

Top Stories

Fatal explosions hit Bali

Three explosions hit popular tourist locations in Bali on Saturday morning, reportedly causing at least 19 deaths.

U.S. house majority leader DeLay indicted, steps down temporarily



U.S House of Representatives majority leader Tom DeLay was indicted today by a Travis County Texas grand jury on conspiracy charges. He announced that he will step down temporarily.

Featured story

French ferry raided by military forces

Marine Nationale intercepts and boards ferry ship captured by strikers.

Wikipedia Current Events

- Severely injured victims of the 2005 Bali bombings are being evacuated to medical facilities in Australia and Singapore. The Australian Government has made moves to assist Indonesia in its response, dispatching Australian Federal Police officers and forensic experts to assist in investigations.
- The Ethan Allen, a boat on Lake George, in Upstate New York, capsized killing 21 people.

German Christian Democrats win by-election in Dresden

The Christian Democrats (CDU) of Angela Merkel have won the by-election in Dresden and gained one additional overhang seat in the Bundestag.

The CDU candidate Andreas Lämmel got 37.0% of the first votes, his Social Democratic contender Marlies Volkmer 32.1% and the candidate of The Left, Katja Kipping, 19.2%.

The SPD performed better at the second votes, getting 27.9%, followed by the CDU with 24.4%, The Left with 19.7%, the Free Democrats with 16.6%, and the Greens with 7.1%.

The CDU had actually urged supporters not to vote for them with their second because due to a bug in Germany's voting system too many votes would have caused them to lose a seat.

Nevertheless, the by-election caused the shifting of one seat to another state. Cajus Julius Caesar (sic!), of the CDU in North Rhine-Westphalia lost his seat to Anette Hübinger, also of the CDU but from the Saarland.

Tropical Storm Stan forms over Yucatan Peninsula

The National Hurricane Center Tropical Prediction Center has upgraded Tropical Depression Twenty to Tropical Storm status. The storm, now officially Tropical Storm Stan, is the 18th named storm of the 2005 hurricane

season. The storm currently has maximum sustained winds of 40 miles per hour. Stan is located 50 miles SSE of Progreso, Mexico, and is currently tracking WNW at 12 miles per hour.

The storm is expected to weaken as it crosses the Yucatan Peninsula, and then to strengthen again when it encounters the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Current projections show that by 1:00 pm Tuesday, October 4, it may reach Hurricane strength before making landfall on the central portion of the Mexican coast.

All individuals who may be impacted by this storm are urged to track its progress as it develops over the next few days.

Hundreds of lawsuits filed against music sharers in US

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) has filed 757 against people who they alleged illegally shared music online. The vast majority of the lawsuits, 693, are against people who used peer-to-peer file-sharing networks such as eDonkey and LimeWire to exchange music files. Of the remaining lawsuits, 64 are against students at 17 different universities who used the Internet2 network and a peer-to-peer file sharing program called i2hub.

The i2hub program is designed for use in sharing files over the Internet2 network. The Internet2 is a high speed network in use by 207 U.S. universities. It was

designed to provide a high speed alternative for researchers and other educators to share information. The Internet2 allows for very high speed connections, many time faster than DSL or Cable connections. The RIAA became a corporate member of Internet2 two weeks ago.

Over the past two years, the RIAA has filed more than 14,800 lawsuits against people accused of illegally sharing music online. Over 3,400 of these cases were settled for an average of between \$4,000 to \$5,000 each. Almost 500 of these lawsuits were against students using the Internet2 network.

One killed in University of Oklahoma explosion

One person is dead following an explosion that occurred just outside a packed University of Oklahoma football stadium Saturday night, where the school was hosting Kansas State University. Authorities are calling the incident a suicide, but it is still under investigation.

The incident occurred shortly before halftime of the Kansas State - OU game. Those inside and outside the stadium heard a "boom," and others reported feeling the blast from blocks away. It occurred near locations of buses parked for the game, and classroom buildings of the university.

Those attending the game were initially told not to leave during halftime, and were later instructed by the public announcement system not to exit on the west and south ends of the stadium. Bomb searches were done in the parking complexes outside the stadium and neighboring accessways

around the west side of the stadium. Authorities searched and located at least one other device in the vicinity, and the device was detonated without incident. Areas west of the Gaylord Memorial Stadium have been blocked from access by authorities.

OU President Boren said in a statement that "At no time was anyone in the stadium in danger," and that the incident is being investigated as an apparent individual suicide.

Today in History

2333 BC: Dangun, a mythical figure, established the Kingdom of Go-Joseon (present-day Korea).

1283: Dafydd ap Gruffydd the Prince of Wales, the last native ruler of Wales to resist English domination, was executed by drawing and quartering.

1935: Italy invaded Ethiopia, igniting the Second Italo-Abyssinian War.

1990: German reunification: The five re-established German states (Bundesländer) of East Germany formally joined West Germany.

1993: Soldiers from Malaysian, Pakistani and U.S. armed forces attempted to capture Somali warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid (pictured) in the Battle of Mogadishu.

October 03 is Rosh Hashanah, 5766 begins at sunset (Judaism, 2005); Labour Day in New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory and South Australia (2005); German Unity Day.

Quote of the Day

"There is a fifth dimension beyond that which is known to man. It is a dimension as vast as space and as timeless as infinity. It is the middle ground between light and shadow, between science and superstition, and it lies between the pit of man's fears and the

summit of his knowledge. This is the dimension of imagination. It is an area which we call the Twilight Zone." ~ Rod Serling in The Twilight Zone

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