



Top Stories

Switzerland citizens vote Yes to freedom of circulation to new EU states

Switzerland citizens have voted yes to the freedom of circulation to the new EU states, a result of 56% supporting and 44% opposing.



Bomb explodes in Belarusian city

A bomb exploded in the Belarusian city of Vitebsk, injuring about forty-six people.

Featured story

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Wikipedia Current Events

Australian State and Territory leaders agree to implement the Commonwealth Government's tough new anti-terrorism laws with a sunset clause. The new laws allow police to detain terrorism "suspects" without charge for up to two weeks, and electronically tag them for up to a year. The measures have been attacked by civil libertarians and Muslim groups.

Wikipedia Current Events

- Michaëlle Jean is sworn in as the 27th Governor General of Canada, replacing Adrienne Clarkson.
- The Australian Government dismissed a suggestion from former Labor Prime Minister Bob Hawke that Australia should store the world's nuclear waste. The Labor Party said Mr Hawke's view did not reflect party platform.
- Typhoon Damrey hit Vietnam after killing at least 16 people in China.
- Conflict in Iraq:
 - o Ten people are known to have died following an insurgent attack on a police recruits in the Iraqi capital Baghdad.
 - o Abu Azzam, who the US claims is an aide to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi has been shot dead by US soldiers.
- Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Israeli Airstrikes on Palestinian areas continue. The IDF strikes three bridges in the Gaza Strip and a money-changer in Khan Younis, while a further 82 people were arrested in the West Bank.
- The Prime Minister of Israel, Ariel Sharon, survives a major leadership challenge within the Likud Party. The proposal, which would have ordered the next Party Leader election be held in October 2005 rather than April 2006, is voted down by the party's Central Committee, 48% to 52%.

StarOffice 8 launched

Sun Microsystems has released StarOffice 8 today. StarOffice 8 is a commercial office suite that includes word-processing, spreadsheet, presentation, drawing and database applications.

According to Sun, StarOffice 8 "provides excellent compatibility with Microsoft Office". This new version improves Word, Excel and PowerPoint import and export filters, improving support for password-protected Word and Excel files and presentations with complex animations, autoshapes and slide transitions. StarOffice 8 also includes a Microsoft Office macro converter allowing many Microsoft Office macros to work in StarOffice.

StarOffice 8 is also the first commercial office suite to support the Open Document Format for Office Applications (OpenDocument). OpenDocument is an XML based file format created by the Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards. Massachusetts has recently announced the plan to switch to OpenDocument format. Microsoft has said it will not support the OpenDocument format.

StarOffice 8 is based on the open source OpenOffice.org project. OpenOffice.org was founded July 2000, by Sun with the release of StarOffice code under two open source licenses.

StarOffice 8 is available as a download from Sun's Web site for \$69.95, or packaged product can be ordered for \$99.95. Enterprise

customers can purchase StarOffice 8 for \$35 (£20) per user. The Open Office version is available for free from OpenOffice.org.

Suresh Joachim breaks ironing world record

This article features first-hand journalism by a Wikinews member

Suresh Joachim of Mississauga, Ontario continues to amaze, breaking yet another world record, this time at The Bay Court in Shoppers World.

From Thursday, September 22 at 8 am, to Saturday, September 24 at 3:05 pm, Suresh ironed continuously for 55 hours and 5 minutes, in front of the thousands of onlookers shopping at the mall those three days.



Suresh Joachim at Shoppers World Brampton.

The achievement, now submitted to the Guinness Book of World Records, breaks the previous record by Eufemia Stadler of Zurich, Switzerland. Stadler completed 40 hours of continuous ironing from September 16-18, 1999.

Originally from Sri Lanka and Australia, Joachim is no stranger to the folks at Guinness. He currently holds twenty other

records, ranging from greatest distance traveled on 'up' and 'down' escalators (225.44 km between May 25 and May 31 1998), furthest traveled on a treadmill in one week (659.27 km at a gym in Paris, France), and longest dance marathon by an individual (100 hours at the Dixie Outlet Mall).

This September, Suresh watched television in the lobby of WABC in New York City for 69 hours and 7 minutes, breaking the previous record by 19 hours. The event was covered daily on the talk show "Live with Regis and Kelly" as part of their Guinness World Record Breaker Week. He also recently set the record for longest time rocking in a rocking chair, at 75 hours.

