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2008 02 25 21 02:20 UTC 2 22S 99 84E Depth: 35.0 km, Magnitude: 6.4 Earthquake Location

Ralph Nader enters US presidential race

Political activist Ralph Nader has launched an independent campaign for the U.S. presidency. Nader, who also ran for president in the previous three elections, made the announcement on



NBC's television program Meet the Press. Many Democrats believe his

campaign as a Green Party candidate in 2000 led to the election of George W. Bush by taking away potential votes for Al Gore.

Interview: Drupal founder Dries Buytaert balances community and company interests

In the year 2000, Dries Buytaert created Drupal, a freely licensed and open source tool to manage websites, as a bulletin board for his college



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dorm. Since Dries released the software and a community of thousands of volunteer developers have added and improved modules, Drupal has grown immensely popular. http://en.wikinews.org/wiki/Interview:_Drupal_founder_Dries_Buytaert_balances_community_and_company_interests

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Wikipedia Current Events

Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission Kevin Martin says he is "ready, willing and able," to prevent broadband Internet service providers from irrationally interfering with their subscribers' Internet access.

- Hungary agrees to join the South Stream gas pipeline project.
- Lee Myung Bak is sworn in as President of South Korea.

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The most recent quake had a magnitude of 6.4 and struck at 4:02 a.m. local time February 26, 150 kilometers (94 miles) south, southwest of Padang, Sumatra, Indonesia. The depth registered at 35 km (21.7 miles). The USGS earlier reported it as a 6.9.

The largest and first had a magnitude of 7.0 and occurred just over a half hour before. It was located 160 miles from Padang. The USGS initially reported the quake as a magnitude 7.2.

The 7.0 quake caused the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to issue a local tsunami bulletin stating that small waves were generated with larger ones close to the quake's epicenter.

A half dozen smaller quakes ranging from 5.0 to 6.0 have occurred in the same area since February 24.

So far, there are no reports of damage or injuries in any of the quakes.

Remains of a child discovered in Jersey care home

Parts of a body belonging to a child have been discovered at the Haut de la Garenne in Saint Martin, Jersey, a United Kingdom Crown dependency off the coast of Normandy, France.

The Victorian building, which was originally built as a children's care home and is now a youth hostel, has been under investigation

recently as part of an inquiry into child abuse which occurred during the 1960s. The investigation has now been refocused with the aim to excavate further the grounds of the building, under the command of a specialist team from the UK who will use ground scanners and sniffer dogs to detect any other possible remains.

The body is believed to date from the early 1980s though further information about the identity of the child has not yet been released. The remains were found buried underneath a concrete floor inside the building. Today, the Guardian newspaper revealed that there are fears of a possible six further bodies buried on the site.

"There could be six, but it could be higher than that," according to lead investigator Lenny Harper, who further said, "Allegations range from physical assaults right through to rape. It is difficult to envisage more horrific crimes than some of those that are alleged to have been carried out here."

A helpline set up to find more information about alleged child abuse at the Haut de la Garenne and Jersey Sea Scouts has garnered a total of 140 contacts, made up of those claiming to be witnesses or victims to the crimes. The information gathered from the telephone inquiry triggered the search of the grounds.

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The favorite in the category was *Enchanted*, a Disney film which received nominations for "Happy Working Song", "That's How You Know", and "So Close". Also nominated was "Raise It Up" from August Rush.

The soundtrack received a Grammy nomination in 2008.

Irglová was cut off by music, when stepping up to the microphone to speak. She was given a second chance to speak after the next commercial break, and was introduced onto the stage by host Jon Stewart.

For some time, the song's eligibility for an Oscar was in dispute, as it had appeared on a 2006 CD issued by Hansard's band, *The Frames*, and it had been performed by the couple in various European venues. The Academy ruled that because the song had been composed for the movie, and the prior public exposure during the long period that the movie took to produce had been minimal, it remained eligible.

Glen Hansard...

