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Wikipedia Current Events

Kormoran and the HMAS Sydney have been found off the coast of Western Australia. The ships sank after a battle in 1941.

•JPMorgan Chase announces plans to buy investment bank Bear Stearns for \$2 a share following liquidity problems caused by the 2007 subprime mortgage financial crisis.

•Data from the United Nations Environment Programme shows the 2006 global glacial shrinkage rate is more than double that of 2005.

•The Conservative Alliance wins the Iranian legislative election.

Concert for peace held on Colombian-Venezuelan border

Tens of thousands of Colombians and Venezuelans attended a free concert Sunday, held on a bridge linking the two countries. It was organized by Grammy-winning rock artist Juanes to celebrate the end of the diplomatic crisis between Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador, and to further improve peaceful relations within the region.

The "Peace Without Borders" concert was staged atop the Simón Bolívar bridge, which connects the Colombian town of Cúcuta with the Venezuelan town of San Antonio del Táchira. "It would have been much more practical and simple to do it in a city," Juanes told the Miami Herald, "but the border is a symbol of peace between all countries. And this message is for

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U.S. Federal Reserve System backs JPMorgan Chase in purchasing failed Bear Stearns, and lowers prime lending rate.

•The Australian Government announces that the wrecks of the German auxiliary cruiser

everyone, all the countries in Latin America and the U.S. as well."

Concert goers gathered in a dried-up riverbed to hear music by many notable Hispanic performers, including Colombian singer Carlos Vives, Dominican musician Juan Luis Guerra, Spanish musicians Miguel Bosé and Alejandro Sanz, and Mexican rock band Maná.

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Juanes said the artists were "super responsive" when invited to perform. "I think they all share my feelings: How can we use our music to support this, use our art for something important?" he said.

"This is a celebration of the unity between Ecuador, Venezuela and Colombia," Carlos Vives said on the stage. "We want our police and military officers to go home," he added, referring to the Colombian hostages held by leftist group FARC.

FARC was the center of the recent diplomatic crisis, which began when the Colombian military conducted an air raid against the organization inside Ecuador territory. Venezuela sided with Ecuador in condemning Colombia for the raid, and they each moved troops to their respective borders. The crisis ended when the nations' leaders shook hands at a summit.

"It's not that a song by Alejandro or Carlos is going to change people," Juanes said. "But music becomes an excuse to send a message, that we're all here together building peace, that we are here as citizens and this is what we want, and we have to be

heard. I think the governments have to understand and listen. We don't want to get involved in conflicts between people."

Colombian president Alvaro Uribe had planned to attend the concert, but canceled when Juanes' manager told him the show "was not to be a political event" and asked him not to come.

Thousands attend anti-war protests in London and Glasgow

Yesterday, thousands of people attended anti-war protests in London and Glasgow organised by the Stop the War Coalition. The event marks nearly five years since the 2003 invasion of Iraq which begun the Iraq War. The main themes were "Troops out of Iraq and Afghanistan", "Don't attack Iran", and "End the siege of Gaza".

In London, protesters gathered in Trafalgar Square before marching down Whitehall to Parliament Square, across Westminster Bridge, along Lambeth Palace Road before crossing the River Thames again at Lambeth Bridge, returning to Parliament Square via Millbank.

A spokesman for the Foreign Office labelled the Stop the War Coalition's description of the current situation in Iraq as "simply not accurate", saying, "In Iraq, there is clear evidence we are making steady progress, particularly in terms of security. We have also acknowledged that mistakes were made, and drawn the appropriate lessons".

Estimates as to the number of protesters in London range from 10,000 according to the Police, up to 40,000 according to the organisers.

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Further conditions include receiving a government commitment to keep the airline's landing rights, agreeing with Rome International Airport's operator over servicing and a deal to buy back some activities at Alitalia Servizi, a maintenance arm.

