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A massive 200 yard spider web has been discovered in Lake Tawakoni State Park, Eastern Texas, United States.

### Wikipedia Current Events

#### Hurricane Felix strengthens to Category 4
Hurricane Felix, the sixth named storm and second hurricane this season, has strengthened to a Category 4 hurricane. As of 5:00 EDT Sunday, it is located 440 miles off the coast of Kingston, Jamaica, in the Caribbean Sea.

It has maximum sustained winds of 140mph, and 165mph gusts. It is moving at approximately 20mph to the northwest, into the warmer waters of the eastern caribbean. It is still strengthening, and expected to reach Category 5 as it continues in warm waters.

Jamaica is on storm watch, as after being hit by Hurricane Dean last month there is a possibility of more damage. It is expected however that it will be outside the main areas of affect, which will be further south. The risks are mainly torrential rain, flash flooding, mudslides, and slips.

It is likely to affect the western coastal areas of Mexico with strong winds and 4 to 8 inches of rain when it passes through there sometime this week.

#### Republican leaders accused of double standard after Larry Craig's resignation
Republican leaders have been accused of double standards after forcing Idaho Senator Larry Craig to resign, while letting Louisiana Senator David Vitter stay, after being accused of being involved in an escort service.

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At least two people are killed and a dozen injured in three simultaneous explosions in Kathmandu in Nepal.

- The military-backed interim government of Bangladesh files corruption charges against former Prime Minister of Bangladesh Khaleda Zia and her younger son.
- Sudan postpones a census that is a crucial for the success of two national elections.

Scores of Taliban are killed in heavy fighting in the Kandahar and Arghandab regions of Afghanistan.

- Egyptian police find 2.75 tonnes of explosives in the el-Gefgafa area of Sinai, believed to be en route to the Gaza Strip.
- The Ogaden National Liberation Front declares a unilateral ceasefire so that a United Nations team can investigate claims of human rights abuses by the Ethiopian government.
- The United Kingdom withdraws troops from its base at Basra Palace as part of an eventual handover of Basra Province to the Iraqi government.
- The President of Iran Mahmoud Ahmadinejad claims that Iran now has 3,000 centrifuges. The International Atomic Energy Agency estimates the number at 2,000.
- Christopher R. Hill, the United States negotiator in talks with North Korea, states that they have agreed to declare and disable all of its nuclear facilities by the end of the year.

India successfully launches Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle, GSLV-F04, two hours after its scheduled launch.

- Peerzada Mohammed Sayeed, the Education Minister of Jammu and Kashmir survives an assassination attempt by Islamist militants near Patan.
According to Democrat leaders, they let Vitter stay in as he would be replaced with a Democrat, whereas Craig will be replaced with a Republican. The republicans have responded stating that Vitter had not been found guilty or charged, only accused.

"The fact is that Sen. Craig pled guilty to a crime, and therefore was convicted of a crime. Sen. Vitter has not been charged with a crime, let alone convicted of one. So there's a pretty big distinction here." said Ed Gillespie, President George Bush's counselor and ex-republican party leader. He stated that by 2008, the party "will not have candidates who have any kind of ethical considerations that will be a concern to the voters".

Minor earthquake strikes California
According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) a moderate earthquake occurred in southern California at 10:29 a.m. (Pacific time) (17:29 UTC) Sunday morning.

The magnitude 4.7 quake occurred 13 kilometers (8 miles) west, northwest of Lake Elsinore with a depth of 1.6 miles (2600 m). A small 2.5 aftershock then occurred about two minutes later.

There are no reports of damage or injuries.

"There were no injuries reported to us at this time. When there's an earthquake over 4.3, we send out an order to all of the stations so firefighters take all of their apparatus out of the basement until we are sure that everything is cleared," said firefighter for the Riverside County Fire Department, Jody Hagemann.