"Thanks! This is amazing. What are we doing here? This is mad. We made this film two years ago. We shot on two Handycams. It took us three weeks to make. We made it for a hundred grand. We never thought we would come into a room like this and be in front of you people. It's been an amazing thing. Thanks for taking this film seriously, all of you. It means a lot to us. Thanks to the Academy, thanks to all the people who've helped us, they know who they are, we don't need to say them. This is amazing. Make art. Make art. Thanks."

Markéta Irglová...

"Hi everyone. I just want to thank you so much. This is such a big deal, not only for us, but for all other independent musicians and artists that spend most of their time struggling, and this, the fact that we're standing here tonight, the fact that we're able to hold this, it's just to prove no matter how far out your dreams are, it's possible. And, you know, fair play to those who dare to dream and don't give up. And this song was written from a perspective of hope, and hope at the end of the day connects us all, no matter how different we are. And so thank you so much, who helped us along way. Thank you."

Robert Boyle wins Honorary Oscar for his art direction career

American art director and production designer Robert F. Boyle was honoured last night at the Academy Awards.

Hired as an extra in films during the Great Depression, the young architect became a draftsman at Paramount Studios, moving on to become a sketch artist and assistant art director, before becoming a full-fledged art director in the early 1940s, at Universal Studios.

His credits include Alfred Hitchcock films *Saboteur* (1942), *North by Northwest* (1959), and *The Birds* (1963). Other films to his credit include *The Thomas Crown Affair* (1968), *Gaily, Gaily* (1969), *Fiddler on the Roof* (1971), and *The Shootist* (1976).

The Oscar-nominated documentary short *The Man on Lincoln's Nose* (2000) chronicles his career, which includes the 1997 Art Directors Guild's Lifetime Achievement Award and four Oscar

nominations.

"Oh, thank you all for being here today.

That's the good part of getting old. I don't recommend the other.

It's not possible for me to express my appreciation to the countless people who helped me on this great trip, this wonderful journey of being in the movies.

But I can thank the members of the Board of Governors of the Academy and to Nicole Kidman who so graciously introduced me.

I would like to remember some of the old folk, like Hans Dreier who took a chance and gave me my first job in the movies, and to "Hitch" who also took a chance and gave me my first big film. And I also would like to remember that Hitch introduced me to the screenwriter Bess Taffel, who became my wife and my companion throughout this wonderful journey. I also would like to thank my children and grandchildren who supported me with their love and support, thank them.

To Norman Jewison who made moviemaking fun and much laughter while dealing with real subjects. And to Don Siegel, who cut to the chase and gave us truth.

And with all of these, there was my beginning at the USC School of Architecture and my great colleagues in the Art Directors Guild who supported me, and, finally, to Jean Firstenberg who introduced me to the American Film Institute and the opportunity to give back to the next generation of storytellers.

Since I've been around here for almost a century, I've noted a lot of conflicts, but there was one bright image in this whole life of ours, and that was the arts, and particularly the art of the moviemakers, of the moving image that we all love.

So I have, I have had the good fortune to be a part of this and I thank you all for being there for me. Thank you.."

National Hockey League news: February 25, 2008

Calgary Flames @ Minnesota Wild
Daymond Langkow gave Calgary their first lead of the game with a first period power play goal. Craig Conroy increased the Flames' lead to 2 goals 13:52 into the second period. Mark Parrish put the Wild on the board early in the third period, but despite outshooting Calgary 39-16, Minnesota couldn't get any more goals past Miikka Kiprusoff. The Flames now sit in first place in the Northwest Division, a spot occupied by Minnesota since before the All-Star break.

San Jose Sharks @ Pittsburgh Penguins

This game was delayed for a short time due to a zamboni malfunction. That delay also caused a delay in the scoring, since the first two periods ended with a scoreless tie. Jonathan Cheechoo put San Jose on the board 3:10 into the third period, Erik Christensen also scored for the Penguins to tie the game and send it to a shootout. Christensen and Jarkko Ruutu scored on their attempts in the shootout, but Joe Pavelski, Cheechoo, and Jeremy Roenick each scored for San Jose, giving them the victory, their 7th win in their last 8 games against the Penguins.

