

The Global Wrap

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I'm Antonio Neves and you're locked in *the.News*. It's time to launch the global wrap – where we go around the seven continents to get you in the know...

Let's head to South America's Peru.

A newly found ruin on the Andes Mountains may hold clues to a lost civilization -- the Chachapoya. Known as "cloud warriors," the Chachapoya ruled the area from about 800 to 1475 A.D. Abandoned for centuries, the ruin was previously hidden in an Amazon forest.

Now across the Atlantic to Africa, which is getting a high level visitor: Chinese President Hu Jintao. He will be visiting eight countries in 10 days. It is his second African trip in the last year. China is major purchaser of Africa's oil and other natural resources.

From Africa, let's jump up to Europe where there was a major milestone in the decades-long effort to bring peace to Northern Ireland. It has been the scene of bitter battles over whether it should remain part of England or become independent.

Today the two sides agreed to accept one police force for the province, clearing the way for elections in early March to pick a new government.

Now let's go across to Asia and the Kingdom of Thailand, where it's great to be king.

In Bangkok, there are tickets on sale for a jazz festival in honor of the king's birthday, with musicians performing the king's *own* works. His album will also be available for sale.

From Asia we'll head to the land down under, Australia, where the shortage of river water is forcing some unwanted visitors to slither into town – snakes.

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Dry conditions have forced the reptiles from the bush into urban areas looking for water. Australian authorities are telling residents to avoid creeks, waterways and long grass.

And back to North America, where legislators in Canada's parliament rose in a bi-partisan round of applause. Liberal Member of Parliament Ken Dryden was celebrated not for his politics, but his goal keeping. Dryden was an all-star goalie for the Montreal Canadiens in the 1970s, and on Monday night the team retired his jersey and famous number 29.

And for our last destination, we head to the bottom of the world -- Antarctica.

Although it's summer in the Southern Hemisphere, Antarctica is still pretty much – cold. But that's not stopping some diehard runners. Next month, over 200 people will compete in the Antarctica Marathon. In past races, runners have trudged through deep snow, faced 40 mile per hour winds and zero degree temperatures.

All right, that's seven continents and that's our global wrap.