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MALAYSIA, KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 29 2011. PETRONAS UNIT SEEKS MORE STATIONS

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[Petronas Dagangan Bhd](#) plans to invest RM250mil to RM400mil annually to set up between 30 and 50 petrol stations a year till 2016. "We hope to increase our market share to 40% in five years," managing director and [chief executive officer Amir Hamzah Azizan](#) said at a briefing yesterday. The retail arm of [Petroleum Nasional Bhd](#) now has 950 petrol stations nationwide. With a 32% share of the market, it ranks No. 2 in the retail segment, behind oil and gas giant Shell. Amir Hamzah said financing for the stations would be internally generated, adding that the company needed to find "good sites" to build the stations. "With 950 stations, it's hard to find a location that's not near to a competitor." On whether Petronas would consider expanding its network of petrol stations via mergers and acquisitions (M&As), he said: "We will consider M&As if it make good economic sense. (But) our plan is to grow without M&As." Petronas Dagangan's net profit for the fourth quarter ended March 31 jumped 42% year-on-year to RM228.5mil due to lower operating expenditures. Revenue for the quarter rose 18% year-on-year to RM6.38bil on higher average selling prices of its products and sales volume. Net profit for the financial year ended March 31 increased to RM869.7mil while revenue rose to RM23.3bil. Amir Hamzah said the company was recommending a final dividend of 35 sen and a special dividend of 25 sen per share. An interim dividend of 30 sen and special dividend of 15 sen per share was paid on Dec 28, 2010, bringing the total dividend paid for the financial year to RM1 per share, an increase of 67% from the previous year. In a filing with [Bursa Malaysia](#) on Tuesday, Petronas Dagangan said market demand conditions remained challenging due to the slower economic growth and rising inflation. Retail business contributes almost 50% to the company's net margin while its commercial division generates about 45.8% of total sales volume and 30.5% of net margin. At the briefing yesterday, Amir Hamzah attributed the success of the division to stronger prices as well as higher sales volume of aviation fuel and diesel. On the impact of increasing subsidy cuts by the Government and rising fuel prices, he said: "People would still need to drive. However (with higher fuel prices), people may resort to alternative or cheaper modes of transport." He said this was the scenario when fuel prices spiked in 2008. "The key challenges this year is that the global economy is challenged due to rising product and labour costs. We will manage our costs well by growing in tandem with the (Malaysian) economy and competing more aggressively with our competitors," he added.

<http://biz.thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=/2011/5/26/business/8758052&sec=business>

USA, CT, BETHLEHEM, MAY 29 2011. WORKER SPILLS 50 GALLONS OF DIESEL FUEL AT BETHLEHEM TOWN GARAGE

A town worker filling up a gas tank at the town garage on Main Street South spilled about 50 gallons of diesel fuel onto the site's new asphalt Thursday, according to First Selectman Jeffrey Hamel. Firefighters and private contractors worked to contain and clean up the spill Thursday and Friday, Hamel said. The worker, whose name was not released, was operating a gas pump at about 3 p.m. when he left it unattended and the nozzle came out of the tank, pumping fuel onto the ground, Hamel said.

<http://www.rep-am.com/articles/2011/05/29/news/local/doc4de060d20f0c8001791584.txt>

CHINA, SHANDONG PROVINCE, ZIBO CITY, MAY 30 2011. 3 KILLED, 8 INJURED IN CHINA CHEMICAL PLANT

Authorities say a blast at a chemical plant in eastern China has killed three people and injured eight others. The government of Zibo city in Shandong province said in a statement on Sunday that police were investigating the cause of the explosion at a chemical plant owned by Shandong Baoyuan Chemical Co Ltd. The statement says the Saturday night blast killed two people at the site while a third person died later at a hospital. Eight other people who suffered slight injuries were being treated at a hospital. Industrial accidents are common in China due to lax regulations and safety controls.

http://www.straitstimes.com/BreakingNews/Asia/Story/STIStory_673883.html

USA, LA, RED RIVER PARISH, MAY 30 2011. ONE KILLED IN NATURAL GAS SITE EXPLOSION

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One person has been confirmed dead and another has been airlifted to LSU Medical Center with serious injuries, following an explosion on a natural gas processing site in Red River Parish. The explosion happened around 7 p.m. Saturday on Yearwood Road which runs off of a Hwy 1 in Red River Parish at TGGT Holding LLC, a natural gas treatment center. The two men were the only ones in that area when the explosion happened. Police say that no evacuations are warranted at this time, however

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the plant has been shut down. They also tell KSLA News 12 that the debris cleanup process is underway. The cause of the gas explosion is under investigation.

<http://www.ksla.com/story/14745530/one-killed-in-rig-explosion>

USA, UT, MURRAY, MAY 30 2011. JORDAN RIVER CONTAMINATED BY SMALL OIL SPILL



Oil Sheen on Pond.

Murray fire crews worked to contain a small oil spill that started at an auto repair shop on Sunday morning. People walking on the Jordan River Parkway Trail noticed a sheen on the surface of the Jordan River and called the fire department around 11 a.m. Officials were able to trace the leak back to an auto repair shop upstream where they found a 55 gallon drum of oil tipped over. "About 20 to 30 gallons went into the river," said Murray Fire Battalion Chief Jon Harris. Crews were able to tip the drum up and stop the leak. They also put booms down in the river to stop any additional oil from getting through.

http://www.abc4.com/content/news/top_stories/story/Jordan-River-contaminated-by-small-oil-spill/mnaAgu2tQE6bB4jZ2LPmg.csp

USA, S.C, PICKENS, MAY 30 2011. POLLUTANTS STILL LEAK FROM PLANT PROPERTY >> EPA SAYS PACE OF DECADES-LONG PICKENS CLEANUP 'FRUSTRATING'

anna simon



Toxic contamination still seeps from the former capacitor manufacturing site into a small tributary the eventually feeds into Lake Hartwell.