Air France-KLM, who placed their bid on Friday after negotiations lasting eight weeks, welcomed the decision in Paris. The deal values at Alitalia at €0.10, compared to a Friday trading value of €0.53, and will swap one Air France-KLM for every 160 Alitalia shares, valuing the airline at €140 million (US\$240 million). The low price comes as a result of financial difficulties that the airline is currently facing. Initial rumours suggested the price would be €0.35 a share. Also being bid on is 100% of convertible bonds at €0.3145 a bond. The state owns 62% of these. The company will keep its

brand, logo and Italian headquarters.

2008 Tour de Taiwan Stage 8: A great ending for John Murphy

A 72-golden-hour race of 2008 Tour de Taiwan in the Taipei-Keelung metropolitan area came to an end after entering the Taipei Xinyi Shopping Area as the final stage today. Before the main race, the organizer, Chinese Taipei Cycling Association held "The 3rd Taipei Citizen Elimination Road Race" to examine the achievements of basic cycling promotion. Even though its racing scale is one third of the Taipei Stage (60 laps, 1 km/lap), but several local cycling clubs and senior cyclists participated in this promotional race.

Kuan-hua Lai, a cyclist from Giant Asia Racing Team, the current Taiwan leader of Tour de Taiwan, spoke to Wikinews Reporter Rico Shen before racing: "Since we [the Team] took the leading from Changhua County Stage until now, we were still be cautious of this current status because the competitors just lost behind within 15 seconds." And also, he commented about an "earlier suspension" incident in the same stage in 2007: "I didn't participate in this series last year. However, with several cyclists' actual strengths in several criterium stages, I think that the same incident won't take place again this year."

In the main race, due to a very close actual strength, not everyone can took the leading for a long-period especially in Asian cyclists' competition. As a result in the middle-end section, the main group extremity controlled the condition of this race. Finally, Marek Wesoly from Merida Europe Team won his second stage

champion in this stage since he got former stage champion in Pingtung County. With the stage champion went to Wesoly, John Murphy firmly won the overall champion in this series after 8 stages' racing.

By the way, Kuan-hua Lai not only won the Taiwan Champion and was voted as the "Most Popular Taiwanese Cyclist", but also helped his team (Giant Asia Racing Team) to win the Team Champion in this series. After the race, He commented about this race: "Even though we got a great difference after we [the Team] got the lead from Changhua [stage], but we got a damn difficult situation because the competitors just lost behind within a small difference. Because of this issue, we cautiously chose some roads to do several attacks to keep the leading to the end."

And he also commented about the "DAMN" crash incident yesterday to Wikinews Reporter Rico Shen: "It's unable to prevent the crash. But mostly, cyclists without concentrations to a race [or a game] will bring on crash in a race. If a cyclist want to prevent a crash, a cyclist should focus on the race in any time and any where."

In another brief after race interview, John Murphy talked to Wikinews Reporter Rico Shen about this stage especially on the competition of yellow jersey: "Shawn Milne is a respectful competitor even though he was formerly in our [Health Net Pro Cycling] team, but he majorly ever threatened me since he got the 5th Stage Champion. After this, my current teammates did several attempts covering me to the end, and finally, it took a good effort for me. I really appreciated and thanked for my teammates' help."

Tour de Taiwan Taipei City Stage

- Stage Champion and Individual Champions in this Stage.

Individual Classification

- Asian Champion (Blue Jersey): Takashi Miyazawa (Team Meitan Hompo-GDR)
- Taiwan Champion (White Jersey): Kuan-hua Lai (Giant Asia Racing Team)
- Sprint Champion (Green Jersey): John Murphy (Health Net Pro Cycling Team)
- Overall Champion (Yellow Jersey): John Murphy

Team Classification

1. Giant Asia Racing Team
2. Team Skil-Shimano
3. Health Net Pro Cycling Team

Protesters arrested at anti-Scientology event in Atlanta

While protesting outside the Scientology Church of Georgia in Atlanta, two members of the group Anonymous were arrested by DeKalb County riot police while standing opposite the Church of Scientology-owned building.

