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Scientology protest group celebrates founder's birthday worldwide

The Internet group Anonymous today held peaceful protests critical of the Church of Scientology, two days after the birthday of the founder of Scientology. In its global speech, Anonymous said the Church betrays the trust of its members, while Scientology accuses the protesters of cyber-terrorism and hate crimes. Wikinews has correspondents in a number of protest locations to report on the events.



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Michael D. Griffin, the current Administrator of NASA, announces the agency will concentrate more on the outer Solar System and less on Mars exploration, due to cuts to its 2009-2012 budget.

•A bomb explodes at a restaurant

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in Islamabad, Pakistan, killing a Turkish woman and injuring 10 other people.

•A construction crane falls on a residential building in Manhattan, New York City, killing at least four people.

•The Mayor of Atlanta Shirley Franklin declares a state of emergency following a tornado while northwest Georgia is hit by more tornadoes with at least one death.

Delta II launches GPS IIR-19 satellite

A Delta II rocket launched at 06:10 GMT this morning, with the GPS IIR-19 navigation satellite. The spacecraft, which forms part of the US Air Force's NAVSTAR Global Positioning System, has been successfully delivered into a Medium Earth orbit.

The rocket flew in the 7925-9.5 configuration, with 9 GEM-40 solid-rocket boosters, an Extra Extended Long Tank Thor first stage, a Delta-K second stage, a Star 48B third stage, and a 9.5 ft (2.9m) diameter payload fairing. Launch was conducted by United Launch Alliance (ULA).

GPS IIR-19, also known as IIM-6 and SVN-48, will be placed in plane A, slot 4, replacing the GPS IIA-15 satellite. IIA-15 was launched in September 1992, and has been operating for over twice its design life. This was the 135th launch of the Delta II, and the

twelfth orbital launch of 2008.

Series of explosions at Albanian arms depot leaves at least 155 dead or injured

A series of explosions have hit an Albanian arms depot near Tirana, leaving at least 155 people injured. Five are reported to be in comas. Four are known as dead.

Juela Mecani, spokesperson for Albanian PM Sali Berisha, said to Reuters "We do not know the exact number (of casualties) but we fear the worst for the three teams, each of 21 people, working there at the time. Several were U.S. citizens." The three teams referred to were dismantling obsolete munitions stored there, as part of a programme to remove Stalinist era arms and modernise the military in order to qualify for an invitation to join NATO next month.

Injured people have been rushed to hospital amid ongoing explosions, which Interior Ministry spokesman Avni Neza says have prevented helicopters landing in the area. The wounded are suffering from burns, concussion, broken limbs and shrapnel injuries. Meanwhile, Neza says police and army units are attempting to reach the area in armoured cars. Albanian health minister Nard Ndoka said that the 155 known to be hospitalised so far had to make their way to nearby villages as the ongoing explosions had also prevented road ambulances reaching the scene. Explosions have been ongoing at least two hours.

Tirana Airport spokesman Arlinda Causholli said glass windows and doors at the airport, a few kilometres from the site, were shattered by the initial series of explosions. "We evacuated

passengers from the affected area and suspended flights for around 30 minutes," he said.

A Reuters cameraman in the area described the scene. "Terrified people are leaving the area on foot along the highway, women and children... Cars with broken windows have been abandoned on the highway." Local media reports Tirana residents rushing to donate blood to help with the emergency.

Explosions were felt in Tirana and in Durres, 20km (12 miles) from the base. In the nearby village of Gerdec, some residents fled to the hills, while others sought shelter in concrete bunkers built by late Stalinist leader Enver Hoxha. The initial blast was heard 150km away in Macedonia.

