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US places man with TB under quarantine, launches search for contactees

A man infected with extensively drug resistant tuberculosis (XDR-TB) has been placed in isolation at Grady Memorial Hospital, the first US government quarantine of a person in over 40 years. The CDC is seeking 80 airline passengers who may have been exposed.

New Zealander on oxygen machine dies after power cut

New Zealander Folole Muliaga died Tuesday morning after Mercury Energy cut off the power in her household due to an unknown amount of unpaid bills.

Featured story

Exclusive video interview with New Zealand Opposition leader, John Key

John Key, New Zealand's Leader of the Opposition, and leader of the National Party, shared with Wikinews the details of his video blogging activities and future plans to make use of so-called 'new media'.

Wikipedia Current Events

- US President George W. Bush nominates former deputy secretary of state Robert Zoellick as President of the World Bank.
- U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg takes the rare step of reading aloud her dissent in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear*.

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- Heavy fighting resumes between the Lebanese army and al Qaeda linked militants at the Nahr el-Bared refugee camp.
- United States health officials quarantine a man who may have exposed passengers on two trans-Atlantic flights to extensively drug resistant tuberculosis.
- Russia successfully tests its new RS-24 ICBM, purportedly designed to defeat present and future anti-missile systems.
- At least 22 people die in a car bombing in central Baghdad.
- Five British nationals are kidnapped from a Finance Ministry building in central Baghdad.
- Bashar al-Assad is re-elected as President of Syria in an election in which he was the only candidate.
- Zheng Xiaoyu, former head of the China's State Food and Drug Administration, is sentenced to death for taking bribes to approve untested medicines as Chinese authorities introduce a recall system for unsafe food products.
- Ehud Barak, former Prime Minister of Israel, wins the first round of the Israeli Labor Party leadership election and faces a runoff against former secret service chief Ami Ayalon.
- Adam Air announces a deal which will ensure the recovery of

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- the black boxes from Adam Air Flight 574. (Aero-News)
- Umaru Yar'Adua assumes office as the President of Nigeria.

JetBlue Airbus A320 makes emergency landing after lightning strike

A JetBlue Airbus A320 airliner, JetBlue Flight 43, made an emergency landing ahead of other scheduled flights on Sunday after being struck by lightning whilst en route between Rochester and John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) with 140 passengers on board. None of the passengers were injured in the incident.

JetBlue said lightning strikes are a relatively common occurrence on commercial airliners, which are designed to cope with such events. However, a smell similar to that of an electrical fire permeated the cabin, although there was no smoke. After passengers reported the smell the pilot decided to make an emergency landing.

Bryan Baldwin, a JetBlue spokesman, told reporters that the plane made an emergency landing at JFK just before 6:00 p.m. local time, meaning that passengers actually arrived at their destination twenty minutes early.

Bush defends immigration reform bill

Tuesday at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), located just outside of the city of Brunswick, Georgia,

President George W. Bush made it clear that he was not going to stop fighting for the proposed immigration reform bill, which would allow illegal immigrants with no criminal records to register to remain temporarily in the United States after paying a fine.

"A lot of Americans are skeptical about immigration reform primarily because they don't think the government can fix the problems," Bush stated. "And my answer to the skeptics is, give us a chance to fix the problems in a comprehensive way that enforces our border and treats people with decency and respect."

President Bush followed this up with the following statement:

"[The bill] is the best hope for lasting reform. If people are interested in fixing a system that's broken, this bill is the best hope to do so."

Georgia senators Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson, both Republican, approve of the current bill, although they did say they may not support the final bill, depending on how it is amended.

Along with giving a select number of illegal immigrants temporary occupancy, the bill would also create a guest worker program which would allow foreign laborers to come to the United States temporarily.

However, illegal immigrants that were granted temporary residency in the United States under the reforms would have some obstacles to overcome in order to gain full legal status. To obtain a green card and become a permanent resident, the immigrant would have to go through a rigorous application process, which

can take several years. It would require the temporary immigrant to pay another fine, learn English, and return to their home country to be placed on a waiting list with other applicants.

13 people killed in Peru plane crash; passengers expressed fears prior to flying

A Peruvian Air Force Twin Otter plane crashed on May 24 in Peru, killing at least 13 people.

