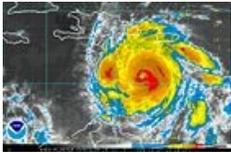




### Top Stories

#### Hurricane Dean forecasted to become "catastrophic" Category 5 storm



The National Hurricane Center in Miami is calling Hurricane Dean "extremely dangerous," saying that the storm is gaining strength and will likely become a Category 5 storm.

#### Exclusive report on New Zealand's digital TV service



An exclusive, and special report by freelance journalist, Gabriel Pollard, has compiled the views from various politicians on New Zealand's latest digital television service, Freeview.

### Featured story

#### Wikinews interviews World Wide Web co-inventor Robert Cailliau



Wikinews interviewed Robert Cailliau, co-inventor of the WWW, on the history and future of the Web.

### Wikipedia Current Events

•A week long heatwave in the southeast and midwest of the United States has caused the deaths of 49 with 12 deaths in Memphis, Tennessee.

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- The Philippines army captures an Abu Sayyaf base on the island of Basilan following a heavy struggle with at least 35 soldiers and militants killed in the battle.
- Kazakhstani legislative election, 2007: President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev's Nur Otan party wins 88 per cent of the vote in yesterday's election and will be the only party represented in the Majilis or Kazakh parliament.
- Typhoon Sepat spawns a tornado that kills nine people in Zhejiang Province, China. More than a million people have been evacuated as a result of the typhoon.
- Jamaica prepares for Hurricane Dean with the hurricane already responsible for at least eight deaths on Caribbean islands St. Lucia, Martinique and Dominica. It is expected to hit the Cayman Islands on Monday and the Yucatan peninsula on Tuesday with further impact on Mexico or Texas later in the week.
- Voters in Thailand go to the polls for a referendum to decide whether to accept or reject a new constitution.
- A German woman taken hostage yesterday in Kabul, Afghanistan is found during a police raid on a house. Multiple abductors arrested.

**Utah mine vice president: miners may not be found**  
Rob Moore, the vice president of

mine operator Murray Energy, said today, "It's likely that these miners may not be found." A fourth hole was drilled into the Utah mine yesterday, but there are still no signs of the six trapped miners who have been missing for two weeks.

A top executive of the company that co-owns the Crandall Canyon Mine said that the latest results from the fourth hole that was drilled more than 1,500 feet down into the mountainside found that the air quality could not sustain life.

Crews performed yet another sound test, but no signals were heard.

However, rescuers refuse to give up, now working on a fifth hole.

Underground tunneling has been stopped after a mountain "bump" killed three rescuers and injured six others on Thursday.

#### Tennis: Justine Henin defeats Jelena Jankovic to win Rogers Cup

Justine Henin has defeated Jelena Jankovic 7-6 (3), 7-5 to win the prestigious Rogers Cup.

Justine, who is ranked world number one, has defeated Jankovic on all of their seven games against each other. Jankovic is ranked world number three.

Jankovic had an early 4-1 lead, but Justine first pulled even, then went

on to win the first set in a tiebreak. Justine went on to win the second set as well, despite first squandering six match points, thus winning her sixth title in the season leading up to the US Open.

"I think both of us played very well and there (were) a lot of great points," a defeated Jankovic said. "A high level of tennis, so it was great for fans to see that and I really enjoyed it... But unfortunately at the end ... I couldn't hang in there with her."

"It was tough at the end of the match," Henin confided to reporters. She also stated that she had received "intensive" physiotherapy the morning prior to the match and had been unsure whether she could play. There was a lot of suspense and intensity and both of us played our best tennis at the end. We both had a lot of opportunities but fortunately I was able to come through in the end. I am very happy to win" she said, adding I had five matches and won them all in two sets so it has been a great week for me,".

It is Henin's first tournament since Wimbledon, where she was knocked out in the semi-finals.

### **U.S. House Ethics Committee to examine congressional press secretary vandalizing Wikipedia articles with government computer**

Timothy Hill is the congressional press secretary working for U.S. Representative David Davis (R, TN-1) in Washington, D.C.

This news story originally broke as an article appearing within the August 11, 2007 edition of the Knoxville News-Sentinel (Tennessee) in which Hill first denied any personal involvement in the "blanking" vandalism of the

Wikipedia articles David Davis (Tennessee politician) and Matthew Hill (Matthew Hill is a Representative within the Tennessee General Assembly and older brother of the press secretary) during a first interview with a KNS reporter. Hill later called back the KNS reporter for a second interview in which he reportedly admitted to using a government computer within the Washington, D.C. congressional office of U.S. Rep. David Davis to "edit" both the David Davis and Matthew Hill Wikipedia articles .

Hill repeatedly blanked six to eight paragraphs of reference text at each article pertaining to both U.S. Davis' and Tennessee Rep. Matthew Hill's political lobbying and/or campaign finance connections to Altace, Hoechst AG and former King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. CEO John M. Gregory. Hill's Wikipedia article edits were then linked through the article histories back to Rep. Davis's congressional office via an IP (internet protocol) number to the U.S. House of Representatives Information System.

