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#### Top Model' winner Jaslene Gonzalez on her career and being a Latina role model



Wikinews talks with America's Next Top Model's first Puerto Rican winner, Jaslene Gonzalez, about her childhood, what makes her a strong individual, and what television show her abuela would want her to go on. This is also the first time one of our interviews can be read in Spanish at Wikinoticias.

### Wikipedia Current Events

A Cook County, Illinois probate judge declares adventurer Steve Fossett to be legally dead five months after he disappeared in the Nevada desert.

•A large explosion hits Mexico City, Mexico near the city's police headquarters. Police in riot gear arrived and secured the scene. The cause is currently unknown, but a senior police officer said it may have been an explosive device.

•Political parties in Kenya have agreed to set up an independent panel to review the disputed 2007 presidential elections

#### New 'Guitar Hero' game to focus on Aerosmith

Activision, publisher of the popular Guitar Hero series of video games which simulate the playing of rock music, has unveiled the next title in the franchise: Guitar Hero: Aerosmith.

The game, which will focus entirely on the top-selling American rock band Aerosmith, is set to be released this June. The soundtrack will be composed of songs performed by Aerosmith or otherwise related to the band. Venues featured in the game will highlight different points in the band's career.

"The premise is that it's going to cover the 30-plus years of the band, from high school all the way through the rock superstardom of today," said Kai Huang, head of RedOctane, a subsidiary of Activision.

Developers even held motion-capture sessions with members of the band so they can appear in-game.

"We've put a lot of ideas into the game so that fans can have fun interacting with our music, getting inside our body of work and learning about the band's history," said Aerosmith guitarist, Joe Perry.

Perry also commented on the effect he hopes the game will have on the music business. "On a larger scale, it's cool for us to be pioneers helping to rebuild the music industry through a format

like video games. It's great for rock since the record companies are struggling to make sense of how things are changing. Fans want to get and experience music in new formats--and there are going to be some of them who will play the game, then pick up the guitar for real and start bands. It's what's happening now, and it's only going to build more momentum in the future. It's a massive change for the music business."

The game will be released for Xbox 360, Playstation 3, Wii, and Playstation 2. It has not yet been rated by the ESRB.

### **Beth Twitty prepares civil lawsuit against Joran van der Sloot**

Beth Twitty, missing U.S. teenager Natalee Holloway's mother, is preparing a civil lawsuit against Joran van der Sloot, major suspect in the teenager's death. On her behalf, Dutch lawyer Bram Moszkowicz is investigating whether Van der Sloot can be charged with unlawful action.

Twitty's civil claim follows the Curaçao's court decision that Joran van der Sloot will not be arrested again. The investigation to what happened with Natalee Holloway, and Van der Sloot's role in that matter will be continued, but the secret tapes presented by crime reporter Peter R. de Vries are not sufficient for a new arrest.

Moszkowicz claims that there are two reasons for starting a civil procedure: first there is the shock after Van der Sloot's confessions, and second his keeping silent on the details. Twitty compares this case to that against O.J. Simpson, who was never convicted in a criminal case, but was convicted to pay damages in civil court.

The chances that Van der Sloot will be convicted in a criminal case are getting smaller. "I think the criminal investigation comes to an end," says Moszkowicz, "That does not mean that I understand, or agree with that".

### **Gunman at Illinois campus said to have stopped taking medication**

After the death of five students in Illinois from the shooting Thursday, in which police say a former graduate student entered a university classroom at Northern Illinois University with several guns and opened fire, hitting over 20 people before taking his own life, a day later students are expressing shock.

Students today held a vigil for the 5 dead students, who died after the gunman entered the hall dressed in black and carrying a shotgun and three hand guns and began firing as students sought cover under desks. One student who escaped unharmed told reporters his life has changed as a result of what he experienced.

"I am going to be in class from now on, looking over my shoulder, because if he would have come through the back door, I would not be here right now. I would have been dead," he said.

Police say the gunman was Steven Kazmierczak, 27, a former graduate student in Sociology at the school. Police say he purchased the shotgun and two of the handguns on Saturday, indicating he may have planned the attack in advance, but authorities have not determined a motive for the shooting.

Kazmierczak had no criminal record and no history of mental illness. Under Illinois state law he

would not have been able to purchase a weapon legally if there had been a record of arrests or mental problems, but police said he had stopped taking an unspecified medication recently and his behavior had become erratic.