The plane was part of a service to help remote communities not served by commercial flights, and crashed shortly after takeoff in a thunderstorm in dense jungle 563 kilometres from Lima. The flight originated in Iquitos, capital of the region, and had flown on to Orellana, where it had just taken off from when the accident occurred.

Survivors said after the crash that they had attempted to persuade the pilot not to takeoff in the adverse weather conditions, but they had been assured by Air Force personnel that they would be safe as they were on board a military aircraft.

Survivor Juan Saavedra said that, on takeoff, the pilot immediately began struggling to control the plane in high winds. It then dropped and flew between two trees, shearing off its wings. Another survivor said that immediately prior to the crash the pilot gave an order to turn off the engine in a move that is speculated to have been intended to prevent a post-impact fire.

Local officials said 20 people were on board, with police giving seven survivors and the Defence Ministry eight. No passenger list or official report has yet been released regarding the crash, but it is

known that 13 bodies were recovered from the wreckage. Juan Montes, a police spokesman in the jungle village Contamana, supposed to be the aircraft's next stop, said that the plane had a three-man crew, all of whom were killed.

Maria Luisa Armas, 93, the oldest resident of Contamana, is reported by survivors to have survived initially but insisted that other survivors leave her in the aircraft and go off to find help. She was one of the 13 deceased ultimately pulled out of the wreckage.

The survivors were taken to Pucallpa, which was supposed to be the last stop on the flight.

According to the state news agency, Andina, homes had been deroofed and trees felled by powerful winds earlier the same day.

13-year-old shot dead by Brazilian police in mock-up of hijacking situation

A 13-year-old boy was killed and ten people were injured in an accidental shooting incident in the Brazilian town of Rondonopolis.

The police were staging a mock hijack as a training exercise with real people in a bus as an audience on Saturday. They fired their guns at cardboard cutouts of criminals in the exercise. However, they used live ammunition in their guns, and the shots went straight through the cutouts and the glass windows of the bus.

Luis Henrique Dias Bulhoes, 13, was killed by a single shot to the head received from one of three 12-gauge shotguns that were amongst the weaponry the 16 police were using. Among the 600 people attending the exercise, six

children and three adults were also injured.

Police admitted to the blunder on Monday. They believe bullets from more than one gun reached the audience. Seven of the 16 policeman are temporarily dismissed from their positions pending investigations.

Britons seized from finance ministry in Iraq

Five British citizens have been seized in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad. The group, comprising a finance expert and four bodyguards, were captured from the finance ministry by kidnappers wearing police uniforms and driving police vehicles. The BBC is reporting that over 40 police vehicles were involved in the incident.

In separate incidents, at least 22 people were killed and 55 injured in a bus explosion elsewhere in the city, and at least 15 people were killed in a car bomb which injured a further 36, possibly more.

It is believed the four bodyguards are employed by Canadian GardaWord, a subsidiary of Garda.

Bangkok on high alert ahead of politically charged court ruling

Deliberations by Thailand's Constitution Tribunal have begun to decide the fate of the former ruling party, Thai Rak Thai, and the main opposition Democrat Party. With authorities expecting supporters of the two parties to cause disturbances, security forces in the capital Bangkok are on high alert, with 15,000 troops at the ready to keep order.

Nine judges began their deliberations at around 1 p.m. local time (1800 GMT), and are expected to announce their

decision on Wednesday. Both Thai Rak Thai and the Democrat Party are accused of legal violations in connection with general elections on April 2, 2006, and could be dissolved.

Thai Rak Thai was formerly led by Thaksin Shinawatra, the ex-prime minister who was ousted in a coup d'état last year. The Democrat Party, the ruling party before Thaksin was elected premier in 2001, is the main opposition. Since the coup on September 19, 2006, the military-led Council for National Security has banned political activity, but has promised to hold a referendum on a new constitution ahead of planned elections by December.

Analysts have warned that the dissolution of the country's two main parties could cause chaos, and that the junta could resort to an emergency decree.

Small units of unarmed Royal Thai Army soldiers were posted at television stations and other strategic locations. In total, some 15,000 troops are on alert in their barracks, ready to deploy if the security situation warrants.

Foreign embassies warned their citizens to use caution, urging them to avoid demonstrations, political rallies and military personnel.

Last week, King Bhumibol Adulyadej made a rare televised address as he granted an audience to the judges, urging them to use care in their verdict.

Both parties deny rallying their supporters and say they are innocent.

