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Republic of Moldova on Monday, though the majority for the

Zinaida Greceanii-cabinet came from just 56 members of the 101-seat Parliament of Moldova.

#### Media reports exaggerate cell phone cancer risk

Newspapers internationally reported that cellular telephone use increases the risk of brain tumors, citing the opinion of Vini Khurana, an Australian neurosurgeon. According to the Mobile Operators Association, Dr. Khurana's conclusion "does not present a balanced analysis" and "reaches opposite conclusions to the World Health Organization and more than 30 other

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independent expert scientific reviews."

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Geographic and Science. Several newspapers also brought stories that seem incredible, but are true.

### Wikipedia Current Events

A human rights group in Sri Lanka has blamed local security forces for the massacre of 17 aid workers in 2006 and accused the government of a cover-up.

•The Swedish national postal service will merge with its Danish counterpart, the new group will be based in Stockholm.

•Finland's Foreign Minister Ilkka Kanerva is forced to resign after a scandal involving 200 text messages sent to a stripper.

•India warns the Dalai Lama not to anger the People's Republic of China.

•Delays in releasing the official results of parliamentary and presidential elections in Zimbabwe are met with widespread speculation and concerns over possible vote rigging.

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•An old vacant building collapses in Downtown Detroit, Michigan, United States. Nearby parked automobiles are damaged, but no injuries.

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The popular British tabloid The Sun wrote that French President Nicolas Sarkozy is to undergo stretch surgery to make him taller than his wife, Italian artist and model Carla Bruni. The report claimed the 5 foot 5 inch leader would be made 5 inches taller in one year using a method by Israeliian professor Ura Schmuck. The Sun noted that during his visit to Britain last week, Sarkozy had high-heel shoes while his wife wore a pair of flat pumps.

The Guardian on the other hand ran an article that suggested that Carla would head an initiative by Prime Minister Gordon Brown to bring more glamour, good taste and sophistication to the U.K. general population. This would involve collaboration with Marks & Spencer for high-street fashion and Jamie Oliver for meals and wine.

BBC News had real-looking footage of flying penguins fronted by documentary host Terry Jones,

which were actually an advertisement for its new iPlayer.

#### Google and Virgin

In an annual tradition, Internet company Google launched several new services for the occasion of April 1. Project Virgle is a mock-up Virgin Galactic and Google 'open source' collaboration for a human colony on Mars. Google's mail service Gmail introduced a service called Custom Time™ which allows its users to send e-mails into the past, so that you never miss another deadline. But the application can only be used 10 times, because "Our researchers have concluded that allowing each person more than ten pre-dated emails per year would cause people to lose faith in the accuracy of time, thus rendering the feature useless.," followed by a scientific formula supposedly proving this.

Virgin Media on the other hand announced that the United States would scrap the dollar and join the Euro in a response to the currency's recent devaluation. The Herald Sun wrote an article about a new Virgin Blue 'No Chair Fare', for cheap flights without a seat. Flights longer than two hours would come with a free calf massage. The Australian chapter of Google announced an artificial intelligence application that allows you to search tomorrow's websites, while Google China presented a Grassroots Search option, powered by real humans.

#### Science and technology news

The journal Science announced that "U.S. President George W. Bush has announced a dramatic shift in his attitude toward science." They 'quote' the President: "Let's finally rid our bodies of this weapon of mass destruction." According to the scientific magazine, Bush would

also become a supporter of stem cell research and greenhouse gas reduction targets: "In retrospect, having oil industry lobbyists edit our climate reports was probably a bad idea."

National Geographic worked together with the Harvard Lampoon to create a cover showing Paris Hilton on an issue of the magazine dedicated to wild animals.

Computer company ThinkGeek spread a story about a machine that could convert Betamax videos into HD-DVD.

In a parody of recent allegations against Wikipedia's founder Jimmy Wales, British technology news site The Register announced that he would give up his position at the Wikimedia Foundation and Wikia to join a brotherhood of Franciscan Friars. "There are more important things than power, fame, venture capital, \$95,000 speaking fees, and having sex with the Canadian Ann Coulter," their tongue-in-cheek quote reads. As a monk, Wales is alleged to devote his life to the sum of all human knowledge... on stone tablets, under the form of Stonetabletopedia.

#### Incredible... but true

Wikipedia traditionally turns its main page into a collection of amazing-but-true facts. For example, it explains what the presidents of Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan had to say about KDE2 patches under FreeBSD, and how two college drop-outs "co-founded what is now Apple Inc. to sell their handicrafts". Although some readers objected to this humorous make-over, others pointed out that all claims were genuine whereas other encyclopaedias have been known to list fictitious entries.

Several newspapers also brought stories that seem incredible, but are true: the Daily Mail for example reports that T'ai Chi has been found to improve diabetes, and that Southampton Crematorium is launching an on-line grieving service that allows you to mourn from home. The Sun notes that a new collagen injection is aimed at enlarging the female G-spot to improve orgasms, while The Express notes that school desk sizes will be updated in view of the increasing number of obese children.

#### **Peruvian necklace identified as oldest gold artifact in the Americas**

The oldest known gold artifact in the Americas is a necklace from Peru, according to University of Arizona anthropology professor Mark Aldenderfer. The necklace comes from a village in the Jiskairumoko range near Lake Titicaca and consists of gold that had been hammered and rolled into nine cylindrical beads, then strung with turquoise on a wool string.

Radiocarbon dating places the manufacture of the necklace from 2155 to 1936 B.C., which makes this item about 600 years older than the next oldest gold artifact that has been discovered the Americas and the oldest example of metalworking of any kind in the western hemisphere.