Kazmierczak received a Dean's Award from the university's Sociology Department in 2006. He served as a member of the school's Academic Criminal Justice Association and was considered a good student, but he was not enrolled this semester.

Thursday, police arrived on the scene of the shooting within two minutes, but they were too late. Witnesses say the gunman fired multiple shots in a matter of seconds, reloaded, fired some more and then took his own life.

In Washington Friday, President Bush reacted to the shooting. "This morning I spoke to the President of Northern Illinois University," said Mr. Bush. "I told the President that a lot of folks today will be praying for the families of the victims and for the Northern Illinois University community. Obviously a tragic situation on that campus, and I ask our fellow citizens to offer their blessings, blessings of comfort and blessings of strength."

This is the latest in a string of shootings at U.S. schools in recent years, the worst being the shooting at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Virginia 10 months ago that left 32 students and teachers dead. That incident ranks as the deadliest armed rampage in U.S. history. The shooter also killed himself in that case.

### **STS-122 astronauts perform third spacewalk**

Two astronauts have performed the third and final spacewalk, or Extra-vehicular activity (EVA), of the STS- 122 mission. Rex Walheim and Stan Love began the spacewalk at 13:07 GMT, departing the Quest airlock of the International Space Station (ISS). The EVA ended with their return to the airlock, seven hours and 25 minutes later, at 20:32 GMT.

The goals of the spacewalk were to install two experiments onto the outside of the newly delivered Columbus module of the space station, and to load a failed gyroscope onto the visiting Space Shuttle, Atlantis, for return to Earth next Wednesday. The gyroscope, CMG-3 was one of four used to control the space station's attitude. It was replaced during an EVA made by the STS-118 crew during August 2007. It has been stored outside the Space Station since then, awaiting collection.

The experiments installed on the Columbus module are a solar observatory, SOLAR, and a materials research experiment, EuTEF. Subsequent to this, the astronauts fitted handrails to the Columbus module, to assist with future EVAs. Following the successful completion of these primary tasks, the astronauts performed several other tasks, which included collecting safety tethers from previous EVAs, and inspecting micrometeorite damage on a handrail.

This is the 104th spacewalk conducted as part of the International Space Station programme.

### **Sexy videoclips influence young girls more than boys, study shows**

Sexy video clips have a more negative influence on girls than on boys, says Dutch pop professor Tom ter Bogt. Ter Bogt investigated the influence of sexy video clips on the thoughts, behaviour and self-image of 13 to 16 year old children. After viewing the clips, girls felt that outward appearance was more important, they were less satisfied with their own appearance, and they became less resolute in denying permissive sex.

In his research Ter Bogt showed (censored) sexy videos from well-known pop-artists 50 Cent, Amanda Wilson ft. Freemasons, Nelly, NERD and David Guetta to a group of 250 children. An equally-sized group watched the concert performances of the same songs. After seeing the videos the girls in the test group felt more strongly that outward appearance was important for girls, and they tended to be less satisfied about their own appearances. Unexpectedly the videos did not affect the boys in the groups as much, their behaviour and self-image was more or less unchanged, contrary to previous beliefs that boys can be influenced by sexy videos to participate in group rapes.

Tom ter Bogt was instated today as professor at the University of Utrecht in pop music and youth culture. "There is no reason for a moral panic," Ter Bogt says, "young people need to experiment with sex. But these experiments must be based on equality between men and women, and the relationships in these videos are not based on equality. The clips undermine the self-image of young girls. When they start to define

their identity with their looks, they may lose self-confidence, will perform worse in school, and will suffer more from eating disorders."

The conclusions of Ter Bogt are confirmed by research by U.S. psychologists, but also shows that parents have a major influence in their girls' self-image.

### **Garuda Indonesia Flight 200 pilot released on bail**

Indonesian national Marwoto Komar has been released on bail having earlier been arrested over the March 7 crash of a Boeing 737 he was piloting. Garuda Indonesia Flight 200 overshot the runway at Yogyakarta Airport whilst landing after a scheduled domestic passenger flight, leaving 21 Indonesian and Australian passengers dead, out of 140 on board.

