

## NATION/WORLD DIGEST

## Gulf Fishermen Pray For Bountiful Season

THERIOT, La. (AP) — Docked boats were bedecked with fluttering red, white and blue streamers and rainbows of balloons in a bayou-country, pre-shrimp season tradition known as the "Blessing of the Boats."

On the menu? Heaping trays of barbecued chicken, smoked sausage and potato salad — but no crabs or shrimp.

Blame the BP oil spill. The company has plugged the leak and announced Sunday that cement sealing the busted oil well in the Gulf of Mexico had hardened, clearing the path for the final phase of drilling a relief well.

The future isn't so clear for fishermen and their families seeking blessings for a bountiful harvest and divine protection from the water's dangers. They are wondering if the waters will ever be the same again.

## Disgraced Ex-HP CEO Settles Lawsuit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ousted Hewlett-Packard Co. CEO Mark Hurd has settled allegations of sexual harassment lodged against him by a female contract worker for HP, a person with knowledge of the case told The Associated Press.

The harassment accusation set off a chain of events that led to the discovery of allegedly falsified expense reports for dinners Hurd had with the woman and culminated in Hurd's forced resignation Friday from the world's largest technology company.

The person familiar with the case told the AP late Saturday that Hurd agreed to pay the woman but would not reveal the size of the payment. The deal was reached Thursday, a day before Hurd's resignation. The settlement was between Hurd and his accuser and did not involve a payment from HP, this person said.

This person, who spoke on a condition of anonymity, was not authorized to speak publicly about the issue.

The nature of the harassment complaint wasn't clear. Hurd and a lawyer representing the woman said the relationship was not sexual.

## Other Mosque Plans Also Face Opposition

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) — Muslims trying to build houses of worship in the nation's heartland, far from the heated fight in New York over plans for a mosque near ground zero, are running into opponents even more hostile and aggressive.

Foes of proposed mosques have deployed dogs to intimidate Muslims holding prayer services and spray painted "Not Welcome" on a construction sign, then later ripped it apart.

The 13-story, \$100 million Islamic center that could soon rise two blocks from the site of the Sept. 11 attacks would dwarf the proposals elsewhere, yet the smaller projects in local communities are stoking a sharper kind of fear and anger than has showed up in New York.

In the Nashville suburb of Murfreesboro, opponents of a new Islamic center say they believe the mosque will be more than a place of prayer. They are afraid the 15-acre site that was once farmland will be turned into a terrorist training ground for Muslim militants bent on overthrowing the U.S. government.

"They are not a religion. They are a political, militaristic group," said Bob Shelton, a 76-year-old retiree who lives in the area.

## Suicide Car Bombing Kills 8 In Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide car bomber struck a police patrol west of Baghdad Sunday and killed eight people, most of them civilians standing in line outside a post office to collect the monthly stipend for the country's poorest, police officials said.

The blast comes just a day after explosions tore through a market in the south killing 43 people. Violence across Iraq has spiked in the past month as the U.S. moves ahead with a major drawdown of its troops set to be completed by the end of the month.

The increase in violence and the U.S. pullout have raised concerns about whether Iraqi security forces are up to the job of keeping militants from destabilizing the country further at a time of political uncertainty over who will form the next government.

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## AFGHANISTAN

## Slain Doctors Worked To Deliver Care

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DENVER — Members of a medical team gunned down in Afghanistan brought some of the first toothbrushes and eyeglasses villagers had ever seen and spent no time talking about religion as they provided medical care, friends and aid organizations said Sunday.

Dr. Thomas Grams, 51, quit his dental practice in Durango, Colo., four years ago to work full-time giving impoverished children free dental care in Nepal and Afghanistan, said Katy Shaw of Global Dental Relief, a Denver-based group that sends teams of dentists around the globe. He was killed Thursday, Shaw said, along with five other Americans, two Afghans, one German and a Briton.

"The kids had never seen toothbrushes, and Tom brought thousands of them," said Khiris Nedam, head of the Kids 4 Afghan Kids in Livonia, Mich., which builds schools and wells in Afghanistan. "He trained them how to brush their teeth, and you should've seen the way they smiled after they learned to brush their teeth."

The team was attacked after a two-week mission in the remote Farun valley of Nuristan province, about 160 miles (260 kilometers) north of Kabul. Their bullet-riddled bodies were found Friday, and were returned to Kabul Sunday aboard helicopters.

