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#### Hurricanes may be associated with sunspots

A recent study suggests that hurricane intensity may be linked to the number of sunspots on the sun. A decrease in the number of sunspots may be related to an increase in hurricane intensity. After examining the past 100 year hurricane records of the United States and Caribbean, James Elsner and Thomas Jagger of Florida State University in Tallahassee conclude that their intensity may be linked to 10 to 12 year solar magnetic activity cycles. Data from the National Hurricane Center, Miami, Florida was used in the study.



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result of a week of drug trade related violence.

- Mahir al-Zubaydi, senior commander for al Qaeda in Iraq for Bagdad east of the Tigris River, is killed by U.S. troops.
- Colonel Ivan Petrik, chief of staff of the Russian ground force in South Ossetia, is confirmed dead from wounds he suffered in the Friday blast in Tskhinvali.
- Russian foreign ministry has reported that Switzerland will represent Russian interests in Georgia.
- Georgia wants Sweden to act as protecting power and represent the country in diplomatic business with Russia.
- After 35 days captivity four ethnic Georgians, residents of the village of Savaneti - Roman Kimadze, Alike Kimadze, Gia Guliashvili and Imeda Tabatadze - kidnapped by representatives of paramilitary units of the separatist regime of South Ossetia, has been freed.

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Police find nine more dead bodies around the Mexican city of Tijuana with 50 people having died over the past week as a

The script was released by the National Archives, and it was discussed during the years from 1973 to 1975, as an act of preparation for a nuclear attack. This increased concern occurred due to the ongoing Cold War.

The script started by saying "This is the Wartime Broadcasting Service. This country has been attacked with nuclear weapons. Communications have been severely disrupted, and the number of casualties and the extent of the damage are not yet known. We shall bring you further information as soon as possible. Meanwhile, stay tuned to this wavelength, stay calm and stay in your own homes." It emphasised people should not leave their homes, "Remember there is nothing to be gained by trying to get away. By leaving your homes you could be exposing yourselves to greater danger."

"If you leave, you may find yourself without food, without water, without accommodation and without protection. Radioactive fall-out, which follows a nuclear explosion, is many times more dangerous if you are directly exposed to it in the open. Roofs and walls offer substantial protection. The safest place is indoors."

The script continued by telling citizens to "make sure gas and other fuel supplies are turned off and that all fires are extinguished," before telling the listener to "use your water only for essential drinking and cooking purposes."

"Make your food stocks last: ration your supply, because it may have to last for 14 days or more," continued the script. "If you live in an area where a fall-out warning

has been given, stay in your fall-out room until you are told it is safe to come out."

The script finishes people by telling people to turn off their radio to conserve energy.

The documents were released under Britain's Freedom of Information act, and it also said that all reports should be given out in an authoritative and comforting tone. It also contains letters from the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications which describe how the use of a familiar voice will assure listeners that the BBC has not been obliterated.

### **Lordi release music video for Finnish chart-topper 'Bite It Like a Bulldog'**

Finnish theatrical hard rock band Lordi - who are known for their 'monster' personas - have released a music video for the single Bite It Like a Bulldog. The song rose to number one on the Finnish single chart.

The song is the lead single from Deadache, Lordi's new album, which is due for release later this month. The album's musical style is described as similar to the band's previous work in that it is melodic hard rock, but with a 'rougher' quality to it and stronger horror themes. The band's keyboardist previously compared some of the music to that of Rob Zombie.

The band have also introduced new incarnations of their costumes, as they do for the release of each album. According to the group's frontman, part of the aim for the video was to showcase these to the world for the first time. "The modern horror film classics such as The Texas Chainsaw Massacre remake and

Hostel were the starting points and the influence for the visual look," he told MTV.

He also explained that the intention was to produce something different with the video. "We wanted to achieve something that breaks the tradition of Lordi videos... The idea was to have a video with a not-so-simple and easily understandable storyline. We wanted the clip to focus on the feeling of the song and the new, more grotesque look of the band." The video was directed by Limppu Lindberg, who has worked on graphic design with Lordi and directed videos for Finnish metal bands such as Children of Bodom and Norther.