The two protesters, who earlier on participated in the delivery of a 'global speech' collaboratively written and read by members of Anonymous at protests worldwide, were arrested are believed to have been charged by Dekalb police for protesting without a permit and causing 'offensive or hazardous conditions'. However, other members of Anonymous who took leading roles in arranging the protest are adamant that the Dekalb police had previously told them they did not need a permit to protest.

The arrests were filmed by other members of Anonymous who

subsequently posted the videos onto popular video-sharing website YouTube. The videos show a very quick arrest in which the arresting officers did not read the Miranda rights of the protesters, which contrary to popular belief, is only required to be read before a police officer interviews someone in custody. This was confirmed by other members of the group who say they didn't hear their rights being read before they were lead away.

In other videos published on YouTube, the same members of Anonymous were shown thanking police for their work and offering them some of the cake members of Anonymous had brought to the protest, shortly before they were arrested.

Members of Anonymous have composed an open letter to Dekalb's Chief of Police, asking if such a show of police strength was really needed at a non-violent protest organised and attended mainly by college students and young Americans.

Drivers showing their support for the protesters by honking their car horns while driving past were followed by police bikes waiting in the Scientology building's driveway and given tickets for violating noise ordinance laws. However, many members of Anonymous have voiced confusion over these tickets, as the honks of support were only 2-3 seconds in duration at most, and noise ordinance laws state a horn must be sounded for longer than 60 seconds to count as a violation of the law. When, after the arrests were made, the police started to adopt the policy of ticketing drivers who honked, members of Anonymous quickly raised "Do not honk" signs to drivers.

Both of the members of Anonymous have been released, one with a bail of \$763.00. There are confirmed to be two charges standing against one. No information has been released from the police department at this point.

"They did no wrong, and that building they were led into was reportedly the Scientology Org building." —Kalira, Doomfeller blog

Initial reaction from bloggers was generally critical of the arrests. Kalira of Doomfeller blog wrote: "This is UNACCEPTABLE. They did no wrong, and that building they were led into was reportedly the Scientology Org building. If the police -- nay, the walking tanks, totally uncalled for with a peaceful protest -- had them unmask inside...suffice it to say if they get harassed, there will be great big steaming piles of hell to pay." Scientology critic Jeff Jacobsen, interviewed by Wikinews on February 19, wrote on his blog: "But then I see that the Atlanta police arrested two Anons, and were even stopping cars that honked in approval of the protest! Is Atlanta not a part of the United States? I don't get it."

Interview

The videos and arrests have sparked outrage amongst members of the public and Anonymous, and Wikinews interviewed members of Anonymous who were at the Atlanta protest on Saturday:

Wikinews What was your initial reaction to the arrests at the protest?

Anonymous 1: Just disbelief. On February 10th, the police were completely cool, and we heard they liked us.

WN What has been your experience dealing with the Atlanta police?

Anonymous 1: Usually the police are very chilled with the protests and such. This is the first time that I can recall them acting like this. Anonymous 2: They really didn't talk to us at all at the last protest. Several people had called in before both protests to confirm that we didn't need a permit and that everything was OK- they knew we were coming, and so on- but at this protest initial requests to get more information from the officers were either ignored or met with hostility.

WN Was there any statement issued by police on what the two arrested individuals were arrested for?

Anonymous 2: Originally I heard that they couldn't answer that, but then people started saying it was for inciting disorder and for protesting without a permit. We had contacted the police department earlier, and were told that we wouldn't need a permit.

WN The videos published on YouTube show the individuals arrested very quickly- simply frog-marched off. Did the arresting officers follow procedure - reading the individuals their rights, and so on - during the arrest ?

Anonymous 2: Nobody heard them being read their rights.

Anonymous 3: They were grabbed and taken behind the complex in one swift strike. There was no Miranda rights read when they were initially grabbed.

Tibetans say 80 killed in protests; China continues to crack down

The Central Tibetan Administration, headed by the Dalai Lama, says that at least 80

people have been killed in protests by supporters of Tibet against Chinese rule, despite China's claim that only ten people are dead.

