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Musharraf denies government involvement in death of Bhutto

Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf has denied accusations the security forces or intelligence services were involved in the assassination of former prime minister and opposition leader Benazir Bhutto.



Wikipedia Current Events

Voters in Iowa go to the polls for the first caucus to determine presidential nominees for the Democratic and Republican parties.

- Illinois Senator Barack Obama is the winner for the Democratic caucus.
- Former Governor of Arkansas Mike Huckabee is the winner for the Republican caucus.
- Senators Christopher Dodd and Joseph Biden drop out of the race.
- Benazir Bhutto assassination: President of Pakistan Pervez Musharraf denies any role in Benazir Bhutto's death.
- The price of gold reaches a new record of \$865.35 per troy ounce in the a.m. London Gold Fixing, breaking the previous high of 21 January 1980.

Thompson (13%), John McCain (13%), Ron Paul (10%), Rudy Giuliani (4%), and Duncan Hunter (1%).

Meanwhile, Illinois senator Barack Obama won the Iowa Democratic caucus, drawing support from younger voters and getting 38% percent of the vote despite a close race with John Edwards and Hillary Clinton. As of 10 pm local Central Time the standings were Obama (38%), Edwards (30%), Clinton (29%), Bill Richardson (2%), Joe Biden (1%), and Christopher Dodd (0% but one delegate); Dennis Kucinic and Mike Gravel had earned no delegates at that point, and three delegates were uncommitted.

Egypt lets 2000 pilgrims through Rafah

Egypt has allowed approximately 2000 Palestinian pilgrims through the Rafah Border Crossing, a move which Israel says violates an understanding between its Defense Minister Ehud Barak and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Egypt initially denied the pilgrims entrance, insisting that they enter via an Israeli-controlled route, but finally gave clearance after three Palestinians died while being retained in border camps for five days.

Israel soon responded to the move saying that "it is very important for Israel to insist - and stand firm on its right to do so - that the border between Egypt-Sinai and the Strip be closed and that

Featured story

US presidential candidate Duncan Hunter speaks to Wikinews

Duncan Hunter, who is currently seeking the Republican Party nomination for President of the United States, was interviewed by Wikinews journalist David Shankbone about running for president, the government, religion and more.



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Huckabee, Obama win Iowa caucuses

Former Governor of Arkansas Mike Huckabee, an ordained Southern Baptist minister, won the Iowa Republican caucus due at least in part to a large outcome of support from evangelical voters, receiving 34% from Republican caucus goers. Huckabee beat out 6 other Republican candidates in the often turbulent campaign which often focused on issues of religion and negativism rather than on more substantive platform issues. As of 10:10 pm local Central Time the standings were Huckabee (34%), Mitt Romney (25%), Fred

neither terrorists nor weapons get through."

Hamas spokesperson Taher al-Nounou praised the move, saying that the issue was "a Palestinian-Egyptian affair and Israel has nothing to intervene in."

Among the 2000 pilgrims were senior Hamas officials who Israel fears may have smuggled money to the government.

An Egyptian military source said "we didn't like it that they left and we didn't like the way they returned."

The Pilgrims were allowed to leave through the crossing by Israel in late December for the annual Islamic Pilgrimage to Mecca.

Launch of Space Shuttle Atlantis once again delayed

NASA has announced that the launch of Space Shuttle Atlantis, mission STS-122, will once again be postponed, this time until late January or early February. The reason behind the delay is believed to be a faulty connector that caused erratic fuel sensor readings during the previous two launch attempts in December.

Space shuttle program manager Wayne Hale gave January 24 as the earliest possible launch date, but stated that February would be a more realistic expectation. "I think it's much more likely that we'll be going to be ready somewhere in the February 2 to 7 time frame, given that we don't have any more findings as we go through our testing," Hale stated.

