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Adventurer Steve Fossett missing

Adventurer Steve Fossett has gone missing over western Nevada. He took off in a single engine plane Monday morning, planning to return around noon, and has not been seen since.



Drunk coach driver arrested after crash injures at least 30

The driver of a British National Express coach has been arrested on suspicion of Drunk Driving and Dangerous Driving after his coach clipped the curb and overturned, hitting a lamp post and tree.



Featured story

"Island Man" spends a night on 162 Scottish islands

On many of the islands, he slept alone, accompanied only by his teddy bear, Clyde: Andy Strangeway, 42, a painter and decorator from Yorkshire, United Kingdom completed his four year quest to sleep on every Scottish island with an area of over 40 hectares.



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The United States military launches an investigation into why a United States Air Force B-52 bomber mistakenly carried a payload of nuclear warheads on cruise missiles from North Dakota to Louisiana.

•Judge William Hoeveler places a stay on ex-Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega's extradition from the United States to France so that his defence can present a new appeal.

•Lawyers for Senator Larry Craig Republican-Idaho ask the United States Senate Select Committee on Ethics to reject a complaint following a guilty plea to disorderly conduct charges in Minneapolis. The Ethics Committee rejects his plea.

•Reynaldo Francis, the Governor of Nicaragua's North Atlantic Autonomous Region, estimates that the death toll from Hurricane Felix has risen to at least 21.

•The World Bank launches its Lighting Africa initiative aiming to provide modern lighting by renewable or mechanical means to 250 million people in sub-Saharan Africa who lack access to electricity.

•The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority in the United Kingdom allows the creation of human-animal hybrid embryos for research purposes in principle.

•Norman Hsu, controversial fundraiser for the U.S. Democratic

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Party, skips a bail hearing, prompting a new warrant for his arrest.

•Paul Gillmor, United States Representative from Ohio's 5th congressional district, is found dead in his Washington, D.C. apartment.

•The Australian Government files appeal against court decision to set aside Indian doctor Mohamed Haneef visa cancellation.

•The Swedish Minister for Foreign Trade Sten Tolgfors becomes Defense Minister, succeeding Mikael Odenberg who resigned after being overruled by the Finance Minister Anders Borg in budget talks.

•Three suspects arrested on terrorism charges yesterday appear before the Federal Court of Justice of Germany in Karlsruhe.

•War in Afghanistan: Afghan and U.S led coalition forces kill 20 insurgents while two Afghan policeman die in a bomb attack.

•Israeli tanks and bulldozers enter the Gaza Strip in a limited operation against rocket launchers.

•Singapore jails the leader of the Singapore Democratic Party Chee Soon Juan for failing to pay a fine of S\$4,000 for trying to leave the city-state without permission.

•A group of 50 asylum-seekers held in an Australian facility on Nauru have started a hunger

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- strike.
- Japanese and North Korean envoys begin in Ulan Bator, Mongolia to resolve long-standing differences.
- Special prayers are said at the tomb of Mother Teresa at her tomb in Calcutta in honour of the tenth anniversary of her death.
- The Solomon Islands government rejects an extradition request by Australia for Attorney-General Julian Moti to face child-sex charges.
- Pakistani police arrest approximately 50 supporters of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League in Punjab prior to his return to Pakistan next week.
- The Prime Minister of Australia John Howard and the President of the United States George W. Bush agree to discuss upgrading the defense relationship with Australia to enjoy the same access to US military technology as the United Kingdom.
- Prime Minister Howard assures President Bush that "Our commitment to Iraq remains".
- The New South Wales Supreme Court upholds an application by the New South Wales Police Force to change the route of a protest march on Sydney on Saturday.
- The Military Times reports that a B-52 bomber carried six nuclear warheads from Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota to Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, in violation of United States Air Force rules concerning the handling of nuclear weapons. In addition, the bombs were not reported as missing from the Minot weapons inventory. The squadron commander was

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relieved of his position, but Representative Ike Skelton says that his committee would investigate the incident.

