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### Featured story

#### Saturn's moon Enceladus may host "internal life"

Scientists at NASA say that new satellite images of Saturn's moon Enceladus taken in 2005, has shown that the moon has begun to spew geysers which contain "liquid water", and that the internal heat produced by the moon's core may be able to host life below the icy surface.

### Wikipedia Current Events

•Thousands of activists march to The Pentagon in Washington to mark the fourth anniversary of the start of the war in Iraq.

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- Three activists in the Zimbabwe opposition are arrested as they attempt to leave the country for South Africa including Arthur Mutambara, leader of a faction in the Movement for Democratic Change. Two of the activists were seeking medical treatment after having been arrested a week ago.
- In major upsets, Bangladesh beats India by 5 wickets in a 2007 Cricket World Cup tie-up, while Ireland knock Pakistan out of the competition with a 3 wicket win - Ireland's first ever victory in the Cricket World Cup.
- The Prime Minister of Australia John Howard makes a commitment to keep Australian troops in Iraq until Iraq is able to control its own security.
- The Palestinian Legislative Council endorses a unity cabinet containing members of Fatah and Hamas.
- President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan apologises for a police raid on Geo TV's offices in Islamabad the day before, with 14 police officers suspended for their alleged part in the incident.
- At least seven people die in a TU-134 plane crash in Samara in Russia.

#### 2007 Cricket World Cup: Australia vs Netherlands

Australia beat the Netherlands by 229 runs in Group A in the World Cup at Warner Park, Basseterre, Saint Kitts.

Australia won the toss and elected to bat first.

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Michael Auberry, a Troop 230 Boy Scout of Greensboro, North Carolina, has been reported missing from Stone Mountain State Park, in western North Carolina. Search crew are still trying to locate the missing 12-year-old boy in the nearly 13,750 acre park. Volunteer firefighters, National Park Service staff, and rescue squads are all searching at this moment.

He began missing at 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m EST on Saturday. The scouts went on a hike while Auberry stayed back at the camp site with an adult. After, they had lunch with him and, later, Auberry was found missing.

"We are not really sure why or what happened," said Sandra Lewis of the Wilkes County Rescue Squad. "He was seen at the campsite and then a few minutes later he was missing."

Auberry was last seen wearing pants, a shirt, and a coat. His backpack was found at the campsite.

Wikinews will continue to follow this story as it develops.

#### 2007 Cricket World Cup: England vs Canada

England beat Canada by 51 runs in Group C in the World Cup at Beausejour Stadium, Gros Islet, Saint Lucia.

England's Andrew Flintoff was dropped for this game for breaches of team discipline, which also led to him being stripped of the vice captaincy role.

Canada won the toss and elected to field first.

### **Canadian government faces elections speculation**

Talks of an election are beginning to rise again in the media as Canada's Conservatives rallied last night in Toronto.

Conservative MPs came to the two day event in Toronto for a training session. It was a campaign-style event with about 5,000 party nominees. During the event, the Prime Minister talked of an expected upcoming federal election and other issues that are affecting the nation today.

"We are here to plan," said Prime Minister Stephen Harper at the rally held on St. Patrick's Day. "Plan for a future that could include an election... An election that the opposition could impose on Canadians at any time."

This comes two days before the spring budget, which will be announced on Monday. According to Reuters, the Conservative government needs another party to support the budget. If not, this would trigger an election.

According to political analysts, the Conservatives at least need 36 to 49% support. They also have been spending a large amount of money speculated to be used for the next election. Harper stated he does not want an election but one could be called by the opposition Liberals "at any time".

He also compared St. Patrick to the Conservative Party of Canada

winning last years election.

"Legend says that St. Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland. And last year, you, the grassroots members of the Conservative party, drove the Grits out of Ottawa. Now that's something worth saying cheers to," said Harper, who is of British ancestry.

The Conservative government was elected on January 23, 2006, ending twelve years of Liberal government.

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Ads that are placed in games through Adscape are targeted based on the plot and storyline that a gamer encounters within a game. These ads are also targeted geographically and demographically.

Google, which is based in Mountain View, California, stated that the terms of the agreement and the price paid for Adscape will remain confidential, but the cost might be about \$23 millions, as informed the Red Herring magazine on 15th February.

Adscape is now fully controlled by Google and will provide the company with its first opportunity to use in-game advertising. Google has stated that it will be working with Adscape's partners the same as the company had been before.

### **Chemical bomb attack kills two and sickens hundreds in Iraq**

Three different suicide bombers blew up trucks carrying chlorine in Anbar province in Iraq on Saturday,

releasing noxious fumes that sickened about 350 civilians. Two Iraqi civilians and six U.S. troops were killed in the attacks.

### **Pakistan's judicial crisis deepens as police attack and seal private news channel**

Pakistan police stormed the offices of television news broadcaster Geo news in the capital city using tear gas and firing rubber bullets in the building.

Police personnel charged in to the facility batons drawn and thrashed offices and attacked the staff of GEO News and its sister affiliates the The News International and Jang newspaper, forcing the channel to go off air for more than six hours on Thursday.

The news channel's attempts to go on air from the port city of Karachi, some 2700 kilometers away, were thwarted by the pro-Musharraf government of Sindh.