The initial launch date for the shuttle was December 6, but failed fuel gauges in the external tank forced the launch to be moved to December 9. The fuel sensors are

part of a system to prevent the shuttle from running on an empty tank, which could cause pumps in the engine of break and possibly trigger an disastrous explosion.

When the problem reoccurred, NASA ran a fuel test, which led them to believe the problem lied in the faulty connector. The connector was then removed from the tank and taken to Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, where it is currently undergoing extensive analysis and modification. The new connector is scheduled to be installed by January 10.

"What we're doing ... is addressing what we think is the most probable cause, and there's a lot of information that points to that connector and that this is the right design fix," deputy space shuttle program manager John Shannon said. "We're fairly confident that if the problem is where we think it is, that this will solve that."

The main objective of mission STS-122 is to deliver the European science laboratory Columbus to the International Space Station.

Study suggests hospitals are not the best place for cardiac arrest treatment

Suffering from cardiac arrest while staying in a hospital might be more deadly than receiving such a fit at a crowded airport, according to a new study.

The study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, states that in about a third of cardiac arrest cases inside hospitals in the United States, doctors and nurses do not respond quickly enough, thus increasing the risk of brain damage and death.

Potentially, this contributes to the

deaths of thousands every year. The researchers evaluated records of 6,789 cardiac arrest patients in 369 hospitals. Medical guidelines recommend shocking cardiac arrest victims' hearts back to life within two minutes using defibrillator paddles.

When the defibrillation was delayed, only 22.2 percent of patients survived long enough to be discharged from the hospital, as opposed to 39.3 percent when the shock was given on time. The researchers compared those statistics with more than 50 percent of patients who survive heart attacks while in a crowded airport or a casino, where defibrillators are readily available.

The researchers concluded that delayed defibrillation is common and is associated with lower rates of survival after in-hospital cardiac arrest.

Disgorge bassist Ben Marlin dies from cancer

Ben Marlin, bassist for American brutal death metal band Disgorge, died Wednesday after a lengthy battle with cancer.

San Diego-based Disgorge announced his death in the following statement:

"We are regretful to say that after nearly a year and a half of battling cancer, our brother and bass player Ben Marlin has passed away just about the stroke of 5 a.m. this January 2nd, 2008. We are going to miss him so much and may he live on in all our hearts forever. Ben, thank you for all your years of friendship and brutality."

Upon hearing of Marlin's death Ruud Lemmen of Neurotic Records released the following statement:

"It is with great regret that I've just learned about Ben losing his battle with cancer. Ben was a great friend, and the time he spent in Europe with Disgorge (especially the nights off at my own home) have been nothing but great. Ben was a good guy, a funny fellow and I will never forget him. For one, I can't even imagine how thrilled I was when he took off his own personal, extremely limited Cranial Impalement (early band demo) long-sleeve and threw it my way, saying, 'Hey bro, it's yours.' This is just one of many perfect examples that showed what kind of humble person Ben was. My condolences go out to friends, family and band members."

Today in History

1698 – Most of the Palace of Whitehall in London, the main residence of the English monarchs dating from 1530, was destroyed by fire.

1884 – The Fabian Society, an intellectual movement whose purpose is to advance the socialist cause by gradualist and reformist methods rather than revolutionary means, was founded in London.

1936 – Billboard magazine published its first music hit parade.

1948 – Burma achieved independence from the British Empire, with U Nu of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League as its first Prime Minister.

2004 – The NASA Mars Rover Spirit landed successfully on Mars at 04:35 Ground UTC.

2007 – Nancy Pelosi became Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, becoming the highest-ranking woman in the history of the U.S. Government.

Quote of the Day

The main Business of natural Philosophy is to argue from

Phenomena without feigning Hypotheses, and to deduce Causes from Effects, till we come to the very first Cause, which certainly is not mechanical. ~ Isaac Newton

Word of the Day

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1. (nautical) The minimum speed of a ship, below which she does not answer the helm and cannot be steered.

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