

NATION/WORLD DIGEST

Driller Looks Forward To Ending Clean-Up

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The man with pinpoint accuracy who is drilling the relief well meant to plug BP's runaway well is looking forward to finishing his mission and celebrating with a cigar, a dinner party with his crew and a trip somewhere quiet to unwind with his wife.

John Wright has never missed his target over the years, successfully drilling 40 relief wells that were used to plug leaks around the world. People along the Gulf Coast aren't the only ones hoping he can make it 41-for-41.

"Anyone who has ever worked extremely hard on a long project wants to see it successfully finished, as long as it serves its intended purpose," Wright, 56, who is leading the team drilling the primary relief well, said in a lengthy e-mail exchange with The Associated Press from the Development Driller III vessel.

"That is where my job satisfaction is derived."
BP began work on its primary relief well in early May to permanently seal the ruptured well. But about two weeks ago, around the time the company had done a successful static kill pumping mud and cement into the top of the well, executives began signaling that the bottom kill procedure might not be needed. Even the government's point man on the spill response, retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, suggested that was possible.

UN Chief Ban Calls For More Disaster Aid

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Sunday he has never seen anything like the flood disaster in Pakistan after surveying the devastation and urged foreign donors to speed up assistance to the 20 million people affected.

Ban's comments reflect the concern of the international community about the unfolding disaster in Pakistan, which is battling al-Qaida and Taliban militants, has a weak and unpopular government, and an anemic economy propped up by international assistance.

"This has been a heart-wrenching day for me," Ban said after flying over the hard-hit areas with President Asif Ali Zardari. "I will never forget the destruction and suffering I have witnessed today. In the past I have witnessed many natural disasters around the world, but nothing like this."

Ban visited Myanmar after Cyclone Nargis devastated the country in May 2008, killing an estimated 138,000 people. He also flew to China's Sichuan province just days after an earthquake killed nearly 90,000 people in March 2008.

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BUFFALO:

Charges Dropped In Slayings

BY CAROLYN THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A prosecutor dropped charges Sunday against a parolee initially accused of killing four people and wounding four others outside a downtown restaurant and said the real shooter appeared on surveillance tape.

Erie County District Attorney Frank Sedita III asked a judge to dismiss four murder counts against Keith Johnson in light of new evidence.

"We can see the race, gender, the height, build, the clothing of the perpetrator," Sedita said after City Court Judge Patrick Carney granted the request. "You can see many of the perpetrator's actions. We have him shooting on video."

Still investigators pleaded for witnesses to speak up and warned that the person responsible for the City Grill shootings continued to elude them.

"We have somebody running around out there who shot eight people," Sedita said. "We have an armed man who's extremely dangerous loose in our community."

Johnson, 25, of Buffalo, was released on parole in July after serving two years for assault. He remained in jail Sunday on an allegation of a parole violation for being at the bar Saturday, and investigators said he could be a witness in the City Grill case.

Police Commissioner Daniel Derenda said that after Johnson's arrest late Saturday, witnesses began calling to say they had the wrong man. But when investigators arrived to question the callers

"half of them disappeared," he said. "None of them had come forward through the day and they had specific information," Derenda said. "They didn't want to be cooperative."

The commissioner said many people saw the Saturday shootings. More than 100 people were outside the restaurant when police arrived shortly after the 2:30 a.m., he said. An altercation at the City Grill prompted managers to close the restaurant. As people were leaving, a man began shooting, police said.

Four people, including a Texas man who was celebrating his first wedding anniversary in his hometown, were killed. Among the four wounded, one was critically injured.

Johnson was arrested by a police SWAT team. Investigators also removed security cameras from around the restaurant Saturday and viewed the images into the evening. In seeking dismissal of the charges, Sedita cited photo evidence and witness statements.

"I'm not going to prosecute someone for a quadruple homicide unless I'm sure he did it, and I'm not sure he did it," Sedita told the judge as Johnson sat handcuffed during the proceeding.

The police commissioner stood by Johnson's arrest.

People who were at the party identified Johnson by name, one witness picked him out of a photo lineup, Johnson gave inconsistent statements and a search of his home yielded clothing with blood

on it, Derenda said. The blood hasn't been tested yet, police said.