A DJ on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire recently tried to break Joachim's record for longest continuous time as a DJ. He was unsuccessful, and Suresh's 120-hour World Record set on Geethavaani Tamil Radio in Scarborough stands unharmed.

The event helped raise funds for the Universal Fund for Suffering Children, whose funds are "utilized to save the world's children from poverty, disease and war." All of Joachim's stunts have been dedicated to this charity.

What's next for Suresh? He plans to start static cycling from October 18th, 2005 to October 22nd, 2005, in Britain. Suresh's goal is 150 world records, which would beat the long-time record breaker Ashrita Furman, who has accumulated 94 records. While Furman started two decades ago, Suresh only discovered the Guinness Book of World Records in 1991, and started record breaking in 1996.

Leader of Puerto Rican People's Army shot, killed by FBI

Filiberto Ojeda Ríos, a leading figure in the Puerto Rican Independence movement in Puerto Rico, died September 23rd. An autopsy showed that this was due to blood loss from a single gunshot wound, obtained during a confrontation with FBI agents in the municipality of Hormigueros, Puerto Rico.

The 72-year-old has been wanted on charges relating to a \$7M bank heist in Connecticut in 1983, and his home had been surrounded by over 300 agents, including 20 snipers. The FBI asserts that he fired shots upon them first, but many groups are framing the death as the unwarranted assassination of a key player in Puerto Rico's anti-U.S. colonialism movement.

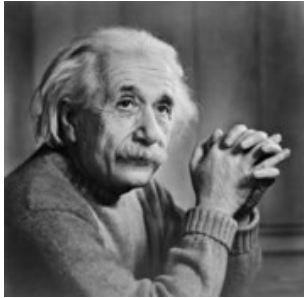
The FBI did not enter the home until Saturday, almost 24 hours after the shot had been fired. This has led to many accusations that they were preventing him from getting medical attention. Dr. Héctor Pesquera, spokesperson for the National Hostosian Congress, took part in the autopsy and stated that the FBI tactic was to not intervene in order that "Comandante Ojeda Ríos would bleed to death through lack of medical attention."

FBI director Robert S. Mueller announced Monday that he had ordered an investigation of the incident.

Einstein's equation turns 100

Albert Einstein's best known equation, and probably the best known aspect of all physics,

E=mc², turns one hundred today. September 27, 1905 is generally considered the birthday of the equation because that is the day that Einstein's paper outlining the significance of the equation arrived in the offices of the German journal *Annalen der Physik*.



Albert Einstein

In the equation, 'E' stands for Energy, 'm' stands for mass, and 'c' stands for the speed of light.

The equation shows that matter and energy are, essentially, two aspects of the same thing, and that a small amount of matter can be converted into an enormous amount of energy. Nuclear reactions, including fusion in the sun and in nuclear weapons, are examples of large amounts of energy released from the conversion of comparatively small quantities of mass.

The United Nations declared 2005 the International Year of Physics in recognition of Albert Einstein's work in 1905. In addition to discovering his famous equation, over the course of 5 months in 1905 Einstein developed the theory of Special Relativity (which led him to the equation E=mc²), proved the existence of atoms and molecules, and showed that light is made of photons. 1905 is often called Einstein's *annus mirabilis*, or miracle year.

The 100th anniversary of Einstein's miracle year is being celebrated in many countries around the world as the World Year of Physics. In the UK, it is called the Einstein Year.

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Today in History

September 28 :

1066: Norman Conquest: William the Conqueror and his fleet of around 600 ships reached England and landed at Pevensey, Sussex.

1542: Portuguese explorer Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, the first European to travel along the California coast, landed on what is now the U.S. city of San Diego.

1972: Paul Henderson scored the game-winning goal against Vladislav Tretiak, securing a Canadian victory in the Summit Series over the Soviet ice hockey team.

1994: The ferry M/S Estonia sank while commuting between Tallinn, Estonia, and Stockholm, Sweden, claiming 852 lives in one of the worst maritime accidents in the Baltic Sea.

Quote of the Day

*In the season of white wild roses
We two went hand in hand:
But now in the ruddy autumn
Together already we stand. - Francis
Turner Palgrave*