"As the Tibet uprising continues, reliable sources have confirmed that at least 80 people were killed on 14th March 2008 in Lhasa," the website Tibet.net reported. They also said that many dead bodies have been stashed in front of a Public Security Department office in Lhasa, the Tibetan capital where most of the unrest occurred. The site did not name its sources.

The report from Xinhua, China's state-run news agency, was much different. "In Friday's riot, at least ten civilians died, mostly from burns caused by the roving mobs and some others were injured," Xinhua said, citing the Tibetan Regional Government's report. Additionally, they reported that police in Lhasa had saved 580 people, including an entire school, from the "violent array of sabotage".

Tenzin Gyatso, the Dalai Lama, condemned China's reaction to the protests, calling it a "cultural genocide". At a press conference in Dharamsala, seat of the Tibetan government in exile, he said, "They simply rely on using force in order to simulate peace, a peace brought by force using a rule of terror." He also called for an international organization to investigate the situation in Tibet.

China has declared a "People's War" against the protesters, vowing to "expose" the Dalai Lama. "We must wage a people's war to beat splittism and expose and condemn the malicious acts of these hostile forces and expose the hideous face of the Dalai Lama group to the light of day," officials were quoted as saying.

China also prevented access to video website YouTube after many international videos of the protests were posted on the website. YouTube is normally easily accessible in China, which blocks other pornographic or subversive sites with it's 'Great Firewall'.

Play.com Live multimedia exposition hosted at Wembley Stadium, England

London - Wembley Stadium today hosted the second day of the first Play.com Live multimedia exposition, a large event encompassing many large gaming retailers showcasing their latest games across a wide variety of platforms, as well as live music and entertainment from a wide variety of performers and personalities. Wikinews attended the event today, and reported live from inside Wembley Stadium.

First Floor – Corinthian Room

After being greeted at the front door with goodie bags and press passes – the first room to be visited is the Corinthian Room on the first floor of Wembley Stadium. The atmosphere is calm but excited – people are busying themselves browsing the games on display, and getting involved in the wide variety of competitions and events on offer. The Rock Band competition is well underway, and people are competing for the chance to win a 5-day holiday to Las Vegas, as well as a 4x4 car, games consoles, and other prizes such as £5,000 worth of Play.com Vouchers.

The first band to play inside the Corinthian Room is Saving Aimee, who are playing a selection of their songs. The crowd is gathering around the main stage and upper floors to watch the music – and the band is well received by them.

The second band to play was the relatively unknown Go:Audio, who also played a selection of songs from their upcoming album. Their energetic performance style had the crowd cheering and singing along. The final band to play was We Are Scientists, who by far had the largest turnout in terms of crowd numbers. They played a number of songs, both old and from their new album, released tomorrow.

The Corinthian Room also housed the Rock Band competitions, Soul Calibur tournament, and housed the Wikinews reporters as they wrote the story. At the end of the day, a £30,000 prize was awarded to the winning team from the Unreal Tournament competition.

Second Floor - Atrium

The Atrium was host to a number of celebrity faces, including Sylvester McCoy (Dr. Who), Danny John-Jules (Cat from Red Dwarf), and Hattie Hayridge (Holly from Red Dwarf). There was also an exhibition by Dare to be Digital - a video games design competition focusing on University students designing and creating video games. In total, 12 games were on show from the Dare to be Digital competition. Retailers also had stands, including Corgi, SanDisk, and Blu-Ray.

This floor was also home to the Far Cray 2 exhibit, and the Unreal Tournament competition.

HSK Kormoran found, the search for HMAS Sydney continues

Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd announced today that the HSK Kormoran has been located approximately 112 nautical miles off Steep Point Western Australia. Sonar imagery of the Kormoran shows the site consists of two

main pieces at a depth of 2560 metres. A debris field 4 nautical miles south of the wreck believed to be the site of the battle.

