



### Top Stories

#### Captors release American journalist Jill Carroll

American journalist, Jill Carroll, 28, has been released. Carroll had been held captive for 82 days before she was dropped off by unknown individuals in the western Amariyah district of Baghdad.

#### Nigeria arrests Charles Taylor for war crimes trial

Yesterday in Nigeria, former Liberian president Charles Taylor was arrested after being caught trying to flee the country. Nigeria had announced that it would allow Taylor's transfer to Liberia at the request of the new Liberian president Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf.

### Featured story

#### Buffalo, N.Y. hotel proposal gets final approval by city Planning Board

In an unanimous vote, the City of Buffalo's Planning Board approved the Elmwood Village Hotel proposal. Although the meeting was not a "public hearing", citizens lashed out at the board members for not letting them speak.

### Wikipedia Current Events

- Jamaican Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller is sworn in, becoming the first woman to lead the Commonwealth of Jamaica.
- Jill Carroll, a Christian Science Monitor journalist abducted in Iraq on January 7, is released.

### Wikipedia Current Events

- Janjaweed militias cross over the Chad-Sudan border and attack Chadian villagers in the city of Moudeina, but are beaten back by the Chadian military.
- U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's visit to a mosque as part of her visit to northwestern England is cancelled because of anti-war protests.
- NASA and the Russian Federal Space Agency launch the thirteenth mission to the International Space Station when Expedition 13 takes off. This mission marks the first time a Brazilian has been in space.
- An outage of Optus B1 after realignment knocks out Sky TV's pay TV to an estimated 650,000 New Zealanders. Conflicting reports suggest the outage could be fixed within a few hours or could be permanent as the satellite may be missing

#### Luxembourg, India spar over Arcelor takeover bid

Several weeks ago Netherlands based company Mittal Steel made a takeover bid towards Arcelor, prompting legislation from Luxembourg (5.6% owners of Arcelor, the largest stockholders) and cries of discrimination from India.

Mittal is owned by the world's fifth wealthiest man, Laskshmi Mittal, an Indian. After the takeover bid the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce attempted to introduce

new rules that would stop companies with less than 25% of their shares in free from float making a cash and bid offer for a company whose location is in Luxembourg. India news reports then claimed that this was a discriminatory action because Laskshmi Mittal is an Indian.

Luxembourg officials have disputed this, stating that their actions were only due to the need to comply with EU legislation. The countries minister for economy and foreign trade, Leannot Krecke, stated "The government will have no role in impeding the bid. We intend to bring the takeover bill in May to put in the best international practices in our economy." Krecke also stated that a similar bill will have to be brought to the national governments of each of the 25 EU member nations so that they complied with EU legislation.

Word of New Delhi's displeasure with Luxembourg's stance seems to have been translated to Luxembourg during a meeting that the finance ministers of both countries had in India.

Meanwhile, Mittal has announced that it is prepared to cut the cash portion of its buyout offer. Mittal will do so if Arcelor increases its dividend to shareholders above the 80 cent market consensus. A spokesman for Mittal stated: "If Arcelor decides to distribute extra cash to shareholders, we will consider that as an advance payment on our offer and adjust the cash component of our offer

accordingly."

### **Fighting words exchanged in Australian Parliament over healthcare rebate**

Fighting words were exchanged in the Australian House of Representatives over the matter of the division of Medicare safety net payments per electorate. The Minister for Health and Ageing Tony Abbott (Liberal, Warringah) had introduced a policy that the Government would pay Medicare users up to a fixed amount -- the safety net -- to help in addressing "gaps" in certain payments which Medicare would not cover, such as certain hospital payments. The Opposition was opposed to the idea on efficacy counts.

Abbott was asked a Dorothy Dixer in Question Time today about the benefits of the safety net. He alleged that criticism by the Opposition Health spokeswoman Julia Gillard (Labor, Lalor) that the safety net favoured Liberal/National Party coalition electorates was misleading as it was a Labor electorate, Grayndler that received the "highest safety net benefits per electorate".

This led Gillard to make a personal explanation after Question Time, stating that "the top four electorates receiving money under the Medicare safety net are Wentworth, North Sydney, Bradfield and Warringah" -- all coalition electorates. The Leader of the Opposition, Kim Beazley (Labor, Brand), put a question to the Speaker of the House, David Hawker (Liberal, Wannon) asking of the Speaker his "assurance that no person is being deliberately misled by the actions of any other person".