2008 Tour de Taiwan Stage 7: Kam-po Wong places first for the second time

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"We [the TAITRA] have cooperated with the Chinese Taipei Cycling Association with a combination of Taipei International Cycle Show (Taipei Cycle) and Tour de Taiwan since 2006 after a success of 2005 Taipei International Elimination Road Race. It's meaningful for this [Taipei Cycle] show and this [Tour de Taiwan] cycling race to enroll

the TWTC Nangang into a stage because 761 companies participated in this show with 2842 booths, its scale is larger than past years and it [the show] successfully stood out as the bicycle sourcing center in Asia. In addition, the level of this race will be evidently improved after it was named as the Asian Qualifier of 2008 Summer Olympics. I hope this combination, a first-to-none creation world-wide, can not only rise the bicycle industry but also show the excellence of Taiwan as many world-class cyclists witnessed this effort." —Walter M. Yeh, Vice President of TAITRA.

"TWTC Nangang is invested with NT\$13 billion dollars by Ministry of Economic Affairs, and the TAITRA gained the 10-year operating right for TWTC Nangang. It symbolized the bicycle industry as a must-have industry in Taiwan since the Taipei Cycle was named as the first trade show in the TWTC Nangang with not only innovative products but also completion brands. We [the public] know that the a bicycle has more functions from traditional transporting to sporting, leisure, and environmental after the awareness of global warming. I hope this race can improve the quality of basic sports and its industry after the public take a bicycle as a multi-function tool." —Steve R. Chen, Minister of Economic Affairs of the Republic of the China.

Within 10 laps near the Sanchong Road and Nangang Road, Po-hung Wu, who crashed yesterday after the finish line, crashed again and was forced to quit the race. After some medical aid, he spoke to the Wikinews Reporter Rico Shen: "Even though I crashed frequently in my career...[I was] unable to prevent the crash because you will not know what will happen in [a

second]. If possible, just to decrease the possibility of the crash when racing."

But before a brief interview to Po-hung Wu, another crash happened near the 30th lap, not only a Malaysian cyclist was forced to quit this race, but also the referee temporarily suspended and neutralized this race because several cyclists crashed near the finish line. After the officials and referees confirmed the safety of the race lane, this race was firmly reopened. Finally, Kam-po Wong, the 1st Stage Champion, a cyclist from Hong Kong Pro Cycling Team, won this stage champion and helped John Murphy keep his overall leading in this stage.

Results in this stage:

- Stage Champion: Kam-po Wong (Hong Kong Pro Cycling Team)
- Asian Leader (Blue Jersey): Taiji Nishitani (Aisan Racing Team)
- Taiwan Leader (White Jersey): Kuan-hua Lai (Giant Asia Racing Team)
- Sprint Leader (Green Jersey): John Murphy (Health Net Pro Cycling Team)
- General Leader (Yellow Jersey): John Murphy
- Group Leader: Giant Asia Racing Team

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A large storm that has spawned a tornado has hit the United States city of Atlanta, Georgia, causing extensive damage through the city.

The National Weather Service confirmed Saturday morning that it was a tornado that struck the city. After reviewing the aftermath of the storm, they classified it as an F2 tornado on the Fujita scale. Atlanta mayor Shirley Franklin says she is beginning to apply for federal disaster aid.

There have been no confirmed deaths, but the mayor's spokeswoman says there may be dead victims trapped within the ruins of a collapsed loft complex. The Fulton Cotton Mill Lofts are located in the historic Cabbagetown neighborhood, where at least 20 homes were destroyed. "It looks like a bomb went off, it looks like World War III," said Mahsud Olufani, who has an art studio in the neighborhood. "It's a disaster area."

At least 27 people suffered injuries, mostly cuts and bruises. One person is reported to be in critical condition. Grady Memorial Hospital, where many of the injured were taken, had suffered some window damage but was still operating. Around 50 people have been taken to a local Red Cross shelter for displaced residents.

The tornado struck during the semifinal game of the SEC Basketball Tournament between Mississippi State and Alabama. Play was stopped with around 2 minutes to go in overtime when heavy wind could be heard outside with rippling of the roof. Damage was done to the roof as debris fell to the floor. No injuries were reported in the Dome. "I thought it was a tornado or a terrorist attack," said Mississippi State guard Ben Hansbrough.