"There is no legal basis to prosecute and punish us. We

challenge the authority of the tribunal," acting Thai Rak Thai leader Chaturon Chaiseng said, pointing out that since the coup, the 1997 Constitution that was the basis for law had been abolished.

Along with the dissolution of the parties, party leaders could be banned from politics for five years, possibly sidelining up to 160 of the country's top politicians.

"To have every politician banned as a result would be seen by everybody as being too draconian," said Korn Chatikavanij, Democrat Party deputy secretary general.

Bomb tossed at southern Thailand hotel; victim of Sunday blast dies

A bomb was hurled at a hotel in Hat Yai, in the third day of blasts in the southern Thailand city, while a Thai man who was injured in bombings on Sunday died.

Tuesday's bomb dropped into a canal in front of the High Season Hotel and caused only minor damage. There were no injuries.

On Monday, four people were killed and 30 injured in a bombing at a crowded market in nearby Saba Yoi in Songkhla Province. On Sunday night, a series of seven explosions occurred at two hotels, two department stores, two restaurants and a drug store in Hat Yai, Songkhla Province's largest city. Thirteen people were hurt, one of whom died Tuesday.

The victim, Suchart Saetang, age 60, was injured by a blast at a restaurant. One other victim of Sunday's blast remains hospitalized in serious condition.

Police are still trying to determine if the blasts over the last three

days are connected. In the Saba Yoi market bombing, police said witnesses saw a man park the explosive-laden motorcycle before the incident. The market blasts may have been a revenge attack for the jailing of two women suspects, police say.

The Songkhla Province bombings add to ongoing violence in an insurgency by Muslim separatists, which in the past year has seen an escalation, with almost daily fatal shootings of civilians and frequent ambush attacks on soldiers. Since early 2004, more than 2,200 people have been killed, mainly in the Muslim-majority southernmost provinces of Yala, Pattani and Narathiwat. Thailand is predominantly a Buddhist country, but in those three provinces, the majority of residents are Islamic.

14 people injured after bus overturns in heavy rain near Quebec City

14 people were injured after a bus carrying 39 students and five chaperones veered off the road and into a ditch South of Quebec City before overturning at about 9:30 p.m. local time yesterday evening. The bus was about 45 minutes from the city, close to the town of St. Patrice de Beaurivage

The bus was returning to the city with students from a day trip to watch the manufacture of maple syrup. 12 students and two chaperones spent the night in hospital, with the most serious injury being a broken collarbone suffered by a chaperone, who remained in hospital. All people on board were injured to varying degrees, but most sustained only small cuts and bruises.

Although most sources put the toll of injured at 14, some say 16. School officials and the Quebec

police agreed that none of the injuries were life-threatening.

The students were all middle school students from The Wheeler School, a private school in Providence, Rhode Island. The head of the middle school described the students as "resilient" and as having "high spirits", and said that "they bounce back really quickly."

Councillors were made available to parents and students.

It is thought the accident occurred when the driver lost control in a heavy storm. Ann Mathieu, a provincial police spokeswoman, said the weather at the time of the crash "was very, very rainy and the visibility was not too good." She said the crash happened when the bus skidded and the driver swerved to try to keep it on the road, causing it instead to overturn. She also said that charges are unlikely as a result of the incident and that no mechanical problems could be found with the bus. She told reporters that neither alcohol nor excessive speed were factors in the accident. The bus is thought to originate from Massachusetts as it has a Massachusetts license plate.

Eagle Owl attacks force closure of footpath near nest site

A footpath in the Pennine hills, England, has been closed after a number of attacks by a rare breeding pair of Eagle Owls, who have chosen to build their nest near the footpath near Dunsop Bridge, Bowland. The path runs between the nest site and a favourite perch of the adult birds.

Birdwatchers at the site explained that the only other Eagle Owl nest in England is at an inaccessible location on military ground,

making this site incredibly rare and important as one of just two nest sites, and the only one accessible to the general public. The birds are raising three chicks.

Multiple attacks have been reported involving people walking on the nearby footpath, mainly involving dog owners. One person required hospital treatment for minor injuries. Local police were forced to close the footpath, the entrances to which now display signs reading "Police Warning: This Footpath Has Been Closed For Public Safety". The council had originally simply posted their own signs, but subsequently consulted with police, resulting in the closure of the footpath.

However, birdwatchers, who arrive from across the UK, have not been deterred from coming to see the owls. They are able to watch from a safe distance on another footpath, located on the other side of the valley in which the birds have made their nest.

