
Today's Headlines:

Hillary Clinton makes history

Thousands flee California wildfires

Cloned animals aging no differently

Transcript:

In a historic move, the Democratic Party's nominated Hillary Clinton as its candidate for the US presidential election in November. So she's the first woman to lead a major American political party towards the White House, **breaking through** a barrier that **eluded** her eight years ago. Former president Bill Clinton took on the role of devoted political spouse with a rousing speech in her support.

Wildfires in California have forced thousands of people to evacuate their homes. High winds and hot weather are causing difficulties for the 3,000 firefighters tackling the **blazes** in the south and centre of the state.

Scientists at Nottingham University say they are confident that cloned animals do not age **prematurely**. That's raised hopes that cloning as part of medical research might lead to major advances. The first animal cloned from an adult cell, known as Dolly the sheep, did die prematurely. Researchers say her four cloned siblings are in good health.

Words and phrases and definitions:

breaking through

forcefully opening the way through (a barrier)

eluded

failed to be achieved

blazes

very large fires

prematurely

before its expected time

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Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases from Lingohack to complete each of these sentences. Note that you may have to change the form of a word or phrase to complete the sentence correctly.

breaking through / eluded / blazes / prematurely

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