The video's United States TV debut will be made tonight at 11pm on MTV2's Headbangers Ball.

### **Suspect in 1998 bombing of US embassy in Tanzania won't face death penalty**

The United States Department of Defense (DoD) has denied military prosecutors the chance to charge Ahmed Kalfan Ghailani - a suspect imprisoned in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba over alleged involvement in the 1998 bombing of the US embassy in Tanzania - with crimes that carry the death penalty. His trial for war crimes at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base will instead be for charges with a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

DoD legal head Susan Crawford, who reviews each case, approved proceedings which were filed in March but refused to allow prosecutors to seek the death penalty. She did not reveal the reasoning behind these decisions.

The bombing he is alleged to have taken part in was one of a pair,

the other being against the US embassy in Kenya. The suicide truck bombings killed 220 people and injured 4,000. It is alleged Ghailani acquired and transported the explosives al-Qaeda used in the attack in Tanzania, and that he and a bomber inspected the embassy together before the attack. Eleven of the fatalities and 85 of the injuries were in Tanzania.

He is charged with murder, attacking civilians and civilian objects, intentionally causing serious bodily injury, destroying property, terrorism and providing material support to terrorism, all in violation of the laws of war. He admits to purchasing the TNT used and a mobile phone used by another attacker and being present when the truck was bought. However, he denies knowing that the embassy was the target.

He was captured in Pakistan in 2004 and transferred to Guantanamo in 2006. The following year he faced a hearing to prove he was an enemy combatant, at which he made his confessions.

### **Fiery collision between prison van and truck kills seven in Alabama, US**

Six applicants to join the Alabama Department of Corrections and their driver have been killed after the prison van they were traveling in collided with an 18-wheeled truck. Both vehicles burned at the scene.

Andrew David Carter, who was driving the Lewis Trucking Company truck with a cargo of treated lumber, escaped the wreck without serious injury. He was briefly hospitalised and released. The deceased have been identified

as driver Rodney Kelley, and applicants Julius Erving Douier, Lionel Michael Moore, John Henry Foye Jr., Brandon Jamaal Anglin, Henry Louis Simmons, and Derrick Lamar Ivey. The oldest victim was 45 and the youngest nearly 19.

The wreck occurred on Alabama's Route 82 near Bullock County, having left Bullock Correctional Facility to travel to Draper Correctional Facility in Elmore County for mental and physical fitness tests on the passengers before employment with the state.

The road was closed for eight hours while bodies and wreckage were recovered. As well as the van and the truck cab, part of the trucks cargo and several hundred square feet of nearby timber land were consumed by the fire. An investigation is ongoing, but it appears that the truck crossed the center line and there are no skid marks present.

The relatives of the victims will be offered counseling by the Department of Corrections.

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at the Palace Station resort in Las Vegas during the evening of September 13, 2007.

Simpson was remanded into custody immediately and was taken from the courtroom in handcuffs after the verdicts were read. Depending on the sentence handed down, he may end up imprisoned for the rest of his natural life.

He was found guilty on a total of twelve counts. Count one was for "Conspiracy to Commit a Crime." This conviction could result in up to twelve years imprisonment.

Count two was "Conspiracy to Commit Kidnapping," while the third offence he was convicted of was "Conspiracy to Commit Robbery." Both of these crimes will result in sentences of one to six years imprisonment.

The fourth count "Burglary with a Deadly Weapon." This conviction could result in anything from two to fifteen years imprisonment for Simpson.

The fifth and sixth convictions were both for "First-degree Kidnapping with a Deadly Weapon." For the two convictions combined, Simpson will receive a sentence of 30 years or life imprisonment.

Counts seven and eight regard Robbery with a Deadly Weapon. Each conviction could result of a prison sentence of between three and 30 years.