Abbott had then interjected towards Beazley, saying "You big

bellowing cow"; the Speaker asked Abbott to withdraw, but Abbott mentioned that "the Leader of the Opposition regularly interjects 'pompous ass' and 'goose', but I am happy to withdraw". Beazley then responded through the Speaker saying of Abbott, "I think that he is a sleazy, dummy-spitting, little git."

Abbott then made a personal explanation of his own, saying "The safety net benefit per person in the electorate of the member for Grayndler was \$591, the highest in New South Wales...the safety net benefit in the electorate of Sydney was \$589, the second highest...the benefit in the electorate of Lowe was \$458, the third highest".

The matter was not further raised at the time, but after the Matter of Public Importance debate, Gillard moved a motion to suspend standing orders which would prevent Abbott from explaining his earlier claim "when this claim is totally untrue", to correct the "grossly inaccurate and misleading statement", to "apologise to all Members in this place" and to "apologize to the Member for Grayndler and his constituents". Gillard also listed the amounts of payments "released by the Minister himself", that Wentworth received \$7.8 million, North Sydney received \$7.5 million, Bradfield received \$6.9 million, Warringah received \$6.3 million; whereas Grayndler received only \$3.6 million. She attempted to debate the motion but a gag motion to silence Gillard was moved and won because of Government numbers. Anthony Albanese, the Labor member for Grayndler attempted to second the motion but the gag was moved on him as well. The final vote on the motion was lost 55 to 79.

### **U.S. actor Charlie Sheen questions 9/11 theories**

Charlie Sheen, appearing on cable television news network station CNN on March 24, questioned the credibility of the theory that 19 hijackers caused all of the destruction to the World Trade Center.

Sheen said; "It seems to me like, you know, 19 amateurs with box cutters taking over four commercial airliners and hitting 75 percent of their targets, that feels like a conspiracy theory...I am an American citizen that loves my country....People want the truth. They want the truth. And what`s been offered to us resembles nothing of the sort."

In recounting his reaction on the day of the event, Sheen said,"I was up early and we were gonna do a pre-shoot on Spin City, the show I used to do. I was watching the news and the north tower was burning. There was a feeling, it just didn't look like any commercial jetliner I've flown on any time in my life and then when the buildings came down later on that day I said to my brother, 'Call me insane but did it sorta look like those buildings came down in a controlled demolition'?"

Writer Marc Jacobson, of the New York magazine, who co-appeared with Sheen on the same program said in response; "Well, I think he`s doing a reasonable rendition of what other people that believe in this stuff say. And when he says he has his facts straight, I mean, I think the facts are in question. I mean, I think, just because you know what it says on all of these different Web sites doesn`t mean that that`s necessarily the fact. That`s the reason why the United States government, with their endless amounts of resources, let

us down by not doing the proper work on the 9/11 Commission. That`s a real problem. : Well, you know, but, I mean, it`s just one of those kind of things where do you this work and nobody really cares, but then Charlie Sheen is interested, so then everybody is interested, and that`s fine. You know, obviously, this material needs to be looked at again, because there`s been a lot of problems with the 9/11 Commission report. People feel it`s not adequate. Most of the people who had lost people during that time feel it`s not adequate. And it`s just I think we`re living in a truth vacuum, in a sense, that any time there`s a truth vacuum, these ideas -- because people are smart. They put two and two together. Sometimes they get five; sometimes they get 12, but sometimes they get 11, like 9/11, but sometimes they get four. And the thing is that, if you have a situation where the so-called facts are covered up and aggressively covered up, then you`re going to get these conspiracy theories." One website is claiming that Google had been censoring out any news articles relating to Sheen and 9/11 from it's search engine.

Regarding the plane that hit the Pentagon, Sheen also has questions,"Just show us how this particular plane pulled off these maneuvers . . . It is up to us to reveal the truth. It is up to us because we owe it to the families, we owe it to the victims, we owe it to everyone's life who was drastically altered, horrifically, that day and forever. We owe it to them to uncover what happened."