Search for Steve Fosset continues

The search has today continued for missing adventurer Steve Fosset, 63, who went missing recently after his plane went missing in the US. He was last seen in his side engined plane at an airfield in Nevada. His plane is thought to have come down in densely wooded land to the south of the airfield.

The tracking beacon signals in the rescue kit of the plane have not been located however the rescue effort has been continuing by the use of many planes and thermal imaging cameras.

Close friend Sir Richard Branson has not yet given up hope, however rescuers have been describing the task as "like finding a needle in a haystack".

Steve is well known for his record attempts including becoming the first person to fly round the world in a hot air balloon.

Toy maker Mattel recall more products

Toy manufacturer Mattel have today recalled more products, the third time this month over fears of lead in the paint. The lead can cause lead poisoning which can be fatal.

The 800,000 toys have been recalled over safety fears and are thought to be mostly Barbie products. This recall has increased the concern over the safety of the Chinese production process. The lead paint was traced to an un-

authorised producer and that firm was closed down, however the most recent source has not yet been located.

Chinese production accounts for almost 65% of Mattel's overall production. Mattel is considered as one of the most stringent producers in the market however their reputation is in danger. Toys that are currently being produced are being packaged ready for the Christmas rush, however there are fears that if these are recalled then there will be a Christmas shortage.

More mosquitoes test positive for West Nile virus

osquitoes in East Providence and Barrington have tested positive for West Nile virus, according to Rhode Island state environmental officials."...tests are an important reminder that people should protect themselves against mosquito bites by using bug repellent and window screens and getting rid of standing water, where mosquitoes breed, says Alan Gettman of the Department of Environmental Management."

These are the first cases of West Nile virus reported in Rhode Island this year. There have, however, been two cases reported in neighboring Massachusetts

Student who put feet on chair walks free

19 year old Kathleen Jennings walked free from court today after getting an absolute discharge from her court case. The teen was taken to court by train operator Merseyrail after being caught with her feet on a chair.

The teen wept as she left court as a conviction would have shattered her dream of becoming a teacher but the absolute discharge means that no conviction or other penalty

will be imposed and the attempted prosecution will have no affect on her criminal record.

Merseyrail is the only British train operator to prosecute for this offence and most others only impose a fine after repeat offences, however their "zero tolerance" policy has resulted in over 250 people being taken to court by the operator with another 800 thought to come.

Merseyrail said in a statement: "We do not regard our campaign as Draconian. We are responding to the demands of passengers who don't want to sit on a seat covered in mud or dirt, and the campaign has received widespread messages of support from passengers throughout the country.

"Putting feet on seats is antisocial and there are plenty of warnings on our network against this behaviour and the consequences of doing so."

Felix leaves at least 21 dead in Nicaragua

Hurricane Felix has left at least 21 people dead and over 200 missing after it passed through Nicaragua. The category five storm destroyed many poor houses in the country leaving a trail of destruction in it's wake after it hit land with wind speeds of up to 160mph.

As many as 5,000 homes have thought to have been destroyed and 5 countries in Central America have been put on flood alert, with 64cm of rain expected. 27,000 people have also been evacuated from Honduras in preparation for the storm.

Opera singer Pavarotti in serious condition

World-famous opera singer Luciano Pavarotti's health has

gotten worse and is in a "very serious" condition, according to AGI, one of the Italian news agencies, the Associated Press and the BBC. Pavarotti currently has pancreatic cancer, and was previously released from the hospital on 25 August after being treated for pneumonia.

Ohio congressman dies in apartment

Representative Paul Gillmor was found dead in his Arlington, Virginia, apartment this Wednesday at the age of 68. Gillmor, a Republican, represented Ohio's fifth district in the United States House of Representatives. The investigation is ongoing, however some report he had suffered a heart attack.

Born in Ohio, he graduated from the University of Michigan, and later joined the US Air Force as a Judge Advocate. In 1967, he was elected as a senator, where he stayed until 1988. He was the Republican leader during two of his terms. Since 1988, he has been a member of the House of Representatives. His replacement will be determined through a special election.