The families of the six Americans were formally notified of their deaths after U.S. officials confirmed their identities, said Caitlin Hayden, a spokeswoman for the embassy.

The Taliban has claimed credit for the attack,

saying the workers were trying to convert Muslims to Christianity. The gunmen spared an Afghan driver who told police he recited verses from the Islamic holy book the Quran as he begged for his life.

But Grams' former partner at the Durango practice told the Associated Press Sunday that the medical group had no religious mission.

Grams had "absolutely zero interest in proselytizing," Dr. Courtney Heinicke said.

The members were working with the International Assistance Mission, or IAM, one of the longest serving non-governmental organizations operating in Afghanistan. The group is registered a nonprofit Christian organization but does not proselytize, said its director, Dirk Frans.

The 32-year-old daughter of a Knoxville, Tenn., pastor was among the dead, her family said. Cheryl Beckett spent six years in Afghanistan and specialized in nutritional gardening and mother-child health. She was a valedictorian of her Cincinnati-area high school and earned a biology degree from Indiana Wesleyan University.

"Cheryl loved and respected the Afghan people. She denied herself many freedoms in order to abide by Afghan law and custom," her family said in a statement. "... Those who committed this act of terror should feel the utter shame and disgust that humanity feels for them."

The family of Glen Lapp, 40, of Lancaster, Pa., learned of his death Sunday, according to the Mennonite Central Committee, a relief group based in Akron, Pa. Lapp went to Afghanistan in 2008 and was to remain until October, the group said. Although trained as a nurse, he was not

working as a medic but served as executive assistant for IAM and manager of its provincial ophthalmic care program, said Cheryl Zehr Walker, a spokeswoman for the Mennonite group, which partners with IAM.

"Where I was, the main thing that ex-pats can do is to be a presence in the country," Lapp wrote in a recent report to the Mennonite group. "Treating people with respect and with love and trying to be a little bit of Christ in this part of the world."

Lapp was a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University and had a nursing degree from Johns Hopkins University, the group said. He had volunteered with relief efforts for hurricanes Katrina and Rita and worked as a nurse in Lancaster, New York City and Supai, Ariz. His mother, Mary, said Sunday the family was referring calls to the Mennonite group.

Officials have said the victims also included team leader Tom Little, an optometrist from Delmar, New York, who had lived in Afghanistan for about 30 years, and Dr. Karen Woo, who gave up a job in a private clinic in London to do humanitarian work in Afghanistan.

Little had been making such trips to Afghan villages for decades, offering vision care and surgical services in regions where medical services of any type are scarce.

"They raised their three girls there. He was part and parcel of that culture," said David Evans of the Loudonville Community Church, New York, who accompanied Little on a 5,231-mile road (8,419-kilometer) trip to deliver the medical team's Land Rover vehicles from England to Kabul in 2004.

## Nun's Death Rallies Anti-Immigration Forces

BY SUZANNE GAMBOA AND KATHLEEN MILLER  
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WASHINGTON — In Arizona, the shooting death of a rancher blew the lid off simmering anger over border security and helped solidify support for a tough new immigration law. A similar eruption threatens in Virginia following the death of a Catholic nun in a car accident involving a man in the country illegally and accused of drunken driving.

The Benedictine Sisters of Virginia tried to discourage using the death of Sister Denise Mosier as a "forum of the illegal immigration agenda" and pleaded for a focus on "Christ's command to forgive."

"The sisters' mission is peace and love," said Corey Stewart, chairman of Prince William County's Board of Supervisors. "My mission is law enforcement and the protection of public safety."

Prince William County, about 25 miles southwest of Washington, D.C., stepped up its immigration enforcement in 2007 amid explosive growth of its Hispanic and immigrant populations. Under Stewart's leadership, the county implemented a local policy requiring police to determine the immigration status of all peo-

ple arrested on suspicion of violating state or local laws.

Stewart rushed back into the immigration debate after the Aug. 1 accident, firing off a statement that President Barack Obama, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and members of Congress "all have blood on their hands."

"What I'm hoping is that this situation, which because it involves a nun has drawn the nation's attention, can serve as a catalyst for change and force the administration to come clean about its catch-and-release policies," Stewart said. He also says that the tragedy illustrates the need for Virginia to toughen its drunken driving laws.

Even though Stewart says he's not running for higher office now, he is seen as a possible lieutenant governor candidate in three years.