The storm arrived with little forewarning. A tornado warning was issued for the downtown area a few minutes before the storm hit. "Ironically, the guy behind me got a phone call saying there was a tornado warning," said Lisa Lynn, who was attending the game at the Georgia Dome. "And in two seconds, we heard the noise and things started to shake. It was creepy."

The CNN Center in downtown Atlanta was severely damaged, especially in the atrium, where the ravaged ceiling allowed water to pour in. Police closed several streets near the CNN Center because of the debris, which included power lines, billboards, and even office chairs.

The Omni Hotel, which is attached to the CNN Center, also sustained damage, with many of its windows shattered. Visitors at the hotel were evacuated to the exhibition hall at street level. "It was crazy. There was a lot of windows breaking and stuff falling," said Terrence Evans, a valet at the hotel.

At Centennial Olympic Park, located near CNN and the Omni Hotel, two Olympic torch sculptures had fallen over, and a performance pavilion was destroyed. A high-rise dorm at Georgia State University was damaged by the tornado, as evidenced by a large hole in the building's 14th floor. University students were evacuated on buses.

According to Georgia Power, more than 13,000 of their customers are currently without electricity. Crews are working to fix downed power lines, but they said it would be difficult with all the debris.

Another large storm, currently in Mississippi, is heading towards Atlanta, and is forecast to arrive around 3 p.m. National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Leary said Friday's storm could be "nothing to compare with what's coming in tomorrow".

All downtown events scheduled to occur Saturday have been canceled. This includes the city's

Saint Patrick's Day parade. The remaining SEC tournament games are to be played at Georgia Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum, located in the undamaged midtown.

Cassini spacecraft collects sample from geyser on Saturn's moon Enceladus

Space probe Cassini performed a close flyby of Saturn's icy moon Enceladus on Wednesday. The fate of the \$3.5 billion mission was in the balance as the bus-sized spacecraft swooped to just 50 km (30 mi) above the surface of Enceladus to sample the frozen spray issuing from geysers on the the moon's surface. The "water" spraying from these geysers is in the form of dust-sized, frozen water particles, which are ejected into space by gaseous water vapors that build up pressure deep within icy fissures on Enceladus.

Cassini's cosmic dust analyzer was unavailable due to a glitch in the updated software that was supposed to provide an increased hit count of the geyser dust particles. However, dust samples were collected before and after the closest approach and the mass spectrometer functioned though out the flyby, providing useful data which is now being analyzed.

Mission controllers will have a chance to capture more geyser dust on October 9, 2008 when they may choose to steer Cassini even closer to the surface of Enceladus.

Tidal flexing of this moon due to the gravitational proximity of its host planet, Saturn, continually heaves and cracks the icy surface. This suggests that Enceladus may have a squishy, liquid-water ocean beneath an icy crust. Deep, parallel fissures in the ice crust,

dubbed the "Tiger Stripes", measure warmer than uncracked, stationary surfaces nearby. Friction of these massive, moving plates of ice is thought to provide the heat responsible for the pressurized geysers of sublimated water and ice dust. The presence of these geysers amounts to more empirical evidence of a large, liquid water ocean below the surface of Enceladus.

The Cassini-Huygens space probe is an international mission involving the cooperative efforts of NASA, the European Space Agency, and the Italian Space Agency. Launched in 1997, Cassini has orbited Saturn since 2004 but has never before flown so close to a moon. On 14 January 2005, the Huygens lander successfully explored the atmosphere and surface conditions of Saturn's biggest moon, Titan.

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Bebo - its full name being Blog Early Blog Often - started off life with its name being adopted from a suggestion a journalist made, as well as the memorable nature of the name. Ms Gavin said, "The reality is that the name was chosen for more practical reasons... it was memorable, translated well and most importantly it was available."