"We acted on what we had. If we had the same information today and were given the same scenario we would have had the same result," Derenda said. "We acted quickly to rectify a situation where we were wrong, and we turned it around as quickly as possible."

Johnson's mother told The Buffalo News her son was at the restaurant at the invitation of his friend, Danyell Mackin, the Texas man who was celebrating his wedding anniversary.

"My son could have been killed. He was ducking and dodging bullets like everybody else out there," Jackie Green said.

Some of the victims were attending a party at the restaurant in advance of the couple's anniversary celebration scheduled for later Saturday. Mackin, 30, and his wife, Tanisha Mackin, married in Texas a year ago and returned to celebrate with Buffalo-area friends and family. Tanisha Mackin wasn't hurt in the shootings.

The younger of the couple's two children, 7-month-old Destinee, was scheduled to be christened Sunday at Durham Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, but the ceremony was postponed. Instead, the Rev. George Woodruff called the shooting "just a senseless killing" and prayed for the victims — and the gunman.

"I know some people are not comfortable with that," Woodruff said. "I pray you arrest his spirit as only you can."

Tea Party Activists Rally On Border

BY JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press Writer

HEREFORD, Ariz. — Tea party groups converged on a remote section of the U.S.-Mexico border on Sunday to show support for Arizona's controversial immigration law and hear from more than a dozen conservative speakers, many of them candidates running for office in crowded Republican primaries.

Several speaking to the crowd of more than 400 demanded Congress and President Barack Obama devote more resources to increase border security in remote areas like the site of Sunday's demonstration south of Tucson.

"We are going to force them to do it, because if they don't, we will not stop screaming," said former state Sen. Pam Gorman, one of 10 Republican vying for an open congressional seat in north Phoenix. Gorman carried a handgun in a holster slung over her shoulder as she mingled with demonstrators.

Obama on Friday signed a bill directing \$600 million more to securing the U.S.-Mexico border — money that will pay for hiring 1,000 more Border Patrol agents along with customs agents, communications equipment and expanded use of unmanned aerial vehicles.

A federal judge last month delayed the most contentious provisions of Arizona's law, including a section that would require officers to check a person's immigration status while enforcing other laws if they have "reasonable suspicion" that the person was in the country illegally.

OBITUARIES

Fred Fiedler

SPRINGFIELD — Fred C. Fiedler of Springfield died Friday, August 13, 2010 at his home in rural Springfield after a battle with cancer, under hospice care.



Fiedler

Fred attained the age of 74 years, one month and 19 days. Mass will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at St. Vincent Catholic Church in Springfield, with burial at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the parish cemetery.

Visitation will be at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Springfield Monday from 12 noon to 5 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. Wake at the church.

Friedrich Carl Fiedler, son of Carl August and Darlene (Vaughn) Fiedler, was born June 26, 1936 at Yankton, SD.

Fred grew up in the Yankton area and attended Yankton Schools. He earned his G.E.D. Certificate in Welding and also received Certificates in Basic Electronics at SD VoTech in Springfield and attended several management courses at Yankton College.

Fred served in the National Guard and received an honorable discharge on July 5, 1959. He worked as a cook's helper for three years and was honorably discharged from U.S.A.R. on July 31, 1962.

Fred married Doris Parisien on March 21, 1956 at St. Louis Parish in Dunseith, ND. Seven children were blessed to their union. They spent their 54 years together in Yankton and in Springfield since 1976.

Fred and his brother Bob were paperboys for the P&D in their early teens and they told stories of their experiences. He also worked at Gurney's, Health and Human Services, Freeman Company for nine years, Kolberg's for three years, and Dale Electronics for 25 years as a tool and dye maker and supervisor of the machine shop. Fred retired in 1993. He then returned to work part time as a cook at Carmichael's Café in Springfield and later worked for Libby's Steak House as a salad chef. Fred enjoyed cooking.

Fred was a member of St. Vincent Catholic Church since 1982. He also was a lifetime member of the N.R. A. since 1967 and Ducks Unlimited.

Besides cooking, Fred enjoyed golfing, fishing, picking mushrooms, and hunting antelope, deer and elk with his children and grandchildren. He also hunted fox, ducks, geese and pheasants.