New Jersey Devils @ Washington Capitals

Jamie Langenbrunner broke a scoreless tie in the opening minute of the third period. Alexander Semin tied the score 2:46 into the third period to tie the score. In overtime, John Madden scored the game winner in the closing minute of the 4-on-4 overtime to give the Devils their 5th straight win. Alexander Ovechkin was held to just one assist, but the 1 point was enough to put him tied in first as NHL's point leader with Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin. The Capitals now have lost three straight. Martin Brodeur made 37 saves, getting his 5th win in his last 5 decisions.

Florida Panthers @ New York Rangers

Scott Gomez scored the first goal for the Rangers 7:53 into the first period. In the second period, Marek Malik scored his first goal of the season. That was closely followed by Jaromir Jagr's 648th career goal, and the Rangers found themselves up 3-0 going into the second intermission. Nigel Dawes gave New York a 4 goal lead, and Martin Straka would put the Rangers up by 5 goals before the game was over. Gomez had three points, scoring one goal and assisting on the Malik and Dawes goals. Henrik Lundqvist was named the first star of the game, after making 23 saves and picking up his 8th shutout as a Ranger.

Chicago Blackhawks @ Anaheim Ducks

Teemu Selanne put his first goal of the night past Patrick Lalime at 7:45 in the first period. Moments later, Ryan Getzlaf scored to put the Ducks up by two. Selanne scored his second goal on Anaheim's second power play to put them up by 3. Patrick Sharp put Chicago on the board less than

a minute later. Anaheim would get it back though, when Kent Huskins scored early in the second period. Sharp scored his second goal of the night 13:52 through the second period to make the score 4-2. Brent Seabrook's goal brought the Blackhawks to within 1, but a pair of goals by Selanne and Chris Kunitz put Anaheim further away. Selanne scored a hat trick, his first since January 11 2007, and a pair of assists. He now has 546 career goals, and moved ahead of Maurice "The Rocket" Richard in the list of NHL career goal scorers. Kunitz had 4 points, 1 goal and 3 assists. Sharp and Jonathan Toews each had three points for Chicago.

Colorado Avalanche @ Edmonton Oilers

Tyler Arnason put Colorado on the board 27 seconds into the game. Ben Guite would give the Avalanche a 2 goal lead going into the first intermission. Sam Gagner put Edmonton within one in the second period. Edmonton tied the score on a Curtis Glencross goal later in the second. The go-ahead goal by Andrew Cogliano at 7:29 in the 3rd would prove to be the game winner. The Oilers break a 3 game losing streak with their victory.

St. Louis Blues @ Phoenix Coyotes
Zbynek Michalek broke a scoreless tie at 4:27 in the second period to put Phoenix ahead by 1. A goal by Joel Perrault which ricocheted against Manny Legace's leg put the Coyotes up by two goals. Ilya Bryzgalov saved all of St. Louis' 35 shots, and earned his 4th career shutout. The Blues have now lost 3 straight, and their 8th of their last 9 against the Phoenix Coyotes.

Today in History

1266 – King Manfred of Sicily was killed at the Battle of Benevento,

fighting Angevin forces led by Charles of Anjou near Benevento, Italy.

1815 – Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from Elba, a remote island off the coast of Italy where he was exiled to after the signing of the Treaty of Fontainebleau one year earlier.

1935 – In Daventry, England, Scottish engineer and inventor Robert Watson-Watt first demonstrated the use of radar.

1991 – Nexus, the world's first web browser and WYSIWYG HTML editor, was introduced by British computer programmer Tim Berners-Lee, the inventor of the World Wide Web.

1993 – A bomb-laden van exploded in the underground garage of the World Trade Center in New York City, killing six and injuring more than one thousand people.

February 26 is Liberation Day in Kuwait (1991); Savior's Day in the Nation of Islam.

Quote of the Day

A man is not idle, because he is absorbed in thought. There is a visible labour and there is an invisible labour.

~ Victor Hugo in *Les Misérables*

Word of the Day

gelid adj

1. Very cold; icy or frosty.

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