The subsequent investigation by the National Transport Safety Committee concluded with report released in November that found the aircraft had approached at far in excess of safe landing speeds, with Komar ignoring 15 activations of the Ground Proximity Warning System (GPWS) as well as his co-pilot requesting an emergency go-around as the plane touched down.

Muchtar Yudhi, legal representative of Mr Komar, told El Shinta radio today that authorities had accepted a request to release Komar on bail, he having been arrested nearly two weeks ago in Yogyakarta. He said Komar remains a suspect of manslaughter, but that he will continue to co-operate with police.

He also said that under global aviation law "if a plane crash occurred, the pilot cannot face

criminal investigation".

The police say they intend to prosecute him for negligence and will now charge him when he returns to court. He is thought to be the first pilot to be prosecuted over a crash in Indonesian history, which also contains a poor aviation safety record.

The Indonesian Pilot's Association has also said that the criminal prosecution should be avoided, arguing that the only people who can judge whether mistakes were made in aviation are those professionally involved and not the police. There were protests in Jakarta demanding his release and dozens of pilots across the nation also campaigned. Two survivors, Adrianus Meliala and Retno Gunowati, went to the House of Representatives (DPR) on Wednesday to challenge those opposed to legal processes against the pilot.

The London-based International Federation of Air Line Pilots Associations (IFALPA) commented that they were "saddened" to hear the news. IFALPA contends that further investigations are needed into the crash, and that criminal proceedings could prevent an accurate version of events from ever being known. A statement was released that read as follows: "The Federation expects that Capt. Komar will be released ... as he has agreed to fully cooperate with the police investigation and clearly poses no danger to society. He remains a professional who was involved in an unfortunate tragedy."

Alexander Downer, Australian foreign minister at the time of the crash, earlier said "...I am very glad that they have reached a point now where they have

charged the captain of the aircraft." Several people involved were Australian journalists following Downer on a visit to Indonesia.

"Thanks to the chief of the Indonesian Police and the chief of Yogyakarta Police... I'm glad now that I can meet my family again." Komar said upon his release.

Komar has earlier been under police surveillance, during which time he was receiving psychological treatment. He has had his pilot's license suspended.

### **Long-running TV clown marks 50 years since debut**

Star of one of the longest-running shows in television history, 79-year-old Chris Wedes is celebrating half a century since he became "Julius Pierpont Patches".

From 1958 to 1981, CBS affiliate KIRO-TV produced The J.P. Patches Show. The show featured J.P., the Mayor of the City Dump, who lived in a shack with multiple characters visiting. Virtually the entire supporting cast, male and female, human or non-human, was played by the versatile Bob Newman.

The character itself is more than 50 years old.

J. P. Patches was created at NBC-affiliate WTCN by Daryl Laub. When he left for KSTP-TV, also in Minnesota, the character was taken over by Wedes. (Wedes was then an actor, DJ, and kids TV cook.) In 1958, Wedes moved to Seattle, to become the first floor director at KIRO-TV, bringing The J.P. Patches Show with him. (Laub, meanwhile, created T. N. Tatters at another station.) The show aired twice a day for 13 years, and once on Saturdays, for 8 more

years just in the morning, and for the final two years only on Saturday morning. In total, an estimated 12,000 shows made the air, all of them live, with next to no budget.

Wedes told the Everett Herald that: "I'm still amazed at the longevity of the character. When I go on appearances, I get hugs, I get tears, I get laughter. The people are so in love with J.P. Patches. I can't believe it that it has hung on that long."

Businesses paid Wedes and the station to appear in character at grand openings, appeared at a Boeing Christmas party with an audience of 55,000, and appeared on Darigold milk containers, Sunbeam bread bags, and Dankens ice cream lids. Even still, the image has been licensed for bobble heads and an action figure. The book "J.P. Patches: Northwest Icon" was published in 2002.

While the cartoons were airing, Wedes' Patches would greet guest children; the waiting list was for a while six months long. Children who stopped by include now-billionaire Bill Gates, and former Washington Governor Gary Locke.

Celebrities appearing on the show included politicians, Olympic medalists, comedian Steve Allen, Burt "Robin" Ward of Batman, folk singer Tiny Tim, actress Debbie Reynolds, oceanographer Jacques Cousteau, and Colonel Harland Sanders, the founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Some parents objected to KIRO-TV dropping the national series Captain Kangaroo, three years into its run, to put in Patches.

