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Thailand bans YouTube over videos insulting king

The popular video hosting website YouTube has been banned by the government of Thailand after videos insulting Thailand's King, Bhumibol Adulyadej were uploaded to the site.

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Forty Hells Angels locations in Canada raided by police

Thursday around 40 Hells Angels locations were raided by police in Ontario, New Brunswick, and British Columbia. Police arrested more than 30 people in all three selected provinces.

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•The Governor of New York Eliot Spitzer signs legislation changing the date of the New York primary election to February 5, 2008.

•Thirteen detainees at Guantanamo Bay are conducting a hunger strike to protest harsher conditions in a new prison unit and are being force fed.

•The United Kingdom Ministry of Defence bans any more of the 15

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Royal Navy sailors and Royal Marines held captive by Iran from selling their stories to the media reversing a previous decision following widespread criticism.

•Tim Montgomery, a former 100-metre world record holder, pleads guilty to charges of bank fraud and money laundering.

•President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran announces that his country can now produce nuclear fuel on an industrial scale.

•Ministers from natural gas exporting countries such as Russia, Kazakhstan and Iran meet in Doha, Qatar, prompting speculation that they might be looking at transforming the Gas Exporting Countries Forum into a cartel similar to OPEC.

•Shia cleric Moqtada al-Sadr calls for an anti-American protest on the fourth anniversary of the overthrow of Saddam Hussein. Hundreds of thousands of Shias gather in Najaf for a demonstration calling for U.S.-led troops to leave Iraq.

•East Timorese voters go to the polls to elect a new President of East Timor to replace Xanana Gusmão.

Football: Sunderland lead Championship after 2-1 win

Sunderland is the new leader of the Coca Cola Championship after a 2-1 victory over Southampton on Monday night. Roy Keane's side has been storming up the table in past weeks, having not lost since the

sixth of January, a total of sixteen games. Both teams are in the hunt for promotion, with Sunderland likely to qualify automatically. Southampton on the other hand has a chance to qualify for the Premiership through the playoffs. Leon Best and Marek Saganowski were started as strikers for Southampton, while Sunderland started David Connolly and Stephen Elliott up front.

The first half was played out evenly, with Sunderland getting the better of the chances as David Connolly struck the post. Southampton started the scoring in the second half when Marek Saganowski poked home a cut back cross by Danny Guthrie. Carlos Edwards tied up the match for Sunderland ten minutes later from a high quality strike. The Trinidad international gathered the ball on the right, cut to his left, and unleashed a cannon into the top corner past keeper Bartosz Bialkowski. As the game neared its end, Sunderland scored the winner through substitute Grant Leadbitter, as his equally powerful shot was beyond Bialkowski, giving the Black Cats the three points.

With third place Birmingham City loosing in Barnsley and second place Derby County tying Coventry, first place in the league is left for the the Black Cats with only five games remaining in the season. The loss leaves Southampton out of the playoff picture for the time being, but they are only one point back of sixth place Preston North End.

Iraqis demonstrate on fourth anniversary of Baghdad's fall

On the fourth anniversary of Baghdad's fall to United States forces, tens if not hundreds of thousands of Iraqis marched peacefully in protest of the continued occupation. Wearing Iraqi flags, demonstrators marched from Kufa to Najaf chanting "Get out, get out occupier!" Many were dancing through the streets as police kept an eye on the proceedings and lined the route.

The rally was largely Shi'ite, as it had been ordered by controversial cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Leaflets were scattered about, reading "Yes, Yes to Muqtada!" and "Yes, Yes to Iraq!" Some demonstrators shouted "we obey your call," seemingly in response to al-Sadr's statements on Sunday.

"The enemy that is occupying our country is now targeting the dignity of the Iraqi people. After four years of occupation, we have hundreds of thousands of people dead and wounded."— Nassar al-Rubaie, Sadrist Movement

Al-Sadr called the demonstration in a statement that was distributed in Najaf yesterday. In the statement he ordered for his supporters to stop attacking their fellow Iraqis and instead work to fight the American occupiers. He also encouraged the Iraqi army and police to stop cooperating with America. "You, the Iraqi army and police forces, don't walk alongside the occupiers, because they are your archenemy," the statement said. "God has ordered you to be patient in front of your enemy, and unify your efforts against them - not against the sons of Iraq."

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Major League Baseball is moving

the upcoming Anaheim Angels at Cleveland Indians to Miller Park in Milwaukee after snow and cold has led to the cancellation of the Tribe's four-game home opener against the Seattle Mariners at Jacobs Field. The games, which were rescheduled to be played in double-headers on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, will need to be made-up later this season. A venue change was needed to prevent more postponed games; cold temperatures in Cleveland are forecasted throughout the week, and precipitation is expected Wednesday.