Founded in 2005 by husband and wife team, Michael Birch and Xochi Birch, Bebo was an online community for Internet users to talk to one another online, write blog posts and generally post pictures. Now in 2008, "Bebo

allows users to find and communicate with friends as well as discovering, experiencing and sharing professional and user-generated content including video, music, books and other forms of entertainment," Ms Gavin said. 2005 was the year when at least another two social networking sites entered the market with Friendster and Ringo.com, which was set up by the same people who created Bebo. Ringo was later sold on to Monster.com.

Not only does Bebo facilitate the aforementioned activities on it's site, but also has access to professional content produced by broadcasters, such as TVNZ in New Zealand, and producers. This is done through its Open Media platform which claims to have over 400 media partners signed up.

Ms Gavin said, "Bebo offers many of the same features found on other sites, but unlike most social networks that limit their scope to communications and utility platforms, Bebo has opened its doors to all media companies, bringing the richness of the media world to its fast-growing community of users."

"All of a sudden – and seemingly out of nowhere – the individual understands the power the web, and what opportunities instant, widespread communication, affords them. Everyone can create and shape the message."
—Sarah Gavin

Bebo even has its own television series it hosts on its website. KateModern, produced by those who made the popular Lonelygirl15 web-series, is a series exclusive to the Internet and was commissioned by Bebo in April, 2007. Bebo boasts that KateModern is the most popular

television show on the Internet and saw it attain over 35 million views in the first season alone.

In early December 2007, Bebo announced its Open Application Platform, compatible with Facebook's F8 and Google's OpenSocial platforms. This new platform opens up its API so developers such as NBC Universal and Last.fm can build applications for use on Bebo. 1,300 applications have already been made for Bebo.

With over 40 million members internationally, Bebo has become the only "global Social Media Network" in existence today. Each month its demographic users aged between 16 and 24-years of age inclusive spend a combined total of 2.14 billion minutes a month surfing the highly popular site; or 40 minutes a day per user. The majority of its membership are from English-speaking nations such as United States, Australia and New Zealand where it experiences high popularity.

In the United Kingdom alone, Bebo has more than 11.4 million users, with 1.3 million located just in Ireland; 80% of Irish members are over 18-years-old. Ms Gavin spoke further on the popularity experienced in the world, "It is the number one social networking site in New Zealand, the number two site in Australia, and the number three site in the US and Canada."

Bebo experiences a gender balance with a virtual "50:50" split between female and male users "in each territory".

There is also a local version catered for the Polish community as well as there being plans to migrate into a local French and Spanish site.

Bebo also experiences higher usage than rival social networking site, MySpace, and video sharing website, YouTube, combined. "Bebo users are the most engaged and view an average of 92 pages per usage day," Ms Gavin said.

Ms Gavin said, "Only 10 months after its inception, Bebo was voted Best Social Networking Web Site by more than 300,000 voters in the annual People's Voice awards, in May 2006. Bebo won the People's Choice award in the Social Networking category at the 2006 Webby awards and was named as the number one search term in the Year-End Google Zeitgeist 2006."

"We are shocked and saddened by the recent tragic events in Wales"
—Sarah Gavin

Recently it has emerged that youth in Wales have been committing suicide to gain attention, such as having a memorial page on the networking site. In response Bebo have set up their own service called "Be Well" to help make Bebo a "safe and secure environment." Ms Gavin said, "We are actively working with mental health and social care organisations – including Samaritans – to provide support and advice for our members.

"Bebo recognizes the potential dangers of online and takes proactive measures to promote safe use of its network. Bebo works in collaboration with law enforcement agencies from across the globe... [and] features a 'report abuse' button on every page."

The "Be Well" service has recently expanded its offerings to the Australian and New Zealand markets too.

When asked to comment on any possible offers to buy Bebo by such companies as Google, Ms Gavin said that it was against policy to comment on "rumour and speculation". However, after the interview, it was revealed that Time Warner's AOL Internet division is set to buy up Bebo for US\$850 million.

Doctors who treated John Ritter cleared of negligence lawsuit

Two doctors who treated actor John Ritter for chest pain in Burbank, California were cleared of a negligence lawsuit on Friday. Ritter was an American television and film actor who died of aortic dissection on 11 September 2003.