A minor controversy erupted when a local newspaper photographed

Wedes, being taken in an ambulance when involved in a car crash, not of his own fault. The official site reads that "The picture distressed many local children and would remain an embarrassment to the local media if they actually had any shame."

There are still enough "Patches Pals", fans of the show, that a statue is planned for Seattle's Fremont neighborhood. To be completed this summer, the fundraiser is just \$55,000 away from the \$165,000 needed for the sculpture of Patches with Gertrude, the character's girlfriend.

They've so far donated \$110,000 of \$165,000 to cast a bronze statue of J.P. Patches and his sidekick Gertrude to be placed in the Fremont neighborhood of Seattle. More money is still needed for the statue, being made by a Sultan sculptor and completed this summer. Any money raised that isn't needed for the statue, coordinated by the local chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, goes to the Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle; the statue itself will have a slot to collect money for the hospital. Billboards around the region track the fundraising progress.

Wedes was diagnosed in October with a controllable but incurable blood cancer, "acute myeloma". He had to avoid public appearance until recently, due to the told of dialysis. He made seven county fair appearances in 2007, and 30 other gigs. Newman often joins him to perform, despite have multiple sclerosis for the past 20 years.

The two will appear in "An Evening With JP Patches & Gertrude: The

Men Behind The Makeup", April 5 at The 7th Street Theatre in Hoquiam.

### **Van der Sloot not re-arrested in Holloway case**

Joran van der Sloot will not be re-arrested in the Natalee Holloway-case, the Aruban public prosecution department confirms today. The Dutch student Van der Sloot, major suspect in the disappearing of Holloway, confessed on secret footage that he was with Natalee the evening she died. The Aruban appeal court says that, while Joran van der Sloot is still an important suspect, the tapes don't reveal enough new evidence to bring him back into custody. Van der Sloot was already arrested twice in this case.

Van der Sloot's confession on secret camera while in a car with a friend includes his statement that after Natalee died, her body was dumped at sea by a friend. The footage was presented on Dutch television by crime-reporter Peter R. de Vries, and was also aired in the United States and other countries.

Van der Sloot's lawyer Bert van Rooij told Dutch Radio-1 today that justice officials based their decision not to re-arrest Van der Sloot on his statement that the confessions he made on the video are made-up. "There are objective facts which counteract what he has said," said Van Rooij.

### **Independent candidate calls it quits, without Ron Paul as possible running mate**

Wikinews was notified last night that Frank Zilaitis is switching gears, by dumping his Presidential campaign, and going after a seat in Congress, for Florida's District 15. He has launched a "Frankly Frank" campaign.

"Why am I happy to close my presidential campaign? Two reasons: 1) The week before last, my U.S. Representative announced that he would not seek re-election; and 2) After Super Tuesday, the viability of conducting an independent petition drive for president became impossible; especially since my choice for running mate, Dr. Ron Paul, effectively announced last week that he was not interested in working outside of the Republican Party."

He says that he has always intended on running for the position, no matter whether the incumbent was returning or not.

Just weeks ago, Zilaitis told television reporters from Central Florida News 13 that "I actually believe -- and I have no choice but to believe -- that I can be the next 44th president of the United States of America."

Previously, in 2006, Zilaitis ran for circuit judge in Group 20 of the 18th Judicial Circuit, in Florida's Seminole and Brevard counties.

At least three more Central Florida remain, and there are apparently 30 Floridians seeking the White House altogether.

### **US military to shoot down errant spy satellite**

The United States military has announced their intention to use a missile to destroy USA-193, a spy satellite which failed immediately after launch in December 2006. Since launch, the satellite's orbit has decayed and it is approaching the point at which it will re-enter the atmosphere and potentially fall to Earth. The missile will be used as a kinetic anti-satellite weapon (ASAT), and will destroy the satellite through hitting it at high

speed.

The satellite potentially has hazardous materials on board, including hydrazine. Ordinarily, the hydrazine would be used as fuel, but since the satellite failed immediately after launch, this was never used. It is expected that about half of the satellite would be capable of surviving re-entry, potentially including the fuel tank. Since hydrazine is toxic, the satellite could pose a severe danger if it hits in a populated area, however it has been considered likely that the tank would probably rupture and explode during re-entry. Destroying the satellite on the grounds of safety is the stated purpose of shooting down the satellite, however claims that it is to prevent secrets that the satellite is carrying from falling into the wrong hands, or that it is a demonstration in response to a Chinese ASAT test in January 2007. Officials have denied both of these claims.

