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PETAL, OLDEST PHILA. ZOO ELEPHANT, DIES

The Philadelphia Zoo's Petal - at 52, the oldest African elephant in a U.S. zoo - died this morning. Petal's stall had a video monitor, and Baker said it appeared that Petal's right rear leg buckled suddenly earlier in the morning, and she collapsed. The cause of death was not immediately known.



Petal in a 2006 file photo.

Remember Petal: Got a story about this pachyderm? (16 comments)

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The commuters' ranks are growing is a longer walk from their car. Then, they may have trouble finding a seat.

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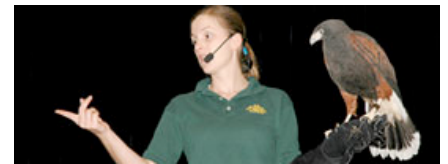


Apple unveils upgraded iPhone with faster Internet

Apple Inc. unveiled an upgraded iPhone Monday with a faster Internet connection and satellite navigation capabilities _ priced \$200 lower than current models, but with more expensive service.

Can you hear Steve Jobs now? Talk about the new gizmo (16 comments)

Today in Philly



The Florence R. Foerderer Live Animal Center

Located in the rear of the museum's ground floor, the center is home to over 100 live birds, mammals, reptiles & other creatures. Visitors can check out behind-the-scenes action as the resident critters are fed and tended to by caretakers. All the animals involved are either injured or bred in captivity and would not survive in the wild.

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Striped Bass closing

Striped Bass will close at the end of the month as owner Stephen Starr plans to turn the seafood destination restaurant this fall into a '40s-supper-club-style steak house called Butcher & Singer Steak & Seafood.

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A peanut butter history lesson & no-bake recipes for a graduation party

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Phils win for best in '0'

Bill Conlin: You are watching the most potent Phillies lineup of my time, and yours. This year's Phils squad is putting up numbers comparable to the 1977 powerhouse led by Mike Schmidt and Greg Luzinski.

Phillies have spent wisely

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Just a Little Warm-up
The atmosphere may approach new levels of discomfort this afternoon, but it appears that a cooling front is on the way to snuff out the season's first heat wave.

Crime down in U.S. and Phila.
Readers respond to family's plight with cool relief

DAILY NEWS **1 injured cop yields 2 points of view**

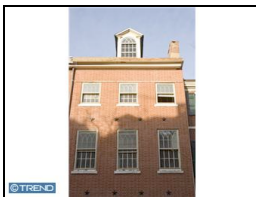
Former Philadelphia Police Inspector Tom Nestel thinks plenty of cops milk the city for disability pay. But he also believes the city has a history of skimping on medical care and treating everyone as if they're trying to scam the system.

City paints a bull's-eye on abuse of cops' 100% pay while injured
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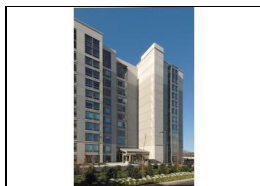
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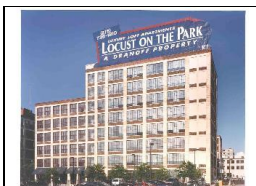
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- Acting like Rocky
- Stopping for photos
- Going to Geno's or Pat's

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