German police arrest three in imminent terrorist plot

Three Islamic militants were arrested by German police in Oberschloedorn, Germany, a remote village located north of Frankfurt. The suspects who had been trained in Pakistan belong to the so-called Jihad-Union. They are also reported as having strong links to Al Qaeda.

Two of the suspects were German citizens and one was a Turkish resident of Germany. They were found in possession of 1,500 pounds of hydrogen peroxide, which was the main chemical used

in suicide bombings in London in July of 2005. One of the suspects was supposedly willing to commit a suicide attack.

"They were planning massive attacks," the German federal prosecutor, Monika Harms, said at a news conference, outlining a vast six-month investigation. The targets of the attacks were thought to include places used by Americans, such as the Frankfurt international airport, and the U.S. Air Force Base at Ramstein.

The plot was thought to have been planned to occur next week, 6 years after the September 11 tragedy.

FOX News fares poorly in investigation of media edits to Wikipedia

Virgil Griffith recently made headlines when his new tool, the WikiScanner, was revealed. The tool allows users to search for some edits to several editions of the online free-content encyclopedia Wikipedia made from Internet addresses assigned to particular companies.

The media buzz made Virgil's tool near-inaccessible as it was swamped with queries. Initially broken by Wired, the articles highlighted edits from network addresses assigned to Diebold, and the CIA and encouraged readers to reveal and share their findings. Mainstream media such as the BBC revealed that edits made from CIA addresses had made changes to the article on Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and that edits were made from Vatican addresses to Gerry Adams's article.

Readers of the BBC news website were quick to point out that edits to Wikipedia also originated from

the BBC network addresses. Peter Clifton, head of BBC Interactive, confessed to writing about himself and revealed that a prankster within the BBC had edited George W. Bush's entry to state that his middle name was "Wanker". The BBC's Internet address range had a total of nearly 8,000 edits to other various English Wikipedia articles such as Janet Jackson, Super Furry Animals and Freeview.

Without confirmation such as Peter Clifton gave, it is usually impossible to determine from the IP address alone if the edits made from it were even performed by an employee of the organization. While it is likely that the majority of edits are from an organisation's employees there is the possibility that visitors could be using a company address, or a public-wifi could be on offer. All of this would appear to be edits from the company according to Wikiscanner, and even when the edits do come from employees or representatives, there is no way to tell from the data alone whether the company endorses the edits, or even knows about them.

While Wikipedia advertises itself as the encyclopaedia "anyone can edit", there are guidelines on the site directing how users may edit the articles—and even, in some cases, who shouldn't be editing them. None of Wikipedia's "conflict of interest" policies attempt to limit what people can edit based on the Internet address that they are using.

Wikinews had already started an investigation into just what edits the tool revealed. Hampered by the difficulty getting results due to the traffic load on the web server, we began checking company names and names of media groups. In addition to verifying

that the vast majority of edits from network addresses assigned to the BBC were beneficial to the Wikipedia project, the others, CNN, MSNBC, Reuters and AP received a fairly clean bill of health. People using Reuters' Internet connectivity appeared the first to discover Wikipedia, editing as early as February 2002. Users from AP had made a few edits to articles about the AP, none of which could be considered negative contributions, other contributions included additions to several The Simpsons episodes. However, edits originating at address space assigned to FOX News, and its parent company, News Corporation were more frequently unproductive, many which under Wikipedia and most other Wikimedia project policy, would be considered vandalism and would usually result in a block or ban of editing Wikimedia projects.

The edits from FOX's address space, now totalling almost 700, start with an edit to the article on FOX which deleted links to websites critical of FOX. Some of the edits could be characterized as an attempt conceal criticism voiced in the documentary *Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism* which alleging bias by FOX News. This was replaced with a link to the company's official response and another to a story put out by FOX News questioning the validity of the film's sources. The same Internet address at FOX News then removed criticism from the article on Alan Colmes.