The missile which will be used to shoot down the satellite will be a Standard Missile 3 (SM-3), which will be launched from the USS Lake Erie in the North Pacific Ocean. The missile, which was designed to shoot down other missiles, will be modified slightly in order to allow it to recognise USA-193 as its target.

If the attack is successful, the satellite will be broken into many small pieces. This will eliminate the hazard from the hydrazine and break into small enough pieces that nothing will survive reentry. Officials reported that the likelihood of success was "high". NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said that it was impossible to make the situation any worse. Missing the satellite would change

nothing, while a slight blow would still result in the satellite returning to Earth, and a direct hit would destroy the satellite. It is believed that the missile will be aimed directly at the satellite's fuel tank.

While the debris will not pass near enough to the International Space Station to cause disruption, it is not clear whether it could affect spacecraft passing through the lower orbit in which USA-193 currently resides. For this reason, the satellite will not be destroyed until the Space Shuttle Atlantis, which is currently conducting mission STS-122, has landed. The debris caused by the satellite's destruction is expected to re-enter the atmosphere within a few weeks.

### **2008 Taipei International Book Exhibition: Varied features at Kid Book Hall**

Following the first day's events at the 2008 Taipei International Book Exhibition (TIBE), organisers used today as an opportunity for a number of autograph sessions, the announcement of awards and a focus on the Taipei World Trade Center's Hall 3 where children's activities and seminars were being held.

The Kids' Book Hall, which was created with cooperation from the Regional Association of Educational Materials, saw a new addition this year in the form of the "Taiwan Stationery" pavilion. The display included a variety of paper products not only for children, but for small-business and general usage.

In order to promote some conceptions on environment and recycling, Yuen Foong Yu Paper Mfg. Co. Ltd. sponsored the exhibition with recycled poster container and corrugated-

fiberboard, which was used to design several nature scenes, and the material will be reusable in the future.

Participants also held several seminars at TWTC Hall 1 for reading population promotion, for example, a Taiwanese version of a famous magazine named "Kagakuru". Aimed at science education, imported by Taiwan Mac Education, and promoted by several academic professionals in Taiwan, the magazine will be released on March 3, 2008.

### **Former Senator Chafee endorses Barack Obama**

Former Rhode Island Senator Lincoln Chafee, a lifelong Republican who left the party in 2007 following a defeat in the 2006 midterm elections, endorsed Democratic Senator Barack Obama in his bid for the White House. Chafee said Obama is the "best candidate to restore American credibility, to restore our confidence to be moral and to bring people together to solve the complex issues".

Chafee was considered a liberal Republican in the Senate disagreeing with his party on issues such as the War in Iraq, abortion, gay rights, global warming and taxes. During the 2006 Congressional elections, he was endorsed by President Bush despite differences on issues, and current Republican front-runner John McCain even campaigned for Chafee. The Rhode Islander said he thinks McCain would "understand" his current endorsement. Chafee lost the 2006 election to Democrat Sheldon Whitehouse, who has endorsed Senator Hillary Clinton for the presidency.

For Obama, the endorsement

marks the second former Republican Party member of Congress to support his campaign. In January, John B. Anderson, a 1980 presidential candidate and former Illinois Representative, endorsed Obama.

### **International row after Spielberg quits 2008 Beijing Olympics**

On Wednesday, American film director Steven Spielberg withdrew from his position as artistic adviser to the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China. "Conscience will not allow me to continue with business as usual," he said.

"Sudan's government bears the bulk of the responsibility for these ongoing crimes but the international community, and particularly China, should be doing more to end the continuing human suffering there," Spielberg's statement said. "China's economic, military and diplomatic ties to the government of Sudan continue to provide it with the opportunity and obligation to press for change."

China immediately expressed regret over his decision and suggested that "ulterior motives" may be at play. "It is understandable if some people do not understand the Chinese government policy on Darfur, but I am afraid that some people may have ulterior motives, and this we cannot accept. ... China is also concerned about the humanitarian situation in Darfur. [But] empty rhetoric will not help. We hope that relevant people will be more pragmatic," said Liu Jianchao, the Deputy-Director General of the Information Department in China's foreign ministry.

