

## NATION/WORLD DIGEST

### Park Shooting Takes Place Over Argument

SEATTLE (AP) — Investigators say a shooting at a state park near Seattle that left two dead and four wounded stemmed from an argument between two groups of people, one of which was celebrating a birthday party.

King County Sheriff's Sgt. John Uruquhart said Sunday the two people killed during the shooting late Saturday at Lake Sammamish State Park were a 33-year-old man from Kent, Wash., and a 30-year-old man from Seattle.

Uruquhart says one of the men was found with a gun on his body. Their names were not released.

The violence erupted near the edge of the lake between two groups of people who were about 50 to 75 yards apart. Lake Sammamish State Park is about 20 miles east of downtown Seattle.

Uruquhart says investigators at the scene have recovered four guns and at least 20 spent shell casing.

He says six people were taken into custody, but no one has been booked into jail.

### Clinton Pushes Afghanistan-Pakistan Pact

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan and Afghanistan sealed a landmark trade deal Sunday as U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton pushed the two neighbors to step up civilian cooperation and work together against al-Qaida and the Taliban.

Shortly after kicking off a South Asia trip aimed at refining the goals of the increasingly unpopular war in Afghanistan, Clinton looked on as the Afghan and Pakistani commerce ministers signed the trade agreement. It was reached only after years of negotiation with recent and very active U.S. encouragement.

The pact, which eases restrictions on cross-border transportation, must be ratified by the Afghan parliament and Pakistani Cabinet. U.S. officials said they believe it will significantly enhance ties between the two countries, boost development and incomes on both sides of the border and contribute to the fight against extremists.

"Bringing Islamabad and Kabul together has been a goal of this administration from the beginning," said Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. "This is a vivid demonstration of the two countries coming closer together."

Despite the agreement, Clinton faces challenges in appealing for greater cooperation between the neighboring nations on the nearly 9-year-old war, pressing Pakistan for more help in taking on militants accused of plotting attacks on the U.S., including the failed Times Square bombing, and stepping up action against extremists along the Afghan border.

### Methane Leak Maybe Found Near BP Oil Well

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal official said Sunday that scientists are concerned about a seep and possible methane seen near BP's busted oil well in the Gulf of Mexico.

Both could be signs there are leaks in the well that's been capped off for three days.

The official spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Sunday because an announcement about the next steps had not yet been made.

The official is familiar with the spill oversight but would not clarify what is seeping near the well. The official said BP is not complying with the government's demand for more monitoring. BP spokesman Mark Salt declined to comment on the allegation, but said "we continue to work very closely with all government scientists on this."

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen will make the final decisions on the next step. The official said Allen would issue a letter to BP shortly allowing testing to proceed in 24-hour increments, but also requiring more analysis of the seep and the possible observation of methane over the well.

Suicide bombers kill at least 48 in attacks on anti-al-Qaida militia in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber ripped through a line of anti-al-Qaida Sunni fighters waiting to collect their paychecks near an Iraqi military base as nearly 50 people were killed in violence west of Baghdad.

The attack is the deadliest this year against the groups that turned against the terror network amid an apparent campaign by insurgents to undermine confidence in the government security forces and their allies.

The attacks on the Awakening Council members highlighted the daunting security challenges the country faces as the U.S. works to withdraw all combat troops in Iraq.

The first attack Sunday morning by a single bomber with an explosive vest killed at least 45 people and wounded more than 40 at a checkpoint near a military base in the mostly Sunni district of Radwaniya southwest of Baghdad.

Some 150 Sunni fighters had lined up to collect their paychecks when the bomber struck, according to witnesses.

### Gunmen Storm Party In Northern Mexico

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Mexico (AP) — Gunmen stormed a party in northern Mexico on Sunday and massacred 17 people, authorities said.

The gunmen arrived at the party in Torreón in several cars and opened fire without saying a word, the Coahuila state Attorney General's Office said in statement. At least 18 people were wounded.

Several of the victims were young and some were women, but their identities and ages had not yet been determined.

Investigators had no suspects or information on a possible motive.

Police found more than 120 bullet casings at the scene, most of them from .223 caliber weapons.