Thankful for having shared his life are his wife Doris of Springfield; his children: Fredrick, Kevin and wife Kathy, all of Springfield; Karen and husband Greg Allen of Bemidji, MN; Corrine and husband Gary Johnson of Watertown; and Kathleen and husband James Haines of Volin; eight grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; five brothers: Bob of Buena Park, CA; Jim and wife Cindy of Sioux Falls; David of Irene; Tom and wife Cheryl of Yankton; and Steve and wife Debbie of South Carolina; three sisters: Bonnie and husband Ken Lemley of Spartanburg, SC; Martha and husband Al Tripp of Utica; and Karla and husband Ken Schiller of Sunland, CA; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents; new born daughter, Mary Theresa; son, Marc Karl; grandson, Vincent Frederick Varilek; an infant sister, Karen; and one brother, Terry.

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James Moses

James L. Moses, 65, of Yankton, SD passed away suddenly Friday, August 13, 2010 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. His wife, daughter, and sister were by his side.

Visitations will be from 4 to 8 p.m., with a rosary at 7:00 and a Scripture service at 7:30 on Monday, August 16, 2010 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, SD. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday August 17, 2010 with Reverend Mark Lichter officiating and con-celebrated by Reverend Mark J. Stoll, Jo Ann's nephew. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Kent Lethcoe, Mark Lethcoe, Salvador Licata, Steven Prunty, Matthew Prunty,



Moses

and Lon Licata, all nephews of Jim. Honorary pallbearers are Jim's nephews, Mitchell Licata and Michael Prunty, and very close friends, Wayne Rempp, Brian Engebretson, and Don Kehrwald.

Jim was born to Orville and Marie (Lockman) Moses on February 2, 1945 in Yankton, SD. He graduated from Yankton High School in 1965. He worked in the Yankton Public Schools as a Custodian for 39 years, with 37 years of service at Stewart Elementary. He retired in 2005 due to health. He married his wife Jo Ann (Muth) on June 29, 1974 at St. Patrick's Catholic

Church in Akron, IA. He had one daughter, Kay, who was his pride and joy from the second she was born.

Jim was a lifetime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Yankton Moose Lodge for 42 years, and the Yankton Elks Lodge for 23 years. He was also a member of the CEASD (Custodial Engineers Association of South Dakota) for many years, was awarded Custodian of the Year in 1992, and achieved Lifetime Membership in 2005. He served as a delegate on the CEASD board from 1992-2006.

In his spare time Jim enjoyed watching Yankton Bucks football, Denver Broncos football, and Minnesota Twins baseball games. He also enjoyed photography and playing pinocle and sheephead whenever possible.

Jim is survived by his wife, Jo Ann, daughter Kay of Fargo, ND, sisters Joan Licata of Northglenn, CO, and Jean Lethcoe of Yankton, SD. Marilyn Pates of Yankton, SD, his cousin, has been a sister to Jim. He has twelve nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Betty Prunty, and brothers-in-law Thomas Prunty, Lonnie Licata, and Dale Lethcoe.

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Earl Adams

SCOTLAND — Earl Robert Adams, 86 of Scotland died Friday (Aug. 13, 2010) at his home in Scotland.

Funeral services area at 11 a.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Church, Tyndall, with burial at the Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Mitchell.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m. tonight (Monday) at Will Funeral Chapel, Mitchell.

The family asks in lieu of flowers that memorials be directed to the Salvation Army or Shrine Organization.

Alvin Guthmiller

Alvin Guthmiller, 92 of Yankton died Sunday (Aug. 15, 2010) at the Tripp Good Samaritan Center.

Funeral services are pending under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

Julia Barrett

VERMILLION — Julia Emma Barrett, 80, of Vermillion died Saturday (Aug. 7, 2010) at Prairie Estates Care Center, Elk Point.

Memorial services will be held from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday at Iverson-Siecke-Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion, with a wake service at 7 p.m.

Iverson-Siecke-Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion, is in charge of arrangements.

Lawrence Becker

Lawrence "Larry" J. Becker, 83, of Yankton and formerly of St. Helena, Neb., died Saturday (Aug. 14, 2010) at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Neb.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Holy Family (Immaculate Conception) Catholic Church, St. Helena, Neb., with the Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will be at a later date.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue at church on Thursday one hour prior to services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wintz Funeral Home of Hartington, Neb. To send an online sympathy card, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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who passed away on August 20, 2009

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who passed away on August 14, 1961

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