North Korea to dismantle nuclear facilities this year
North Korea has agreed to both identify and dismantle all of their nuclear facilities by the end of this year, said U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill. This is a step that will help normalize relations between the two governments, said Hill.

On February 13, 2007 North Korea agreed with the U.S., China, Russia, South Korea and Japan that they would dismantle their nuclear program in return for aid as well as security and diplomatic guarantees." We will have to work out some of the details of this in the six party process, Hill said. But we had a very good understanding of this today and an understanding that we need to pick up the pace and get through this phase in 2007. "

Kim Kye-gwan, the head of North Korea's delegation, told reporters that they had very substantive talks and that North Korea will provide a full declaration of all of their nuclear programs and will disable their nuclear programs by the end of this year, 2007.

Cricket: India defeat England in fifth one-day international
India have beaten England by 38 runs (Duckworth-Lewis method) in the fifth One-Day International of the series at Headingley, Leeds, England.

Indian opening batsmen Sourav Ganguly and Sachin Tendulkar started quickly, recording an opening partnership of 116 runs before Tendulkar was caught behind for 71 runs and Ganguly was dismissed for 59. Gautam Gambhir and Yuvraj Singh shared a 94 run partnership, with Yuvraj Singh reaching 72 and Gambhir scoring 51 runs. After 47 overs of the Indian innings, rain stopped play with India at 286-4. Play soon resumed however, and after Mahendra Singh Dhoni was caught behind for 24 and Rahul Dravid run out on 24 runs, India completed their fifty overs with a score of 324-6.

Chasing a substantial target of 325 runs, England suffered an early blow when Alastair Cook was caught behind off Ajit Agarkar's bowling. Ian Bell and Matt Prior shared a 90 run partnership before Prior was stumped by Mahendra Singh Dhoni for 46 runs. Soon afterwards Kevin Pietersen was caught behind for a duck while Ian Bell was caught behind for 44 runs. Rain once again interrupted the match and when play resumed England faced a revised Duckworth-Lewis target of 311 runs off 45 overs. England captain Paul Collingwood hit 91 not out, but the rain returned after 39 overs and the match finished with England still 38 runs behind the new Duckworth-Lewis target of 281 runs from 39 overs.

England lead the seven match series 3-2. The sixth match will be played at The Oval, London on 5 September.

Two die after passenger ship and cargo ship collide near Haifa, Israel
Divers have recovered two bodies after a passenger ship accidentally rammed a cargo vessel two miles from the port of Haifa, Israel.

The Israeli cargo ship Shelly sank after being struck by Cypriot passenger vessel Salamis Glory where she was anchored two miles from the coast. None of the nearly 700 people on the Salamis Glory were harmed, but two of the Shelly’s thirteen-man crew were...
unable to escape the sinking vessel. Their bodies were recovered twelve hours after the accident by Israeli divers.

Some of the survivors climbed on board a rescue launch lowered by the Salamis Glory, and were subsequently rescued by the navy, whilst the others were picked up by a rescue helicopter. The crew members on the Shelly were all foreign, with one of the deceased being an Ukrainian and the other being an Indonesian. They were the vessel's first mate and the ship's engineer. The survivors refused to be transported to hospital for treatment.

The bodies were retrieved after a massive search in the hope that the men had survived, with six naval vessels, several aircraft and countless divers participating. The disaster triggered an oil spill that spread down the Israeli coast, prompting officials to issue a warning against bathing at the nearby Zvulun beach.

The Salamis Glory returned to port in Haifa, exhibiting minor damage to her hull. Her crew will be interviewed by police in order to determine the cause of the accident. Cyprus will also participate in the investigation and is sending a go team to the scene. Cypriot shipping official Sergios Sergiou named one line of inquiry as a possible fault with the vessel's navigation system.

WHO investigates outbreak of unidentified illness in Democratic Republic of the Congo

The World Health Organization (WHO) is investigating an outbreak of an, as yet, unidentified illness in the central region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). To date, the illness has killed more than 100 people.