Carcinogenic PCBs still seep into Pickens County waters 20 years after a Superfund cleanup of a capacitor manufacturing site where the toxins contaminating the Twelve Mile River and Lake Hartwell originated. "We've still got PCBs leaching in from the headwaters," said Pickens area resident Dennis Chastain. Monitoring wells and newly added technology at the former Sangamo-Weston plant site beside Town Creek in Pickens are used to track, control and contain contamination. Slight seepage into the tributary of the Twelve Mile persists, as do posted warnings against eating certain fish from the river and Lake Hartwell. "There's a groundwater to surface water interaction that we are trying to shut down," said Craig Zeller, project manager for the Environmental Protection Agency. "We're continuing to look at emerging technologies." The problem is underground, in fractured bedrock below the plant site, where oily PCBs are mixed with another lingering pollutant, volatile organic compounds once used as an industrial degreaser that makes PCBs more mobile. "You could not dream up a more challenging subsurface environment to clean up," Zeller said. Despite much effort and continuing research, "The results to date have not been real encouraging." Schlumberger Technology Corp., the company responsible for the cleanup, uses hydraulic pumps to capture remaining PCBs, said Stephen Harris, a Schlumberger spokesman. The PCBs are adsorbed onto activated carbon within a filtration system at the plant site. None are discharged to Town Creek. Annual monitoring of groundwater at the plant and in Lake Hartwell shows a downward trend in the presence of the contamination, Harris said. "As indicated in its last five-year review, the EPA is satisfied with our groundwater remedy and considers it protective of human health and the environment," Harris said. Local residents would "certainly like to turn the tap off at the plant site," said Larry Dyck, a Pickens Soil and Water Conservation District commissioner who has been an active citizen voice in efforts to clean the waters, but because the levels are low he said there's little impact on the clean-up downstream. Cindy Lee, a professor of environmental engineering and earth sciences at Clemson University, who has studied PCBs in the Twelve Mile and Lake Hartwell since the mid-1990s, said low levels still coming into the system mean "that all the sediment is not necessarily clean that's coming down from the watershed." Healing these waters will take "a long, long time. It didn't take but maybe 20 years to get ourselves into the fix, but it is going to take multiple of that to get us out," Lee said. More than 400,000 pounds of polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, were released between 1955 and 1977 from the former Sangamo-Weston site now owned by Schlumberger Technology Corp. Schlumberger is removing dams downstream on the Twelve Mile as part of a

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related court-ordered PCB cleanup. Low levels of PCBs remain in monitoring wells at the plant site, all in single-digit parts per billion. Yet somehow the PCBs magnify themselves in the water. Small native clams called corbicula placed in the creek immediately downstream from the plant still contain PCB levels as high as 1.2 parts per million. PCBs are non-detectable in corbicula placed upstream from the plant site. "You are going from parts per billion in ground water to parts per million in clam tissue. We don't know why," Zeller said. "It's really frustrating. We've tried virtually everything up there." Concentrations are down from 10 parts per million in 1995 when corbicula testing started, he said. Sediment testing farther downstream also shows some healing. In 2010, the high reading was 1.76 parts per million upstream from the State 133 bridge on the Twelve Mile near Clemson, where concentrations of 16 parts per million were measured in 1995. The sediment target is 1 part per million, Zeller said. The EPA still receives occasional calls from concerned residents. Zeller said there's no danger to the public apart from what is stated in the fish advisories. "Nobody is drinking water from contaminated wells and the health surveys suggest that people are generally aware of the advisory for consumption of fish," Zeller said. A 1999 state health study of 30 people who had been eating fish from the contaminated waters showed a mean of 3.3 parts per billion compared to the range found in the general population nationally of between 0.9 and 1.5 parts per billion.

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<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20110529/BUSINESS/305290010/Pollutants-still-leak-from-plant-property>

RUSSIA, KAMCHATKA, PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKY, MAY 30 2011. 3 DEAD, HOMES EVACUATED IN RUSSIA FUEL TANK EXPLOSION



Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky.

Three workers died at a Russian Far East oil storage facility after a fuel reservoir exploded, officials said Monday. The blast took place in the Pacific Ocean port Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, on the east coast of the Kamchatka peninsula. The three male victims were welders working inside an empty fuel storage tank still containing trace oil and gas fumes, according to news reports. The explosion in the underground reservoir broke windows of residences hundreds of metres from the storage site. A evacuation of nearby homes was in progress, Interfax reported. Fires were localised and there was no threat to surrounding fuel storage tanks, said Yulia Samsova, a Russian Emergency Situations Ministry (RMES)

spokeswoman. Welding in a location potentially containing explosive fumes is a violation of Russian labour safety protection law. Police were investigating why the welder team was working inside a poorly-ventilated storage unit. Oil and gas production is a key economic driver in resource-rich Russia. Poor enforcement of safety standards sometimes make work in the industry dangerous, with equipment failures and accidental explosions the most common causes of fatalities.

[Related Links](#) [Explosion at oil depot in Russia's Far East kills three](#)

http://www.monstersandcritics.com/news/europe/news/article_1642318.php/Three-dead-homes-evacuated-in-Russia-fuel-tank-explosion

USA, LA, ACADIA PARISH, CROWLEY, MAY 30 2011. OIL SPILL SEEPING INTO CROWLEY WATERWAYS

chris welty

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In Acadia Parish, crews are working to clean up an oil spill in Crowley. The oil began spilling Saturday from an oil storage tank near the intersection of West Mill Street and South Western Avenue, and that oil has made it's way into nearby Bayou Blanc. "We are trying to figure out why nothing has been done," said Patrick Miller a concerned resident. Residents along Bayou Blanc are outraged. Saturday afternoon neighbors noticed a sheen to the water and a telltale smell in the air. "It smelled like oil. There's no oil field around here and there's no tanks that we know of so to see that in our backyard. It's out of the ordinary," said Miller. Less than one mile away, a storage tank is leaking oil into drainage canals that connect into Bayou Blanc and beyond the Crowley city limits to the Roller Road bridge. Miller believes the oil could end up in other bodies of water if boom isn't set up soon. "This actually ends up going to Bayou Plaquemine which then connects to the Mermentau River, and then

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the Gulf of Mexico. It's a pretty bad oil spill." The oil is so thick that when you stir it with a stick, it doesn't break up very much and it cakes onto the stick. This is something that concerns residents. "We've got wood ducks and birds, fish, and everything else. with oil on top of that, they can't breathe and they are going to start dying. it's just not a good thing," said Miller. It's unknown how much oil actually spilled, but the Department of Environmental Quality is planning on testing the air and water, as well as laying boom to prevent the oil from spreading any further. Investigators from the Environmental Protection Agency are in Crowley and are working with the party possibly responsible for the spill to begin clean-up. "I think now they are starting to wake up and realize hey we need to do something and contain it as fast as we can to get it cleaned up." A clean up process that residents wish could have started sooner. If you do see oil, the D.E.Q. advises that you do not touch it and to call law enforcement or the DEQ offices immediately.

<http://www.katc.com/news/oil-spill-seeping-into-crowley-waterways-10pm/>

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, LAKE MACQUARIE, MAY 30 2011. MERCURY SPILL SPARKS CONTAMINATION FEARS

map: [Teralba 2284](#)

Investigations are continuing into a large scale spillage of mercury at a scrap metal yard in the Lake Macquarie suburb of Teralba. New South Wales Fire and Rescue estimates up to two litres of the highly toxic material escaped at the Lucky Scrap site at Racecourse Road at 11.30am today (AEDT). One person had to undergo decontamination after some mercury came into contact with his boots and clothing. Lake Macquarie Council, Workcover and the Office of Environment and Heritage are investigating. Fire and Rescue communications centre Supervisor Paul Randall says two main "hot zones" have been identified on the site. "There's about two litres we understand has been spilt," he said. "The major problem is that it's in a couple of areas and we think vehicles may have moved it around within the yard itself." "It's very toxic material that's why we're treating this very seriously but at this time we've created an exclusion zone we've got it contained." Mr Randall says fortunately there was no contamination of nearby Cockle Creek. "This has mainly been contained on site," he said. "The main problem is that it was spread around a bit by vehicles moving within the complex itself."

