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Protests surround Olympic torch relay



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Around 25 arrests have been made along the route of the 2008 Olympic Torch relay route in London, after protesters attempt to extinguish and grab the torch. Prime Minister Gordon Brown also gave a speech, even after reactions from other politicians, calling the speech "wholly inappropriate".

Independent presidential candidates debate this weekend

As the US presidential election draws nearer, 24 candidates meet to debate in Cincinnati, Ohio. But you won't find anyone named Hillary or Barack on stage. You will find men named John, but they're Jon Greenspon, John Blyth, and John Bootie, not Republican favorite McCain.



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twice winner of an Academy Award during his 50 year film career, died Saturday, April 5 in Beverly Hills, California. Heston starred in Ben Hur and The Planet of The Apes.

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Mark Penn resigned as chief strategist for the Hillary Clinton 2008 presidential campaign. This came in the wake of revelations that he performed lobbying work for the Colombian government, regarding a free trade pact that Senator Clinton opposes.

- One man grabs the Olympic torch before police wrestle him to the ground as thousands of anti-China protesters disrupt the Olympic torch relay through London.
- Gunmen kidnap 42 university students near the Iraqi city of Mosul. They are later released unharmed.
- Twenty people are killed and 50

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injured in overnight clashes in Sadr City in Baghdad.

- A rocket attack on the Green Zone in Baghdad results in the death of two United States Army soldiers and 17 injuries.
- Microsoft could re-evaluate its US \$ 44.6BN Yahoo offer.
- President of the United States George W. Bush and President of Russia Vladimir Putin hold their final talks in their current positions.
- At least ten people including Government minister Jeyaraj Fernandopulle are killed in an explosion near Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Vandals desecrate 148 Muslim graves in France's biggest WWI cemetery at Notre Dame de Lorette outside Arras in northern France.

Charles Manson releases album under free license

Convicted cult leader and murderer Charles Manson has released his album One Mind under a free content license. The album was already released on April 7, 2005, but now it has become available under the Creative Commons Attribution Non-Commercial Share-Alike 2.0 License. This means that anyone can remix and share the album for non-commercial purposes, as long as they give proper credit and use the same license.

The website Family Jams

(Manson's record label), which offers hard-copies of the CD, says that "ONE MIND is pure Charlie, no additions, no corrections, no added opinions, filters or editing... consisting of songs, trance-poetry, conversations, raps, ramblings, musings and more." The cover-art is a painting by Manson, liner notes include excerpts from his letters, and, as the sites mentions, song titles and interludes are by friends or editors.

The disc has 16 tracks, totalling almost 76 minutes of Manson's work. The CD can be bought on the Family Jams site for \$15.00 in the U.S. and Canada, and for \$17.50 in other countries. Because of the new license, the tracks can be legally downloaded, and samples can be used for derived works.

Manson was part of the Los Angeles music scene before his conviction as leader of the Manson Family commune. He was close to Beach Boy Dennis Wilson — Manson wrote the song 'Never Learn Not to Love' for the Beach Boys.

In 1970, Manson released the album *Lie: The Love & Terror Cult* to finance his trial. The Manson Family also released *The Family Jams*, with songs written by Manson. Manson has released several albums since.

Groups such as Radiohead and Nine Inch Nails have previously released some of their work under a free license.

In a related story, Lindsay Lohan will play Nancy Pitman in an upcoming movie called *Manson Girls*. Lohan has previously revealed that she was fascinated by Manson during her "dark period" before she sought help for

drug and alcohol addiction in 2007: "Yeah, I have a dark side. I watched all those videos on Charles Manson for a while." Lohan also stars in the movie *Chapter 27* about John Lennon's assassination.

English Premier League: Week 33 round-up

Another nine games took place in the English Premier League this past weekend. Arsenal welcomed Liverpool to Emirates for round-two of their triple header, while fellow title-chasers Chelsea traveled to Manchester to take on Manchester City. In battle at the bottom of the table, Wigan and Birmingham faced off at the JJB, Newcastle welcomed Reading, and Sunderland visited Craven Cottage to play Fulham. In other matches Aston Villa took on Bolton, and Blackburn played host to Tottenham.

Results:

Saturday, April 5th

Arsenal 1 - 1 Liverpool

In a repeat of Wednesday's Champions League match, the score stayed the same with a one-all draw. In this game however it was Liverpool who drew first blood through Peter Crouch in the 42nd minute. Crouch collected a long ball, turned inside William Gallas, and fired his drive into the bottom corner of the net. Arsenal had a chance to level soon after the break, but Kolo Toure directed his free header just wide. The home side equalized just minutes later however off a free kick by Cesc Fabregas. His deep curling delivery was headed on by Nicklas Bendtner into the Liverpool goal. The draw leaves Arsenal in trouble for the title, as they are now five points behind leaders Manchester United with United in action on Sunday.