### Wis. Boy Scout Dies In Rock Bridge Fall

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Authorities say an 18-year-old Boy Scout from Wisconsin has died after falling 100 feet from a rock formation in Utah.


Anthony Alvin of Green Lake, Wis., was with a group of scouts and scout leaders when he fell Saturday morning at Gemini Bridges, near Moab.

Gemini Bridges is a rock span over Bull Canyon that has cleaved into two parallel bridges. It's about 235 miles southeast of Salt Lake City.

In a news release, the Grand County sheriff's office said Alvin tried to jump about 6 feet, from one span of the bridge to the other, but fell backward.

Sheriff's office and Canyonlands National Park rescue workers rappelled from the bridges and determined Alvin had died. Rescue teams then lowered Alvin's body to the canyon floor.


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# Temporary Cap In Place: Now What?

## Oil May Be Stopped, But Full Consequences Of Spill Yet To Be Determined

BY ALLEN G. BREED AND VICKI SMITH  
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NEW ORLEANS — After three long months, the bleeding from the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico has been finally, mercifully stanchied. But in so many ways, the prognosis remains uncertain.

Which species will rebound, and which have been pushed beyond the brink? Has the oil accelerated the die-off of marshlands that protect one of America's great cities and make this the nation's second most-productive fishing region? What effect will the BP spill have on the future of deep-sea drilling — at once boon and bane — in the Gulf?

And, of more immediate concern to people along the nation's southern coast, where will the millions of as-yet uncollected, unburned, unseen gallons of oil from the blown-out Deepwater Horizon well end up?

Second-generation Plaquemines Parish resident Sandy Reno isn't sure she wants to wait around to find out the answers.

"I'm ready to pack up and leave," says Reno, 43, whose shrimp husband, like so many others along this coast, is now dependent on cleanup work from the company held responsible for the disaster. "When you've had enough, you've had enough. I've had enough already."

Just as the stumbling federal response to Hurricane Katrina five years ago exposed not just chinks, but spider web networks of fissures in our national armor, the failure to prevent and then quickly stop the spill has shaken many people's faith in American might.

"We're a superpower — the United States," New Orleans chef and sometime fishing guide Eric Schutzman said recently as he took a break from carving up a batch of black drum and redfish caught in an unclosed section of Black Bay. "We put a man on the moon. You'd think we'd have enough brilliant minds to get it all cleaned up and get on with it."

Since the Deepwater Horizon exploded on April 20 and sank 50 miles off the tip of Louisiana, as much as 184 million gallons of crude have hemorrhaged into the gulf.

To get an idea of what Gulf Coast residents might be facing, many have looked back to the region's last worst drilling accident — the 1979 Ixtoc spill. It took Pemex, Mexico's state-owned oil company, 10 months to contain the spill. By then, 140 million gallons of crude had bled into the gulf.

Wes Tunnell, associate director of the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, is traveling the region, looking for traces of the spill and speaking to people who



THE 48-hour well integrity test was extended another 24 hours, as a team of scientists monitored BP's Deepwater Horizon site on Saturday.

lived through it. His blog is plastered with photos of red mangrove roots clogged with thin, weathered tar mats — possibly from Ixtoc.

Tunnell and his colleagues interviewed 74-year-old Jose Chay, a longtime fisherman in Celestun, Yucatan. Chay told Tunnell that the spill forced locals to switch to jobs like salt mining, crabbing in the lagoon or making charcoal from the region's lush forests.

"They did these things for varying periods of time," Tunnell writes, noting that some started back fishing in about two years, but with poor results. "Others got back to fishing in 4-5 years when things seemed to be back to usual for the fin fish but not shellfish."

But, Chay told Tunnell, "it permanently killed all of the oysters and clams, the same thing we heard in Isla Arenas yesterday."

Large sections of the U.S. Gulf Coast — which accounts for 60 percent to 70 percent of the oysters eaten in the U.S. — have been closed to harvesting. It remains to be seen what effect the spill will have on the fishery.

Some watermen have been pulling up gape-shelled, dead oysters. But that is likely a byproduct of the state's efforts to keep the oil out of inland waters by diverting thousands of gallons of fresh water into the estuaries, says Mike Voisin, a member of the Louisiana Oyster Task Force.