Gold metallurgy is almost always associated with agricultural societies. Since the materials used in the necklace are not found in the Titicaca basin, the existence of the necklace implies the region had trade routes and a hereditary elite.

Although this discovery was made in 2004, Professor Aldenderfer and

his team delayed publication in order to have the gold chemically analyzed and to minimize the risk of looters damaging the site before excavation was complete.

### **Amber alert issued for missing Utah girl**

Police in South Salt Lake, Utah are searching for missing seven-year-old Hser Nar Moo, last seen at her home on Monday. In issuing an AMBER Alert, notifying the public of a possible child abduction, police called on anyone with information regarding the child to contact them.

Nar Moo was last seen at her home on Monday at around 2:00 p.m. MDT (UTC-6), and was reported missing at around 6:30 p.m. The alert was issued today at 9:41 a.m.

Police called upon members of the public who have any information about the child to call 801-840-4000 or 9-1-1.

The seven-year-old Asian girl is described as being 3 feet 8 inches tall, weighing about 45 lbs, with brown eyes and long black hair. She was wearing a pink dress to her knees and pink Crocs shoes.

Police reported that she speaks very little English, though she does understand some. Her family arrived from Burma in 2007. Police indicated that she may be in need of medical attention.

### **Coalition forces: Eleven 'suspected terrorists' captured**

The website of the Multi-National Force in Iraq has said that eleven 'suspected terrorists' have been captured. The website claims that five of these people were wanted before the operations which took place today and yesterday.

A press release by MNF-Iraq

described the detention of the suspected terrorists. It said "coalition forces detained eleven suspected terrorists using information from previous operations to target al-Qaeda in Iraq terrorists in two of the country's major cities Monday and today."

The press release describes one operation in the city of Mosul yesterday. The release says "[on] Monday in Mosul, Coalition forces targeted a suspected terrorist allegedly involved in the al-Qaeda in Iraq – or AQI – propaganda network and smuggling operations. When the ground force arrived at the scene, the wanted individual turned himself in and was detained.

Coalition forces said yesterday that nine suspected al-Qaeda members were captured yesterday

### **Portuguese football club Porto in match-fixing probe**

Portuguese soccer club, Porto, are under investigation for match-fixing and punishment, if found guilty, could be as severe as relegation to the 2nd division. Club president Pinto da Costa is also being investigated and could face a ban anywhere from 2 years to 10 years if found guilty. Porto have sent the accusations to their lawyers and have 5 days to submit their defence.

They participated in the 2003-04 UEFA Champions League where they won the tournament, SuperLiga where they won the Portuguese championship, Cup of Portugal where they were runners-up to Benfica.

### **Moldovan parliament approves new government**

A new government has been formed in the Republic of Moldova

on Monday afternoon EEST (UTC +3), though the vote of confidence in the Zinaida Greceanii-cabinet came from only 56 members of the 101-seat Parliament of Moldova.

New ministers constitute only one-third of the governmental team. For the first time in the independent republic's history, the government is headed by a woman. Prime Minister Zinaida Greceanii will be among five other women heading ministries.

The new composition of the Moldovan Government is as follows:

Prime Minister  
Zinaida Greceanii  
First Deputy Premier, Minister of Economy and Trade  
Igor Dodon  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Victor Stepaniuc  
Deputy Premier, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration  
Andrei Stratan  
Minister of Finance  
Marianna Durlesteanu  
Minister of the Interior  
Gen. Valentin Mejjnschi  
Minister of Agriculture and Food Industry  
Anatol Gorodenco  
Minister of Transport and Roads  
Vasile Ursu  
Minister of Environment and Natural Resources  
Violeta Ivanova  
Minister of Social Protection, Family and Child  
Galina Balmos  
Minister of Culture and Tourism  
Arthur Kozma  
Minister of Justice  
Vitalie Pirlog  
Minister of Reintegration  
Vasile Sova  
Minister of Local Public Administration  
Valentin Guznac

Minister of Defense  
 Vitalie Vrabie  
 Minister of Education and Youth Affairs  
 Larissa Savga  
 Minister of Health  
 Larissa Catrinici  
 Minister of Informational Development  
 Pavel Buceatchi  
 Minister of Construction and Territories Development  
 Vladimir Baldovici

Argentina.

**Quote of the Day**

Forgiveness is the offspring of a feeling of heroism, of a noble heart, of a generous mind, whilst forgetfulness is only the result of a weak memory, or of an easy carelessness, and still oftener of a natural desire for calm and quietness. Hatred, in the course of time, kills the unhappy wretch who delights in nursing it in his bosom.  
 ~ Giacomo Casanova

**Word of the Day**

stick in the mud n  
 1. A person unwilling to participate in activities.

The governor of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia, south of Moldova, Mihail Formuzal, and the chairman of the Academy of Science, Gheorghe Duca, are government members ex officio.

The heads of departments, national agencies and bureaus will be appointed later by corresponding governmental Resolutions.

**Today in History**

1792 – By the Coinage Act, the United States Mint was founded and the U.S. currency was decimalized.  
 1801 – War of the Second Coalition: British forces led by Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson defeated the Dano-Norwegian fleet at the Battle of Copenhagen off the coast of Copenhagen.  
 1956 – As the World Turns premiered on U.S. television as the first half-hour serial drama.  
 1982 – Argentine special forces invaded the Falkland Islands, sparking the Falklands War.  
 1984 – Aboard Soyuz T-11, Rakesh Sharma became the first Indian to be launched into space.  
 2002 – Operation Defensive Shield: Approximately 200 Palestinians fled advancing Israeli forces into the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, starting a month long standoff.  
 April 02 is Malvinas Day in

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