The snow started falling Friday, the day of the Indians home opener against the Orioles, and never let up. After three "snow delays", the game was postponed, just one out away from being considered an "official game". The ground crew has been working nonstop, on Saturday clearing 10 inches off the field only to have it begin to snow heavily just hours before the game, leading to another postponement.

"This is an unbelievable situation; We've had snow, we've had cold weather, but not everything at once, backing it up from day to day to day. The great uncertainty is still the lake-effect [snow] and the weather. Until the temperature gets above freezing, we're not going to be able to do anything. Obviously the field underneath is iffy, at best, with all this snow and the way everything played out, trying to get the field ready. Everybody's going to pitch, but it's just a matter of when. The challenge is to keep these guys ready and know when to have them throw a side. Obviously, they can come in and play catch. With a foot of snow on the field, no one's going outside to play catch." — Indians manager Eric Wedge

Further complicating matters is the fact that Seattle is not scheduled to return to Cleveland during the regular season, so make-up games would need to be played during the teams' off-days. The Tribe, who haven't played since Wednesday's loss to the White Sox, haven't been resting either. All players reported Sunday for indoor practice. Cleveland outfielder David Dellucci said "I've been trying to get a partner to play long toss on the field, and nobody wants to throw with me. I think this is the first time in my career I've wanted to throw and no one wanted to. Usually, it's the other way around."

2007 Cricket World Cup: New Zealand vs Ireland

New Zealand beat Ireland by 129 runs in the Super 8 phase in the World Cup at the Providence Stadium, Georgetown, Guyana.

Toss: New Zealand won, and elected to bat first.

Football: Easter Monday Premiership roundup

With the English Premiership nearing its completion, relegation battles have reached their peak. Six matches were scheduled for Easter Monday, and with Manchester United, Chelsea, and Liverpool all preparing for their Champions League matches, the limelight of the day shifted to the bottom half of the table. Only ten points seperated the eighteenth and eleventh seeded teams before Mondays matches got underway, and several clubs were looking to reach the forty point mark on the season, usually recognized as a relegation safety zone. In other matches, European places were on the line, with Bolton Wanderers only two points off third place Arsenal, the race for the last Champion's League was close. Portsmouth were also looking to

secure a spot in the UEFA Cup for next season, as they visited last place Watford, who are destined for relegation this season.

Fulham 1 - 3 Manchester City

With both teams struggling to stay out of relegation contention, Manchester City earned themselves a valuable three points away from home. Only two points separated the teams at the beginning of the match, but Manchester City had been in better form as of late, only recently having passed Fulham in the standings. Joey Barton opened the scoring of City twenty-one minutes into the match, and DeMarcus Beasley doubled the visitors lead fifteen minutes later. After the break, City continued to pressure, and were rewarded with a third goal from Darius Vassell, guaranteeing them three points on the afternoon. Fulham's Carlos Bocanegra struck one for the Cottagers in the seventy-sixth minute, but it was too little too late as Manchester City continued their strong away form. The win puts City on forty points for the season, likely guaranteeing them to stay out of relegation. Fulham on the other hand haven't won in nine matches, and have dropped dangerously close to the bottom three, only four points ahead of Sheffield United.

Newcastle United 0 - 0 Arsenal

With Bolton hot on their trails for the final Champions League spot, Arsenal dropped valuable points at St. James' Park Monday. In a lackluster affair, both teams showed great commitment, but neither side could muster the magic to take home three points. Newcastle, now safe from relegation, are looking to grab the last UEFA Cup spot, though they are seven points off of Tottenham currently. Arsenal have had a poor run of form as of late, losing their

last two previous games to West Ham and Liverpool.

Watford 4 - 2 Portsmouth

Watford earned their most impressive win of the season Monday as they defeated Portsmouth comfortably. Having just beaten league leaders Manchester United on Sunday, Portsmouth are in the running for a UEFA Cup place, and the loss sets them back on their goals. Watford, though surely to be relegated, showed why they were in the Premiership as they came from behind to win. Matthew Taylor put Portsmouth in the lead on sixteen minutes, but Hameur Bouazza scored on a penalty in the eighteenth minute to draw Watford level. The Hornets then went on a scoring spree, with Gavin Mahon and Tomas Priskin scoring before Bouazza netted his second on the day. Substitute Arnold Makengo snuck one back for Pompey, but the scoreline stayed at 4-2. Watford's win gives them a morale boost before their FA Cup semi-final meeting with Manchester United, while Pompey take on Newcastle next in the league as they hope to get back to winning ways.

