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Mouse makes nest in cash machine, eats money

In Estonia, a mouse made its nest in a cash machine and spent the weekend eating thousands of pounds worth of bank notes. The critter was discovered after a customer making a withdrawal got half-eaten bills from the machine.

Wikipedia Current Events

- A "breakthrough" technique for converting donated blood from other blood types to Type O for blood transfusion is announced.
- President of Iran Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announces that the 15 British soldiers held captive in Iran are to be freed as a "gift" to Britain.
- Four hostages held in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria are freed.

2007 Cricket World Cup: Sri Lanka vs England

Sri Lanka beat England in a

breathless finish by just 2 runs in the Super 8 phase in the World Cup at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, North Sound, Antigua and Barbuda.

In addition, Sanath Jayasuriya became the most capped ODI player, in his 385th ODI, overtaking Sachin Tendulkar.

Toss: England won, and elected to field first.

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Speaking 13 days after their capture, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has announced that he would pardon and free the fifteen British captured navy personnel detained by Iran as a "gift to the British people". The release will be immediate and they will be taken to the airport after the news conference, he said. Ahmadinejad met with the detainees shortly afterwards.

"On the occasion of the birth anniversary of the great prophet of Islam, and on the occasion of Easter and Passover, I would like to announce that the great nation of Iran, while it is entitled to put the British military personnel on trial, has pardoned these 15 sailors and gives their release to the people of Britain as a gift."

—Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

Speaking at a press conference that marked the end of Sizdah Bedar, Ahmadinejad said the British soldiers had violated Iranian territory and praised the southwest coast guards for capturing them.

He presented their commander, Captain Abol-Ghassem Amangah, with Iran's third degree medal of courage.

The President went on to accuse the British government of not being "brave enough to tell their people the truth" about the incident.

The United Kingdom has maintained that the captured sailors and marines were in Iraqi territorial waters under a United Nations mandate and has called for them to be released.

The President said that he had issued the order for release on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Prophet Mohammed, Mawlid an-Nabi, and on the occasion of Easter and Passover.

Iranian media said that the British sailors 'shouted for joy' at the news.

The President said that "[After this meeting] they are free. They can go to the airport and they can go to their families".

One killed at CNN Atlanta shooting

A domestic dispute resulted in shots being fired around the Headquarters of CNN in Atlanta, GA on Tuesday, killing a woman and critically wounding the ex-boyfriend who pulled a gun on her according to the authorities. The man and woman were arguing near the main entrance of the complex when the man shot her, police officer James Polite said. The armed man was

then shot by a CNN security guard. which operates CNN.

CNN Headquarters, Atlanta

The woman was Clara Riddles, 22, of College Park, said Caryn Kboundi, a spokeswoman for the Texas-based Omni Hotel chain.

Upon arrival at Grady Hospital, Riddles was pronounced dead said hospital spokeswoman Denise Simpson. The shooter, a man in his late thirties, and Riddles's ex-boyfriend, Arthur Mann was in stable condition. He is being charged with murder, Police said.

Victims were seen being carried out of the building on stretchers. Mann's face was covered in blood and his shirt had been removed.

CNN also reported that the offices of its Internet operations, CNN.com, were immediately evacuated. Video footage also showed police pointing guns at a man lying on the ground at the bottom of an escalator inside the building.

An announcement over the building's PA system announced that there had been gunfire "with potential casualties." Police cordoned off an area by the escalators near the main entrance, facing Centennial Olympic Park - a park that had been the site of a bombing that killed a woman and injured more than 100 people during the 1996 Summer Olympics.

"I heard four or five shots. I really didn't see it. I got out of there quick," said Jas Stanford, 27, who had been helping take down a temporary stage in the park used for college basketball's. When Mann fired his gun, security guard Odell Adams shot him, said Lisa Tobias, director of corporate responsibility for Turner Broadcasting System,

Turner officials are satisfied with the response of Adams and the Atlanta police, Tobias said. The company does not discuss its security publicly, she said, but "we are constantly evaluating our procedures to make sure that we have ensured the safety of CNN employees and visitors." Besides the Omni Hotel, the CNN complex also includes a large atrium and a food court. It is connected to Philips Arena, the home of the NBA's Atlanta Hawks.

In the food court, Trina Johnson, 44, of Atlanta, was with her daughter on a family outing. "All of a sudden we heard a big boom. We thought it was an explosion," Johnson said. "We didn't see the gun. Everybody just started running."

Soon afterward, CNN coverage of the shooting was being shown on large-screen televisions inside the atrium, near where the shooting had taken place.

On Monday, a woman was shot and killed at the University of Washington in Seattle by an ex-boyfriend on whom she had sought a restraining order, police said. The man killed himself afterward.

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The quake was centered roughly 53 km (33 miles) NW (313°) from Gizo, Solomon Islands and occurred at 06:34:46 (UTC) but no tsunami warning has been issued and there are no reports of any damage.

This follows a magnitude 8.1

undersea earthquake three days ago that triggered a tsunami that killed at least fifteen people, including six children, in the Solomon Islands. A series of aftershocks have shaken the area since then. A smaller 6.0 magnitude quake was reported at 8:39:44 PM (EDT) and on Monday, two quakes of magnitudes 6.0 and 6.2 quake struck the same area, the second 70 km (45 miles) South East of Gizo, New Georgia Islands, Solomon Islands.