Aston Villa defeat Central Coast Mariners to win Hong Kong Soccer 7's tournament

Aston Villa Football Club of England has defeated Central Coast Mariners Football Club of Australia by a scoreline of 1–0 in the final to win the Hong Kong Soccer 7's tournament.

Mark Albrighton scored a 'wonder strike' in the seventh minute of the match, whilst on the counter-attack. Villa held out a fatiguing Mariners' side for the rest of the match to win by the only goal of the match.

The competition, hosted by Hong Kong FC at their stadium complex, is an invitation-entry tournament. It comprises of a round-robin group stage followed by a knock-

out finals series.

The Mariners defeated Villa 2–0 in their Group D fixture earlier in the tournament, courtesy of a double to striker Matt Simon.

Central Coast, who famously defeated English Premier League heavyweights Manchester United in their previous tournament invitation in 2005, defeated Villa, hosts Hong Kong FC and City University of Hong Kong in the group stages. They then defeated Arsenal in the quarter-finals 2–0, and Happy Valley 5–4 on penalties after scores were locked at 1–1 after extra time.

Aston Villa defeated both Urawa Red Diamonds and PSV Eindhoven in the quarter- and semi-finals, after progressing second from Group D behind the Mariners. PSV were the team that knocked Central Coast out of the 2005 Soccer 7's tournament, when they defeated the Mariners in the semi-finals.

U.S. anti-war mom calls it quits War protestor Cindy Sheehan, the mother of fallen soldier Casey Sheehan who was killed in Iraq 3 years ago, wrote on what has been published by the Daily Kos as a personal web journal on Monday morning, a day in observance of Memorial Day in the United States, that "This is my resignation letter as the 'face' of the American anti-war movement."

Her son Casey would have been 28 years old Tuesday. In what she writes are meditations upon developments in Sheehan's life after she began a war protest that led her and a following of people to Camp Casey, beside the Texas ranch of President Bush in August 2005, included the notion that, "The most devastating conclusion

that I reached this morning, however, was that Casey did indeed die for nothing. His precious lifeblood drained out in a country far away from his family who loves him, killed by his own country which is beholden to and run by a war machine that even controls what we think."

"I have come to some heartbreaking conclusions this Memorial Day Morning. These are not spur of the moment reflections, but things I have been meditating on for about a year now. The conclusions that I have slowly and very reluctantly come to are very heartbreaking to me"
—Cindy Sheehan

In the text of Sheehan's diary she is unable to reconcile herself with the Democratic Party that on Thursday, May 24, succumbed to the Bush administration on language for a troop funding bill that at one time tied funding to a time limit for U.S. involvement in Iraq. The presidential veto of that legislation to set a deadline for withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq resulted in the U.S. Congress caving to executive branch over the issue of war funding, and may have been the final straw for Sheehan.

"I am deemed a radical because I believe that partisan politics should be left to the wayside when hundreds of thousands of people are dying for a war based on lies that is supported by Democrats and Republican alike," wrote Sheehan.

Sheehan said that she has spent every bit of money that she has received as compensation for the loss of her son from the U.S. government, and as a person who garnished speaking fees from the national attention on her campaign

against the Iraq war, on trying to bring peace.

"I am going to take whatever I have left and go home. I am going to go home and be a mother to my surviving children and try to regain some of what I have lost," wrote Sheehan.

Driver hits median strip, rolls vehicle in NSW, Australia

A driver in the New South Wales city of Bathurst, West of Sydney has had a lucky escape after rolling his vehicle onto its side and narrowly avoiding other vehicles.

The accident occurred shortly before 9 a.m. AEST today when a small Sports Utility Vehicle sped out of Gilmour Street, Kelso onto the Great Western Highway before attempting to turn into Lee Street. Witnesses told Wikinews that the car hit the median strip, spun and then rolled onto its side.

Michael Reynard, a witness to the accident told Wikinews it was amazing that only a single vehicle was involved. "The road is busy at this time of day, he only just missed cars on the other side of the road," said Mr Reynard.

"He came flying around the corner, hit the median strip and just lost it. The next thing you know, he was on his side," recalled Mr Reynard.

Nobody was injured in the accident.