Bomb disposal squad backed by federal paramilitary force stormed the Karachi office forcing an immediate evacuation of the premises. The bomb disposal squad took two and half hours to conduct an office to office sweep of the five story building resulting in damage to computer and camera equipment.

Geo News continuously airing a prerecorded loop of prayers asking God to bless the nation and guide the leaders by granting them mental abilities to make proper decisions in critical times. The loop also continuously showed the footage of the nation's founder Qaid-e-Azam Muhammed Ali Jinnah addressing the first constituent assembly of Pakistan and promising freedom of speech and press along with clips from riots and military bombing of the former East

Pakistan (now Bangladesh).

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President Pervez Musharraf came on live phone call within minutes of resumption of transmissions and said, "I apologize for what has happened, I see this as a conspiracy to uproot my government."

General Musharrad came to power after a blood-less coup in 1999 by overthrowing the democratically elected government of Nawaz Sharif, charging the government with corruption.

### **Kimi Räikkönen wins 2007**

#### **Australian Grand Prix**

Ferrari driver Kimi Räikkönen won the FIA Formula-1 2007 ING Australian Grand Prix on the Albert Park Circuit in Melbourne. More precisely he made a hat-trick of wins dating back to 2005.

Both McLaren-Mercedes drivers appear to be his major rivals for the new season as Fernando Alonso and Lewis Hamilton made a double finishing 2nd and 3rd consequently, with Hamilton on his debut race.

Nick Heidfeld, driving for BMW Sauber, had a promising start and stayed with Kimi for the first part of the race, but his early first pit-stop pushed him back to the 4th place, while his Polish teammate Robert Kubica retired due to technical problems towards the end of the race.

Felipe Massa was penalized for the engine change after his previous engine failed during qualification, but showed a good pace and for the dying laps of the race pushed hard on Renault driver Giancarlo Fisicella. The few overtaking attempts were not successful enough and so Filipe saw the checkered flag behind Giancarlo on the six place.

7th, 8th and 9th places fell to Nico Rosberg driving for Williams with Toyota engines and both Toyota drivers, Ralf Schumacher and Jarno Trulli.

The top 10 was closed by Renault rookie Heikki Kovalainen who made numerous driving errors in the closing stages of the race.

The 2007 Formula-1 season from now appears to be a highly competitive season after Michael Schumacher retired from the sport at the end of the 2006 season.

### **Lahar at New Zealand's Mount Ruapehu**

A lahar at New Zealand's Mount Ruapehu is all but over, without causing anywhere the level of havoc for which authorities were prepared.

The event was first confirmed by a 3 News helicopter, and then the Department of Conservation.

The Department of Conservation had said that a "moderate lahar" was moving down the side of Mount Ruapehu.

The lahar travelled down the Whangaehu Valley, past the Tongariro catchment; and then continued on to the Tangiwai Bridge, the site of the 1953 Tangiwai disaster, which was itself caused by a lahar.

The crater lake is currently being reported by a free phone number as at a warning level of 3a. The crater lake is also being reported at a level between 5.7-6.7 metres up the Crater Lake tephra dam.

The lahar emergency plan was activated by Civil Defence. The district mayor of Ruapehu, Sue Morris, and conservation minister,

Chris Carter, said that the authorities had been very quick to respond to the emergency. All three electronic surveillance technologies had their alarms activated. Mr Carter said, "The lahar travelled down the path as predicted, and the early warning response system that this government provided worked exactly as planned."

Highways near Mount Ruapehu were closed by the Ohakune police, including the Desert Road. The roads have now been re-opened.

A lahar has been expected for a long time now, and scientists say the lahar could have been caused by, among other things, the bad weather New Zealand has been having lately.

Since 1996 the water level in the crater lake at the top of Mount Ruapehu has been rising, which created a risk of a lahar last year.

### **Today in History**

1279 - The Song Dynasty in Imperial China ended with a Mongolian victory in the Battle of Yamen.

1687 - The search for the mouth of the Mississippi River led by French explorer Robert Cavelier de La Salle ended with a mutiny and his murder in present-day Texas.

1915 - The planet Pluto was photographed for the first time, 15 years before it was eventually discovered by Clyde Tombaugh at the Lowell Observatory.

1916 - Ten days after Pancho Villa and his cross-border raiders attacked Columbus, New Mexico, U.S. General John J. Pershing led a punitive expedition into Mexico to pursue Villa.

1982 - Argentine forces led by Alfredo Astiz occupied South Georgia, precipitating the Falklands War against the United Kingdom.  
March 19 is Saint Joseph's Day in

Catholicism; Father's Day in various countries. Canberra Day in the Australian Capital Territory (2007).

### Quote of the Day

I mistake the American people if they favor the odious doctrine that there is no such thing as international morality; that there is one law for a strong nation and another for a weak one, and that even by indirection a strong power may with impunity despoil a weak one of its territory.  
~ Grover Cleveland

### Word of the Day

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1. (architecture) A Gothic pointed arch, or a rib of a Gothic vault.
2. (ballistics) The pointed, curved nose of a bullet, missile, or rocket
3. (mathematics) The curve of a cumulative distribution function.

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