Pupils in detention forced to wear orange overalls

Pupils who are given detention at a Christchurch, New Zealand high school are being forced to wear orange overalls with the words 'Work Crew' on the back.

The New Zealand Parent Teacher Association (NZPTA) have said that this is unacceptable humiliation and will make each student stand out. The vice-president of the NZPTA, Margaret Mooney described the overalls as radical. The principal of Shirley Boys' High School, John Launson is defending this stating that the only reason they are doing it, is to keep the uniforms clean and not to humiliate them like the NZPTA state.

Mr Launson says that since each pupil's punishment is the opposite of what they committed, then the uniforms need to remain clean, "The average fellow, he [sic] doesn't want to get mud or muck on his uniform."

"If a boy's seen dropping litter, he picks up litter. If he's treading all over the rose garden, he might do weeding," he said.

He says that neither any student nor any parent has any complained about the overalls, which he says has been running for many years.

MLB: Twins defeat Orioles 3-2

After two games into the season, the Minnesota Twins are the sole leader of the American League Central division, something they couldn't accomplish last year until an hour after their final game ended. The Twins, now 2-0, defeated the Baltimore Orioles Tuesday night at the Metrodome. The Twins played offensively, stealing five bases in the night, and tomorrow will attempt at a sweep of the three-game series.

Twins starter Boof Bonser pitched six innings, giving up three hits and two runs with six strikeouts. Pat Neshek pitched one inning with one strikeout. Juan Rincon pitched a third of an inning, giving up one hit with one strikeout. Dennys Reyes pitched a third of an inning, giving up one hit. Jesse Crain pitched a third of an inning with one strikeout. Joe Nathan picked up his second save with one strikeout.

Orioles starter Daniel Cabrera pitched seven innings, giving up six hits and three runs with nine strikeouts. Jamie Walker pitched two thirds of an inning, giving up one hit with one strikeout. Chad Bradford pitched a third of an inning.

Baltimore struck first, with Melvin Mora hitting a solo home run in the top of the third. Later in the third inning, Oriole Aubrey Huff hit an RBI single to score Nick Markakis from second base.

Orioles shortstop Miguel Tejada made an amazing defensive play in the fourth inning, diving to grab a line drive and setting up a double play. The same play also led to the Twins' first run with Nick Punto scoring on the sacrifice. The Twins tied the game in the fifth when Luis Castillo hit to the pitcher, but the ball bounced out of Cabrera's glove,

scoring Torii Hunter from third base. The tie would remain until the seventh inning when Jason Bartlett hit a single to left, scoring Jason Tyner from second base.

Iranian diplomats to see detained Iranians in Iraq

Reports say that Iranian diplomats will get to meet with 5 detained Iranians in Iraq. It is not known when the meeting is scheduled to be held. The men, alledged to be members of the Revolutionary Guards, were detained back in January by U.S. troops, who believed they were playing a role in insurgency.

US House Speaker Pelosi visits Syria

President Bashar al-Assad met with Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the US House, who is visiting Syria. In the meeting, Iraq and Lebanon and the prospect for peace talks between Syria and Israel were discussed. She has been criticized by the Bush Administration for undermining United States foreign policy, which has been one of isolation towards Syria.

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton and former Canadian Liberal leadership candidate visit Ontario city

Tuesday, former U.S. President Bill Clinton and Former Canadian Liberal leadership candidate and former Ontario Premier Bob Rae visited Hamilton, Ontario to speak. The fundraiser for Burlington, Ontario based clud Transitions For Youth was at the Hamilton Place. There were about 2,000 people there and the estimated price to hear Clinton speak was CAN\$100,000 to CAN\$400,000.

US presidential candidate Barack Obama announces campaign fund-raising success

Illinois Senator Barack Obama

announced today that he has raised \$25 million dollars in first quarter financing for his campaign for President of the United States. This is on par with the funds raised by New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, both who are trying to win the Democratic nomination in the upcoming primary elections.

Over half of the 100,000 donors came from online contributions totaling \$6.9M.

Today in History

- 1242 - In the Battle of the Ice, Novgorod forces led by Alexander Nevsky rebuffed an invasion attempt by the Teutonic Knights at Lake Peipus.
- 1614 - Native American Pocahontas married English colonist John Rolfe.
- 1847 - The world's first civic public park, Birkenhead Park in Birkenhead, Merseyside, England, opened.
- 1955 - British Prime Minister Winston Churchill resigned.
- 1998 - Japan's Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge, linking Awaji Island and Kobe, opened to traffic, becoming the longest suspension bridge in the world to date.
- April 05 is Mawlid in Shi'a Islam (2007); Qingming Festival in the Chinese calendar; Hansik in South Korea.

Quote of the Day

The world is fast learning that of all forms of slavery there is none that is so harmful and degrading as that form of slavery which tempts one human being to hate another by reason of his race or color. One man cannot hold another man down in the ditch without remaining down in the ditch with him. ~ Booker T. Washington

Word of the Day

- ostensibly; adv
- 1. Seemingly, apparently, reputedly.

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