The illness, first thought to be typhoid fever but now more likely a haemorrhagic fever, was first noticed in early June in Kasai Occidental province in the DRC. There have been 103 reported deaths from a total of 217 patients, for a mortality rate of nearly 50 percent. Health authorities are, however, unsure of the full extent of the outbreak.

In a press release, WHO described the symptoms as "fever, headache, diarrhoea or colicky abdominal pain, and vomiting." They also indicated that most of the cases have been in children under ten years of age. The time from onset to death is approximately five to seven days.

The United Nations agency, WHO, has deployed personnel to the affected areas and retrieved blood samples for laboratory testing. According to a provincial doctor, Jean-Constatin Kanow, the epidemic has affected four villages: Kampungu, Makonono, Kuluamba and Mombo, but was spreading.

Dr. Kanow described the first reported cases as involving the deaths of two village chiefs on June 8. "All the people who assisted in the burial of these chiefs have died," he said.

Authorities in the DRC, and WHO, have begun preparing for an emergency response should that be required. Measures have been put in place to control the outbreak, such as improvements to drinking water quality, hygiene, and the promotion of safer burial practices.

19 South Koreans return home after release from Taliban captivity

Nineteen South Korean Christians are released from insurgents after being held captive for six weeks. The 19 South Koreans return to a nation that is glad the hostage situation has been resolved and is over. However, they also face a country that is angry with their decision to travel to Afghanistan despite the Afghan government advising them not to. "We owe a big debt to the nation and people, said Yoo Kyung Shik, the oldest of the freed hostages.

One South Korean man was reportedly stopped by the police when he attempted to hurl eggs at the freed Christians. The South Korean people are demanding to know who is to blame for the crisis and damaging South Korea's reputation. "I expect cannonballs of criticism flying at churches for causing such a disturbance, for squandering national energy and money... This is a good opportunity for Christian-bashing in a society that has been frowning upon churches, said Reverend Kim Myung Hyuk "

The South Korean government promised to send no more Christian missionaries into the country.

Two pilots killed in head-on collision at Radom Air Show, Poland

Two pilots were killed Saturday, September 1st, 2007, in an accident at the Radom Air Show in Poland.

The accident occurred on the first day of the two-day show, which had begun that morning.

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Image from several seconds after the impact, showing the remnants of the planes.

Four planes from the Zelazny air team were performing aerobatic maneuvers in front of a crowd consisting of thousands of spectators when two of them collided head on in mid-air. Both planes were traveling at 300km/h when they collided, and disintegrated on impact.

The pilots, both of whom came from Zielona Góra, Western Poland, were killed in the accident. One pilot, Lech Marchlewski, 62, had been intending to retire immediately after the flight, which was supposed to be his last air show performance. The other pilot was 24.

An investigation has been launched into the cause of the crash. All further activities at this year's Radam Air Show are canceled, and the Radom city mayor declared three days of mourning as a result of the crash.

Report claims UK might withdraw from Iraq as early as October
The Sunday Times cites unnamed U.K. government sources saying that Britain's troops could leave Basra as early as October. This alleged scenario would allow Gordon Brown to announce a troop pull-back.

Six killed in bridge collapse in Pakistan
A bridge collapsed in the southern city of Karachi, Pakistan. At least 4 people are dead and there are several crushed vehicles under the mounds of debris, say officials. Authorities had taken two bodies to a hospital, while another two bodies could be seen inside a crushed car. At least five people were injured, said Azhar Faruqi, city police chief.

The cause of the accident is not immediately clear.

Felix becomes Category 1 hurricane as it threatens Aruba
The sixth named storm and second hurricane of the 2007 Atlantic hurricane season is in full swing and headed toward Aruba. Hurricane Felix gathered strength all day Saturday and pounded Grenada with heavy rains and wind. Hurricane Felix snapped small boats loose from their moorings and even toppled utility poles as it heads toward the Caribbean island of Aruba.