"Regardless of what he says, there is no question people would be interested in seeing him move up within the Republican Party," said Stephen Farnsworth, an assistant communications professor at George Mason University.

The day after the crash, Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli II issued an advisory opinion concluding that police have authority to inquire into the immigration status of any

person stopped or arrested, similar to the Arizona immigration law that is under federal court review.

Arizona passed the law after rancher Robert Krentz was fatally shot while checking water lines on his property near the Arizona-Mexico border. Authorities believe a scout for drug smugglers is to blame, although an investigation continues.

The sisters at the Bristow, Va., monastery have buried Mosier, who would have turned 67 on Aug. 26. Two other nuns injured in the crash, Charlotte Lange and Connie Ruth Lupton, have undergone surgery and remain in critical condition.

The man charged in the case, Carlos A. Martinely Montano, 23, of Bolivia, had two prior drunken driving convictions, but was not required to serve any of his 30-day sentence for the first one. A Prince William County judge required Montano to serve only 20 days of his approximately one-year sentence on his second conviction.

Local officials turned him over to federal immigration enforcement officers after the second incident and after sentencing, but federal officers released him both times while he awaited hearings.

## OBITUARIES

## Olga (Dikmanas)

## Schultz

Olga (Dikmanas) Schultz, age 96, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Saturday, August 7, 2010 at the Human Services Center in Yankton.

Funeral services are 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 12, 2010 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Steve Weispfennig officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery. Visitation is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral service.

Olga was born December 3, 1913 in Siauliai, Lithuania to Kostas and Matilda (Bernat) Dikmanas. She moved with her family to Germany in 1941 and then came to the United States in December of 1951. Her future husband, Helmuth Schultz met



Schultz

the plane at Sioux Falls and drove her to Yankton where her brother lived. She went to work in the surgical supply department at Sacred Heart Hospital. On August 21, 1952, Olga and Helmuth were married in Bridgewater, South Dakota where they built a new house. They lived in Bridgewater for five years, and then they both got jobs at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. Five years later, they moved to Omaha, Nebraska and both worked at the Clarkson Hospital until they retired. Olga then took care of her mother-in-law for three years. Helmuth died very suddenly on September 24, 1987 and two years later, Olga returned to Yankton where she and her sis-

ter cared for their brother, Kostas, until he passed away on December 28, 1999. Olga was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton.

Olga is survived by her sister, Emilie Greenwell of Clayton, California; and many nieces and nephews.

Olga was preceded in death by her parents; husband; four brothers, Alex, August, Kostas, and Richard; and four sisters, Bertha, Wanda, Hilda, and Emilie.

To post an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Online condolences at:  
www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

## Rodney Robinson

Rodney Duane Robinson, 63, of Yankton died Saturday (Aug. 7, 2010) at his home in Yankton.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with the Rev. Les Canfield officiating. Burial will be in the Viborg Baptist Cemetery, Viborg. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Tuesday

at the funeral home with a prayer service and video tribute at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday.

To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

## Lawrence Wagner

CROFTON, Neb. — Lawrence Leo Wagner, 81, of Crofton, Neb.,

died Saturday (Aug. 7, 2010).

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.



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## Basketball Stars, Obama Play For Troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama pulled together an informal dream team of current and former basketball superstars Sunday. But only a few people got to see it.

LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Carmelo Anthony and other NBA all-stars joined Obama in Washington to entertain wounded troops.

The present-day stars were joined by some retired legends, including Bill Russell and Magic Johnson. College player Maya Moore of the Connecticut Huskies women's team also played.

The game was played for a

group of "wounded warriors" — troops injured in action — and participants in the White House's mentoring program. It took place at a gym inside Washington's Fort McNair, a short drive from the White House. The president was inside the gym for about two hours.

The reporters assigned to keep tabs on the president were shut out of the gym, forced to wait in vans outside. Asked why media coverage was blocked, White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said Obama "just wanted to play."

After the game some of the players joined Obama and a

group of his friends for a barbecue at the White House, capping the president's 49th birthday week.

A small tent and tables decorated with sunflowers and yellow and white tablecloths were being set up on the South Lawn when Obama returned from playing basketball. The White House said the meal will include shrimp from the Gulf of Mexico.

First lady Michelle Obama and daughter Sasha returned to the White House on Sunday night after a vacation in Spain. The Obamas' older daughter, Malia, is away at summer camp.

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