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#### Israel accused, "ignored" UN bomb warnings

The Irish foreign ministry said Israel ignored six separate warnings from a key UN liaising officer that the bombardment was endangering the lives of UN staff in South Lebanon before a fatal strike with a "precision-guided weapon" killed 4 UN observers.

### Wikipedia Current Events

•5 people shot, 1 fatally, at the Seattle Jewish Center. One person was arrested. It is not stated if this is related to the Israel-Lebanon conflict, Gaza

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conflict, or any other ongoing conflicts. A SWAT team entered the building.

•The UN Security Council approves a resolution to give Iran until the end of August to suspend uranium enrichment or face the threat of sanctions.

•A U.S. jury convicts four members of the Aryan Brotherhood on charges of murder, racketeering and conspiracy in a federal case aiming to dismantle the white-supremacist group.

•A U.S. federal appeals court upholds the conviction and 25 year sentence of former WorldCom CEO Bernard Ebbers for fraud.

•Coroners in the U.S. state of California estimate the death toll from the current heat wave at at least 123.

•An explosion at a fluorine plant in China's Jiangsu Province kills 12 people and leads to the evacuation of 7,000 people.

•2006 Kodori crisis: both Georgia and Abkhazia threaten war over the dispute.

•The US should immediately shut all secret detention facilities used in its campaign against terror groups, the UN Human Rights Committee has said.

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bog in the Midland Region of Ireland on July 25, 2006, prompting some to term it the Irish version of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The Psalter was found by a worker excavating peat from the bog. The worker immediately covered the book with damp soil, as exposure to dry air after so many centuries of dampness might have destroyed it. He was praised by Dr. Patrick Wallace, director of the National Museum of Ireland, for doing that. The book was found open to the page of Psalm 83.

The Psalter is currently kept under refrigeration at the National Museum while researchers determine how to open the book without damaging the book's pages and possibly destroying it.

#### Music reality show 'The One' cancelled by ABC a week after its debut

The One: Making a Music Star was cancelled today, just over a week after its debut. Overall it aired only four episodes.

ABC's show site for The One says, "There are no plans for additional episodes. Thanks to all who participated in and supported The One!"

According to an interview with the host over the phone from hollywood on CFRB 1010 Toronto; George Stroumboulopoulos said that "he was not surprised because he thought maybe that the show's message didn't come across

making viewers not understanding the show." "He also said that he is happy that he is still hosting CBC News: The Hour."

Stroumboulopoulos has said, however, that he was only taking The One as a "summer job," and does not plan to stop hosting The Hour.

CBC is now considering a Canadian version of the show.

"It's too early to tell," said Kirstine Layfield, CBC's executive director of network programming. "We're not under any pressure to make immediate decisions."

Layfield said a decision would be made in a few weeks.

If CBC goes ahead, it would launch its own Canadian version of the show this fall.

"The Canadian version of The One is still in early development," Layfield said, adding that the CBC has learned from the American version. "We'll use that when we take a look at what we're going to be doing with the Canadian version."

The One only got 236,000 Canadians viewers for its debut episode, and pulled in 938,000 total viewers. It drew 3.2 million U.S. viewers and finished fifth in its time slot.

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led to claims that he was involved with doping, in order to improve performance.

According to Patrick Lefevere, the president of the Association of professional cycling teams, "Our sport's survival is at stake"..."We can no longer afford to have teams or riders who just won't learn still starting races."

Landis continues to deny any wrongdoing.

"I want the result to be made public immediately, I see no reason why not," Landis said. "I'm proud that I won the Tour because I was the strongest guy there"

### **New Zealand National Party only wants immigrants of "bedrock values"**

The New Zealand National Party leader, Dr. Don Brash says that they only want immigrants who accept the "bedrock values" of New Zealand society. Brash said to the Association for Migration and Investment: "New Zealand should not welcome those who want to live here but reject core aspects of the country's culture."

Dr. Brash says that the following are the "bedrock values": Acceptance of democracy, The rule of law, Religious and personal freedom, Legal equality of the sexes Speak English, or learn it quickly

"If you don't accept these fundamentals then New Zealand isn't the place for you. Many migrants to New Zealand in recent times have come from cultures that do not share the same 'bedrock values'," said Dr. Brash.

David Cunliffe, Immigration Minister, said: "The National Party leader's comments are pejorative

and insulting."

### **Wikipedia Current Events**

- The 1st World Outgames are held in Montreal, Canada. Outgames co-president and Canadian Olympian, Mark Tewksbury, states that the event will "bridge the gap between the gay sport movement and the traditional sport movement."
- The EU President and US State Department react to Israeli Justice Minister Haim Ramon's claim that the deadlocked Rome conference was a sign that the world supported Israeli attacks in Lebanon. The EU described the claim as "totally wrong" and the US declared the statement "outrageous".
- Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah is reported to have taken refuge in the Iranian Embassy in Beirut.
- The White House has dismissed UK concerns about the use of Prestwick Airport, in Scotland, by US planes carrying bombs to Israel.
- Tony Blair arrived in Washington, D.C. for talks with President George W Bush on the crisis in the Middle East. Both leaders agree that a multinational force must be sent to Lebanon soon, and that a UN Security Council resolution must be introduced next week.
- The UN removes its unarmed observers from posts along the Israeli-Lebanese border three days after four were killed by an Israeli bomb.
- 15 Hezbollah militants are killed while fighting in Bint Jbeil.
- The mutilated body of Dr. Danny Yaakovi, an Israeli physician, is found in the West Bank.

**Today in History**

1030 - King Olaf II fought and died in the Battle of Stiklestad, trying to regain his Norwegian throne from the Danes.

1900 - Italian American anarchist Gaetano Bresci assassinated King Umberto I of Italy.

1947 - ENIAC, the world's first all-electronic digital computer, was turned on; it remained in continuous operation until October 2, 1955.

1954 - The Fellowship of the Ring, the first part of The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien, was published in the United Kingdom.

1957 - The International Atomic Energy Agency was established. July 29 is Olavsoka in the Faroe Islands; National Anthem Day in Romania.

**Quote of the Day**

"We are social creatures to the inmost centre of our being. The notion that one can begin anything at all from scratch, free from the past, or unindebted to others, could not conceivably be more wrong." ~ Karl Popper

**Word of the Day**

mellifluous; adj

1. Flowing like honey.
2. Sweet and smooth; generally used of a person's voice, tone, or writing style.

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