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/05/30/3230906.htm>

USA, N.J, BURLINGTON CO, HAINESPORT, MAY 31 2011. BURLINGTON COUNTY HIRES CLEANUP CONSULTANT >> HAZARDOUS SPILL SEVERAL ACRES IN SIZE.

carol comeagno

The Burlington County freeholders have hired a consultant for cleanup of gasoline contaminants that leaked from underground tanks at a county facility 30 years ago. They have also proposed a \$4.6 million bond to cover the estimated \$1.6 million cleanup at the former highway maintenance department building and related expenses. The associated costs would include demolition of the current building and construction of two pole barns to house highway equipment. One barn would be across the street from the current building on Maple Avenue in Hainesport, where a pollution plume extends to the Marne Highway intersection. The other would be at the county engineering complex in Mount Laurel. County officials said the underground hazardous spill is several acres in size, 17 to 22 feet below the surface and it extends beyond county property along Cumberland Street and to Marne Highway. It already has spent \$437,000 to monitor the wells and prepare documents for approval by the state Department of Environmental Protection. Freeholder Joseph Donnelly said the spill has been investigated and monitored for several years to ensure it does not pose a threat to the public. Groundwater contamination has not been a risk to neighbors or to the highway site, since there is public water service via an enclosed piping system. Air tests at the county property have been within normal limits, said county spokesman Ralph Shrom. About 10 residents attended an information session last week with county officials and the consultant, Hamilton's Kleinfelder East Inc. A public hearing on the bond issue is set for July 7 at 7 p.m. in the county administration building, 49 Rancocas Road in Mount Holly. Residents seemed more concerned with hazardous materials from two other sites -- the former Safety Kleen site on Marne Highway, and Dowell-Schlumberger Chemicals at the foot of nearby Cumberland Street in Lumberton. "The county is addressing the problems and that is all you can ask, but it's scary living in this neighborhood," said resident John Summers. Hainesport Councilman Anthony Porto said he attended last week's meeting to educate himself about health or other issues and to be able to discuss it with residents. "We want to make sure that residents and employees are afforded the opportunity to have all their questions answered and any concerns addressed," Donnelly said. "Our consultants tell us confidently that we are now ready to move to the final phase of actual cleanup," Donnelly said. "The good news is that cleanup processes have become more sophisticated and less expensive in recent years." Richard Jasaitis, consulting engineer with Kleinfelder East, said an extraction system will be used to remove and treat gasoline components in soil and groundwater. About 10 tanks, some of

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them leaking fuel, were removed in the 1990s. Extraction wells use a vacuum-like process to bring benzene and other gasoline vapors to the surface, where they will be burned off. Flue gas will be passed through granular-activated carbon filters to ensure the treatment system's air emissions meet state standards. The cleanup is expected to begin late this year or early next year. The extraction system is expected to operate for a three-year period, followed by long-term groundwater monitoring. The process also will provide for the clean-up of chlorinated solvents (tetrachloroethene or PCE) beneath the garage facility. Indoor air quality tests on the buildings themselves did not detect any presence of PCE. Shrom said contaminants unrelated to the storage tanks could originate from other sources. The nearby Dowell-Schlumberger site has affected groundwater, for instance. A nearby site at 505 Marne Highway also may be a source of groundwater contamination from the former Safety Kleen commercial cleaning site. "One thing we want to convey to residents and local officials is that all cleanup activity will be undertaken on county property with minimal disruption to the neighborhood," Jasaitis said. Donnelly also said residents will receive progress reports. The highway department moved to new facilities 15 years ago. However, it continued to use the property as a satellite facility until recently and is still using the gas pumps to fill the tanks of county vehicles from newer underground tanks.

<http://www.courierpostonline.com/article/20110530/NEWS01/105300324/Burlington-County-hires-cleanup-consultant>

AUSTRALIA – MAY 30 2011. ANOTHER REMINDER NOT TO LEAVE LITHIUM BATTERIES IN YOUR CHECKED LUGGAGE

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A potentially serious incident on an Air China flight on the weekend is a reminder to never pack the lithium batteries commonly found in computers and 'smart' phones in your checked luggage. It is also a reminder that the Qantas and Virgin Australia rules that permit lithium battery carriage in checked luggage ought to be abolished and replaced with a ban, because at present no inspections to enforce them take place, with the airlines relying instead on a tick the box declaration in the dangerous goods section of the check-in processes, something which is totally useless. In the China incident a lithium-ion battery-pack in a passenger's camera caught fire in an overhead bin in the Airbus A330 while it was flying between Beijing and Shanghai. The incident ended well, in that the cabin crew searched for the source of a smell of burning, and found the camera just as it burst into flames said in media reports to have been 20 cms high, and bundled it into a toilet where the risk of ALL of the cells in battery pack burning or exploding was removed by following the procedures airlines have for extinguishing lithium fires. But it might have been a very different and tragic story had the camera batteries experienced what is known as a thermal runaway inside checked luggage stowed in the hold. Both types of lithium batteries, the li-ion packs that are rechargeable, and the non-rechargeable straight lithium type, pose fire hazards that can be readily handled in a cabin rather than under it. In this video the US Federal Aviation Administration deals with the lithium-ion battery hazards and the very specific ways in which the risks of igniting the other batteries typically found in such power sources can be reduced by prompt action. Now, ask yourself. Have you ever had your luggage on a flight in Australia examined for compliance with the lithium battery carriage rules as shown below on the Qantas and Virgin Australia websites? Of course not. And also ask yourself.

Portable electronic devices containing lithium or lithium ion cells or batteries and Spare lithium or lithium ion cells or batteries

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- ▶ If batteries are installed in equipment such as laptop computers, camera, calculators etc – the above limits still apply, however they can be carried as checked baggage, provided the electronic device is protected from accidental activation.

 Note: Conversion from Ah (Amp hours) to Wh is: Ah x Voltage = Wh.

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lithium batteries mean, or how you would determine if your batteries complied? The risk of a lithium battery fire in a passenger jet hold is almost entirely avoidable if their carriage in personal luggage is banned. It's such a simple thing to do, especially if it is done before rather than after a disaster.