A meeting is scheduled in early August to

determine the next harvest season. But Voisin says it could be years before the spill's effects on the industry will be known.

"We always have three crops of oysters on the bottom, or three-year classes," says Voisin, owner of Motivait Seafoods in Houma. "So when you're thinking about mortality, you're not just thinking about this year's harvest. You're thinking about 2010, '11 and '12's harvest."

Oysters, shrimp and other valuable commercial fisheries depend on the continued health of the marshlands that nurse and nurture the species upon which the industry rests.

Louisiana, home to 40 percent of the nation's coastal wetlands, has been losing 35 to 50 square miles of marsh a year for decades — much of it from the ditching and canal digging activities connected to the oil industry. In places where oil has intruded, marsh grasses have turned brown and brittle, but it is unclear yet how deep the death goes.

When talking about the marshes to laypeople, chemical oceanographer Thomas Bianchi likes to use the analogy of a giant tea bag.

"When you put a tea bag in water, the tea that you see are organic compounds, that's coming from the tea leaves," says Bianchi, a professor at Texas A&M University. "So you get that kind of release from the normal healthy marshes as they grow and die."

## Pot Growers Worry About The 'Wal-Marting' Of Weed

BY LISA LEFF  
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OAKLAND, Calif. — After weathering the fear of federal prosecution and competition from drug cartels, California's medical marijuana growers see a new threat to their tenuous existence: the "Wal-Marting" of weed.

The Oakland City Council on Tuesday will look at licensing four production plants where pot would be grown, packaged and processed into items ranging from baked goods to body oil. Winning applicants would have to pay \$21,000 in annual permit fees, carry \$2 million worth of liability insurance and be prepared to devote up to 8 percent of gross sales to taxes.

The move, and fledgling efforts in other California cities to sanction cannabis cultivation for the first time, has some marijuana advocates worried that regulations intended to bring order to the outlaw industry and new revenues to cash-strapped local governments could drive small "mom and pop" growers out of business. They complain that industrial-scale gardens would harm the environment, reduce quality and leave consumers with fewer strains from which to choose.

"Nobody wants to see the McDonald's-ization of cannabis," Dan Scully, one of the 400 "patient-growers" who supply Oakland's largest retail medical marijuana dispensary, Harborside Health Center, grumbled after a City Council commit-

tee gave the blueprint preliminary approval last week. "I would compare it to how a small business feels about shutting down its business and going to work at Wal-Mart. Who would be attracted to that?"

The proposal's supporters, including entrepreneurs more disposed to neckties than tie-dye, counter that unregulated growers working in covert warehouses or houses are tax scofflaws more likely to wreak environmental havoc, be motivated purely by profit and produce inferior products.

"The large-scale grow facilities that are being proposed with this ordinance will create hundreds of jobs for the city," said Ryan Indigo Warman, who teaches pot-growing techniques at iGrow, a hydroponics store whose owners plan to apply for one of the four permits. "The ordinance is good for Oakland, and anyone who says otherwise is only protecting their own interests."

Council members Rebecca Kaplan and Larry Reid, who introduced the plan, have pitched it largely as a public safety measure.

The Oakland fire department blames a dramatic rise in the number of electrical fires between 2006 and 2009 in part to marijuana being grown indoors with improperly wired fans and lights. The police department says eight robberies, seven burglaries and two murders have been linked to marijuana grows in the last two years.

Reid and Kaplan also are

open about their desire to have the city, which last week laid off 80 police officers to save money, cash in on the medical marijuana industry it has allowed to thrive.

Oakland's four retail marijuana stores did \$28 million in business last year, and if sales remain constant, the city would get \$1.5 million this year from a dispensary business tax that voters adopted last summer. A similar tax on wholesale pot sales from the permitted grow sites to the dispensaries would bring in more than twice that amount, the city administrator's office has estimated.

"Allowing medical cannabis and medical cannabis products to be produced in a responsible, aboveboard and legitimate way will be a benefit to the patients, to the workers and to the people of Oakland," Kaplan said.

Adding to the anxiety of growers — and the impetuous Oakland officials have to get the grow tax in place — is a November state ballot measure to legalize marijuana possession for adult recreational use and authorize local governments to license and tax non-medical pot sales.

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