The Kormoran (HSK 8) was a German auxiliary cruiser of Kriegsmarine during World War II. On November 19, 1941, the Kormoran encountered the HMAS Sydney. The resulting battle saw the Sydney sunk with the loss of all 645 hands, the Kormoran was scuttled by the crew with the loss of 60, 320 survivors including three Chinese prisoners of war were rescued.

The loss of the Sydney has been the subject of much controversy, speculation and conspiracy theory. There have been many searches for the two vessels, this latest search is by the "Finding Sydney Foundation".

"Finding the Kormoran is one big step forward," said Prime Minister Rudd. "This is an important part in resolving a 65 year old puzzle."

Warren Snowdon Minister for Defense Science and Personnel said that the Federal Republic of Germany has been advised of the discovery and that the site is to be protected.

Finding Sydney Foundation Chairman Ted Graham says the search area for the Sydney can now be narrowed down to 300 nautical miles. "This gives us a cornerstone if you like, to start the search for the Sydney from," said Graham. "So if we hadn't found Kormoron it would have made it much more difficult"

Lewis Hamilton wins 2008 Australian Grand Prix

Vodafone McLaren Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton starting from pole wins the FIA Formula-1 2008 ING

Australian Grand Prix on the Albert Park Circuit in Melbourne.

Nick Heidfeld took second for BMW Sauber. Nico Rosberg scoring his first Formula One podium in third and a long-awaited for Williams team.

A thrilling race ended with only seven drivers met the chequered flag. It all started when Giancarlo Fisichella, a Force India experienced driver, was out upon the start. His younger teammate Adrian Sutil pitted a couple of laps later and left his car.

Fernando Alonso, who is back in Renault, drove stably although his car could not compete fully with McLaren's. Heikki Kovalainen overtook him on the last lap, but the Spaniard easily made a detour around McLaren and finished 4th.

Rubens Barrichello made a great deal for Honda with a 6th result. The last year decline appear to be nothing to worry about now for the team. Still Barrichello was disqualified a time after the race for leaving the pit-lane under red lights.

Kazuki Nakajima scored two additional points for Williams (three after disqualification of Barrichello).

The last point was grabbed by Sébastien Bourdais (two after disqualification of Barrichello) whose Toro Rosso-Ferrari engine burnt near the end of the race.

Neither Kimi Räikkönen, last year's champion and previous Australian race winner, nor his teammate Felipe Massa finished for Ferrari. Still, Kimi managed to get one point after the disqualification of Barrichello.

Crane levels New York City townhouse, leaving 4 dead

A construction crane fell from a New York City condominium on Saturday afternoon, demolishing a four-story townhouse and killing four construction workers.

At least ten people were injured in the accident, three of them critically, mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "This accident is one of the worst the city has had," said the mayor. "Our thoughts go to the families. I hope we will not find other victims." He added that authorities are investigating the cause of the accident.

The crane broke into pieces as it fell from a height of 15 or 20 stories, according to witnesses. It hit three residential buildings in the course of the fall and completely crushed the aforementioned townhouse, which housed a bar on the first floor. "The top of the crane went right through the building, and it sliced it in half," said Maryann Krajacic, who lives next to the townhouse.

The bar was closed when the crane fell, but John LaGreco, who owns the bar, fears one of his employees may be dead within the rubble. "Our bar is done," he said. "If I wasn't watching a Yankees game, I would've come to work early and gotten killed."

Cars were overturned and buried in rubble, and the air was filled with clouds of smoke and dust. Around 150 police officers blocked off the area, and 300 firefighters frantically searched for any additional victims. The search could continue all night, said Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta, and would include search dogs and thermal-imaging, and listening devices.

More than half a dozen buildings in the vicinity were evacuated, and a Red Cross shelter was set up nearby.

Stephen Kaplan, an owner of the Reliance Construction Group, says the accident resulted from a falling piece of steel, which severed one of the ties holding the crane to the building. "All the piece of steel had to do was fall slightly left or right, and nothing would have happened," Kaplan said.