Felix was upgraded from a tropical storm to a hurricane Saturday evening as it sustained maximum winds of 120 kilometers an hour.

Hurricane Felix swept over Grenada on Saturday. Felix had such strength that local radio and TV stations were knocked out of service and utility poles were toppled. At this point, no injuries are reported. The storm did, however, rip two roofs off at least two homes and a popular concert venue was demolished.

Major League Baseball roundup: September 1, 2007
Red Sox rookie throws no-hitter
Red Sox 10, Orioles 0: In just his second major-league start ever, and just hours after being called up from the minor leagues, Boston rookie Clay Buchholz (2-0) threw a complete game no-hitter, and the Red Sox won, 10-0. Buchholz becomes just the 21st rookie to throw a no-hitter, and only the third pitcher to throw a no-hitter by his second career start, since 1900. He struck out nine batters and walked three in the game. Kevin Youkilis went 2-4 for Boston, with a home run and 3 RBI. Garrett Olson gave up four runs in 5 1/3 for the loss. The win ends a four game losing streak for Boston (81-55), keeping their lead in the AL East at 5 games.

Other games
Indians 7, White Sox 0: Paul Byrd (14-5) threw a complete-game four-hitter en route to a 7-0 victory. Byrd was aided by two-run homers by Franklin Gutierrez (10) and Kelly Shoppach (6). Javier Vazquez (11-8) threw 6 innings, giving up 4 runs (3 earned) in the loss. The Indians have won 8 straight games, and lead the
Tigers in the AL Central by 5.5 games. The White Sox (78-57) have lost 5 straight games, and 10 of their last 11.

Yankees 9, Devil Rays 6: Alex Rodriguez went 3-4, with a home run and a double, and 4 RBI before being removed in the eighth inning. Yankees starter Ian Kennedy (1-0) got the win in his first major-league game, pitching 7 innings and giving up one earned run. Devil Rays starter Edwin Jackson (4-13) was rocked for seven runs (six earned) in 3 1/3 innings. Mariano Rivera pitched his 23rd save, retiring all four batters he faced, and striking out the side in the 9th inning. The Yankees improve to 76-60, and extended their lead to 2 games over Seattle in the AL Wild Card race. 

Tigers 6, Athletics 1: Curtis Granderson went 4-5, with a solo home run, a double, 2 RBI, and three runs for the Tigers. Oakland's Mike Piazza hit his 6th home run of the year, a solo shot in the 4th for the Athletics' only run. Justin Verlander (15-5) pitched 6 2/3 innings, striking out 10 batters for the win. Dan Haren struggled, giving up five earned runs and eleven hits in 6 innings for the loss. The win keeps the Tigers 5.5 games behind the Indians in the AL Central race, and 3 games behind the Yankees for the Wild Card spot.

Mets 5, Braves 1: The Mets' Carlos Delgado, Lastings Milledge, and Carlos Beltran all hit solo home runs in the win. Mike Pelfrey (1-7) notched his first win of the year, giving up just one hit and one run in six innings of work. Braves starter Chuck James (9-10) gave up three earned runs on route to the loss. Pedro Feliciano pitched two perfect innings, striking out the last five batters he faced. The Mets (75-60) hold a 3 game lead over the Phillies, and a 6.5 game lead over the Braves (69-67), in the NL East.

Marlins 12, Phillies 6: The Marlins scored seven runs in the first inning, setting the pace for a 12-6 win. Marlins hitters Jeremy Hermida, Mike Jacobs, and Cody Ross each drove in two runs. Byung-Hyun Kim (8-6) pitched five innings and gave up four runs for the win, while Phillies pitcher J.D. Durbin (6-4) didn't record a single out, leaving the game in the first inning after giving up seven runs, all earned. Kevin Gregg pitched 1 1/3 hitless innings for his 27th save. With the Mets' win, the Phillies fall to 3 games back in the NL East race.

