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Fulham unveils Michael Jackson statue

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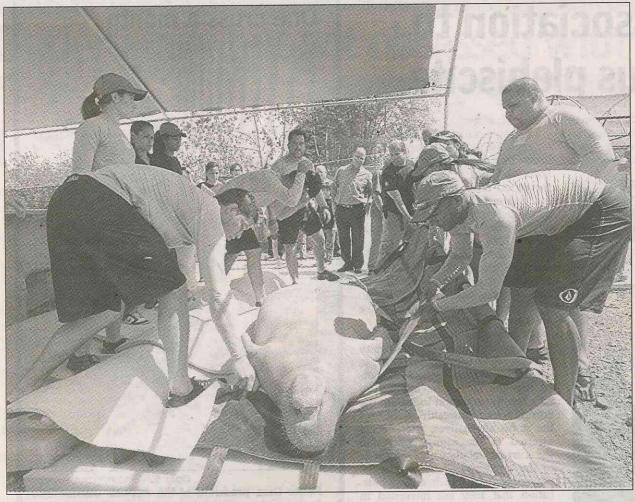
## \$230 million lost

Federal funds were earmarked for municipal projects

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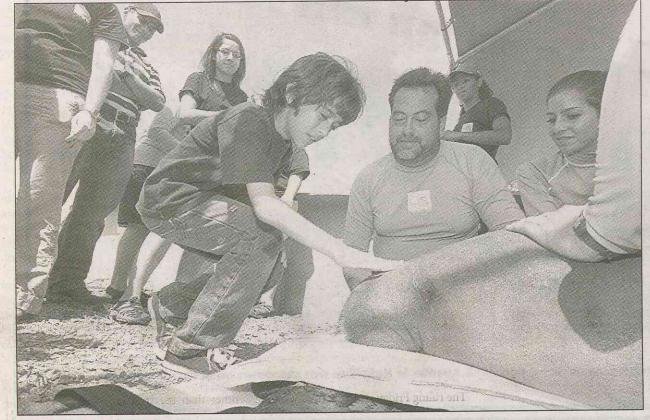
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## Guácara in Bayamón

BY DAILY SUN STAFF Photos By Humberto Trías

In December 2010, Guácara, an 800 pound manatee from Florida was struck by a boat on his dorsal side injuring his diaphragm, affecting his capacity to surface from deep waters.

Guácara was transferred to the mammal rehabilitation center at the Dr. Juan Rivero zoo in Mayagüez. The public could not visit the manatee because it was in rehabilitation.

While he was in Mayagüez, he lived in a gigantic water tank were he was cared for by his keepers and doctors. The large water tank where Guácara

lived will now bear his name.

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Manatees are an endangered species, meaning unless appropriate action is undertaken to conserve their population, they are in danger of becoming extinct.

There are strict laws to protect manatees, which include the enforcement of speed zones along the waterways and rules regarding human interaction with them — harassing or feeding them is forbidden.