Other addresses within FOX also edited articles on FOX News employees such as Brit Hume, Shepard Smith and Chris Wallace inserting positive information, highlighting their ratings successes and slogan, "fair and balanced"

before going on to describe the New York Times as "left wing" and blanking the quotes section on the article about their columnist Mike Straka. The current version of this article is disputed on neutrality grounds as the entire biography and criticism sections have been removed. Including comments about anti-war protesters - "whom he has denounced as "smelly", "stupid", "stinking", "jobless", "anti-American" and "traitors"."

More recent edits include downplaying Sean Hannity's importance to the show Hannity and Colmes by removing the fact that he is the shows executive producer and referring to him as simply "host" or "co-host". Details of Wendy Murdoch's previous marriage to the husband from the couple who sponsored her trip to study in the United States were excised by another Fox News address.

Investigation of a wider field of media organisations revealed that the News Corporation subsidiary British Sky Broadcasting has the same history of juvenile and prank edits with insults posted against staff on their payroll as well as UK celebrities. The main proxy server that allows their staff on the Internet currently has a large warning of who the IP address belongs to and a list of block messages and block/edit warnings. Some of the vandalism committed through their proxy has been described as "racist" and "potentially libellous".

WikiScanner cannot identify the origin of any edit made by a registered user. Users are not required to register an account to edit Wikipedia, and those who do not register have their edits associated with an IP address. Edits from unregistered users are,

inaccurately, called "anonymous" edits.

Wikimedia's privacy policy does not allow revealing the IP address of registered users except as dictated by Wikimedia's privacy policy. Users of Wikiscanner cannot find out about editing by registered users, even if they are coming from the same IP address as the "anonymous" users who did not register.

Virgil's conditions for speaking to the media include the format of a link to his website. His goal, to get a Google search for "Virgil" to return his page as the top listing. As of publication he's succeeded.

Apple announces new iPod range

Apple have released several re-designs of their popular iPod range. In addition to the iPod Classic, Nano and Shuffle, they have announced the brand new iPod touch, a media player which mimics the iPhone's touch-screen capabilities.

The new iPod Classic design features a larger memory space of up to 160GB or 40,000 songs, and has a new all-metal design. The iPod nano is now smaller and squarer, adding video playback to its features for the first time. The 4GB model is cheaper than its predecessor at \$149/£99, but the 8GB is available in five colours at \$199/£129. The iPod Shuffle is identical in design to the previous model, but is now available in a new range of five colours, with the same price of \$79/£49.

The iPod touch also features in-built wi-fi technology, enabling users to access the internet and download music from Apple's market-leading on line iTunes music store to their handset. It

was announced that Starbucks would offer free wi-fi access to all users of the iPod touch in its cafes. The screen layout, similar to that of the iPhone, offers access to music, video, photos and the iTunes store. There are currently two models, at 8GB and 16GB of memory capacity.

Apple CEO Steve Jobs also announced that the price of Apple's iPhone, currently only on sale in the US, will be cut by \$200 to \$399. He described the new iPod range as 'one of the seven wonders of the world'.

Source of UK foot-and-mouth outbreak discovered

The source of a recent outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Surrey, UK has been discovered by investigators at the Pirbright laboratory where investigations began in August. The Health and Safety Executive informed the BBC that they had pinpointed the source to possible biosecurity lapses in a pipe near the laboratory. It is thought that the pipe, which runs between the site and a government-run laboratory, may have been damaged by tree roots.

Recent flooding in the area may have brought the virus to the surface, but it is not yet known how the virus arrived on nearby farmland. The Health and Safety Executive, however, confirmed that vehicles from the Pirbright laboratory had used a road adjoining to the farmland where the outbreak was found.

Neither Merial, the pharmaceutical company who own the Pirbright laboratory, or the government have claimed ownership of the pipe, but Merial have refused to comment before a full report has been published.

Cricket: India defeat England in sixth one-day international

India have beaten England by two wickets in the sixth One-Day International of the series at The Oval, London, England.