Blue Jays 2, Mariners 1: In the 7th inning, Gregg Zun scored the first run of the game on a solo home run. The Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki shot back in the 8th inning, singling in the tying run, but Troy Glaus knocked in the deciding run in the bottom of the 8th, with a single to center field that scored Alex Rios. Dustin McGowan (9-8) pitched 8 innings for the win, while relief pitcher Sean Green got the loss. Closer Jeremy Accardo got the save, his 27th. The Mariners drop to 73-61, dropping them to 2 games behind the Yankees in the AL Wild Card race.

Cubs 4, Astros 3: Powered by a 6th inning two-run homer by Aramis Ramirez, his 19th of the season, the Cubs beat the Astros 4-3. Jason Marquis (11-8) pitched 6 2/3 innings for the win, while Astros pitcher Troy Patton gave up three runs (two earned) in six innings for the loss. Ryan Dempster gave up a solo home run in the 9th inning, but held on for his 24th save. The Cubs lead the NL Central by 1.5 games over the Brewers, and 2 games over the Cardinals.

Brewers 12, Pirates 3: Kevin Mench went 3-3, with a single, double and home run, scoring four runs and driving in three, in a decisive win. Dave Bush (11-9) pitched 6 innings, giving up four hits and one earned run for the win. Shane Youman (3-5) pitched just two innings, giving up eight earned runs for the loss. The Brewers (68-67) stay 1.5 games behind the Cubs in the NL Central race.

Cardinals 11, Reds 3: Cardinals' Rick Ankiel went 3-4 with a double, two runs and three RBI. Adam Wainwright pitched 5 2/3 innings, allowing two runs (one earned) for the win, while Reds' Phil Dumatrait pitched 4 2/3 innings, giving up seven runs (five earned) for the loss. The Cardinals improve to 66-66, and are two games back in the NL Central race. Padres 7, Dodgers 0. Padres center fielder Mike Cameron hit a grand slam off the Dodgers' Derek Lowe as part of a six-run fifth inning. Padres pitchers Jake Peavy, Cla Meredith, and Joe Thatcher combined for a two-hit shutout, with eleven strikeouts and just one walk. The Dodgers' Juan Pierre was responsible for both of the hits allowed, a single and a double. Peavy (16-5) received the win, while Lowe (11-12) pitched 4 1/3 innings in the loss. The Padres (75-60) are tied with the Arizona Diamondbacks (76-61) at the top of the NL West standings, while the Dodgers (70-65) are five games back.

Diamondbacks 13, Rockies 7. Both starting pitchers (Elmer Dessens for Colorado, Dana Eveland for Arizona) left the game before the fourth inning. Diamondbacks first baseman Tony Clark knocked a three-run homer to cap a seven-run 2nd inning and a two-run single to cap a four-run 3rd inning. Rockies shortstop Troy Tulowitzki knocked in two of the Rockies' seven runs with a double in the 3rd. Diamondbacks pitcher Edgar Gonzalez (7-2) took the win, pitching 3 1/3 innings of two-hit
baseball in relief, while Dessens (2-2) took the loss, lasting just 1 1/3 inning while giving up seven runs. With the win, Arizona (76-61) remains tied with the San Diego Padres (75-50) at the top of the NL West standings.

Rangers 7, Angels 6: Marlon Byrd finished 3-5 with a home run, a double, and 3 runs for the Rangers. The Angels brought the game within one run after Garret Anderson hit a three-run homer in the 9th inning, but C.J. Wilson closed the game out, receiving his 9th save of the year. Edinson Volquez (1-0) pitched five innings for the win, while Angels pitcher Kelvim Escobar made it through just 2 2/3 innings, allowing five earned runs for the loss. The Angels (80-55) enjoy a 6.5 game lead over Seattle in the AL West standings.