Following Spielberg's withdrawal, other organizations called for boycott of the Games. However,

United Kingdom Minister for the Olympics Tessa Jowell rejected such calls. "The world has known for the last seven years that Beijing would host the Olympics," Jowell told *The Times*. "Most progressive governments accept that there are wholly unacceptable aspects of Chinese policy, but that did not stop the International Olympic Committee awarding them the games. A call for a boycott doesn't serve any purpose and it would be a great pity. This doesn't mean, however, we should be distracted from the urgency of Darfur."

"China is also concerned about the humanitarian issues there, but we have been playing a positive and constructive role in promoting peace in Darfur," Liu said, adding that China is working with the United Nations to provide aid and resolve the crisis.

Critics of China contend that China supports the Islamic regime in Sudan because it buys two-thirds of the country's oil exports and also sells it weapons. Further, China has been defending the government in Khartoum in the United Nations Security Council. Since 2003, fighting between government-backed militia and rebels in Darfur has led to the death of more than 200,000 people and displaced some 2.5 million others.

Meanwhile, United States President George W. Bush confirmed that he still plans to attend the Games in Beijing. "I view the Olympics as a sporting event. On the other hand, I have a different platform to Steven Spielberg, so I get to talk to Hu Jintao [President of China] and I do remind him he can do more to relieve the suffering in Darfur."

Bush followed this by saying: "I'm not going to use the Olympics as an opportunity to express my opinions to the Chinese people in a public way because I do it all the time with the president."

### **Earthquake in East Africa's Lake Kivu kills at least one and injures scores**

Lake Kivu, which is on the border between the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Rwanda, has been hit by an earthquake that measured 5.4 on the Richter Scale. This earthquake is the third to hit the area this month and follows an earthquake that took place 11 days ago and killed almost 40 people.

"Some houses have collapsed and there are injuries, but I do not yet have the details," said the mayor of the city on the DRC side of the border. "A lot of people left their homes during the night," he said. The area is on the East African Rift System, which is what causes the earthquake to form. The mayor of the town on the Rwandan side of the border said, "The houses that came down are mainly those devastated by the February 3 earthquake."

This Earthquake has a lower magnitude than the two previous earthquakes, which measured 6.0 and 7.0 on the Richter scale.

### **National Hockey League news: February 15, 2008**

There were 8 games played in the National Hockey League on February 14, 2008, including the #2 Dallas Stars taking on the Phoenix Coyotes, and the Minnesota Wild and Vancouver Canucks fighting for playoff contention in the Northwest division.

[Tampa Bay Lightning @ Philadelphia Flyers](#)

The Lightning scored most, and first. A Vaclav Prospal goal in the first, assisted by Martin St. Louis started it off. The Flyers would tie the score with a Joffrey Lupul goal, and eventually took their only lead of the game with a Steve Downie short-handed goal with 36 seconds left in the first period. The Lightning would answer back with a Dan Boyle power-play goal, also assisted by St. Louis, just two minutes into the second period; Jan Hlavac would score another. St. Louis then earned his third point of the game, scoring a goal to give the Lightning a 2 goal lead after 40 minutes. Tampa Bay's Jason Ward scored an un-assisted goal at 2:18 in the 3rd period, and Jeff Carter would add one for the Flyers a few minutes later, but it was too little too late.

[Pittsburgh Penguins @ Carolina Hurricanes](#)

Carolina special-teams played a huge part in their home victory against the Sidney Crosby-less Penguins. Erik Cole scored Carolina's first power-play goal 3:13 into the game. Pittsburgh's Brooks Orpik scored to tie it up by the end of 1 period. The second period started with Evgeni Malkin extending his scoring streak to 7 games on a power-play goal. Carolina's all-star MVP Eric Staal would tie the game on a short-handed goal to tie the score going into the second intermission. The third period was all Carolina; Ray Whitney scoring on the power play, his third point of the game. Ryan Bayda would add one more, assisted by Scott Walker and Glen Wesley.

Hurricanes captain and team scoring leader Rod Brind'Amour left the game early after a collision with Penguins Nathan Smith and

Georges Laraque. He is reported as having a torn ACL in his left knee, and may not be able to take to the ice for 4-6 months.

