

Gorilla injures one in S.C. zoo escape

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A 390-pound gorilla grabbed some low-hanging bamboo to scale a wall at a South Carolina zoo Friday, escaping his enclosure and tackling a worker before returning to his pen about five minutes later. The gorilla at Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens ran into a pizza-stand employee who curled up and played dead to try to avoid further injuries, officials said. The man, who works for Aramark Corp., was taken to a hospital and released a short time later with cuts and bruises.

Amazon to pay toy seller

NEW YORK — Amazon.com Inc. will pay \$51 million to Toys R Us Inc. to end a long-standing legal dispute between the online retailer and the toy seller. The lawsuit was over a partnership that gave Toys R Us exclusive rights to supply some toy products on Amazon's site. Wayne, N.J.-based Toys R Us claimed Amazon violated the partnership by letting others sell some toys on Amazon.com, while Seattle-based Amazon said the toy seller failed to keep items in stock.

22 poisoned at church

CORONADO, Calif. — Authorities say 22 people, most of them schoolchildren, were hospitalized after suffering carbon monoxide poisoning at a Catholic church in Southern California. Coronado Fire Division Chief Ed Hadfield says the incident began Friday morning when two children fainted as they sat in a pew during Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, which also operates a grade school.

SWINE FLU A PANDEMIC



AP PHOTO

A girl, wearing a face mask as a precaution against swine flu, waits for medical attention Friday at San Juan de Dios hospital in Guatemala City. The World Health Organization declared a swine flu pandemic, the first global flu epidemic in 41 years, as infections in the United States, Europe, Australia, South America and elsewhere climbed to nearly 30,000 cases.

Venezuela bans drink

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuela's Health Ministry said Friday it banned sales of Coca-Cola Zero because the company failed to declare the no-calorie soft drink uses an artificial sweetener allegedly harmful to health. Health officials said tests show the cola contains sodium cyclamate. Coca-Cola Co. disputes that, saying the product sold in Venezuela uses different artificial sweeteners, Acesulfame-K and Aspartame.

Hariri seeks compromise

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The pro-Western politician favored to become Lebanon's next prime minister is setting aside the explosive issue of disarming the Shiite militant group Hezbollah, saying Friday he hopes for unity with his political foes



Saad Hariri

in the sharply divided country. The comments by Saad Hariri in an interview with The Associated Press reflect the tough choices facing his U.S.- and Saudi-backed coalition after its victory against Hezbollah and its allies.

Sanctions on N. Korea

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council imposed punishing new sanctions on North Korea Friday, toughening an arms embargo and authorizing ship searches on the high seas in an attempt to thwart the reclusive nation's nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

— Press wire services

TOP STORY



AP PHOTO

Determined: Iranian reformist presidential candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi waves to the media during a late-night press conference after polls closed Friday in Tehran.

Who's the victor in Iran?

Ministry says incumbent up big in presidential race; reformist disagrees

BY ANNA JOHNSON AND BRIAN MURPHY
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's interior ministry said today President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was far ahead with nearly 80 percent of all votes counted, but his pro-reform rival countered he was the clear victor and warned of possible fraud in the election.



Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

The dispute rose before the votes were counted — boosting tensions after a monthlong race between the combative president and his main challenger, Mir Hossein Mousavi, who has the backing of a youth-oriented movement.

Mousavi declared himself "definitely the winner" based on "all indications from all over Iran." He also alleged widespread irregularities, including closing polls with vot-

ers still waiting, suggesting he would challenge the results.

But bringing any show-down into the streets certainly would face a swift backlash from security forces, which issued stark warnings against unrest or any threat to the Islamic regime. A series of cyber-strikes — text messaging blackouts, blocks on pro-Mousavi Web sites and widespread Internet disruptions — also raised worries authorities were prepared to exert further pressures on the communications lifelines of the rejuvenated reformist movement.

The messy outcome capped a long day of voting. It was extended for several hours to accommodate a huge turnout that had people waiting for hours at polling stations in blistering heat and nighttime downpours.

Moments after Mousavi called a news conference to declare victory, Iran's state news agency reported Ahmadinejad won. Both claims came shortly after polls closed, but before any vote tallies were announced.