Bolton 1 - 1 Everton

Having watched Arsenal tie earlier in the day, Bolton had the chance to jump into fourth spot in the league, but were held to a frustrating draw by the visiting Toffee's. Both goals came in the first half with Kevin Davies first scoring for Bolton, and eighteen year old James Vaughnaun levelling the scoreline on thirty-three minutes. The goal is Vaughnaun's second in two games, as the young man looks to impress manager David Moyes. Unfortunately for Vaughnaun, who is no stranger to injury, he had to be stretchered off in the second half of the match as he appeared to have severed an

artery. The tie leaves Everton three points clear of sixth place Tottenham, who have a game in hand, and keeps them three points behind fifth place Bolton. Everton's next game is at home to relegation strugglers Charlton Athletic, while Bolton have a huge game against Arsenal at the Emirates Stadium in London.

Aston Villa 1 - 1 Wigan

Ten man Wigan snuck a draw from Villa Park as they continued their search for relegation safety. Emile Heskey gave the Latics the lead after twenty-one minutes, but a dangerous two footed tackle by Luis Valecnia saw the Ecuadorian red carded, and Wigan reduced to ten men. The Latics held on to the draw through the halftime break, but a scrappy goal which bounced fortuitously off Gabriel Abonglahor past keeper John Filan levelled the game deservedly for Aston Villa. The draw leaves Wigan only three points clear of eighteenth place Sheffield United, as the Latics take on Tottenham next in the league. Aston Villa are now only one point away from the forty point haven, and they will look to jump ahead of Middlesbrough next Saturday when the two meet at the Riverside.

Charlton Athletic 0 - 0 Reading

Steve Coppel's Reading visited Alan Pardew's Charlton Monday, as a spirited draw was played out at The Valley. Charlton's form has improved greatly over the past few games, as they have not lost in six games, and they have crawled out of the relegation zone for the time being. Reading's impressive season leaves them nowhere near relegation, and they are in a battle for a UEFA Cup place. The draw leaves Charlton one point up on eighteenth place Sheffield, while Reading's slight drop in form has knocked them down to ninth spot. Charlton visit Everton on the

fifteenth, while Reading will look to get back to winning ways at home to Fulham on the fourteenth.

Jimbo Wales to create 'code of conduct' for bloggers and the Wikimedia Foundation

Jimbo Wales, the founder of Wikipedia and the Wikimedia Foundation, is teaming up with book publisher Tim O'Reilly to create a "code of conduct" for bloggers and the Wikimedia Foundation.

The code of conduct is expected to address the issues of free speech and the comments left by anonymous users of Wikimedia projects. It will also address the need for shaping up comments and discussions related to debates around Wikimedia.

"That is one of the mistakes a lot of people make, believing that uncensored speech is the most free when in fact, managed civil dialogue is actually the freer speech," said O'Reilly.

The rules of the code would be as followed:

We are committed to the "Civility Enforced" standard: we will not post unacceptable content, and we'll delete comments that contain it.

We define unacceptable content as anything included or linked to that:

- is being used to abuse, harass, stalk, or threaten others
- is libelous, knowingly false, ad-hominem, or misrepresents another person,
- infringes upon a copyright or trademark
- violates an obligation of confidentiality
- violates the privacy of others

"If it's a carefully constructed set of principles, it could carry a lot of weight even if not everyone

agrees," said Wales.

The code is undergoing public discussion, but has not yet been implemented on any project. The code is still a draft.

The reception of the code is mixed, but there are many bloggers who say that they have been harrassed for years. "I've been assaulted and harassed online for four years," Richard Silverstein of richardsilverstein.com said. "Most of it I can take in stride. But you just never get used to that level of hatred."

MLB: Twins turn the tables on White Sox

The Minnesota Twins, after suffering a cold loss at an even colder U.S. Cellular Field to the Chicago White Sox on Saturday, needed to heat up their offense for the final game of the series, and with help from Cy Young winner Johan Santana and AL MVP Justin Morneau, they did just that.

Starting pitcher Santana started slow, giving up an unusual three walks in the first couple innings, but turned things around after that, giving up just one hit in seven innings pitched, and throwing nine strikeouts. White Sox starter John Danks struck out six, but gave up 4 of the Twins' six hits, plus a three-run homer off the bat of Justin Morneau in the fourth.

The White Sox would respond by hitting a home run of their own, a solo shot off the bat of Juan Uribe in the eighth inning, but the Twins would hold them to just that one run, as closer Joe Nathan picked up the save.

Friday's postponed game will likely be rescheduled for the weekend of July 6, the next time the Twins play the White Sox in Chicago.