[New York Islanders @ Toronto Maple Leafs](#)

The Islanders picked up their second straight victory against the struggling Leafs. The Islanders scored first on a Bryan Berard power-play goal late in the first period. Toronto would tie the score in the second period on a Darcy Tucker goal. Leafs captain Mats Sundin would also score to give Toronto their only lead of the game. Ruslan Fedotenko scored for the Islanders, his first of two power-play goals, followed by a Mike Comrie power-play goal. In the third period, Fedotenko scored his second power-play goal at 4:29. Toronto would score a power-play goal of their own, but the Islanders would score late in the game with a Freddy Meyer goal, eventually the game-winning goal. A Leafs goal by Alexei Ponikarovsky would cut New York's lead by half, but with only 19 seconds left in the game, they couldn't put another puck past Islander goalie Rick DiPietro, who stopped 16 of Toronto's 18 3rd period shots.

[Chicago Blackhawks @ Nashville Predators](#)

Chicago's offense has been coming up with goals everywhere lately, scoring 13 in their last two games while only allowing 3. Duncan Keith scored first just over a minute into the first period. Jonathan Toews would score a pair of goals later in the period, his 16th and 17th of the season. This would lead Nashville to replace their goaltender Chris Mason, who gave up 3 goals on 7 shots, with Dan Ellis, but he wouldn't do much better. Rene Bourque and Cameron Barker would add to the

Blackhawk's lead with a pair of goals in the second period less than a minute apart. Patrick Sharp would also score in the third, his 27th of the season, which Toews assisted in, to put the Blackhawks up by 6. Nashville captain Jason Arnott would stop Chicago goaltender Patrick Lalime's shutout attempt, scoring on the power-play at 6:12 in the third period, but that would be the only goal Nashville would score.

[St. Louis Blues @ Colorado Avalanche](#)

Paul Kariya and Jay McClement scored a goal each in the first period for the Blues. Ryan Johnson added to St. Louis' lead with a short-handed goal early in the second period. Ben Guite would put the Avalanche on the board at 3:03 in the third period. David Backes scored on an empty net to salt the victory for the Blues. Manny Legace made 39 saves, improving his record for the season to 21-15-5.

[Dallas Stars @ Phoenix Coyotes](#)

Steven Reinprecht, Radim Vrbata and Shane Doan each had a three night as the Phoenix Coyotes picked up their first victory in five games, and their first since the reinstatement of associate coach Rick Tocchet, who had taken a two-year leave of absence from the team following an involvement in an illegal gambling operation. Doan would score first for Phoenix on the power-play, with Reinprecht and Vrbata picking up the assists. Dallas would answer back with an unassisted goal by Jussi Jokinen just minutes later. Phoenix would again take the lead before the period was over on a Daniel Carcillo goal, which was also assisted by Reinprecht and Vrbata. Niko Kapanen would increase Phoenix's lead late in the second period. Vrbata would score a

short-handed goal, his third point of the night, which Doan assisted in. Mike Niskanen would cut the Coyotes' lead by 1 less than halfway through the final period. An empty net goal by Nick Boynton would put the icing on the cake, which was assisted by Reinprecht and Doan.

#### Minnesota Wild @ Vancouver Canucks

Stephane Veilleux had his first career two-goal game, scoring in both the first and second periods for the Wild. Alex Burrows would cut the Minnesota lead in half before the second period ended. The Canucks would gain the lead early in the third, with two goals by Ryan Kesler and Alexander Edler, which were scored just 16 seconds apart. The Wild would retake the lead about ten minutes later, after Kurtis Foster and Marian Gaborik each scored, Gaborik's being his 30th of the season. Vancouver would tie the score late in the third period when Edler scored his second goal of the game right off a face-off to send the game into overtime, and after a scoreless 5 minutes, a shootout. Minnesota goalie Nicklas Backstrom stopped Vancouver's first two attempts by Edler and Mike Shannon, but allowed the third goal to Trevor Linden. Canuck goaltender Roberto Luongo stopped Gaborik's attempt, but allowed goals from both Brent Burns and Mikko Koivu to give Minnesota the extra point in the standings.