Aston Villa 4 - 0 Bolton Wanderers

Aston Villa thrashed relegation threatened Bolton at Villa Park. Gareth Barry opened the scoring in the 9th minute when Ashley Young cut into the box and crossed to Barry, who headed home a powerful drive. Bolton came close to an equalizer when Davies hit the crossbar, but it was Villa who would score next. Young found Barry on the overlap and his first time cross was deflected past Ali Al Habsi by Gabby Agbonlahor for Villas second. Barry then scored his second of the game after a block shot by Young fell to him, and his shot deflected off Joey O'Brien and deflect into the net. Marlon Harewood then wrapped up the scoring with a glancing header of a Gareth Barry free kick.

Blackburn Rovers 1 - 1 Tottenham Hotspur

Rovers and Spurs played to a stalemate at Ewood Park. Dimitar Berbatov scored the opener for Tottenham in the 6th minute when he bundled over the line a cross by Jermaine Jenas. Spurs pressed hard for a second but weren't able to find one, and Blackburn took full advantage through Morten Gamst Pedersen. David Bently broke down the right, passed a defender, and sped to the by-line where he crossed into an open Pederson to finish cleanly. Bently almost took the lead with a curling long-ranged free kick, but Radek Cerny saved well. Both sides pressed, but neither were able to create any clear cut chances and the game ended in a draw.

Fulham 1 - 3 Sunderland

Sunderland edged another three points closer to safety on Saturday with a 3-1 victory at Craven Cottage. Fulham were desperate for points and with the loss, look the best bet to be the next team relegated. It took until the dying moments of the first half for the

first goal to come. Fulham failed to clear the ball and Daryl Murphy's cross was headed home by Danny Collins. After the break, Craig Gordon was forced into two fine saves off McBride and teammate Murphy to keep the Sunderland's lead. Kenwyne Jones then headed a ball over the Fulham defence were Michael Chopra ran onto it and one-time volleyed it over Kasey Kellar to double the visitors lead. Fulham pulled one back through David Healy with his long ranged effort in the 74th minute, but hopes of a comeback were dashed only minutes later when Jones received a pass at the back post and smashed the ball home.

Manchester City 0 - 2 Chelsea

Chelsea remained in the title hunt with an away victory at the City of Manchester Stadium. Richard Dunne scored an own goal in the 6th minute off a cross by Nicolas Anelka. The home side pressed for an equalizer, with efforts from Johnson, Petrov, and Mwaruware all being unable to rattle Carlo Cudicini. Ashley Cole then had to clear a deflected effort by Johnson off the line to keep Chelsea in the lead. Solomon Kalou then double Chelsea's advantage after picking up a through ball by Michael Essien, rounding Joe Hart, and slipped the ball into the gaping net. Anelka nearly scored a third off a cross by Frank Lampard, but his header came back off the bar. The win keeps Chelsea in the title hunt while city are still chasing a spot in the UEFA Cup for next season, currently in 9th place.

Newcastle United 3 - 0 Reading FC

Newcastle United recorded their third consecutive win with a convincing 3-0 drubbing of Reading at St. James' Park. Reading opened the game strongly with pressure in the Newcastle half, but the visitors couldn't

produce any real goal scoring opportunities. Obafemi Martins then opened the scoring for the home side as he controlled a ball off his chest, rounded a defender, and slotted the ball past Marcus Hahnemann. Michael Owen had a chance to double the home sides lead minutes before the half, but his shot flew just over the net. He soon made up for the miss however, as Owen met a pass by Beye and lifted the ball over Hahnemann for Newcastle's second. Mark Viduka capped off the scoring for the home side in the 58th minute after he played a 1-2 with Beye, received the ball back just outside the 6 yard box, and finished into the left side of the net. The win puts Newcastle comfortably in 12th spot, while Reading will be looking over their shoulders down in 16th.

Wigan Athletic 2 - 0 Birmingham City

Wigan pulled seven points clear of the relegation zone Saturday with a 2-0 victory over Birmingham, thanks to a brace by Ryan Taylor. In the 15th minute Antonio Valencia picked out Taylor at the far post and he hit the ball first time past Maik Taylor for the opener. Things only got worse for Birmingham and in the 37th minute their captain Damien Johnson was sent off for a reckless challenge on Kevin Kilbane. Kilbane dusted himself off and hit the post with his next attempt, before Birmingham nearly equalized on a cheeky attempt by Mauro Zarate. After the break, a scrambled ball in front of the visitors net eventually fell to Ryan Taylor and he poked the ball into the net for his and Wigans second. Wigan continued to outplay their competition, and eased to victory, leaving Birmingham only one spot out of the relegation zone.