Ritter's children and widow (Amy Yasbeck) filed a US\$67 million lawsuit claiming negligence by the doctors, both at the time Ritter fell ill and at a medical checkup two years earlier where problems with Ritter's aorta could have been spotted.

A jury hearing the case at Los Angeles County Superior Court voted 9-3 to dismiss the claims, satisfied that the defendants, Dr. Joseph Lee and Dr. Matthew Lotysch, acted properly during their examination and treatment of Ritter.

Ritter's last role was in leading the cast of the television series 8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter whose production was disrupted by his death.

Proton rocket fails to launch AMC-14 satellite

At 23:18:55 GMT this evening, a Russian Proton-M/Briz-M rocket launched from Area 200/39 at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, with the AMC-14

satellite for American communications organisation SES Americom. The rocket, operated by International Launch Services (ILS), lifted off on time, and headed towards a Geosynchronous orbit. Around forty minutes after lift-off, ILS reported that an anomaly had occurred during the second burn of the upper stage. AMC-14, which would have been operated in conjunction with Echostar was to provide direct-to-home satellite television services. It was based on the Lockheed Martin A2100 satellite bus.

This is the 11th orbital launch of 2008, and the first to fail. It is also the 334th launch of the Proton rocket, the 41st Proton launch failure, the 2,800th Russian orbital launch, and the 45th Proton launch to be conducted by ILS. It is also the third failure of a Proton during an ILS launch in as many years, following a malfunction during a launch last September, and another in February 2006.

The Proton itself performed nominally, and the Briz-M upper stage successfully completed the first of three burns. During the second burn, however, an undisclosed malfunction occurred, leaving the satellite stranded in a much lower orbit than planned. It is unclear whether the satellite is recoverable. There are currently three options, which are to declare the satellite a write-off and de-orbit it, attempt to raise it to geosynchronous orbit under its own power, or propel it towards the Moon, using lunar gravity to slingshot it back into the correct orbit. If either of the latter options are chosen, it will be at great cost to the satellite's on-orbit life expectancy.

National Hockey League news

There were 5 games played in the

National Hockey League on March 14, 2008.

Game summaries

Atlanta Thrashers @ Washington Capitals

Brooks Laich had his third two-goal game in the past nine games as the Washington Capitals beat the Atlanta Thrashers 4-1 at the Verizon Center in Washington. Atlanta scored first, but Washington tied it up three minutes later, and took the lead in the second period. Alexander Ovechkin had a goal and assist, bringing up his points total to 99 (57 goals and 42 assists). Kari Lehtonen let in four goals on 37 shots for the Thrashers while Olaf Kolzing of the Capitals faced only 12 shots, letting in one goal.

Chicago Blackhawks @ Columbus Blue Jackets

The Chicago Blackhawks chased Columbus goaltender Pascal Leclaire from the nets after allowing three goals on six shots barely past the midway mark of the first period. The Blue Jackets made interesting by coming back within one goal, twice, once in the second period and once in the third period. Chicago then went on to score two straight in the third period to win the game 6-3. Patrick Lalime made 29 saves out of a possible 32, including a 17 shot second period where he let in two goals. Fredrik Norrena saved 16 shots out of 19 after replacing Leclaire.

Carolina Hurricanes @ Buffalo Sabres

The Buffalo Sabres romped the Carolina Hurricanes 7-1 in a heated match at the HSBC Arena in Buffalo. The Sabres jumped to a 4-0 lead by the end of the first period, and a 6-0 lead by the end of the second period. Scott Walker

had the only goal for the Hurricanes, shorthanded, at 11:30 of the third period. He also collected 21 minutes in penalties, including a fight, three minors, and a misconduct. Derek Roy led the offensive charge for Buffalo, scoring two goals, and assisting on another one. Cam Ward let in four goals on seven shots, and was replaced by John Grahame. Ryan Miller stopped all but one out of 28 shots.