During the high-profile kidnapping and robbery trial, Simpson found himself in trouble with court officials. Ordered under the terms of his bail to have no contact with fellow defendants or witnesses, he violated this in a foul-languaged

message left for his bail bondsman. Miguel Pereira of "You Ring We Spring" received the expletive-laden message intended for his co-defendant, which the prosecutor, Chris Owens, claimed was threatening.

Section nine and ten regard assault with a deadly weapon, and they carry a penalty of one to six years imprisonment, while the final two convictions are for coercion with a deadly weapon, and carry the same penalty.

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"Senate Democrats and Republicans believe it is essential that we work quickly on this important legislation to restore confidence to our financial system and strengthen the economy," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

George W. Bush meeting with Representatives of American Businesses after the approval of the bail out.

The new revisions include raising the FDIC insurance cap to \$250,000, a move designed to please progressives. However, the \$110 billion in tax breaks, earmarks and what has been called pork barrel spending is not offset by any increases in revenues and has added opposition to the bill from some Representatives in the House.

Earmarks added into the bailout bill included \$192 million in tax

rebates for the Virgin Islands rum industry, \$148 million in tax cuts for the wool industry, \$100 million tax cuts to the auto racing industry, and \$48 million in Hollywood tax incentives.

Vice President of Taxpayers for Common Sense, Steve Ellis, offered his explanation for the pork and earmarks added in. "People who support some of these provisions will forget about the \$700 billion and concerns they may have on that, and say, 'If you give me a few million in tax breaks for my constituents, I'll go along'".

The tactic seems to have worked, however, managing to flip enough votes to pass the bill.

"The inclusion of parity, tax extenders and the FDIC increases has caused me to reconsider my position," said Representative Jim Ramstad (R Minnesota), who voted against the previous bill on Monday. "All three additions have greatly improved the bill."

But Representative Marcy Kaptur (D Ohio) was not changing her no vote. "I will not support this legislation because it's the wrong medicine," she said.

The Senate took H.R.1424, a bill originating in the House concerning "equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment," and extended it with the bailout provisions.

H.R.1424 was introduced on March 9, 2007, by Rep. Patrick Kennedy (RI-1) and had the support of First Lady Rosalind Carter. It is noted on the Congressional Website that

"On 10/1/2008, the Senate passed H.R.1424 as the vehicle for the economic rescue legislation. In the EAS version of the bill (Engrossed Amendment as Agreed to by the Senate), Division A (pp.1-110) is referred to as the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008; Division B (pp. 110-255) is referred to as the Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008; and Division C (pp. 255-441) is referred to as the Tax Extenders and Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008." It was not treated as an appropriations bill in the House.

There were two votes in the Senate. The first was to amend H.R.1424, which required 3/5 to be accepted, which it was. The second was a vote on the bill. Passage of the Bill required only a 1/2 majority. It was passed with 74 yeas and 25 nays. Senator Kennedy did not vote.

### **Today in History**

869 – The Fourth Council of Constantinople, the eighth Catholic Ecumenical Council, was convened to discuss the patriarchate of Photios I of Constantinople.

1877 – After battling the U.S. Army for more than three months, retreating over 1,000 miles across Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana, and enduring a five-day siege, Chief Joseph and his Nez Perce band finally surrendered.

1903 – Samuel Griffith became the first Chief Justice of Australia, while Edmund Barton and Richard O'Connor became the first Puisne Justices of the High Court of Australia.

1908 – Prince Ferdinand became the first Tsar of Bulgaria since the Ottoman invasion in the 14th century.

1948 – The International Union for Conservation of Nature was founded at a congress sponsored

by UNESCO director Julian Huxley  
in Fontainebleau, France.  
October 05 is Republic Day in  
Portugal (1910); International  
World Teachers' Day

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Anyone who takes himself  
too seriously always runs the risk  
of looking ridiculous; anyone who  
can consistently laugh at himself  
does not. ~ Václav Havel

### **Word of the Day**

bishopric n

1. A diocese or region of a church which a bishop governs.

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