

02/21/07 VO

WE'RE GETTING MORE INFORMATION FROM NASA... ON TWO MYSTERIOUS PLANETS RECENTLY DISCOVERED OUTSIDE OUR SOLAR SYSTEM.

===TAKE VO===

ONE SCIENTIST CALLS THEM, QUOTE... "VERY DIFFERENT BEASTS."
THAT'S BECAUSE THE LATEST INFORMATION FROM NASA'S SPITZER SPACE TELESCOPE REVEALS... THESE PLANETS SEEM TO BE MISSING WATER, A BIG SURPRISE TO RESEARCHERS.

THEY SAY IT'S POSSIBLE WATER COULD BE HIDING BENEATH DUST CLOUDS, BUT THAT THEY'LL NEED MORE INFORMATION TO DETERMINE JUST HOW THESE PLANETS FUNCTION.

ONE OF THEM IS 360 TRILLION MILES FROM EARTH, AND THE OTHER... ABOUT 900 TRILLION MILES AWAY.

04/25/07 VO

ASTRONOMERS ARE STUDYING WHAT THEY CALL AN EARTH-LIKE PLANET OUTSIDE OUR SOLAR SYSTEM.

===TAKE VO===

THIS IS ANIMATION FROM THE EUROPEAN SPACE OBSERVATORY IN CHILE... SHOWING THE RECENTLY DISCOVERED PLANET, SOME 120 TRILLION MILES AWAY.

AND IT HAS SOME PEOPLE WONDERING IF THERE REALLY IS LIFE BEYOND OUR OWN.

ASTRONOMERS SAY THE PLANET HAS WARM TEMPERATURES SIMILAR TO EARTH, RANGING FROM 32 TO 104 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.

BUT OTHER SCIENTISTS WARN... BECAUSE THE PLANET APPEARS TO CIRCLE ITS NEAREST STAR IN JUST 13 DAYS, AT LEAST PART OF IT CANNOT SUPPORT LIFE.

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A BIG POLITICAL SHOWING TODAY, ON CALIFORNIA'S EFFORTS TO CUT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

===TAKE VO===

GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER AND ARIZONA SENATOR JOHN McCAIN TOURED LONG BEACH HARBOR TODAY, BOTH CALLING FOR A NATIONWIDE ROLL-OUT OF CALIFORNIA'S NEW LOW-CARBON FUEL STANDARD.

THIS, WHILE McCAIN PRAISED CALIFORNIA'S FIRST-IN-THE-NATION LAW, REQUIRING A 25-PERCENT REDUCTION IN CARBON EMISSIONS BY THE YEAR 2020.

McCAIN SAYS TODAY'S EVENT WAS SCHEDULED LONG BEFORE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIS LIKELY RUN FOR THE PRESIDENCY...

BUT POLLS INDICATE HIS SUPPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES... COULD ONLY HELP HIM IN THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARY.

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THE DRUG COMPANY MERCK SAYS... IT IS SUSPENDING A CONTROVERSIAL LOBBYING CAMPAIGN, FOR YOUNG GIRLS TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST A SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE.

===TAKE VO===

THE COMPANY ANNOUNCED TODAY... IT WILL NO LONGER PUSH FOR 11- AND 12-YEAR-OLD GIRLS TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST THE HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS... OR H-P-V... AS A REQUIREMENT TO GO TO SCHOOL.

H-P-V CAN LEAD TO CERVICAL CANCER, BUT SOME PARENTS AND CONSERVATIVE GROUPS OPPOSED MERCK'S CAMPAIGN, SAYING... VACCINES REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, ARE FOR THOSE DISEASES SPREAD THROUGH CASUAL CONTACT... NOT FOR S-T-Ds.

MERCK STILL SAYS IT WANTS TO PREVENT CERVICAL CANCER, BY REACHING AS MANY FEMALES AS POSSIBLE.

08/29/08 VO Version #1

SWATTING FLIES...IT'S ALL IN THE TECHNIQUE WHEN IT COMES TO NAILING THOSE PESKY LITTLE BUZZERS.

==TAKE VO==

IF THEY SEEM GOOD AT GETTING AWAY AT THE LAST SECOND...WELL, APPARENTLY THEY REALLY ARE!

RESEARCHERS AT CAL-TECH SAY FLIES ACTUALLY HAVE AN ESCAPE PLAN...FOR SWATTER SURVIVAL.

USING HIGH SPEED DIGITAL VIDEO CAMERAS, THEY DISCOVERED... FOR EXAMPLE.. THAT WHEN THE SWATTER IS COMING FROM THE LEFT, THE FLY TAKES OFF TO THE RIGHT, **AWAY** FROM THE SWATTER.

ALL THIS, IN A BRAIN THAT'S SMALLER THAN A POPPY SEED.
SO IT'S UP TO US TO OUTSMART THEM!

08/29/08 VO Version #2

EVER HAVE A HARD TIME SWATTING A FLY?

RESEARCHERS AT CAL-TECH THINK THEY'VE FIGURED OUT WHY THOSE PESKY BUZZERS ARE SO GOOD AT GETTING AWAY!

==TAKE VO==

THE RESEARCHERS SAY FLIES ACTUALLY FORMULATE AN ESCAPE PLAN FOR SWATTER SURVIVAL... ALL IN ABOUT ONE-TENTH OF A SECOND.

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