Other interesting Wikipedia articles edited with the history detail revealing Rep. David Davis congressional office IP number (although not attributed to Hill) includes John Leslie (porn star) and sports professional Ray Jackson. The vandalism at the Jackson article was not directed toward the sports pro, but rather at a congressional staffer of the same name who is employed at the House Rules Committee.

The rules of the U.S. House Committee on Standards for Official Conduct (more popularly known as the U.S. House "Ethics Committee") oversees ethics education and conducts

investigations of ethical matters pertaining to House members of the U.S. Congress and the members' congressional officers and staff members, including investigating within the scope of campaign activity:

- No campaign activities allowed in any congressional office or room (including district offices)
- No use of congressional office resources (including equipment, supplies, or files) for any campaign purpose

The scope of duties for a congressional press secretary is traditionally limited toward preparing internal documents within a congressional office (i.e.: "press releases") that are later disseminated to the news media outlets, writing up and producing newsletters to mail to the constituents back within the congressional district, and to serve as a contact person within a congressional office for news reporters.

There is also an IP number indication that U.S. Rep. David Davis' congressional office has also been anonymously "shadowing" online blogs with at least one blog (The Tennessee Waltz) originating in East Tennessee with content that was critical toward Rep. Davis for his voting against the federal 2007 Animal Fighting Prohibition Act. The legislation passed this year with Davis' vote and was signed into law by U.S. President Bush.

### **Second fire in Pakistani office building this year kills one, injures four**

A fire in an office building in Karachi, Pakistan has killed one and injured four. Reports say that the fire was the second at the

building, locating near the town's shipping terminal, in half a year.

The building, which is owned by the state-owned Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC), had suffered a previous fire in February. The first fire, caused by a short circuit, damaged five floors, burning from floors 12 to 16. The building is 17 stories high.

Today's fire destroyed seven more floors, starting on the 4th around 2:30 pm and being propelled up to the 10th by strong winds in the area. The deceased was a male shipping company official, who was assisting efforts to extinguish the blaze. According to the International Herald Tribune, he lost consciousness after inhaling smoke and fumes, and was pronounced dead on arrival after being rushed to hospital. However, The Hindu News reports that officials said he died near the scene from a heart attack, brought on by the ensuing disaster. The Hindu News also gives his name and occupation as Vijay Kumar, an administrator and manager employed by the PNSC.

Four firefighters received injuries from falling glass shards and other assorted debris. One technician was trapped on the roof where he had been performing maintenance on a communications tower installed there. He was rescued by one of two navy helicopters dispatched to the scene. In addition to the helicopters, 115 firefighters and 25 fire engines from the city fire brigade and the Karachi Port Trust attended, as well as a number of ambulances from relief organizations.

It is reported by some that the likely cause of the fire was another electrical short circuit, similar to the one that triggered February's

fire. However, Pakistan's Minister for Shipping and Ports Babar Ghouri said that subversive or terrorist activity could not be ruled out and it was strange that the last time a blaze broke out in the building was also a Sunday. "We are going to carry out a full-scale investigation into this fire because they are certain things that appear strange," Ghouri said.

### **Alice Cooper sets up Christian at-risk youth center in Phoenix, US**

Alice Cooper, a founder of the shock rock genre, and infamous for his gory stage shows, is setting up a Christian center for at-risk youths in Phoenix.

Cooper, who has been a born again Christian for over 20 years, has already raised US\$2 million for the center via his charity, the Solid Rock Foundation, founded by Cooper in 1995. "The Rock", as the center will be called, is expected to cost \$7.3 million, and Cooper hopes that construction work will begin on the site, currently a grassy area near the Grand Canyon University, by November.

The land was donated by the university, which is Christian-based. The structure will cover about 29,000 square feet.

The center will aim to get teens in Phoenix off the streets. Alice explained the problem in an interview with Reuters: "Some of these kids just don't have a chance. All their environment does for them is teach them how to dodge bullets and be really good criminals."

The center will also attempt to make the youths interested in a music career as an alternative to crime, and will feature a recording studio and sound room, a concert

hall, and a coffee house with a stage for performers. Cooper spoke of his confidence in the scheme's potential, saying "If you get a kid that's just as addicted to that guitar as he would be addicted to selling crack, it will change his life right then and there. I'm sure of that,".

### **Today in History**

917 – Byzantine-Bulgarian Wars: Bulgarians led by Tsar Simeon I drove the Byzantines out of Thrace with a decisive victory in the Battle of Anchialus.

1794 – American troops defeated the Western Confederacy, an alliance of various Native American tribes, at the Battle of Fallen Timbers, the decisive battle of the Northwest Indian War.

1968 – At least 200,000 Warsaw Pact troops and 5,000 tanks began to invade Czechoslovakia, abruptly ending a period of political liberalization known as "Prague Spring".

1977 – Voyager 2 lifted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida on a mission to explore the outer planets of the Solar System.

1991 – Estonia regained its independence in the Singing Revolution, breaking away from the Soviet Union.

August 20 is St. Stephen's Day in Hungary.

### **Quote of the Day**

Vast is the field of Science ... the more a man knows, the more he will find he has to know.

~ Samuel Richardson

### **Word of the Day**

bodybuilder; n

1. A person who builds an aesthetically muscular physique, through diet and exercise, in order to compete in bodybuilding.

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