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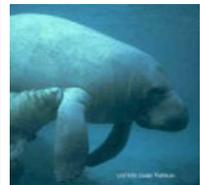
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Florida and Puerto Rican manatees may be removed from 'endangered species list'

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service has announced that the



Florida and Puerto Rican manatee will most likely be removed from the Endangered Species List and have their status upgraded to "threatened."

Featured story

Jimbo Wales to create 'code of conduct' for bloggers and the Wikimedia Foundation



Jimbo Wales, the founder of Wikipedia and the Wikimedia Foundation, is teaming up with book publisher Tim O'Reilly to create a "code of conduct" for bloggers and the Wikimedia Foundation.

Wikipedia Current Events

- The United States extends the tour of duty for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan from a year to 15 months.
- Joseph Biden, chair of the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a presidential candidate, calls for the use of military force in Darfur.
- A spring snow storm hits the midwestern United States leading to the cancellation of flights and closure of schools.
- Former U.S. Senator and prospective presidential candidate Fred Thompson announces he has lymphoma.
- Former Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina is charged with murder.
- Manchester United beat AS Roma 7-1(8-3 aggregate) in the second leg of the quarter final stage of the UEFA Champions League to advance to the semi finals where they will face AC Milan.
- Traces of water vapor are reported to have been found in the atmosphere of HD 209458b, a first for extrasolar planets.
- Several explosions in Algiers, Algeria leave 23 dead and dozens of people injured.

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This morning, the capital of Algeria, Algiers, was targeted by two deadly terrorist bombings. The first target was the Government Palace, the

main offices of the government, located in downtown Algiers, killing 12 people and wounding 118 (according to civil defense). Several cars were burned out, while the Government Palace sustained some heavy damage, as well as the rest of the neighborhood. The other target was the police station of Bab Ezzouar, east of Algiers, causing the death of 11 people and wounding 44 others. Civil defense authorities and witnesses say that these bombings were carried out by suicide bombers.

In an internet statement, the attacks were claimed by Al-Qaeda group in the Maghreb (formerly known as the Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat), renamed in January 2007 to indicate affiliation with al Qaeda. The website with the claim showed photos of the purported bombers, identified as Muadh bin Jabal, al-Zubair Abu Sajda and Abu Dajjana.

This attack follows a series of smaller-scale bombings that have taken place in December 2006 and March 2007.

Former "crossover" Canadian MP leaves politics

Canadian MP Belinda Stronach has officially announced she will not run for re-election in her riding of Newmarket—Aurora. She will re-join her father Frank Stronach's company Magna International Inc., a large auto parts company, as the executive vice-chairwoman.

"My father is looking to the future, the company is facing important

strategic decisions, and the Canadian and global auto sector and economy are in a period of great challenge," Stronach announced. "So I am stepping aside from elected politics for the time being and will now take part in public life in a different way...I will continue to represent the interests of the constituents I serve until such time as a federal election is called," she said. "I also plan to continue to play an active role in the community."

During Stronach's career a series of events have made national headlines.

In 2004, she ran against now Prime Minister Stephen Harper for leadership of then the new formed Conservative Party of Canada but lost. She was later elected as Conservative MP of Newmarket—Aurora. Stronach had many differences to Stephen Harper and his Conservatives supporting abortion and same-sex marriages. She also claimed the party was going too far-right. In 2005, two days before a non-confidence vote to bring down the Liberal government, she crossed the floor to the Liberal Party of Canada and retained her seat. Upon her crossing she immediately became Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development and Minister Responsible for Democratic Renewal. It also ended her personal relationship with fellow Conservative MP Peter MacKay. If Stronach had not joined the Liberals an election would have been called. On April 6, 2006, Stronach held a news conference announcing that she would not seek the leadership of the Liberals, which was later won by Stéphane Dion.

In September, she was caught cheating with former NHL player Tie

Domi. In October 2006, Peter MacKay referred to Stronach as a "dog". Stronach, a feminist, demanded an immediate apology and said that it offended all Canadian women.

2007 Cricket World Cup: Bangladesh vs England

England beat Bangladesh by 4 wickets (with 31 balls remaining) in the Super 8 phase of the World Cup at the Kensington Oval, Bridgetown, Barbados.

Toss: England won, and elected to field first.