While supporters of Sheen's theories complain of a media blackout; it seems that the more highly regarded news sources

would rather not dignify Sheen with coverage. Marina Hyde of the The Guardian is an exception by proposing a theory of her own with regard to Sheen: "Frankly, with dentistry as expensive as yours, you simply can't afford to let The Man stamp his jackboot down on your face, and so it is that when faced with the inquiry 'did Lee Harvey Oswald act alone?', you find yourself thinking: 'God, I mean ... do any of us? Like, he had to have people, you know? At least an agent and a publicist.'"

### **Tourist ferry sinks off Bahrain coast; at least 44 dead**

At approximately 8pm local time in Bahrain, a ferry that was believed to have been carrying about 150 tourists and locals is reported missing and overturned off the coast of Bahrain, near the Sheikh Khalifa Causeway Bridge, Sitra and the United States 5th Fleet has been called into help with the rescue.

Earlier reports from REUTERS stated that at least 40 bodies have been found, but ABC News reports that at least 44 are dead.

"There are 52 survivors and there are also 44 dead (bodies) that were retrieved. So far, the (rescue) operations continue. God willing, there will be more survivors rescued," said Bahrain's Interior Minister Abdulla Al Khalifa.

One resident says that, "I have seen at least 48 bodies" and ABC News is reporting at least 44 dead, however; "many on board were rescued," a Bahraini official was quoted as saying.

"The first report we received was that a Dhow (a wooden boat) has capsized. We are preparing a helicopter to join the rescue. There is no initial indication that this was

an attack," said a U.S. NAVY spokesman.

### **Court rules rubber-stamping Thai election ballots not required**

With the actual poll only days away, Thailand's Administrative Court has ruled against a new requirement introduced by the country's Election Commission. Voters will not be forced to complete ballots with a rubber stamp and may instead use a pen.

Ruling that the change to require the use of a rubber stamp is in contravention of election law, judge Anuwat Tharasawaeng highlighted that election law does not mandate how a mark must be made on the ballot.

### **EU warns Microsoft: forthcoming Vista risks antitrust breach**

The European Commission has warned Microsoft that features the company intends to include in its next version of Windows known as Windows Vista may breach the European Union's antitrust laws.

The EU's commissioner in charge of competition, Neelie Kroes, wrote to Steve Ballmer CEO of Microsoft last week informally warning him that Microsoft's plans to include security features, search tools, copyright protection services and an application to create documents similar to Adobe's PDF files into Vista would violate European antitrust laws, according to her spokesman Jonathan Todd.

Mr. Todd said that the commission was worried that features Microsoft plans to include in Vista may prevent customers from choosing their own software combinations. He emphasised that the letter was not a signal of a

formal antitrust inquiry into Windows Vista.

The commission wrote the letter following a letter from Microsoft asking them to indicate if there were any possible competition issues with the new system. Mr. Todd said: "We assume that Microsoft has its own interests at heart. It wants to launch another product without having to worry about the Commission instituting various actions under antitrust law."

Microsoft's top lawyer in Europe, Horacio Guttierrez, said Wednesday that adding such functions into the operating system was essential if Microsoft was to meet customer demand. "I know consumers want more secure computer systems," he said.

Windows Vista includes software called Windows Defender, which seeks out and removes spyware and adware. Guttierrez claims that forcing Microsoft to sell Windows without Defender "is a bit like forcing BMW to sell cars without airbags".

"We have a responsibility to make our products better and more secure for our customers," he said.

### **Optus B1 outage leaves all New Zealand Sky TV digital subscribers without service**

An outage of Optus B1, believed to have occurred due to a problem during realignment has resulted in a loss of service to all subscribers of Sky TV New Zealand's Digital pay TV service, an estimated 550,000 people. Sky TV's terrestrial UHF service is unaffected.

Users of the digital service see a rain fade error message which is

the standard error message that occurs when signal is lost on Sky's Digital set-top boxes. Sky has temporarily removed the scrambling of their terrestrial UHF Sky Sport channel, allowing anyone able to receive the signal to view the channel (regardless of whether they are subscribers to any of Sky's services). There are 3 other pay TV UHF channels operated by Sky but none of the others have been unscrambled. Original media reports suggest the unscrambling of Sky Sport 1 was done as the NZ cricket award ceremony was being held that evening, however the channel remains unscrambled after the end of the awards ceremony. Sky Sport 1 is probably one of the most popular Sky channels and provides coverage of rugby including Super 14 matches which will be played during the weekend beginning in the evening of 31 March 2006.