Sunday, April 6th

Everton 1 - 0 Derby County

Everton eased to an unconvincing 1-0 victory over Derby County on Sunday, with Leon Osman scoring the only goal. It was the last place team in the league who came out strong in the match with Mile Sterjovski taking an early attempt on goal, only to be swatted away by Tim Howard. Hossam Ghaly was the inspirational player for Derby, wasting several chances which could have been goal scoring opportunities, but it was Everton's Yakubu who wasted the first half's best chance. The ball was crossed within the six yard box to the Nigerian, but from four yards out all he could manage to do was send the ball over the crossbar. Everton started the second half better, and took the lead in the 56th minute. Nelson Fernandes put in an exacting long pass to Osman on the edge of the box, and after taking a touch he lashed the ball past Roy Carroll. Emanuel Villa had a chance to equalize for the Rams when a through ball by Andy Todd found him, but all Villa could manage was a weak shot that Howard saved with his foot. Derby kept up the pressure nearing the end of the match with a slew of corners, but they couldn't manage to score. The win puts Everton only three points back of Liverpool for fourth place, while Derby are on course to set the record for least points in a Premier League season.

Middlesbrough 2 - 2 Manchester United

A brace by Afonso Alves earned Middlesbrough a draw with league leaders Manchester United, and put a dent in the Red Devils title charge. Cristiano Ronaldo opened the scoring for the visitors in the 10th minute when he fired home a cross by Michael Carrick from close range. Alves scored his first Middlesbrough goal ten minutes

before halftime when he latched onto O'Neil's flicked on long ball, and the Brazilian lifted it over Van Der Sar and into the net. Middlesbrough then took the lead in front of their biggest home crowd this season when Alves again found himself behind the United defense, and finished cleanly with his right boot. United appeared shell-shocked after the goal, and Alves nearly scored a hat-trick, only to see his header come off the knee of Rio Ferdinand. Wayne Rooney was getting frustrated for the visitors, but he finally broke through with a goal in the 74th. Substitute Park Ji-Sung beat out a defender and crossed the ball into Rooney, and after a deflection off a defender, the game was tied at two a piece. Both teams pushed for the winner, with Rooney missing a close ranged effort, and Van Der Sar making two fine saves, but neither could find the net. The draw puts Manchester three points ahead of Chelsea at the top of the table, while Middlesbrough look to be safe of the drop zone in 14th spot.

Mugabe's party calls for recount of Zimbabwe presidential votes

Zanu-PF, the party of the incumbent Robert Mugabe has said that there should be a recount of the presidential election results to check for possible "errors and miscalculations." Zimbabwe's main opposition party, the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), questioned the legality of these actions. They said that recounts are only legal after the original set of results are made available.

The MDC released premature election results last Sunday, which claimed a large victory for their presidential candidate Morgan Tsvangirai against Robert Mugabe.

MDC leaders said that the unofficial tally, based on one-third of the election returns, shows Tsvangirai with 67% of the vote. The 'results' were posted on the doors of polling stations, and then sent to party officials by text messaging. MDC Secretary General Tendai Biti said, "Barring a miracle, Mugabe can't win."

Blast kills 12 people, including senior Sri Lankan minister

The Sri Lankan highways minister, Jeyaraj Fernandopulle, was today killed, by a bombing, while attending an event to mark the upcoming Tamil New Year. Over 14 others were also killed in the blast.

At least 90 others were injured.

The Media Minister for Sri Lanka commented on the bombings. "It was a suicide bombing of the Tigers," he said. 'Tigers' was referring to the militant organization, the Tamil Tigers. The Tigers are advocates of a separate state in Sri Lanka for the Tamil minority.

Felipe Massa wins 2008 Bahrain Grand Prix

Ferrari driver Felipe Massa won the FIA Formula One 2008 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix at Bahrain International Circuit, Sakhir, Bahrain. His Ferrari teammate, driver Kimi Räikkönen, ran second after a good start from fourth place on the grid.

McLaren Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton failed his start. During the race Hamilton unsuccessfully attacked his former teammate Fernando Alonso (now again a Renault driver), resulting in him losing his front wing, and dropping to last place.

Pole Robert Kubica became the

highlight of the weekend by winning the pole, but was slow off the start and finished third on the podium. Nick Heidfeld, his BMW Sauber teammate finished fourth. The results puts BMW as the new leader of the Constructors' championship, one point ahead of Scuderia Ferrari.