MLB: Alex Rodriguez hits sixth HR in seven games

Alex Rodriguez's home run streak was extended Tuesday in the Yankee's win over the Twins in Minneapolis. A-Rod hit a two-run shot off of Twins starter Boof Bonser in the first inning, making it the fourth game in a row that he has cleared the fence. Bonser gave up six hits and seven runs in the four and one third innings he pitched, including a Johnny Damon three-run homer over the right field wall in the fifth inning. before being relieved by Jesse Crain. Dennys Reyes pitched the final inning, giving up three runs to bring the Yankee's lead to nine runs.

Andy Pettitte threw six shutout innings, allowing only four hits. Minnesota's only run came from a Jason Kubel sacrifice fly in the seventh inning, scoring Justin Morneau from third base. The Twins had many opportunities to score early, but ended up leaving their runners in scoring position without any hits to bring them home.

The Twins and Yankees will wrap up the series tomorrow, each hoping for a win to stay above .500. Mike Mussina will be starting for the Yanks, and Ramon Ortiz will be

starting for the Twins.

'Ring of Fire' burns home of late Johnny Cash



Johnny Cash in front of his home

A fast-moving fire engulfed the home of late singer Johnny Cash Tuesday. The lake-side home, located in Hendersonville, Tennessee, was the home of the late singer and his wife, June Carter, from the late 1960s until their deaths in 2003.

The home was purchased by former Bee Gees singer Barry Gibb in 2006, and was undergoing renovations at the time. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time, but it is believed that a flammable wood preservative that construction workers had applied contributed to the speed in which the flames spread. Firefighters responded within 5 minutes of the fire breaking out. No workers were killed in the fire, but one firefighter suffered minor injuries.

"Maybe it's the good Lord's way to make sure that it was only Johnny's house," said Richard Sterban of The Oak Ridge Boys, who lived down the road from Cash. Neighbor Marty Stewart said "So many prominent things and prominent people in American history took place in that house—everyone from Billy Graham to Bob Dylan went into that house." The home was where Cash wrote many of his hit songs, and appeared in the Cash music video for "Hurt".

Charges dropped in Duke lacrosse rape case

North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper dropped all charges against three Duke University lacrosse players. He said the

athletes were innocent victims of a "tragic rush to accuse" by an



overreaching district attorney, namely Mike Nifong. The year-long case saw Reade Seligmann, David Evans and Collin Finnerty indicted for rape, kidnapping and sexual assault charges tied to an alleged attack at a lacrosse team party on March 13, 2006.

Sadrist Movement threatens to leave Iraqi government

Controversial cleric Muqtada al-Sadr criticized Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's lack of support for a timetable for a United States withdrawal from Iraq. Although it is not the



first time the Sadrist Movement has threatened to leave the government, a statement released by the bloc said: "The Sadrist movement is studying the option of withdrawing from the Iraqi government - a government that has not fulfilled its promises to the people ... We are serious about withdrawing."

Al-Maliki's coalition relied on the Sadrist Movement to give it the mandate needed to form a government and the withdrawal could threaten to topple the government. The Sadrist Movement holds six ministerial positions and represents about a quarter of the MPs in the coalition.

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that holders of the North Korean accounts frozen at a bank by the United States can now withdraw or transfer their money.

- North Korea claims that it can shut down its main nuclear reactor within a month.
- Protestors gather in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan to call for the resignation of President Kurmanbek Bakiyev.
- Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao arrives in Japan for a summit visit that could help improve bilateral relations. He is the first Chinese Premier to visit Japan in almost seven years.
- There will be a runoff election to select the next President of East Timor after no candidate achieves a majority of votes in the first round of voting. There are three candidates in contention for the runoff namely the Prime Minister of East Timor Dr Jose Ramos Horta, the Fretilin candidate Francisco Guterres and Fernando de Araujo of the Democratic Party.

Today in History

- 467 - Anthemius became Emperor of the Western Roman Empire.
- 1927 - Chinese Civil War: A large-scale purge of communists from the Kuomintang began in Shanghai.
- 1961 - Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to enter outer space.
- 1980 - Terry Fox dipped his artificial leg in the Atlantic Ocean and began running his Marathon of Hope towards the Pacific Ocean to raise funds across Canada for cancer research.
- 1981 - Columbia, the first space shuttle, was launched for its first flight.
- April 12 is Cosmonautics Day in Russia, Yuri's Night.

Quote of the Day

Fighting wars is not so much about killing people as it is about finding things out. The more you know, the more likely you are to win a battle.
~ Tom Clancy

Word of the Day

coquetry; n

1. Attempts to attract admiration or notice, for the mere gratification of vanity; flirting.

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