The outage began at around 30 March 2006 1850 NZST and is ongoing as at 31 March 2006 0755 NZST. However service has been partially restored as of 0820 NZST. It appears the satellite is still under realignment as not all channels work and with some the signal quality is poor. Certain channels that were available as of 0820 NZST were no longer available as of 0835 NZST.

Sky's website briefly went down and when it returned has been modified to include a special front page mentioning the outage. Their phone service was frequently overloaded (engaged) and plays a message mentioning the outage in a continuous loop with normal voice prompts removed.

According to Sky's media release, the Optus B1 is still contacting Optus's ground stations and Optus

is currently attempting to realign the satellite. Early media reports had indicated the satellite could be uncontactable and a report on TV3's nightly news programme quoted experts suggesting that it is possible the satellite potentially could not be properly realigned. Earlier reports had also quoted a Sky spokesperson suggesting the problem could be fixed by midnight.

The outage has also affected other services using the Optus B1 satellite believed to include some air traffic control functions, some interbank transmissions and also the New Zealand Fire Service in-fill paging service. Other broadcasters using the satellite include TVNZ who offer both their TV channels free to air via the satellite and the Australian ABC and SBS. JuiceTV, a free-to-air terrestrial UHF music channel provided by Sky is also not broadcasting instead displaying the rain-fade error message. NASA TV which is community broadcast in Auckland is also affected as it originates from a free to air broadcast from the satellite.

It has also been reported that the Radio Network analog radio channels have been affected throughout the country and that users of Sky's MySky PVR box are unable to use the box even to watch prerecorded shows as the box needs a connection to the satellite to operate.

The TV3 nightly news programme report also mentioned that several pubs had had reduced patronage due to the loss of the sport broadcasting or racing. The New Zealand Herald reported loss of patronage in at least one pub. However the TAB channel which provides coverage of racing events also broadcasts free to air on UHF

in cooperation with Sky TV and appeared unaffected at 2245 NZT.

The New Zealand Herald have quoted Sky TV as staying they will consider refunds when the problem is fixed. Legally, most ordinary consumers would potentially be entitled to refunds of some sort under the Consumer Guarantees Act including for any foreseeable losses, although this would not apply to most businesses. At 0700 NZT, the Sky TV website was updated to include the statement "A credit will be applied to all customers whilst the satellite is off air." A link was also included providing instructions for tuning in to Sky Sport via UHF.

The Optus B1 satellite is 14 year's old and is considered in urgent need of replacement as it lost its primary SCP on 21 May 2005 and is now running on the one and only backup SCP. It has an intended lifespan of between 10 to 15 years. However the launch of the replacement satellite of the Optus D class was delayed in August 2005 but are now intended to be launched in June 2006.

Sky TV is the predominant pay TV broadcaster in New Zealand and the only one who use satellite. The only other pay TV broadcaster of any significance is TelstraClear who operate a cable network in Wellington and Christchurch reaching an estimated 160,000 households with a reported 62,000 subscribers to their network (this figure likely includes customers who do not subscribe to their TV service). They also provide access to several of Sky's channels. World TV offers several Asian channels using the Sky Network. Mirchee TV offer several channels targeting the south Asian market via a terrestrial setup using satellite receiving equipment.

### **Cynthia McKinney (D-GA) and officer tangle on the Hill**

U.S. Representative Cynthia McKinney (D-GA) allegedly punched a Capitol Hill Police Officer in the chest after he grabbed her arm. The officer was pursuing her after she failed to pass through the metal detector, which House Members are not required to do.

McKinney has complained about government security in the past. She protested about being stopped in 1993 and 1995. In 1996 and 1998, she complained that White House security didn't treat her the same as her white colleagues. At one time, a security officer mistook her 23-year-old white aide for the congresswoman. She is quoted on the Hill as having said, at one, "I am absolutely sick and tired of having to have my appearance at the White House validated by white people."

### **Captors release American journalist Jill Carroll**

Jill Carroll, an American journalist, has been released by her captors after having been held for 82 days.

Carroll was abducted on January 7, 2006 in Baghdad by gunmen and was dropped off by unknown individuals at the Iraqi Islamic Party's branch office in the western part of the Amariyah district in Baghdad. Her translator was killed during the abduction, but her driver escaped.

Carroll is a freelance journalist who writes for the Christian Science Monitor.