<http://blogs.crikey.com.au/planetalking/2011/05/30/another-reminder-not-to-leave-lithium-batteries-in-your-checked-luggage/>

CANADA, ALTA, RED DEER, MAY 31 2011. PARKLAND EYES MARITIME SHELL STATIONS

lauren krugel

Fuel distributor Parkland Fuel Corp., whose footprint has grown considerably across Canada through a series of recent acquisitions, is eyeing the 260 retail fuel outlets Shell Canada Ltd. is selling. "Certainly we will be looking at that," CEO Bob Espey told a conference call Friday, a day after the company reported a quadrupling in first-quarter profit. Earlier this month, Shell said it was looking for an "appropriate steward" to take control of the fuel stations in Quebec and the Maritimes, while still operating them under the Shell brand. Parkland, based in Red Deer, Alta., is no stranger to such arrangements. In fact, it already has a deal in place to sell lubricants under the Shell banner. "Parkland currently touches five per cent of the fuel that flows through the Canadian downstream market, and that's roughly a 75 billion litre market," Espey said. Observers have also pointed to Quebec-based convenience store operator Alimentation Couche-Tard as a potential buyer for the Shell stations, since it, too, has been seeking to grow through acquisitions. Shell's move to sell the stations is typical of what other major oil and gas companies, like Imperial Oil Ltd. and its U.S. parent ExxonMobil Corp., have been doing recently, Espey said. They have been retreating somewhat from the downstream side of the business — refining oil into fuel and selling the products — in favour of investing in the upstream, or oil and natural gas production. "It's not a fast retreat. They certainly still have very good assets in good markets that provide good returns to them that they're not in a position at this point to divest," Espey said. And it's in the midst of that trend that Canadian consumers have become increasingly fed up with the prices they're seeing at the pumps. Gasoline prices in some Canadian cities flirted with near-record highs of \$1.40 per litre earlier this spring, but have since fallen back to an average of \$1.27 per litre on Friday, according to price-tracking website Gasbuddy.com. Parkland used to be centred in Western Canada but has since expanded nationally through a series of acquisitions. In June 2009, it announced plans to buy Victoria-based Columbia Fuels Ltd. for \$34.5 million. In December of that year, it snagged Dartmouth-based Bluewave Energy, which sells Shell-branded fuel throughout most of Canada, for \$214 million. A year later, it paid \$22.6 million to acquire Island Petroleum Products, a fuel supplier in Prince Edward Island.

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/Business/1245649.html>

USA, PA, WILKES-BARRE, KINGSTON TWP, MAY 31 2011. POLICE: DRIVER OVERCOME BY CHEMICAL FUMES

A driver was overcome by fumes from a chemical mixture used to commit suicide before he crashed into a tree Friday night in front of a house close to where he lived on Woodbine Street, police said. Mark Burgess, 47, had muriatic acid and lime sulfur in a cooler on the passenger seat of his SUV, said Kingston Township Officer John Chipeco. Chipeco said Burgess, who had been drinking alcohol, passed out due to the mixing of the chemicals that produce hydrogen sulfide, a hazardous gas that prevents oxygen from getting into the bloodstream. Still to be determined is whether Burgess had the chemicals ready to mix them at home or combined them in the vehicle in a possible suicide attempt, said Chipeco. Burgess was transported to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital after the crash and later taken to a hospital in the Harrisburg area that specializes in treating chemical injuries, said Chipeco. Burgess' condition was unavailable Sunday. Members of the Luzerne County Emergency Management Agency who deal with hazardous materials responded to the crash scene to assist in the investigation. The mixed chemicals were splashed throughout the interior of the SUV because of the impact with the tree. EMA coordinator Steve Bekanich said he requested that Wilkes-Barre General Hospital quarantine Burgess and the first responders who came in contact with him due to the danger posed by the chemical mixture. Bekanich also called for the temporary closure of the hospital's emergency room as a precaution.

http://www.timesleader.com/news/News_In_brief_05-29-2011.html

NIGERIA, LAGOS, MAY 31 2011. TOTAL PLANS MASSIVE UPGRADE OF SERVICE STATIONS

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Total Nigeria Plc has unveiled plans to embark on massive upgrade of some of its petroleum service stations across the country, as part of its renewed commitment to improve its service delivery to petroleum consumers. According to a statement made available to THISDAY, the Managing Director of the Company, Mr. Francois Boussagal, stated this during the re-inauguration of the Total Service Station at GRA, Port Harcourt. Boussagal said the company has earmarked huge investment for the facility upgrade, adding that "Our commitment to customer satisfaction is indicative of the huge investment in the

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renovation of our network nationwide, with best quality tamper proof pumps, which guarantees good delivery of products at our stations." The Total boss, who also stated that the station would also be equipped with free air dispensers, eco-and friendly equipments, added that the company was planning the expansion of underground storage capacities to be equipped with anti-leak/pollution devices. Among the selected service stations for renovation was the Total Service Station GRA, Port Harcourt, which was officially re-commissioned recently. The station was first commissioned in 1974 as a filling station, but in May 2010, Total commenced the reconstruction due to what the company called "the relevance of the station to the environment, and keeping with the need to adapt to international standards." The managing director said with this development, the company has demonstrated its commitment to international best practices, and would continue to comply by conforming to Health, Safety, Environment and Quality as its guiding principle. "The group's belief in the potential of the Nigerian economy has continued to attract our investments in Nigeria, which resonates in various investment projects of this nature that we have embarked upon. We take delight in upgrading for improvement, the structural outlook of our stations to meet our customers' needs while impacting positively on the environment of our host communities as core of our sustainable development policy," he said. The company also commissioned its Ife Mega service station in line with its expansion strategy. Total Nigeria Plc, formerly Totalfinael Nigeria Plc, emerged after the merger of Total Nigeria Plc and Elf Oil Nigeria Limited on September 11, 2001.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105301827.html>

USA, FLA, STUART, MAY 31 2011. FIRE DAMAGES BIOFUEL PLANT IN STUART SUNDAY NIGHT

james kirley

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Fire broke out Sunday night in a building where used vegetable oil is refined into biofuel for diesel engines, but a fire official said the blaze did not involve the oil or fuel that is produced from it. Firefighters were called to Viesel Fuel, 4401 S.E. Commerce Ave., Stuart, shortly after 7 p.m., when a passing Martin County sheriff's deputy reported seeing smoke coming out of the building, said Doug Killane, spokesman for Martin County Fire Rescue. The business had been shut down for the long Memorial Day weekend and nobody was occupying the building at the time of the fire, Killane said. Firefighters battled thick smoke and intense heat inside the metal building, Killane said. No injuries were reported. "It was a structural fire that had nothing to do with what's manufactured at the business," Killane said. A state fire marshal was on scene Sunday night to determine the cause of the fire. Killane estimated at least \$30,000 damage was done to the building — possible more, if the metal beams sustained damage. Stuart-based Viesel Fuel converts waste vegetable oil from area restaurants into a high-grade biofuel, which company officials say burns cleaner and is less expensive than No. 2 petroleum diesel fuel.