The White Sox, now 2-3, are hitting the road to Oakland for a three-game series against the Athletics starting tomorrow. The White Sox are 4-23 in the past six years at the McAfee Coliseum, and hope their starting pitcher Jose Contreras will bounce back after a rough opening day loss.

The Twins, now 4-1, will head back to Minneapolis to face the Yankees, with Sidney Ponson making his debut for the Twins.

NHL teams ready for Stanley Cup Playoffs

Sixteen teams are ready to start the 2007 Stanley Cup Playoffs. The NHL has yet to announce dates and times for all games in the conference quarterfinals, but the first round will begin on April 11 and the match-ups are set as follows, with the top seeded team of each match having home-ice advantage:

Eastern Conference

- Buffalo Sabres (1) vs. New York Islanders (8)
- Ottawa Senators (4) vs. Pittsburgh Penguins (5)
- New Jersey Devils (2) vs. Tampa Bay Lightning (7)
- Atlanta Thrashers (3) vs. New York Rangers (6)

Western Conference

- Anaheim Ducks (2) vs. Minnesota Wild (7)
- Vancouver Canucks (3) vs. Dallas Stars (6)
- Detroit Red Wings (1) vs. Calgary Flames (8)
- Nashville Predators (4) vs. San Jose Sharks (5)

Going into the final day of the regular season, the Toronto Maple Leafs were ahead of the Islanders by one point and in eighth place in the Eastern Conference, but an Islanders win moved them a point ahead of the Leafs and secured

their spot into the playoffs. Last year's champions, the Carolina Hurricanes, became the third team to win a Stanley Cup and fail to reach the playoffs the following season.

Having the best regular season record in the league, the Sabres took home the Presidents' Trophy. The Sabres earned 113 points from 53 wins, 22 losses, and 7 overtime losses. The Red Wings won the Western Conference crown with 113 points from 50 wins, 19 losses, and 13 overtime losses.

Three-year-old New Zealander chokes to death on lolly

The New Zealand police has reported that a three-year-old boy choked to death on Saturday afternoon, due to what they believe was a lolly at his birthday party.

The parents did call New Zealand's emergency number, 1-1-1, after their son alerted his parents to the fact that he was choking. The paramedics were unable to revive the Napier boy when they arrived at the scene.

The case has been referred to a coroner.

Golf: Zach Johnson wins 71st Masters

Relatively unknown golfer Zach Johnson won the 71st Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia. Johnson shot 3-under-par 69 in Sunday's fourth round, to win by 2 strokes over Tiger Woods, Retief Goosen, and Rory Sabbatini.

Johnson won a purse worth US\$1,305,000 and a lifetime qualification to the Masters Tournament, held annually at the Augusta National Golf Club.

New York couple taking taxi to Arizona

A couple living in New York City have decided to take a taxi all the way to Arizona. Betty and Bob Matas are retiring and leaving the city for good. What started as joke, has become reality, in part to spare their cats from traveling in a jetliner cargo-hold. They have negotiated a US\$3,000 flat fee instead of the metered rate, which was estimated at US\$5,000.

Vocational nurse charged with fatal Houston fire

A vocational nurse working for Dr. John Capriotti, a plastic surgeon, was accused of setting the fire that wounded several and killed three people in Houston, Texas on March 28. She was allegedly trying to cover up the fact that she hadn't completed the paperwork for an upcoming audit.

The fire began in Dr. Capriotti's office on the fifth floor and quickly spread to the sixth. Arson investigators from the Houston Fire Department, the FBI and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives had been working to determine the source of the fire.

Iran starts industrial-scale production of nuclear fuel

Iran announced that it has started industrial scale production of nuclear fuel involving hundreds of centrifuges. The announcement comes as President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad reasserts his nation's nuclear rights in the face of two rounds of sanctions by UN Security Council, which is seeking a halt to such work.

The United States denounced the declaration, saying it showed Iran was defying the international community.

Today in History

1815 - Mount Tambora in Indonesia began the most violent volcanic eruption in recorded history.

1919 - Mexican Revolutionary leader Emiliano Zapata was shot to his death near Ciudad Ayala, Morelos.

1941 - World War II: The Independent State of Croatia was established, with Ustaše leader Ante Pavelić as head of the puppet government.

1959 - Crown Prince Akihito, the future Emperor of Japan, wedded Michiko, the first commoner to marry into the Japanese imperial family.

1998 - The Good Friday Agreement, a major step in the Northern Ireland peace process, was signed.

Quote of the Day

To get others to come into our ways of thinking, we must go over to theirs; and it is necessary to follow, in order to lead. ~ William Hazlitt

Word of the Day

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1. (geometry) A three-dimensional shape consisting of a ring with a circular cross-section.
2. (architecture) A molding which projects at the base of a column and above the plinth.

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