"She was released this morning; she's talked to her father and she's fine. This is a wonderful day," said David Cook, chief of The Christian Science Monitor for the

Washington bureau.

"She is OK. She is safe. She is more or less scared. I told her calm down and we would take care of her," said Tariq al-Hashimi, the party's secretary general.

"I'm really grateful she was released and thank those who worked hard for her release, and we're glad she's alive," said United States President George W. Bush.

Earlier, her captives threatened to kill Carroll if all Iraqi women prisoners were not released from prisons in Iraq.

"I am just happy to be free. I just want to be with my family quickly," said Carroll. "I was treated well. It's important people know that. I was not harmed, they never said they would hit me."

Carroll had written that she had gone to Jordan to "learn as much about the region as possible before the fighting began." She arrived in the Middle East in in 2002 to cover the Iraq war.

"There was bound to be plenty of parachute journalism once the war started, and I didn't want to be a part of that," added Carroll.

One week ago, three peace activists were released during a British-led operation in Iraq. Jim Loney and Harmeet Singh Sooden, both Canadians and Norman Kember a British man were released on March 23, 2006. A fourth member of the group, Tom Fox from the U.S., was shot dead and found earlier in March in Baghdad. They were members of a group called Christian Peacemaker Teams.

### **Son charged with eye-gouging attack on mother dies**

A mentally ill New Zealand man who had been accused this week of biting off his elderly mother's finger and gouging her eyes has been found dead. The 41-year-old man died in a mental health unit in Hamilton overnight apparently from natural causes, police said.

He was accused of having attacked his 73-year old mother by biting off a finger and gouging her eyes. It is certain that she will become blind in at least one eye. The man, 41, was due to appear in Rotorua District Court earlier this week but was not considered to be mentally stable. He has been diagnosed schizophrenic before.

### **Australian Federal Police raid home over unauthorised access to pay TV services**

Australian Federal Police officers reportedly raided the home in Argenton, West of Newcastle, New South Wales of a man suspected of distributing software to enable unauthorised access to pay TV services Foxtel and Austar.

A spokesperson for the Australian Federal Police said that officers seized computer equipment, including an "external hardware drive". The spokesperson said police were assisted by Foxtel's fraud investigators and computer forensic experts from Ferrier Hodgson.

Debra Richards, Executive Director of the Australian Subscription Television Association, the organisation which represents the interests of Australian pay TV service providers, said, "Industry members are working cooperatively through ASTRA to address a problem that results in lost revenue and resources that would otherwise be used to grow

the Australian television and production industries."

"The real victims here are the consumers who are being hoodwinked into being involved in a criminal activity, often paying more than they would otherwise for a legitimate service," she said.

### **Nigeria arrests Charles Taylor for war crimes trial**

Yesterday in Nigeria, former Liberian president Charles Taylor was arrested after being caught trying to flee the country. Nigeria had announced that it would allow Taylor's transfer to Liberia at the request of the new Liberian president Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf. The government of Nigeria reported Taylor to be missing on Monday; they had made known earlier that day that they would not take responsibility for Taylor's arrest or transfer. After his flight however, he was arrested on the border of Cameroon by Nigerian authorities who transferred him to Monrovia where he was met by UN authorities who took him into custody. He is to be tried by the UN-backed War Crimes Court for Sierra Leone in Freetown.

Richard Dicker, director of the International Justice Program for Human Rights Watch expressed enthusiasm over Taylor's capture: "This is an extraordinary moment for the people of West Africa. Taylor's trial should bring long awaited justice to the victims of Sierra Leone's brutal war and promote the rule of law in a region devastated by violence."

Chief prosecutor of the War Crimes Court, Desmond De Silva, commented: "Today is a momentous occasion, an important day for international justice, the international community, and above all the

people of Sierra Leone." Taylor was exiled to Nigeria in August of 2003 after leading Liberia into a civil war.

Taylor will stand trial for allegedly having the "greatest responsibility" for war crimes, crimes against humanity and other violations of international law perpetrated under his leadership; the specific charges include responsibility for murder, hostage taking, extermination, rape, murder, sexual slavery and use of child soldiers.

### **Cyclone Glenda closes in on Western Australia**

The Australian Bureau of Meteorology has reported the occurrence of 100 Kilometres per hour (62 miles per hour) winds along the Pilbara Coast as Tropical Cyclone Glenda closes in.