<http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2011/may/29/fire-damages-biofuel-plant-in-stuart/>

USA, ILL, ALTON, EDWARDSVILLE, MAY 31 2011. LATE TEACHER'S ESTATE SUES OIL COMPANIES >> SUIT CLAIMS BENZENE LEAKS CAUSED FATAL LEUKEMIA

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The estate of a beloved Roxana School District teacher and administrator, who died of leukemia in early 2008, is suing Shell Oil Co. and BP Products North America, claiming leaks from their refinery caused her illness. Jeffery Ochs, special administrator of the estate of Debra Ochs, is suing on his own behalf, as the victim's husband, and on behalf of their minor child, Annika Ochs. The lawsuit filed in Madison County Circuit Court claims that while Debra Ochs was visiting her grandparents in South Roxana and while serving as a teacher and principal at Central Elementary School, she was "exposed to and inhaled, ingested or otherwise absorbed benzene, which was emitted, leaked, spilled, dumped and otherwise discharged into the air, and surface/groundwater by defendants. "Benzene is a highly toxic chemical and is classified as a human carcinogen. Benzene exposure has been linked to certain blood cancers, including acute myelogenous leukemia," the suit claims. Debra Ochs died of acute myelogenous leukemia Jan. 8, 2008, after a five-year battle with the disease. She was a teacher, principal and curriculum director in the Roxana School District from 1993 until she died. Colleagues said she will always be remembered for her courage in fighting the disease and in fighting for the children. Her story was told in the publication, "Hope," published by the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center in St. Louis. During her hospital stay, Ochs participated in a pioneering research project - a collaborative effort between Siteman and Washington University's Genome Sequencing Center that is supported by an \$11 million grant from the National Cancer

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Institute. Roxana faculty, staff and friends planted a memorial oak tree and bench near the school in her memory. The suit claims both oil refining companies owned and operated the refinery during the time Ochs stayed or worked near that location. Plaintiffs claim that defendants had the knowledge that benzene is toxic and may cause cancer, but negligently built, maintained, managed and operated the Wood River facilities. The suit claims thousands of pounds of benzene were discharged into the air and ground water. "The release of benzene from the Wood River facilities occurred throughout the time of their operation, causing a plume of benzene-containing pollutants to extend beyond the boundaries of the Wood River facilities and into the adjoining neighborhoods and community," the suit claims. The plaintiffs claim the defendants failed to exercise ordinary care in failing to prevent the harmful effects of the alleged leaks. The suit includes three counts, asking for at least \$50,000 in damages on each count. It asks for damages for the loss of Debra Ochs, emotional support and so forth, and for the pain and suffering she endured as a result of the cancer. The suit was filed on Jan. 20. BP has filed an answer denying the allegations or claiming it lacks sufficient knowledge of many of them, such as Debra Ochs' illness. The firm acknowledges certain levels of benzene exposure are hazardous, but denies causing Debra Ochs' cancer. "BPNA's operations were at all relevant times conducted in accordance with the then-existing state of the art in conformity with the generally recognized state of technological and scientific knowledge existing at the time of the operations at issue," the answer claims. The company also states it acted with due care in accordance with the law. Shell has not filed an answer. A company spokesman could not be reached for comment. The problem of refinery emissions in Roxana has come into sharper focus recently as the Illinois Environmental Protection has been digging test wells and taking other actions to detect possible leaks in the area. State officials said they have detected some emissions recently, but they have downplayed the level and danger of those emissions. An IEPA official said the agency has been closely monitoring the area around the plant since a benzene release in 1986, when the plant was owned by Shell Oil Co. Shell has agreed to pick up the tab for the monitoring, because that company was the owner during the 1986 benzene release. Benzene is a component of gasoline but is toxic and may cause cancer. IEPA officials said there is benzene in the soil around the plant, but it is 40 to 45 feet below the surface. Shell announced the increased monitoring in 2009. The company said it would check for benzene, which was released from an underground pipeline in 1986. A total of 8,400 gallons of benzene leaked from the pipeline in 1986. That line extended from the plant to barge loading facilities on the Mississippi River, along a route parallel to Rand Avenue. The underground pipeline was abandoned and replaced with an above-ground section of pipe.

<http://www.thetelegraph.com/news/benzene-54624-ochs-debra.html>

NIGERIA, LAGOS, MAY 31 2011. OIL SPILL: SHELL RECORDS 35 SABOTAGES IN FOUR MONTHS

adeola yusuf

Royal Dutch Shell at the weekend declared that it recorded 35 sabotages on its facilities across the Niger Delta between January and April, 2011. Managing Director of the Shell in Nigeria, Mutiu Sunmonu who stated this during the presentation of the company's notes in Lagos bemoaned the level of sabotages on its pipelines. Sunmonu had earlier noted that the federal government also collected about N5.25 trillion (\$34.8 billion) from Royal Dutch Shell between 2006 and 2010, the company declared on Tuesday. maintained that the money was received as oil revenue, tax and royalties. Sunmonu added in the note however that corruption has been one of the barriers to turning oil revenues into benefits for the people of Nigeria. "The Joint ventures operated by the Shell Development Company of Nigeria limited (SPDC) has contributed about \$31 billion to the federal government in the past five years (2006-2010). The federal government receives about 95 per cent of the revenue after costs from the SPDC joint venture," the company said in a statement. It continued that the "Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company of Nigeria limited (SNEPCo)-which operates our offshore business in deepwater-has paid about \$3.8 billion in tax and royalties over the last five years. "In 2010, Shell-operated ventures in Nigeria produced an average of 960,000 barrels of oil per day (kboe/d)-about 21 per cent of Nigeria's estimated total oil and gas production; about 758,000 kboe/d of this volume came from the SPDC-operated joint venture, while SNEPCo accounted for the balance. "In 2010, Shell Nigeria Gas limited supplied natural gas from fields in Niger Delta to more than 50 customers in industrial centres in Ogun and Abia states, while SPDC is the major gas supplier to the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas plant (NLNG) from its various fields." Sunmonu therefore expressed confidence on the oil leases' renewal talks with the federal government. The talks for renewal of 16 oil blocks leases between the federal government and oil majors; Royal Dutch Shell, Chevron Corporation remained a stalemate after two years of rigorous meetings, checks by Daily Independent revealed but the Shell's MD he has strong faith in the renewal process. He said: "The operation of Shell Companies in Nigeria has an important direct impact on the economy. In 2010, Shell-run companies awarded contract worth more than \$947 million to Nigerian companies representing 94 per cent of the total spend for the year. "As far as possible, Shell Companies in Nigeria aim to use Nigerian contractors and hire workers from the local communities where they operate. "As at December 2010, SPDC and SNEPCo employed around 6,000 direct

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employees and contractors-about 90 per cent of them Nigerian. Our projects help create tens of thousands more jobs with contractors and in supporting industries." Stating that corruption has been one of the barriers to turning oil revenues into benefits for the people of Nigeria, Shell maintained that it initiated and was a leading sponsor of, the Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI), which openly publishes payments made to the government by the international oil companies and other players in the energy industry as well as the allocation of money to states by the federal government in Nigeria."

<http://www.independentngonline.com/DailyIndependent/Article.aspx?id=34649>

GIBRALTAR, JUNE 1 2011. PASSENGERS INJURED AS CRUISE SHIP IS ROCKED BY BLAST IN GIBRALTAR FUEL TANK

john honeywell

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- [Waste Fuel Explosion, North Mole, Gibraltar, May 2011](#)



A fuel tank exploded Tuesday in the port of Gibraltar, injuring 10 passengers aboard the Independence of the Seas cruise ship.