#### Edmonton Oilers @ San Jose Sharks

After a scoreless first, Ales Hemsky scored a power-play goal early in the second period for Edmonton. Kyle Brodziak would increase their lead later in the period. Joe Pavelski would put the Sharks on the board later in the

period to cut the Oilers' lead in half. The Oilers would get the two goal lead back at 3:33 in the third period on a Fernando Pisani, but Mike Grier would answer back for the Sharks with a short-handed goal 5 minutes later. The Oilers' one goal lead would hold, giving Edmonton their 4th win in 5 games.

#### Other news

The Columbus Blue Jackets activated left winger Fredrik Modin from injured reserve. Modin has already missed 47 games this season after suffering numerous broken bones in his back and a muscle tear in his leg.

Richard Zednik is expected to be released from Buffalo General Hospital Saturday, after having his carotid artery severed with a skate during a game on February 10.

The Washington Capitals signed left winger Tomas Fleischmann to a two-year contract extension. Fleischmann has scored 6 goals and 15 assists this season.

#### **2008 Taipei International Book Exhibition: Opening day highlights**

ven though the weather was cold & bad weather in Taipei the 2008 Taipei International Book Exhibition (TIBE 2008), anticipated by world-wide media, government executives, and publishing experts, started from Feb. 13 at the Taipei World Trade Center Hall 1 to 3. The show organizer, the Taipei Book Fair Foundation (TBFF), presented a special book award named the "Taipei International Book Exhibition Prize" (TIBE Prize) to publishers and authors for the first time.

#### Comic fans crowded, cosplayers became a focus at Comic Hall

The Comic & Anime Hall, located at

the Taipei Show (Hall 2), held the first opening reception party with many cosplayers from "Romantic Versailles Star", spokespeople of its pavilion (Eddie Yu-yen Peng and Janine Chun-ning Chang), and several experts from the comic and anime industry like Rex How & Riyoko Ikeda.

Two days ago many participants were still stocking goods for the main show, and the organizer (TBFF) set several warning and control lines to welcome comic and anime fans to the main show. As a result, fans and readers filled the booths in the opening hours. The comic pavilion suddenly became a hot center-stage in this exhibition.

#### First-ever Taipei international Book Exhibition Prize

This year the TBFF decided to award the "TIBE Prize" based off their experiences at the Frankfurt Book Fair. The goal of the award was to choose the best books and promote them in the global publishing market.

According to the TBFF, this award is very important because it will be a kernel of the show. If a book wins this award it will win the rare opportunity of gaining visibility in a world-wide market.

#### Executives, officials, spokespeople, and readers gather over TWTC

The spokespeople in the Hall 2 and the TBFF also invited Ashin from Mayday to become the spokesman of TIBE 2008. As many publishing executives world-wide, government officials in Taiwan, entertainers, and spokespeople from Taiwan gather for this show, the publishing industry will have a bright future with more international exchanges and trade opportunities.

**Today in History**

1804 – Lt. Stephen Decatur led a raid to destroy the captured USS Philadelphia in Tripoli, denying her use to the Barbary States in the First Barbary War.

1918 – The Council of Lithuania signed the Act of Independence of Lithuania, proclaiming the restoration of an independent Lithuania governed by democratic principles, despite the presence of German troops in the country during World War I.

1923 – English archaeologist and Egyptologist Howard Carter unsealed the burial chamber of Tutankhamun, an Egyptian Pharaoh of the Eighteenth dynasty.

1985 – "The Hizballah Program", the manifesto of Hezbollah, was released, describing the ideology of the Shia Islamic political and paramilitary organization.

2005 – The Kyoto Protocol, an amendment to the international treaty on climate change, entered into force.

February 16 is Statehood Day in Lithuania (1918).

**Quote of the Day**

Public opinion, or what passes for public opinion, is not invariably a moderating force in the jungle of politics. It may be true, and I suspect it is, that the mass of people everywhere are normally peace-loving and would accept many restraints and sacrifices in preference to the monstrous calamities of war. But I also suspect that what purports to be public opinion in most countries that consider themselves to have popular government is often not really the consensus of the feelings of the mass of the people at all, but rather the expression of the interests of special highly vocal minorities — politicians, commentators, and publicity-seekers of all sorts: people who

live by their ability to draw attention to themselves and die, like fish out of water, if they are compelled to remain silent.

~ George F. Kennan

**Word of the Day**

panache n

1. An ornamental plume on a helmet.
2. (hence) Flamboyant, energetic style or action; dash; verve.

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