Students protest closing of Venezuelan Channel RCTV

On May 27th, the Venezuelan government refused to renew the license for public television station RCTV to continue broadcasting, sending troops to shut down the station and seize equipment to ensure the station did not continue

broadcasting.

Thousands of people have been protesting the closure of one of the few public channels within a country in which a majority of citizens do not have cable television. The current protests have been led by students from some of the major Venezuelan universities including Universidad Simon Bolivar, Universidad Central de Venezuela, and Universidad Metropolitana.

Caracas Metropolitan Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets into the crowds. The protests have been going on the whole weekend and have continued through Monday.

The Chavez government has replaced RCTV with a new pro-government public channel TVes. Supporters of Chavez cheered in some parts of the country.

United States and Iran hold talks on Iraq security

In talks mediated by Iraqi officials on Monday, the United States Ambassador to Iraq Ryan C. Crocker met for approximately four hours with Iranian officials in Baghdad's Green Zone, in what Ambassador Crocker described as a "businesslike" meeting.

It was the first formal meeting between the United States and Iran in 27 years. The meeting focused solely on the security situation in Iraq and the common interests of all three parties in improving stability in the country.

The U.S. and Iran broke off diplomatic contact following the 1980 hostage crisis and relations between the two continue to be strained over several issues, including Iran's nuclear program.

U.S. ambassador Crocker made a point of indicating that the meetings were not to be characterized as bilateral between the U.S. and Iran. "The Iraqis were not only present and participating; in a very real sense, they took the lead in organizing discussion," said Crocker.

The first session was hosted by the Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, while the final session was hosted by Iraq's National Security Advisor Dr. Mowaffak al-Rubaie.

In a teleconference Monday following the meeting, Crocker suggested that the U.S. was able to find some common ground with Iran. "At the level of policy and principle, the Iranian position, as articulated by the Iranian Ambassador, was very close to our own," said Crocker. He indicated that the common principles are "support for a stable, secure, democratic, federal Iraq that is able to control its borders, is at peace with its neighbors and is bringing prosperity to its citizens."

However, Crocker did point out some areas of concern for the U.S. with regard Iran in what the U.S. sees as "Iranian behavior inconsistent with stated Iranian policy." U.S. concerns on alleged Iranian support for insurgent militias in Iraq was brought up at the meeting. "We told the Iranians today that their support for armed militia groups that are challenging the authority of the Iraqi Government and attacking coalition soldiers needs to stop."

Iran's ambassador to Iraq, Hassan Kazemi-Qomi, suggested some common ground was found with the United States and described the talks as "positive". "Some problems have been raised and studied and I think this was a

positive step," said Kazemi-Qomi. "In the political field, the two sides agreed to support and strengthen the Iraqi government, which was another positive item achieved in these talks," Kazemi-Qomi told Iranian television.

Iraq's foreign minister, Manouchehr Mottaki, stressed that the U.S. needed to admit its current policies in Iraq were not working. "We are hopeful that Washington's realistic outlook toward the current issues in Iraq, a confession about its failed policy there and the region as well as an indication of determination to change the policy would guarantee the success of the current talks and possible further negotiations."

Iran signaled it would be willing to participate in further talks with the United States. Kazemi-Qomi declared the meeting "a first step in negotiations between these two sides."

On the question of whether or not further meetings between Iraq, Iran and the United States might be held, Crocker stated that "the Iraqi side indicated that they would want to issue an invitation for another meeting sometime in the near future." Once the U.S. received an invitation, Crocker said they would "give it close consideration, but nothing was fixed in this meeting with respect to a follow-on meeting."

Adam Air strikes deal with salvage firm to retrieve black boxes of crashed airliner

Indonesia budget airline Adam Air has reached an agreement with United States marine salvage firm Phoenix International to retrieve the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder (or "black boxes") from Adam Air Flight 574, a Boeing 737 aircraft that crashed

into the sea on New Year's Day near Sulawesi, Indonesia during a scheduled domestic passenger flight, killing all 102 on board.

According to Adam Air chairman Adam Suherman the salvage operation will be conducted in July.

Previous disputes had left doubts over whether the devices would be retrieved at all, with both the government and Adam Air placing responsibility for funding the operation on each other. Indonesia does not have the equipment or the funds to conduct the operation itself, and had originally asked Japan, France and the US for help. They eventually announced that they would not pay for the operation, neither could they force Adam Air to.