An explosion in a fuel storage tank has rocked the port of Gibraltar, where Independence of the Seas - one of the biggest cruise ships in the world - is berthed today. The ship, carrying more than 4,000 passengers, felt the full force of the explosion, according to reports on Gibraltar Radio. Operators Royal Caribbean say 10 passengers suffered minor injuries and received medical treatment on board. Independence made an emergency departure, pulling up its gangways and moving away from the quayside to anchor further out at sea. Two passengers were left ashore and will be reunited with the ship later. The cruise terminal on the quayside was evacuated. Dense black smoke billowed from the blazing oil tank after the blast,

which was felt up to a mile away. Police have not ruled out a terrorist involvement, but the more likely cause appears to have been welding work which was being carried out on the top of the tank. A Spanish workman was seriously injured and after being taken to a local hospital was transferred to a specialist unit in Seville. A policeman received burns while attempting to rescue him. Flights in and out of Gibraltar airport were suspended as the tank continued to burn out of control. Independence left Southampton on Saturday for a 14-night Mediterranean cruise. It arrived in Gibraltar, the first port of call, this morning and was due to depart at 4.00 pm, about the same time as the explosion. Of the 4,153 passengers on board, 3,894 are from the UK and Ireland. Cruise ship Ocean Princess is due in Gibraltar tomorrow. A spokeswoman for Princess Cruises confirmed tonight the visit will go ahead, but instead of tying up, the ship will be at anchor and passengers will be taken ashore by tender. A video posted to YouTube by a Gibraltarian known as "Mendenge" shows the ship pulling out of port as the fire raged.

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- [Blast Injures 12 Cruise Ship Passengers](#)
- [Oil Tank Blast Injures Two In Gibraltar](#)

<http://blogs.mirror.co.uk/captain-greybeard/2011/05/cruise-ship-hit-by-gib-explosi.html>

INDIA, ASSAM, BOKAKHAT, JUNE 1 2011. FOUR DEAD IN ASSAM PETROL TANKER EXPLOSION

At least four people were charred to death and twelve critically injured when a petrol tanker overturned and exploded near Assam's Bokakhat town on Tuesday. As the tanker skidded off the road, locals started collecting fuel from it. After sometime there was a massive fire, which burnt the villagers. "We saw that the vehicle had overturned and oil was pouring out of it. Some of the local people went and started collecting oil. The police arrived and they also started collecting oil for themselves. Nobody tried to take the people to safe side," said Ramakant Barua, a local.

<http://www.dailyindia.com/show/442736.php>

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USA, ILL, MORRIS, JUNE 1 2011. MORRIS EXPLOSION THREAT CAUSES EVACUATION



More than 100 residents were evacuated from their homes Sunday afternoon when a power outage opened up the possibility of a tanker explosion at the Lyondell Bassell chemical plant in Morris. During severe thunderstorms Sunday, lightning hit the portion of the plant that produces electricity, said Bob Coleman, chief of the Morris Fire Protection and Ambulance District. This ultimately caused the pressure in a tank to increase, causing officials to fear an explosion. Morris is about 22 miles east of Ottawa along Interstate 80. "They lost all power affecting the switch that transfers electricity back to ComEd, so the whole plant went down, and the compressors wouldn't work to keep the pressure in the tanks at a certain (level),"

Coleman said. At that time, a fire did occur, but the plant fire department was able to extinguish it. A minor explosion in the furnace area and another fire also broke out during the incident, but those were also handled by the plant's firefighters. There has not been an evacuation at Lyondell since 1989, Coleman said, but in 1989 it was done twice. Surrounding plants were also shut down during the incident. The reverse 9-1-1 calling system was utilized to call area residents to evacuate. Emergency officials also went to the neighborhoods to encourage people to leave. Residents were evacuated to the Minooka Fire Station, No. 1, and later moved to the Minooka Bible Church. "We used the reverse 9-1-1, which is a lifesaver for those people," Coleman said. The community evacuation was lifted at about 7 p.m., when all vehicle, rail and river traffic in the area was allowed to resume normal travel and residents were allowed to return to their homes. The incident was deemed over by 7:56 p.m., although the Grundy County Emergency Management Agency and local officials continued to monitor the situation. Coleman did not know as of presstime how many fire departments assisted on the call, but said more than 75 firefighters were on scene, plus 25 to 30 more covered area stations while they worked on scene. The Division 19 Task Force was activated, said Coleman, which means equipment and a fire chief were brought in from other stations to cover local stations since all the local equipment was at the plant. "The main thing is no one got hurt and the plant is back in a safe atmosphere," Coleman said. A damage amount is not yet available. The plant was not to be in "100 percent" working order Monday, Coleman said.

<http://mywebtimes.com/archives/ottawa/display.php?id=433046>

USA, CT, ORANGE, JUNE 1 2011. ONE DEAD AFTER CAR, TANKER COLLIDE ON I-95

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State police are investigating a fatal accident on Interstate 95 that happened Monday night and involved a car and a tankertruck. The passenger of the car, Jose Nunez, 33, of Warrington, R.I., was pronounced dead on the scene, while the driver, Johnny Nunez, 18, of Providence, R.I. was taken to Yale-New Haven Hospital with severe head injuries, state police said. Police said that the driver of the car lost control of the vehicle, hit a jersey barrier in the center median and then the truck. It was severely damaged and seemed to have been pinned underneath the rear wheels of the tanker, according to reports from the scene. The accident occurred around 9:30 p.m. on the southbound side of the highway between Exits 42 and 41. It halted traffic back into West Haven until early Tuesday morning, with the entire southbound side of the highway shut down periodically as state police investigated. The West Haven and Orange fire departments both responded to the accident, which occurred close to the line between the two towns, and had to extricate at least one of the passengers, according to reports. State police cleared the scene just after 3 a.m.

<http://www.ctpost.com/default/article/One-dead-after-car-tanker-collide-on-I-95-1402467.php>

USA, MI, GAYLORD, JUNE 1 2011. RESULTS FROM STUDY COULD LIMIT USE OF FORMER DNR PROPERTY



An environmental assessment of the former DNR property west of South Otsego Avenue checked for soil contaminants and uncovered 13 buried barrels. Barrel contents are being tested for contaminants.