At 8PM WST Wednesday night (1200 UTC), the Bureau of Meteorology reported that Glenda had weakened and reclassified it as a category 4 storm. The Bureau of Meteorology expects Glenda will cross the coast between Exmouth and Karratha tonight.

The Bureau of Meteorology predicts gale force winds gusting upto 130 kilometres per hour (80 miles per hour) to develop in the affected region during the day. They predict that later, as the cyclone nears the coast that winds up to 250 kilometres an hour (155 miles per hour) will occur near the cyclone centre.

The bureau also warns of the possibility of a dangerous storm surge between Karatha and Onslow as the cyclone crosses the coast. They warn that tides are likely to rise above the normal high tide making causing flooding and damaging waves.

The Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia has placed residents in Karratha, Roebourne, Point Samson, Wickham, Dampier and Mardie on red alert. Residents are advised to:

- Go to a welfare centre immediately if they are not already in a safe location
- Park vehicles in a sheltered area
- Stay in the strongest part of the building they are in, away from windows
- Ensure pets and animals are safely sheltered
- Disconnect electrical appliances and turn off gas valves
- Ensure that neighbours have received the warning
- Stay indoors until given an "All Clear with Caution" alert from emergency services

FESA has issued a blue alert for people between De Grey and Whim Creek including Port Hedland, South Hedland, Pannawonica, Onslow and Exmouth. A blue alert means that residents should begin taking precautions and making preparations for a possible red alert condition.

### **U.S.A. researchers report plagiarism in Putin's dissertation**

Researchers at the Brookings Institution, a non-profit think tank located in Washington D.C., have recently accused Russian President Vladimir Putin of making improper use of almost 16 pages and six figures from a 1982 translation of a 1978 textbook in his economics dissertation. Strategic Planning and Policy, written by University of Pittsburgh professors William R. King and David I. Cleland, was published in 1979.

Brookings Institution researchers

Clifford Gaddy and Igor Danchenko claim that Putin's dissertation, which earned him a candidate's degree in economics from the St. Petersburg Mining Institute, copies almost verbatim from the text.

Gaddy states, "I'm convinced that Putin did read that textbook. This is exactly the style of governing the country that he has used in Russia. He's actually taking their ideas and treating Russia as if it's a corporation -- 'Russia Incorporated.'"

Many Russian government officials at the time would pay a ghostwriter for such publications, as gaining a degree could add legitimacy to one's governing policy. In that sense, it is possible Putin bought or paid for the dissertation and did not read over - in essence, passing plagiarised work off as his own, but not himself committing plagiarism. Gaddy states: "It's very clear he never wrote the thing in the first case, this is a clear diploma-mill-type operation. This is a dissertation, paid for, made-to-order."

Although Gaddy and Danchenko set out searching for Putin's views on economics and sustainable development, they noticed in reading his dissertation that certain sections seemed out of place. The only English language source in the text was King and Cleland's book. In the translation from Russia to English of the dissertation, text was discovered that came from that book without credit.

King and Cleland have no plans to sue.

### **New Zealand declares 2007 switch of energy efficiency strategy**

The New Zealand Government's energy efficiency strategy has been considered ineffective and will hence be replaced in 2007. Energy Minister Trevor Mallard and the Government's spokeswoman on energy efficiency Jeanette Fitzsimons announced that the four-year-old National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy would be revamped. Originally, this strategy was meant to achieve a 20 per cent improvement of the energy efficiency rate and increase renewable energy supply by 30 petajoules until 2012.

#### **Today in History**

1854 - Commodore Matthew Perry of the U.S. Navy signed the Treaty of Kanagawa, forcing the opening of Japanese ports to American trade.

1889 - The Eiffel Tower was inaugurated in Paris.

1903 - New Zealander inventor Richard Pearse reportedly flew in one of the first flying machines.

1917 - The Danish West Indies became the U.S. Virgin Islands after the United States paid Denmark US\$25 million for the Caribbean islands.

1930 - Hollywood movie studios instituted the Production Code to avoid government censorship.

March 31 is César Chávez Day in various U.S. states, Freedom Day in Malta.

#### **Quote of the Day**

"When we are really honest with ourselves we must admit that our lives are all that really belong to us. So, it is how we use our lives that determines what kind of men we are. It is my deepest belief that only by giving our lives do we find life." ~ Cesar Chavez

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