However, Adam Air took it upon themselves to retrieve the recorders, culminating in this agreement with Phoenix. The lack of either recorder has thus far made determining the cause of the disaster extremely difficult.

Lesbians, heterosexuals banned from gay bar in Australia

The Peel Hotel, located in Melbourne, Australia has been given permission by the Victorian State Civil and Administrative Tribunal to ban lesbians and heterosexuals from going into their bar which is catered specifically for gay men.

Owner of the hotel Tom McFeely, said he went to the tribunal in order to protect gay males by providing them with a bar that has a friendly atmosphere and where the men can be in a "non-threatening" situation.

"If I can limit the number of heterosexuals entering the Peel,

then that helps me keep the safe balance. Heterosexuals have other places to go to; my homosexuals do not," said McFeely adding that there are over 2,000 bars and clubs around Australia for heterosexuals to attend.

The hotel's commissioner says that many of the gay men who attend the bar felt uncomfortable and felt like zoo animals.

"(They) also have felt as though they've been like a zoo exhibit with big groups of women on hens' parties coming to the club," said the Peels Hotel Commission Chief, Helen Szoke who also said that many of the bars gay men have been harassed or have been threatened with violence.

Lesbians and heterosexual individuals are still allowed to stay at the hotel.

Cate McKenzie, who is the chief of the Victorian Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission also supports the ruling saying, "This would undermine or destroy the atmosphere which the company wishes to create. Sometimes heterosexual groups and lesbian groups insult and deride and are even physically violent towards the gay male patrons. To regard the gay male patrons of the venue as providing an entertainment or spectacle to be stared at, as one would at an animal at a zoo, devalues and dehumanizes them."

The Victorian Gay and Lesbian Lobby Group says that the ruling makes the Peel Hotel one of the only two establishments in Melbourne to cater specifically to gay men.

Bathurst, NSW: Police find bones, "may belong to missing woman"

Police searching for the remains of missing Bathurst woman Janine Vaughan have discovered bones which they claim may belong to the missing woman. Ms Vaughan disappeared after being seen getting into a red car with a male after being a Bathurst pub on December 7, 2001.

On Sunday, police began a fresh search for the missing woman's remains after they received new information. On Monday at approximately 3:00 p.m. AEST police discovered bones during a ground sweep of an area off Montavella Road, Gormans Hill adjacent to the Macquarie River. Forensic services police were bought in several hours later, but initial tests proved inconclusive.

Police were guarding the site overnight and forensic officers are expected to conduct further tests today.

Police also search bushland near a creek at Yetholme, 15 km East of Bathurst on Monday using two specialist cadaver dogs on loan from Queensland Police.

Police have revealed that the search has prompted several members of the local community to call the police's Crime Stoppers hotline with information. Chief Superintendent Mark Holahan said "It's a cross-section of information. Some of it will probably lead us to some new lines of inquiry, and some of it will help us to reaffirm some of those things we already know."

The detective who led the initial investigation into Ms Vaughan's disappearance for several days continues to be a person of

interest to police in the case. The detective, Brad Hosemans, is also a former deputy mayor of the city. Mr Hosemans, who has since left the police force, has denied any involvement.

Chief Supt. Holahan said the former detective was only one of a number of persons of interest in the case.

The Police Integrity Commission has investigated the initial handling of the case but is yet to hand down a finding.

Today in History

1431 - Hundred Years' War: Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in Rouen, France after being convicted of heresy in a politically motivated trial.

1434 - Taborite forces led by Prokop the Great were decisively defeated in the Battle of Lipany, effectively ending the Hussite Wars in Bohemia.

1854 - The Kansas-Nebraska Act became law, establishing the U.S. territories of Nebraska and Kansas.

1911 - The first Indianapolis 500 open-wheel automobile race was held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Speedway, Indiana, won by Ray Harroun in a Marmon.

1922 - The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., featuring a sculpture of Abraham Lincoln by Daniel Chester French, opened.

1989 - Goddess of Democracy, a statue made mostly of polystyrene foam and papier-mâché, was erected by student protestors in Tiananmen Square, Beijing.

May 30 is Indian Arrival Day in Trinidad and Tobago

Quote of the Day

A man must be excessively stupid, as well as uncharitable, who believes that there is no virtue but on his own side, and that there are not men as honest as himself who

may differ from him in political principles.

~ Joseph Addison

Word of the Day

regale; v

1. To provide a meal and entertainment for.
2. To please with entertainment.

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