Twins 6, Royals 4: The Twins rode a four-run, two-out fifth inning en route to a 6-4 victory. Mike Redmond hit a two-run double off Brandon Duckworth to score the eventual game-winning runs. Carlos Silva (11-13) pitched 6 innings for the win, while Duckworth (2-4) pitched 4 1/3 innings in the loss, giving up all six runs. Joe Nathan pitched his 29th save of the season.

Nationals 4, Giants 1: The Nationals' Jesus Flores went 2-4 with a home run and two RBI in the win. Nationals pitcher Joel Hanrahan (4-2) pitched six innings, giving up just one hit (a solo home run to Pedro Feliz). Giants pitcher Jonathan Sanchez (1-3) was credited with the loss, pitching 5 1/3 innings and giving up three runs. Chad Cordero pitched a hitless 9th for the save, his 29th.

Finland win first ever Eurovision Dance Contest 2007 held in London
Tonight the first Eurovision Dance Contest was held in London. Sixteen countries entered with most of the participants coming from the regional versions of Strictly Come Dancing.

Greece didn't air the show live, and the points given out were decided by a jury of Greek experts. Despite France not taking part, the show was broadcast in English and French. Graham Norton and Claudia Winkleman hosted at BBC Television Centre. Graham Norton kept the audience laughing throughout the show and also sent sent his consolations to both Greece, for their forest fires, and to Switzerland as they were heading for nil-points, which, in the end, they finished with. Despite Finland winning the 2008 Eurovision Dance Contest will also be held in London. If next year's show is popular, the winning country will host the following year's contest, Song Contest style!

Hurricane Felix becomes a Category 2 hurricane early today as Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao have a hurricane watch in place.

• It later strengthens to Category 4 with predictions that it will hit Central America or the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico.
• Tropical storm warnings are put in place for Jamaica and the Grand Cayman Islands.
• The Prime Minister of Australia John Howard announces that Justice Ian Callinan will conduct an inquiry into the 2007 Australian equine influenza outbreak.
• Twelve Greenpeace activists are arrested in protests at Newcastle, New South Wales on the eve of the APEC meeting in Sydney.

Riot police clash with protesters commemorating the Ungdomshuset in the Nørrebro district of Copenhagen with 26 people injured.

• Fatah al-Islam fighters attempt an escape from the Nahr al-Bared refugee camp north of Tripoli, Lebanon with at least 41 people being killed in fighting and many being injured and captured by the Lebanese army.

• The Prime Minister of Lebanon Fouad Siniora announces that the Government has captured the camp.

• The leader of Fatah al-Islam is believed to be among the casualties with the Lebanese government conducting DNA tests to confirm his identity.

• An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.9 strikes in the Pacific Ocean south of Lata, Santa Cruz Islands in the Solomon Islands with a tsunami warning being issued.

• 2007 South Korean hostage crisis in Afghanistan: The 19 freed hostages return to South Korea.

301 – San Marino, one of the smallest nations in the world and the world's oldest republic still in existence, was founded by Saint Marinus.

1260 – Egyptian Mamluks defeated the Mongols at the Battle of Ain Jalut in Palestine, marking the point of maximum westward expansion of the Mongol Empire.

1783 – Great Britain and the United States signed the Treaty of Paris, formally ending the American Revolutionary War.

1901 – The National Flag of Australia, a Blue Ensign defaced with the Commonwealth Star and the Southern Cross, flew for the
first time atop the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne.
1976 – The NASA Viking 2 spacecraft landed on Mars and took the first close-up, color photos of the planet’s surface.

September 03 is Labor Day in the United States and Labour Day in Canada (2007); Independence Day in Qatar; Armed Forces Day in Taiwan.

**Quote of the Day**
There is only one thing infamous in love, and that is a falsehood.
~ Paul Bourget

**Word of the Day**
sublimate; v
1. (physics): To change state from a solid to a gas (or from a gas to a solid) without passing through the liquid state.
2. To redirect the natural expression of a sexual or primitive instinct in a socially acceptable activity.

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