England suffered early setbacks when Alastair Cook was caught behind for a duck in the first over, followed by Matt Prior falling lbw to Ajit Agarkar soon afterwards. Ian Bell and Kevin Pietersen shared a partnership of 59 runs before Bell was bowled by Piyush Chawla just short of 50 runs. Paul Collingwood made just one run before being run out to leave England on 83-4. Kevin Pietersen and ODI debutant Luke Wright both recorded fifties, with Wright sharing 106 runs with Owais Shah. Shah reached 107 not out, and Dimitri Mascarenhas finished England's innings by hitting five sixes off the last five balls.

Opening batsmen Sachin Tendulkar and Sourav Ganguly started well for India, putting on 150 runs before Ganguly was dismissed in the 23rd over for 53. Sachin Tendulkar reached 94 before being caught off the bowling of Monty Panesar to leave India on 156-2 in the 26th over. Gautam Gambhir and Yuvraj Singh shared a partnership of 53 runs, with Gambhir scoring 47 runs. Rahul Dravid was dismissed for just four, while Mahendra Singh Dhoni scored 35 before being bowled by Stuart Broad. In a tense finish, Robin Uthappa took India to the 317 run target with two balls remaining.

The seven match series is now tied at 3-3. The final match will be played at Lord's, London on 8 September.

Forensic results forthcoming in Madeleine McCann case

Police hunting for the missing 4-year old Madeleine McCann finally receive the forensic results of samples taken of blood, saliva and hair found in the apartment she was abducted from on May 3 2007. It is expected to lead to a "significant development" in the case and may bring up new leads. Robert Murat, the only official suspect in the case, denies all allegations that he took the girl.

New Zealand's anti-spam legislation kicks in – exclusive report

Freelance journalist, Gabriel Pollard, spoke to Joe Stewart and David Farrar about the new anti-spam legislation in New Zealand that comes into effect today. Joe Stewart is the Unit Manager of the Department of Internal Affairs new Anti-Spam Compliance Unit, and David Farrar is Chair of InternetNZ's Public Policy Committee, who also had significant input into the final bill.

Keith Norris, CEO of the New Zealand Marketing Association, didn't respond to multiple requests for an interview.

The anti-spam legislation, or the Unsolicited Electronic Messages Act 2007, promotes spam education and awareness and will enable international agencies to work together to share information and will enable cross-border pursuit of serious law breakers. And it doesn't just cover e-mail spam, but all electronic messaging such as SMS/text messaging, etc.

However, New Zealand isn't the most up-to-date country with implementing similar legislation, Farrar says, "We are in fact almost the last country in the OECD to have such legislation." He urges

Eastern Europe and China to taking part in the fight against spam.

Stewart said that the new law would only help combat a small amount of spam, as 99%-99.9% of all spam received originates from overseas. He says the legislation alone will not solve the problem.

As well as it helping to fight New Zealand-sourced spam and preventing New Zealand from "becoming a haven for spammers", it will promote good practices within the e-marketing community, Stewart said.

The new Act will affect legitimate marketers in New Zealand by making sure they have expressed or inferred consent to continue sending marketing messages to people on their database. Inferred consent is where the marketers have the e-mail address and send messages to those on their database, but didn't get expressed consent to send messages. Stewart does issue a warning against using inferred consent saying, "They may have been sending these people messages for years, but this does not establish consent."

A surge in emails has also been felt with companies/marketers making sure they have consent to continue the e-mails and asking those to confirm they wish to continue their subscription.

"However, many marketers are already fulfilling these requirements because they are standard good e-marketing practice," Stewart said.

Due to legislative requirements, as well as having consent, businesses will have to provide details about

the company sending the item, and provide a free way to unsubscribe from future mailings.

Those found breaking these requirements deliberately could find themselves facing a personal fine of up to NZ\$200,000. Organisations could face a fine of up to \$500,000. Farrar said, "Experience from Australia shows most cases are dealt with by way of education."

Farrar also gives a final piece of advice to those annoyed with spam levels, "Never ever respond to a spam e-mail, and only give your real address out to people you trust."