A probe to determine what lies beneath the surface at the former Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Repair Facility property, now owned by Otsego County, was completed last summer by Sagasser & Associates. The Gaylord environmental assessment company was hired by the county after it acquired the 9-acre parcel when the State of Michigan deeded the former DNR property to the county in 2005. Otsego County Administrator John Burt said the purpose of the survey was to help the county determine what the property might be used for in

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the future. The deed from the state stipulates the land may only be utilized for a public use. The company completed a preliminary assessment in February 2010 to determine the environmental impact from the property's various uses over the past 100 years — which included a barrel and stave mill, a DNR repair facility and in the 1940s as a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp. Burt said results from the environmental study may limit the use of some of the areas of the 9-acre parcel. Results of the phase II assessment included taking a number of soil boring samples from 35 different locations on the property, which is bordered on the east by the Detroit and Mackinac Railroad tracks, to the west by South Illinois Avenue and to the north by West Fourth Street. A historical use study of the property was conducted to determine the possible presence of underground storage tanks, a dump used by the CCC camp, the current location of monitor wells and the location of abandoned railroad track spurs. A non-obtrusive geophysical survey was undertaken using an integrated electromagnetic survey and ground penetrating radar to help locate subsurface metallic objects and buried debris for possible sources of soil contamination. A copy of the phase II assessment report was submitted to the county in August 2010. According to the August report, historical use of the property indicated the presence of at least three underground storage tanks, which contained heating oil, gasoline and diesel, with sources indicating the release of diesel from one of the tanks. A fourth underground storage tank was reported on the west side of the railroad tracks, as was a report indicating the release of 12,000 gallons of gasoline in 1974 on the north side of the parcel adjacent to the Johnson Oil property. A CCC dump and numerous railroad track spurs were located via historical documents, and visual inspections of the parcel located two partially buried barrels and exposed brick and mortar in the area of the CCC dump. The environmental report recommended the barrels be dug up and have the contents tested for contaminants. The two barrels, as well as 11 others, were dug up in the area northeast of the building used by the Otsego County Sheriff's Department for storage. Lettering on the barrels indicated the contents may be some type of lubricating grease for motor vehicles. Soil borings indicated a number of areas which contained buried debris, including bricks and mortar, broken glass, wire, automobile parts, brake pads and other miscellaneous rubbish. Analysis of a soil boring from a soil mound on the north side of the property indicated the possibility of ash material at a depth of approximately 5 feet. Soil borings indicated concentrations of the metals barium, copper, lead, mercury and zinc, which did not exceed the criteria for cleanup. One boring identified a concentration of lead in the soil, which exceeded the drinking water and direct contact criteria. Recommendations from the initial environmental study indicated additional samples be taken from the soil mound area and excavation and disposal of the buried materials to a landfill should be completed. Further testing of the areas with shallow impact from metals was recommended, and, depending on future use of the property, excavation of the shallow impact areas may be necessary. The Herald Times will look at several proposed land uses from the past several years as well as possible future use of the property.

<http://www.petoskeynews.com/gaylord/news/ght-n-dnrproperty-060111,0,181842.story>

FRANCE, LYON, JUNE 1 2011. MOBILE PHONES 'POSSIBLY CARCINOGENIC' TO HUMANS

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The decision has been keenly awaited by mobile phone companies and campaign groups.

The use of mobile phones and other wireless communication devices are "possibly carcinogenic to humans", the World Health Organization's cancer research agency declared overnight. The radio frequency electromagnetic fields generated by such devices are possibly cancer-causing "based on an increased risk for glioma, a malignant type of brain cancer," the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) said in a statement. A group of 31 experts meeting in the French city of Lyon over the past eight days "reached this classification based on its review of the human evidence coming from epidemiological studies," said Jonathan Samet, president of the work group. Two studies in particular, the largest conducted over the last decade, provided evidence that mobile phone use was associated with higher rates of glioma, "particularly in those that had the most intensive use of such phones," Mr. Samet said. The classification, which puts mobile phone use in the same broad IARC cancer risk category as lead, chloroform and coffee, could spur the United Nations health body to look again at its guidelines on mobile phones, the scientists said. But more research is needed before a more definitive answer on any link can be given. "We simply don't know what might happen as people use their phones over longer time periods, possibly over a lifetime," Mr.

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Samet said. The WHO had previously said there was no established evidence for a link between cell phone use and cancer. Professor Bruce Armstrong from the University of Sydney's School of Public Health was one of the 31 experts on the panel and says the results of the research need to be taken seriously. "I think the conclusion that was reached from the expert group's considerations over the last 10 days is that now we can move from saying we don't know at all whether mobile phones might or might not affect the rate of cancer, to saying we think that use of mobile phones possibly might," he told ABC News Breakfast this morning. "We're not saying it does, but we are saying that a causal association between mobile phone use is credible." But it says to industry that this is an issue that they need to take seriously." Professor Armstrong says there is still no hard evidence that radiation from mobile phones is causing an increase in brain cancer in the general population.

No Evidence of Cancer Spike

"It's important to note ... particularly in the younger population, there is just no evidence indeed in any population that has been reported so far that would suggest brain cancers are increasing in such a way that they are related to the greater radio frequency in our environment," he said. "If it's there, it's not a very large effect." Ed Young from Cancer Research UK told ABC Radio's AM program that he did not regard the WHO's statement as cause for concern. "I don't think people should be worried at all. Nothing's really changed," he said. "We know that the vast majority of studies looking at this issue have found that mobile phones do not increase the risk of cancer, and that's backed up by the fact that brain cancer rates have remained level while the use of mobile phones has skyrocketed." Also no-one actually has any clear idea about how mobile phone radiation could affect the risk of cancer."

No Clear Answer

The decision comes after a study published last year which looked at almost 13,000 mobile phone users over 10 years found no clear answer on whether the mobile devices cause brain tumors. The decision has been keenly awaited by mobile phone companies and by campaign groups who have raised concerns about whether the phones might be harmful to health. Industry groups immediately sought to play down the decision, stressing that the "possibly carcinogenic" category also includes substances such as pickled vegetables and coffee. "This IARC classification does not mean that cell phones cause cancer," said John Walls, vice president of public affairs for the United States-based wireless association CTIA. He noted the IARC working group did not conduct any new research, but reviewed published studies, and said other regulatory bodies such as the US Food and Drug Administration have stated "the weight of scientific evidence has not linked cell phones with any health problems". John Cooke, executive director of the British-based Mobile Operators Association, said IARC had only found the possibility of a hazard. "Whether or not this represents a risk requires further scientific investigation," he said in a statement. There are about 5 billion mobile phones registered in the world. Both the number of phones in circulation, and the average time spent using them, have climbed steadily in recent years, the working group found.

http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/06/01/3232220.htm?WT.mc_id=newsmail

USA, ILL, ADDISON, JUNE 1 2011. 47-YEAR-OLD MAN KILLED IN FIREWORKS ACCIDENT

A 47-year-old man died Monday in a fireworks accident in Addison, DuPage County Coroner's office officials said Tuesday. Larry Przybyla, of the 21W700 block of Park St. near unincorporated Addison, was pronounced dead at 7:16 p.m. Monday, according to the coroner's office. Addison Police said they responded to a report that someone suffered a fatal injury as a result of igniting fireworks in the parking lot at 2300 Windsor Court in Addison shortly after 7 p.m. Police said Przybyla suffered a head injury. A neighbor said he heard a loud boom in the early evening. "It (the boom) was so big. It scared the hell out of me," the neighbor said. Bill Whiteman, a friend of the family, described Larry Przybyla as a big-hearted guy who always had a smile on his face. "It's a devastating thing for the family," Whiteman said. "It's a close-knit family. Larry was a very generous guy – salt of the earth." The coroner's office will continue its investigation, which will include toxicology tests. Results are expected in four to six weeks.