Manhattan Borough president Scott Stringer said local residents had often complained about security violations in the building's construction; they asserted that crews worked illegal hours and that the building was going up too quickly. "Over the last year, this is becoming standard in my borough," Stringer said. "I think we have a real issue here."

On March 4, a caller told officials that the crane lacked a sufficient number of safety ties. It was inspected March 6, and no violation was issued. The crane was also inspected Friday, the day before the accident.

Earthquake hits sea near southern Ryuku Islands, Japan

An earthquake has hit the sea near the Southern Ryuku Islands, Japan. The earthquake, which had a magnitude of 4.6, was 15km away from Ishigaki-jima and 1935km away from Tokyo.

Mariana Islands region hit by Earthquake

An earthquake has hit the sea near the the Mariana Islands. The earthquake, which had a magnitude of 5.0, was 340km away from Hagatna, Guam. It struck at approximately 1300 local time yesterday.

Banda Sea hit by earthquake

The Banda Sea has been hit by an earthquake with a magnitude of 4.9. It struck approximately 215 km away from Saumlaki, Indonesia.

Earthquake strikes off the coast of El Salvador

The area off the coast of El Salvador has been hit by an earthquake with a magnitude of 4.3. It struck approximately 140 km away from San Miguel and 145 km away from Chinandega, Nicaragua.

Wikipedia Current Events

At least 68 people have been killed this month in clashes between Bundu dia Kongo and police in the west of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

- The United Nations World Food Programme warns that it has become "very difficult" to provide food aid to the Darfur region of Sudan because of repeated truck hijacks.

- Hundreds of thousands of Taiwanese participate in rival political rallies ahead of the 2008 presidential election.

- The United National Liberation Front attacks an Indian Army camp in Minou, in the Chandel district of Manipur, killing at least six soldiers.

- A missile strike on a building near Wana in South Waziristan, Pakistan kills at least 16 people. A local tribesman accuses the United States Army of being behind the attack.

- Scientists from Harvard Medical School announce a breakthrough technique that could stop cancer cells' growth by inhibiting the enzyme pyruvate kinase.

Wikipedia Current Events

- French voters go to the polls in the second round of the 2008 municipal elections, with President Nicolas Sarkozy's party Union for a Popular Movement likely to lose.

- United States Senator and Republican candidate to the 2008 presidential election John McCain makes a surprise visit to Iraq.

- Italian airline Alitalia is purchased by a consortium of Air France and KLM for €138 million.

- At the 2008 National People's Congress, Wen Jiabao is elected as Premier for another five years term.

- The Central Tibetan Administration government in exile reports 80 confirmed deaths.

- The Dalai Lama calls for a change in Chinese policies towards Tibet and claims that the death toll could be as high as 100.

- Protests spread to Aba, Sichuan province, where a police station and cars are attacked. Several unconfirmed deaths are reported.

Today in History

45 BC – Caesar's civil war: Julius Caesar scored his final military victory at the Battle of Munda, defeating the Optimate forces of Titus Labienus and Pompey the Younger.

624 – History of Islam: The Muslims of Medina defeated the Quraysh of Mecca at the Battle of Badr in Badr, present-day Saudi Arabia, a victory that has been attributed to divine intervention or the genius of Muhammad.

1958 – Vanguard 1, the first solar-powered satellite, was launched. It is the oldest human-launched

object still in Earth orbit today.
 1969 – Golda Meir of the Labor Party became the first female Prime Minister of Israel.
 2004 – Unrest in Kosovo broke out, resulting in more than 20 killed, 200 wounded, and the destruction of several Serb Orthodox churches and shrines.
 March 17 is Saint Patrick's Day (Traditional date).

Quote of the Day

Let anyone laugh and taunt if he so wishes. I am not keeping silent, nor am I hiding the signs and wonders that were shown to me by the Lord many years before they happened, who knew everything, even before the beginning of time.
 ~ Saint Patrick

Word of the Day

kudos n

1. Praise; accolades.

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