Major League Baseball roundup: September 4, 2007

Yankees blast the Mariners for 20 hits, 12 runs

- Yankees 12, Mariners 3: The Yankees pounded Mariners pitching to increase their lead in the AL Wild Card. Bobby Abreu had four hits, including a double and a solo homer (16), Jorge Posada went 4-4 with two solo homers (17, 18) and four runs, and Robinson Cano went 4-4 with 3 RBI. Chien-Ming Wang pitched 7 1/3 innings, giving up one run and getting the win. Horacio Ramirez pitched 5 2/3 innings, giving up only three of the runs, but receiving the loss. The Yankees now lead the Mariners in the AL Wild Card race by 2 games.

Other games

- Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 3: Jacoby Ellsbury finished a double shy of the cycle, hitting a two-run homer (2) and a triple (1). Matt Stairs hit a three-run homer in the

fifth for the Blue Jays, their only scoring. Josh Beckett (17-6) pitched eight innings, allowing five hits and three runs. He becomes the first major leaguer this year to hit 17 wins. Roy Halladay pitched eight innings as well, allowing nine hits and five runs for the loss. Jonathan Papelbon picked up his 33rd save. The Red Sox stay 7 games up on the Yankees in the AL East.

- Angels 4, Athletics 3: Garret Anderson (14) and Howie Kendrick (5) each hit two run homers for the Angels, while Shannon Stewart drove in all three Athletics runs, with a 1st inning solo homer (12), a 2nd inning groundout, and a 9th inning double. Jered Weaver (11-6) pitched 6 innings, giving up two runs for the win. Lenny DiNardo (8-8) gave up four runs in 6 innings for the loss. Francisco Rodriguez gave up a run, but held on for his 34th save of the season. The Angels lead the AL West by 7.5 games.
- Indians 7, Twins 5, 11 inn: Travis Hafner had 4 RBI and hit two home runs, including the two-run game-tying home run in the 9th inning, then drove in the game winning run on a sacrifice fly in the 11th inning. Rafael Betancourt pitched two scoreless innings for the win, while Julio DePaula gave up two runs in one inning of work for the loss. Joe Borowski pitched the bottom of the 11th for his 40th save of the year. The Indians extend their lead in the AL Central to 7 games.

- White Sox 3, Tigers 1: The Tigers brought the winning run to the plate in the 9th inning, but Curtis Granderson struck out to end the game. For the White Sox, Josh Fields hit a solo homer, and Alex Cintron hit a two-run homer for the White Sox. Carlos Guillen hit an RBI single for the Tigers in the 6th. Jon Garland (9-10) pitched seven strong innings, giving up one run for the win. Jeremy Bonderman (11-8) pitched 5 1/3 innings, giving up three runs for a loss. Bobby Jenks held off the Tigers threat for his 37th save. Detroit now stands 7 games behind the Indians in the AL Central, and 3.5 games behind the Yankees in the AL Wild Card.
- Diamondbacks 9, Padres 1: Eric Byrnes hit a three-run homer as the Diamondbacks climbed back into a virtual tie with the Padres in the NL West standings. Doug Davis (13-11) pitched 7 innings, allowing one run for the win. Chris Young gave up five runs in four innings for the loss.
- Mets 11, Reds 7: Paul Lo Duca racked up 7 RBI, hitting two three-run homers (6, 7) and an RBI single for the Mets. Oliver Perez (13-9) pitched a wild five innings for the Mets, giving up five runs (three earned), but allowing five walks. Bill Bray (3-2) got the loss, allowing three runs without retiring a single batter. The Mets retain a five game lead in the NL East over the Phillies.
- Phillies 5, Braves 2 For the Phillies, Ryan Howard hit a

two-run homer (37) and Carlos Ruiz hit a solo homer (5) and a sacrifice fly. Braves' slugger Chipper Jones hit a solo homer (23), and had an RBI walk. Kyle Lohse (8-12) pitched 6 2/3 innings, giving up two runs, while Buddy Carlyle (8-6) pitched only 1 2/3 innings, giving up 3 runs for the loss. Brett Myers pitched his 14th save of the season. The Phillies stand 2.5 games back in the NL Wild Card race.