Heikki Kovalainen came fifth and became the only McLaren driver to finish in the points. Jarno Trulli (Toyota) and Mark Webber (Red Bull-Renault) ran 6 and 7 places respectively with Nico Rosberg (Williams-Toyota) closing out the top eight with 1 point.

Timo Glock (Toyota) was engaged in a hard battle with Fernando Alonso (Renault) and came 9th ahead of the Spanish 2005 F1 Champion.

In related news, Max Mosley has requested an Extraordinary General Assembly of the FIA Senate, in relation to the News of the World story regarding supposed "Nazi orgy" allegations.

Also, last week Jean-Marie Balestre, the previous FIA president, passed away at the age of 86.

Protests surround Olympic torch relay

Around 25 arrests have been made by Metropolitan Police officers, during the 31 mile Olympic Torch relay in London, England.

The torch started out at Wembley Stadium where protesters waved flags and chanted as the torch started out on its route. Protests then became more dramatic, as protesters attempted to extinguish the flame using a fire extinguisher, and attempts to grab the torch from the hands of TV presenter

Konnie Huq in Ladbroke Grove. Both of the attempts were unsuccessful, and were prevented by police officers and members of the torch's security team.

The torch continued its route, surrounded by more than twenty security officers, to be seen by hundreds of spectators, and also continued verbal protests by groups highlighting the human rights issues in China. There were also pro-China protesters present chanting slogans. It is believed that around 20 - 25 arrests have been made throughout the course of the day.

The route ends at the O2 Arena after being carried by around 80 athletes, dignitaries and entertainers, including five time Olympic gold medal winner Sir Steve Redgrave.

Snow falls over much of UK
Snow fell over much of the United Kingdom overnight, with many roads being closed as a result of this. The M56 has been closed in both directions.

The city of Bristol was subject to it's heaviest snow in over a year. BBC News has reported that up to 3 inches of snow will fall in parts of Southern England. Major cities including London were hit by the snow.

A Wikinews reporter noticed at approximately 10:00 local time (09:00 UTC) that there appeared to be no significant effect on the traffic as a result of the snow. It is probable that this is because the majority of the snow had either been cleared or melted.

The snow continued to fall until mid morning in most off the South of England, however melted away in the afternoon. In Liverpool,

North West England and Bristol occasional snow flurries occurred through to the early afternoon, this continued in Liverpool through the afternoon to early evening.

Hollywood legend Charlton Heston dies at age 84

Screen legend and conservative icon Charlton Heston, twice winner of an Academy Award during his 50 year film career, died Saturday, April 5 in Beverly Hills, California.

"To his loving friends, colleagues and fans, we appreciate your heartfelt prayers and support. Charlton Heston was seen by the world as larger than life. No one could ask for a fuller life than his. No man could have given more to his family, to his profession, and to his country. In his own words, 'I have lived such a wonderful life. I've lived enough for two people,'" said his family in a statement released to the press.

Heston starred in the 1959 film Ben Hur which won 11 Academy Awards. He also starred in the 1968 film The Planet of The Apes. Near the end of his life, he primarily did cameo roles, including two in the films Tombstone with Kurt Russell, and True Lies with Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Heston's family did not state the cause of death, but in 2002, he revealed that he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Heston was 84.

In his early career, Heston spoke out against racism and was active in the civil rights movement. He played in films such as The Omega Man and Soylent Green (which ends with Heston saying "Soylent Green is people!"), which contain a strong environmental message.

Heston was also president of the National Rifle Association from 1998 to 2003. In 2000, he declared at the NRA convention that Presidential candidate Al Gore could only take away his Second Amendment rights "From my cold, dead hands," raising a presentation rifle over his head.

Today in History

529 – Byzantine Emperor Justinian I issued the first draft of the Corpus Juris Civilis, a first attempt to codify Roman law.

1348 – King Charles of Bohemia issued a Golden Bull to establish Charles University in Prague, the first university in Central Europe.
1868 – D'Arcy McGee, a Canadian Father Of Confederation, was assassinated – to date, the only Canadian political assassination at the federal level.

1945 – World War II: American forces sunk the Japanese battleship Yamato during Operation Ten-Go.

1948 – The United Nations established the World Health Organization.

1954 – Cold War: U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower introduced the domino theory, speculating that if one nation in a region came under the influence of communism, then its surrounding countries would follow in a domino effect.

April 07 is World Health Day.

Quote of the Day

I have never looked for dream in reality or reality in dream. I have allowed my imagination free play, and I have not been led astray by it. ~ Gustave Moreau

Word of the Day

matrilocal adj

1. (of a married couple) Living with the family of the wife.

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