By early today, Ahmadinejad had 65.2 percent and Mousavi had 31.8 percent with 77 percent of all votes counted, said Kamran Daneshjoo, a senior official with the Interior Ministry, which oversees the voting.

Ex-cop charged in fight

NEW CITY, N.Y. — A former New York City policeman who is accused of confronting a suburban school official at gunpoint was indicted on a kidnapping charge. Ex-policeman Peter Cocker, who has a sick child and was upset by school policy on swine flu, was disarmed and tackled Tuesday by South Orangetown Central School District Superintendent Ken Mitchell.

Granddaughter slain

WARREN — Police say a 51-year-old Detroit-area woman has been charged in the slaying of her 4-year-old granddaughter. Dawn Yorke was ordered held without bond at her arraignment Friday on charges of first- and second-degree murder. Officials say the woman's 23-year-old daughter called home Thursday evening and was told by the grandmother that she "killed the baby."

Man jailed for child porn

DETROIT — The U.S. Attorney's Office in Detroit said Dennis Delaney, 38, of Northville was sentenced Thursday on federal charges, including distribution and possession of child pornography.

NAME DROPPING

Woman may have role in actor's wreck

Demaris Meyer, the woman in the passenger seat the night Morgan Freeman crashed a car on a rural Mississippi highway, was partly to blame for the accident, the actor's attorney said Friday.



Morgan Freeman

'Pawn Shop' now filming

What's so funny in Detroit? An independent filmmaker is trying to provide an answer. Director and co-writer Parrish Redd says shooting for "Pawn Shop" began last weekend and is expected to run through June 25. It stars veteran actors and comedians Joe Torry and Garrett Morris. Redd says 90 percent of the movie will be filmed in the city. A west side automotive shop has been transformed into a primary set. About 50 local actors, caterers, hair stylists and crew members are being hired.

Palin continues feud

Sarah Palin says David Letterman owes an apology to young women across the country for his joke about her daughter. The Alaska governor appeared on NBC's "Today" show Friday, continuing a feud with the CBS "Late Show" funnyman over his joke earlier this week that Palin's daughter got "knocked up" by New York Yankee third baseman Alex Rodriguez.



Sarah Palin

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Meet Walker, a 2-year-old grey short haired cat. Walker is a show off and loves for you to admire his good looks and playful talents. This sweet young man is looking for a place to call his own so that he can enjoy the simple things in life: cuddling, playing and relaxing! Come in and meet Walker today, he is well worth your time!

Meet Peppy, a 4-year-old grey and white short haired girl. She is looking for a home that can appreciate her calm composure and play and cuddle with her. Peppy is very loving and curious, which makes her great with new people and animals. This young lady has a sister, Teddy, who would like to go home with her as well, which would be perfect for someone looking for two cats as playmates. Come in and meet Peppy today — you won't regret it!

Meet BabyGirl, a 3-year-old red and brown tabby. BabyGirl gets along with other animals, but prefers to have all of the attention if she can. BabyGirl is not the most active cat as she may need to lose a few pounds, none the less an extremely loving and adoring young lady. BabyGirl loves to cuddle and sit on your lap, so if your looking for a lover, BabyGirl is for you — come meet BabyGirl right away!

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Meet MaMa, a 3-year-old Pit Bull mix. This gal would do best with older children who will be able to keep up with and understand her. She takes direction very well so a loving family who has the time to exercise with her and teach her things would make a very wonderful home for her. Because Mama enjoys being so active with things such as hiking, swimming and cuddling she would do best in a home where she is the only pet. Come in and meet this special girl today!

Meet Bruce, a 3 1/2-year-old tan and white pit bull guy. Bruce is an extremely smart and attentive canine. This handsome man is looking for his forever family that can give him all of the love he deserves. Bruce is a true goofball, but would do best with older children who understand his needs and can play with him. If you think he's what you need in your life, come in and meet Bruce today! He is worth every minute!

Meet George, a 10-month-old Rottweiler mix. This young man definitely has a fun personality and is eager to learn. It would be best for George to find a home with adults and older kids who better understand his needs and are ready to help him learn and socialize in the world. Come in and adopt George. This sweet young man is ready for a loving active family and a great home today!

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