- Dodgers 6, Cubs 2: Juan Pierre hit two RBI singles, the latter a bunt single. Brad Penny (15-4) pitched seven innings, allowing two runs (one earned) for the win, while Steve Trachsel (0-1) gave up seven hits and three runs in six innings for the loss. The Cubs' lead in the NL Central is down to a half-game, while the Dodgers are 3 games out of first in the NL West.
- Brewers 5, Astros 3: Corey Hart went 2-3, with two doubles and an RBI for the Brewers. Carlos Villanueva (7-3) picked up the win, allowing five hits and one run in six innings, while Brandon Backe (0-1) allowed four runs, three earned, in 5 2/3 innings for the loss. Francisco Cordero picked up his 40th save. The Brewers narrowed the Cubs' NL Central lead to .5 game.
- Cardinals 6, Pirates 2: Chris Duncan hit a three-run double for the Cardinals to break a 2-2 tie in the 3rd inning. Joel Pineiro (4-2) pitched 5 2/3 innings, allowing two runs for the victory. Matt Morris (8-9) allowed five runs and five

hits in 5 innings for the loss. Ryan Franklin picked up his first save of the year, pitching 1 1/3 hitless innings. The Cardinals are 1 game back of the Cubs in the NL Central race.

- Nationals 4, Marlins 3: The Nationals won on a ninth-inning, two-run double by Jesus Flores. The Marlins' three runs were scored on a double by Josh Willingham, and singles by Mike Jacobs and Miguel Cabrera. Chris Schroder (2-1) picked up the win, while Kevin Gregg (0-5) picked up his fifth blown save.
- Orioles 8, Devil Rays 4: Melvin Mora hit a game-winning RBI single in the 8th to retake the lead for the Orioles, and Ramon Hernandez hit a three-run double later that inning to add a few insurance runs. Chad Bradford (3-6) pitched a hitless seventh inning for the win, while Dan Wheeler (0-3) gave up four runs in 1/3 inning for the loss.
- Rockies 6, Giants 5: Down 5-4, the Rockies scored one run in the 8th inning and one run in the 9th inning. Brad Hawpe had 2 RBI, including the RBI single that won the game. Manny Corpas (4-2) pitched one perfect inning for the win, while Brad Hennessey (2-4) allowed one run and two hits for the loss.
- Rangers 9, Royals 8: The Rangers scored five runs in the first inning, including a two-run homer by Brad Wilkerson (20) and a solo homer by Jarrod Saltalamacchia (10). Jason Smith hit a three-run homer (5) for Kansas City in the 4th.

Today in History

394 – Forces of the Eastern Roman Emperor Theodosius I defeated Eugenius, the usurper of the Western Roman Empire, at the Battle of the Frigidus near modern-day Vipava, Slovenia.
 1522 – The Victoria returned to Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Spain, with Basque explorer Juan Sebastián Elcano and 17 other survivors of Ferdinand Magellan's 265-man expedition, becoming the first ship to circumnavigate the globe.

1955 – Istanbul Pogrom: An overwhelming Turkish mob attacked ethnic Greeks in Istanbul, killing over 13 people, wounding over thirty others, and damaging over 5,000 Greek-owned homes and businesses.

1970 – Dawson's Field hijackings: Members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine hijacked four jet aircraft en route from Europe to New York City, landing two of them at Dawson's Field in Zerqa, Jordan, and one plane in Beirut, Lebanon. The fourth hijacking was successfully foiled.

2000 – The Millennium Summit, a meeting of world leaders to discuss the role of the United Nations in the turn of the twenty-first century, opened.

September 06 is Independence Day in Swaziland (1968); Defence Day in Pakistan; Unification Day in Bulgaria.

Quote of the Day

I have always felt that humor was a wonderful vehicle to let us become connected with each other and ourselves... I try to portray the similarities and polarities in men and women, so that we can acknowledge and embrace our collective consciousness. ~ Lily Tomlin

Word of the Day

sidereal; adj

1. Pertaining to the stars.
2. (astronomy): Pertaining to a measurement of time made relative to the position of the stars.

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