

SIERRA LEONE

# Chimps involved in fatal attack return to sanctuary

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FREETOWN, Sierra Leone - Most of the 31 chimpanzees that escaped a sanctuary and attacked a group of sightseers two weeks ago have returned, but the leader of the group is still missing, the sanctuary director said Saturday.

The April 23 attack on a taxicab of American and Sierra Leonean tourists left the car's driver dead. Another Sierra Leonean man lost his hand in the mauling. Others reported minor injuries.

Twenty-one of the chimps have returned, said Balasingam Amarasekera, the head of the Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary out-

side of Freetown. But 10 chimps, including the oldest and leader of the group, Bruno, were "still out on the hills."

"We expect Bruno to be the last to return," Amarasekera said.

Amarasekera said the chimpanzees had escaped in the middle of the night by using sticks to disable a sliding metal door.

"We never thought they could use sticks to destroy the slide," Amarasekera said. "We are dealing with species that are very intelligent and which bypassed one of the safety mechanisms we put in place."

This was the first accident at the sanctuary since it

opened 10 years ago, Amarasekera said. The sanctuary has been closed to the public since the incident.

"We are very sorry for the loss of life. The whole incident was very unfortunate," he said.

Chimpanzee attacks are unusual but not unprecedented.

Last year, two chimps escaped from a California sanctuary and mauled one man, injuring his genitals and limbs before a bystander shot the primates.

# From ex-cons to grads

By Sommer Brokaw  
THE TRIANGLE TRIBUNE

DURHAM - The graduation of 10 ex-felons from a Department of Corrections program that aims to help transition them back into the community was bittersweet.

Supporters of the program were happy to see the progress it has made over the last year and a half, but, at the same time, were saddened that this was the last class to graduate.

The project, REPAIR: Reentry Partnerships Aimed at Individual and Community Restoration, started last year. The Department of Corrections' Going Home Initiative, designed to address the stages an ex-offender goes through when released back in the community, funds the initiative. Participants receive a weekly stipend while they participate in job training.

The third class to graduate on April 28 at the N.C. Mutual Insurance Co. was the final one because the program's funding is set to expire next month. Ex-offenders enrolled in the four-month program receive training through Durham Community Technical College for construction trade, along with life skills, business and finance.

"At 35 years old (and) coming out of prison, I was scared. I didn't know what I was going to do, where I was going to go," graduate Alvin Thomas said. "This was important because it gave me some sort of direction. I feel good about myself. I don't feel like I have to go back to the way I was before."

Reginald Johnson, senior assistant to City Manager Patrick B. Baker, gave the keynote speech.

"On behalf of the Durham community, we need you," Johnson said. "While some may want to look at your past and throw you away, we don't want to leave this place without telling you we need you."

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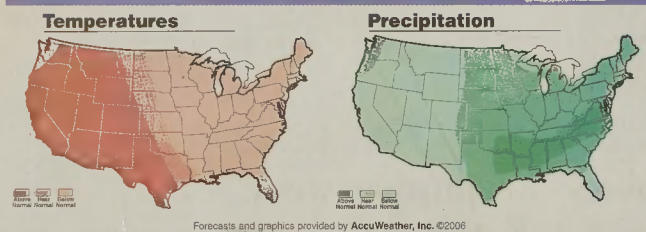
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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK



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Sun			Moon			Moon Phases			
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Full	Last	New	First
6:23 a.m.	6:18 p.m.	6:18 p.m.	7:02 p.m.	5:13 a.m.	5:11 a.m.	5/13	5/20	5/27	6/3

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Albany, GA	85 54	77 48	75 48	80 54	Memphis, TN	73 54	75 53	78 59	77 61
Augusta, GA	82 56	80 49	78 49	80 52	Myrtle Beach, SC	77 62	75 53	72 52	76 59
Charleston, SC	83 62	80 51	76 53	78 59	Norfolk, VA	72 60	73 54	88 55	72 67
Columbia, SC	80 57	76 49	75 53	78 57	Raleigh, NC	78 56	76 50	76 52	78 54
Durham, NC	76 55	75 49	73 51	75 53	Richmond, VA	71 57	74 49	73 52	73 53
Greensboro, NC	74 53	73 50	72 50	72 54	Roanoke, VA	73 50	69 49	68 49	72 49
Greenville, SC	78 53	76 50	74 50	73 53	Savannah, GA	84 58	80 50	78 50	82 57
Knoxville, TN	71 48	68 46	71 49	72 54	Wilmington, NC	80 61	79 51	73 55	76 59
Lynchburg, VA	70 50	69 44	68 46	73 49	Winston-Salem, NC	76 53	74 49	70 50	73 54

U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	73 54	72 50	72 55	73 56	Miami	90 74	90 69	87 71	87 73
Boston	58 50	58 48	52 46	60 48	Minneapolis	54 40	60 43	60 44	61 47
Chicago	58 41	58 41	58 43	60 44	New Orleans	84 65	83 62	85 64	85 67
Cleveland	62 45	62 42	62 44	66 49	New York City	63 54	65 52	65 52	67 52
Dallas	80 56	84 62	88 62	80 62	Orlando	94 68	88 64	86 62	88 62
Denver	64 42	65 49	78 49	68 41	Pittsburgh	70 48	61 42	63 45	65 46
Detroit	64 42	58 41	62 44	66 48	Phoenix	103 74	103 74	104 74	102 73
Houston	86 58	86 50	86 56	86 64	San Francisco	71 52	67 52	66 51	68 52
Kansas City	62 44	69 49	72 54	68 51	Seattle	62 46	60 42	64 44	68 46
Los Angeles	78 60	76 60	72 58	72 58	Washington, DC	68 55	72 56	70 54	70 54

WORLD CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	73 50	73 57	72 53	61 46	Paris	73 49	75 54	72 50	70 50
Berlin	71 50	75 52	77 54	66 46	Rio de Janeiro	76 63	73 65	74 66	74 67
Buenos Aires	66 57	67 57	66 59	65 58	Rome	70 54	72 54	72 54	73 54
Cairo	88 63	92 66	94 64	89 61	San Juan	87 76	87 74	86 76	88 75
Jerusalem	75 57	78 57	79 56	73 51	Seoul	78 48	67 48	63 46	72 49
Johannesburg	64 43	64 43	62 44	62 43	Sydney	65 50	66 50	70 50	68 55
London	70 50	72 54	66 48	59 45	Tokyo	71 49	66 51	68 58	67 54
Mexico City	76 54	72 53	74 52	77 51	Toronto	61 45	54 42	53 42	54 35
Moscow	54 42	63 40	65 48	68 54	Zurich	73 43	75 49	76 52	84 51

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