas Supreme Court."

2008-09 Serie A: Inter Milan hire Mourinho as new Head Coach

José Mourinho has succeeded Roberto Mancini as new Inter Milan Head Coach after signing a 3-year contract with the club.

Inter Milan was quoted on their website saying, "Thanking Roberto Mancini and his staff for the success obtained in four seasons as the leader of the team, all of Internazionale has the great pleasure to welcome Jose Mourinho and his coaches."

Mourinho won the 2002-03 UEFA Cup and 2003-04 UEFA Champions League with FC Porto but failed to repeat this success at Chelsea F.C.

South Africa police staff arrested for fraud

South African media have reported that police staff in South Africa were arrested on allegations of fraud. Police said Saturday that nine people including six employees of the South African Police Service were arrested in Mpumalanga.

A spokesperson for the police service, Captain Leonard Hlathi, said that the other three individuals have resigned from the police. Hlathi said that the individuals were arrested for fraud, corruption and theft, and allegedly defrauded South Africa of approximately R2.5-million (about US\$327,000) between 2003 and 2007.

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Hlathi told the South African Press Association that the investigation began in April 2007 and showed that the suspects registered companies in the South Africa police database, though no existing files were found for the companies themselves. He said that three out of the five companies were found not to exist. The suspects were arrested on Friday by the Mpumalanga organized crime unit.

"We have a warrant of arrest that we are happy to execute against you right away. You are now under arrest on charges of fraud and you

have the right to remain silent if you so wish," said Superintendent Obed Ngwenya, police organized crime unit head, prior to arresting one of the individuals.

The individuals arrested appeared in the Nelspruit magistrate's court on Friday. They were released with a subsequent court date set for June 21.

Grammar school floods on Queensland's Sunshine Coast

Forest Glen, Queensland – Overnight rain following rain earlier in the week has caused the grounds at Sunshine Coast Grammar School to flood. The school has been closed and any students who showed up were sent home.

There is the possibility that senior classes will not go ahead tomorrow, as much of the lower floor of the resource center has been flooded.

The school was closed early and staff sent home due to workplace health and safety issues and the lack of accessibility to other parts of the Sunshine Coast.

No major incidents have been reported, although one car was caught in a creek at the school, the driver having not seen the edge of the road due to the creek running quickly over it. It was towed out safely.

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"This first touch allows us to utilize the Robotic Arm accurately. We are in a good situation for the upcoming sample acquisition and transfer," stated Phoenix's surface mission manager from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, David Spencer.

Scientists named the initial impression Yeti in an area they describe as 'The King of Hearts'. NASA has decided to name the various tasks and operations performed by Phoenix after fairy tale and mythological characters.

On Friday May 30, 2008, the same camera captured images of what appears to be ice under the lander. Scientists, who named the exposed area Snow Queen, say that as Phoenix landed the exhaust from its thrusters cleared away a three- to four-inch layer of Martian soil which exposed a flat layer of a white substance that NASA says could be ice. The image shows the white layer which is shiny and smooth. Scientists expect to find more of the alleged ice when Phoenix begins its digging mission not far from the initial test dig.

"What we see in the images is in agreement with the notion that it may be ice, and we suspect we will see the same thing in the digging area," stated Uwe Keller, Robotic Arm Camera lead scientist for Phoenix.

Phoenix is searching for evidence of water and microbial life on Mars. Its mission is to determine Mars's ability or inability to host life and hold water. The Phoenix lander uses a robotic arm to dig through the protective top soil layer to the alleged water ice below and ultimately bring both soil and water ice to the lander platform for sophisticated scientific analysis.

Isolated native tribe discovered in Brazil

Aerial photos were released Friday of an uncontacted native group in Brazil. The pictures were taken along the Peruvian border near the Envira River. According to David Hill, a researcher at Survival International, these are the first photos taken in the area for 20 years.

They were taken by a collaborative effort of the Brazilian National Indian Foundation (Fundação Nacional do Índio, or FUNAI) and the Special Secretariat of Indigenous People of the Government of Acre. FUNAI has been keeping tribes under surveillance in this area for the last 20 years but does not make contact with such groups. FUNAI also helps to prevent invasion of their lands to ensure their autonomy.

An estimated 500 natives live in the area near the Envira River, which is being threatened by commercial logging operations.

The pictures, taken by a helicopter flying overhead, show a group of men painted red and pointing bows and arrows towards the helicopter. FUNAI officials state that the group live in six longhouses. They do not know what tribe the group belongs to.

The pictures were taken in order to show the world that these uncontacted people exist. Such tribes are under risk from reduction in their land, disease, and invasion.

Today in History

1621 – The Dutch West India Company received a charter for a trade monopoly in the West Indies by the Dutch Republic.

1888 – American writer Ernest

Thayer's baseball poem "Casey at the Bat" was first published in the San Francisco Examiner.

1937 – Months after he abdicated the British throne, Edward, The Duke of Windsor married American socialite Wallis Simpson in a private ceremony near Tours, France, a wedding opposed by the Church of England because Simpson was a divorcée with a living ex-spouse.

1992 – The High Court of Australia delivered its landmark legal decision in *Mabo v Queensland*, recognising the land rights of the Aborigines.

2006 – Montenegro declared its independence, ending the union of Serbia and Montenegro.

Quote of the Day

When government disappears, it's not as if paradise will take its place. When governments are gone, other interests will take their place. ~ Lawrence Lessig

Word of the Day

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1. Deception by use of trickery, quibbling, or subterfuge.
2. (law) A slick performance by a lawyer.

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