New York Rangers @ Florida Panthers

Sean Avery had two assists for the New York Rangers in a losing cause as his team lost the Florida Panthers in a 3-2 count. The Panthers scored first, and then fell behind 2-1. Jassen Cullimore tied the game up with a goal 11:42 of the second period, and go on to win the game on the strength of Olli Jokinen's powerplay goal at 7:12 of the third period. Many shots were fired both ways; the Rangers' Henrik Lundqvist stopped 27 out of 30 shots in a losing cause, while the Panther's Tomas Vokoun stopped 32 out of 34.

St. Louis Blues @ San Jose Sharks

Eight different Sharks players had points as the San Jose Sharks beat the St. Louis Blues 4-1 at the HP Pavillion at San Jose. Milan Michálek opened the scoring early, at 1:10 of the first period. Jeremy Roenick scored what turned out the eventual game-winning goal at 10:22. Brian Campbell scored San Jose's third goal at 12:10 of the same period, and Sharks' captain Patrick Marleau scored their fourth goal at 13:15 of the first period on a penalty shot. David Backes scored the Blues' only goal at 0:54 of the second period on the powerplay, but that would as close as the Blues would get. Hannu Toivonen made 23 saves on 27 shots, while his counterpart Evgeni

Navokov 20 saves out of a possible 21.

Player of the Day

Today's Player of the Day is Derek Roy of the Buffalo Sabres. Roy had two goals and an assist in Buffalo's



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8-1 win over the Carolina Hurricanes. Roy now has 29 points, which is a personal season record, and currently leads his team in goals scored.

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Tens of thousands of Italians gather in Bari to march against the mafia and remember its many victims.

- Three former police officers are jailed over the killing of Ukrainian investigative journalist Georgiy R. Gongadze in 2000.

- A weapons depot near Tirana, Albania is hit by multiple explosions, killing at least 4 people and injuring around 200.

- Thousands of people around the world protest against Scientology under the banner of Anonymous.

- Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan says prosecutor Abdurrahman Yalçınkaya's proposal to ban the ruling Justice and Development Party is against the "national will".

- At the 11th National People's Congress, Hu Jintao is elected to a second term as the President of China, and Xi Jinping is elected Vice-President.

- 2008 Tibetan protests:

- In reference to ongoing protests in Tibet, Chairman of the Tibet Autonomous Region Qiangba Puncog threatens to "deal harshly with these criminals who are

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carrying out activities to split the nation".

- Tibet Autonomous Region authorities give protesters until March 17 to surrender. The Central Tibetan Administration government in exile reports between 30 and 100 deaths.

Today in History

1660 – The Long Parliament, originally called by King Charles I of England in 1640 following the Bishops' Wars, dissolved itself.

1872 – In the first-ever final of the FA Cup, the world's oldest football (soccer) competition, Wanderers F.C. defeated Royal Engineers A.F.C. 1–0 at The Oval in Kennington, London.

1926 – At the then-Asa Ward Farm in Auburn, Massachusetts, American scientist Robert H. Goddard launched the world's first liquid-fueled rocket, a 10-foot (3 m) cylinder that reached an altitude of about 41 feet (12 m) and flew for two-and-a-half seconds before falling to the ground.

1968 – Vietnam War: American soldiers killed hundreds of unarmed civilians in the Sơn Mỹ village in the Sơn Tịnh district of South Vietnam.

1978 – The oil tanker Amoco Cadiz split in two after running aground on Portsall Rocks, about 3 miles (5 km) off the coast of Brittany, France, resulting in one of the largest oil spills ever.

March 16 is Palm Sunday in Western Christianity (2008).

Quote of the Day

As long as our government is administered for the good of the people, and is regulated by their will; as long as it secures to us the rights of person and property, liberty of conscience, and of the

press, it will be worth defending.
~ Andrew Jackson

Word of the Day

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1. A person who dons a disguising costume, as for a parade or a festival.
2. An actor in a pantomime; one who communicates entirely through gesture and facial expression.

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