<http://triblocal.com/lombard/2011/05/31/47-year-old-man-killed-in-fireworks-accident/>

USA, S.C, NEWBERRY, JUNE 1 2011. PREGNANT WOMAN, 2 TEENS INJURED BY TRASH FIRE >> DOUSED WITH GASOLINE & VAPORS CAUSED A FLASH FIRE AND MINOR EXPLOSION

A pregnant woman is still in the hospital following an accident while burning garbage in Newberry County. The incident took place on Clark Street in Whitmire Monday night. Newberry County deputies say a man tending the fire doused it with gasoline and the flames spread, injuring four people including the woman. Tuesday, News19 spoke with two teenagers who were there when the fire took place. They say they were just hanging out while a friend burned his trash when he added fuel to the smoldering fire and it exploded. "It was like this big old fireball just whew like it was just a real big fireball it's nothing like I've never seen in my life before I didn't think it was coming," said Dominique Holmes. "I'm not going to lie it was scary to me."

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Newberry Sheriff Lee Foster said Holmes and two other people have been treated for burn injuries, including 19-year-old Desiree Geyer, who is eight months pregnant, and a 13-year-old who is still at the Burn Center in Augusta, Georgia. Foster said one person sprayed gasoline onto the fire that was almost out. "The vapors caught on fire and there was a flash fire or a minor explosion," Foster said. "Pouring gas directly on a fire is bad enough but when you put it in a spray form you create more vapors that way which creates a wider flash field." The sheriff said all the victims were conscious and alert on the scene. Holmes got a second degree burn on his leg, and said his friend Desiree got burnt protecting her three-year-old. "The reason she got burnt is because her baby was sitting right beside her when the fire came she turned her back to save her baby," Holmes said. Holmes's younger brother barely escaped the explosion. Sheriff Foster said he doesn't expect charges to be filed in this incident.

<http://www.wltx.com/news/article/138610/2/Pregnant-Woman-2-Teens-Injured-by-Trash-Fire->

USA, W.VA, BELLE, JUNE 1 2011. TWO DUPONT WORKERS HURT IN ACID LEAK



Two workers at the DuPont Co. plant in Belle were transported to a hospital Tuesday after sulfuric acid sprayed from a hose during the demolition of the facility's sulfuric acid production unit, officials said. DuPont spokesman Nate Pepper said the incident occurred at about 1:12 p.m., while contractors working for DuPont were using a hose to transfer material from a tank into a pump truck came out of the tank. "The two contractors were showered and transported by ambulance to the hospital," Pepper said in a prepared statement. "One employee was transported for treatment and the other transported for precautionary purposes." Tuesday's incident occurred as Kanawha Valley residents wait for the U.S. Chemical Safety Board to release a report it has completed on a series of leaks at the Belle plant in January 2010, including a phosgene release that killed longtime plant employee Danny Fish. CSB investigators have completed a draft of the report, and DuPont has been allowed to review a copy of the report. But so

far, board members have not agreed on a plan for releasing the document to the public. C.W. Sigman, deputy emergency services director for Kanawha County, said emergency officials were told a hose came loose and acid was released while contractors were working to tear down the acid-production unit. DuPont officials called Kanawha County's Metro 911 office at 1:12 p.m., saying that two males had been exposed to some sort of toxic material. The company did not initially report the material involved, but asked for medical assistance, officials said. Six minutes later, at 1:18 p.m., DuPont called Metro 911 again to report that the workers were being treated in decontamination showers. DuPont officials did not immediately say exactly what had happened, officials said. Metro 911 dispatchers said government officials had no indication that whatever occurred would require any protective action by residents living near the plant. In its statement, DuPont said the incident was contained, the material involved "secured" and that there was "no need for the community to take action" to protect itself from a leak.

<http://sundaygazettemail.com/News/201105311060>

CHILE, SANTIAGO, JUNE 1 2011. CHILE QUINENCO CLOSES LOCAL SHELL ASSET PURCHASE

Chilean conglomerate Quinenco SA said Tuesday it completed the purchase of Royal Dutch Shell PLC's local business for \$633 million. The sale separates Shell Chile from its former parent company, Shell Petroleum Co., and is consistent with Royal Dutch Shell's strategy to concentrate its global operations into fewer and larger markets. Shell's assets in Chile include retail chemical and fuel products businesses, and the corresponding supply and distribution infrastructure. The company's 300 gas stations and 60 convenience stores will retain the Shell brand name. Quinenco, controlled by the local Luksic family, holds sizable stakes in Banco de Chile, beverage company and shipper Compania Sudamericana de Vapores SA. The Luksic family also controls London-listed mining company Antofagasta PLC.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/chile-quinenco-closes-local-shell-asset-purchase-2011-05-31>

USA, KS, DONIPHAN CO, JUNE 1 2011. TRANSCANADA SUSPENDS OIL SHIPMENTS ON KEYSTONE PIPELINE

TransCanada Corp. is grappling with another pump station leak that has shut down its Keystone pipeline for the second time this month, as it seeks to convince U.S. authorities that a controversial expansion will be environmentally safe. The Calgary-based company (TSX:TRP) said Tuesday it has suspended crude oil shipments along Keystone while it cleans up oil that spilled at a Kansas pumping station, and completes repairs. The latest spill comes just 2 1/2 weeks after the major energy

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shipper experienced a similar problem at a pumping station in North Dakota. The failure of a three-quarter inch fitting in early May was responsible for a leak of 500 barrels of crude at a pumping station in North Dakota. The more recent leak spilled only a about 10 barrels of oil, although TransCanada had originally said Tuesday that as much as 40 barrels were released onto the pump station's property. "Unfortunately, on this weekend (in Kansas), it was a half-inch fitting -- a different type of fitting -- that broke, resulting in some crude oil being released onto our property," said TransCanada spokesman Terry Cunha. Keystone normally carries between 400,000 and 450,000 barrels per day of Alberta crude to refineries in Illinois and a major storage hub in Oklahoma. It has capacity to carry 591,000 barrels per day. "We don't expect (the disruption) to have any impact on our ability to deliver for our customers," Cunha said. The energy industry has been under increased scrutiny recently, with a series of high-profile spills grabbing headlines -- from the huge BP offshore well blowout in the Gulf of Mexico more than a year ago, to the Enbridge Inc. (TSX:ENB) pipeline rupture in Michigan last summer, to a major spill on the Rainbow pipeline in northern Alberta a month ago. Environmentalists and landowners in several U.S. states oppose TransCanada's US\$7-billion plan for Keystone XL, which will double the system's capacity and extend its reach further south to refineries in Texas. The U.S. State Department is expected to decide on Keystone XL later this year. The chief executive officer of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce is set to speak to the Calgary Petroleum Club later Tuesday on the need for a Canadian energy strategy. "Where we really need a lot of action right now is in the United States, particularly with Keystone XL," Perrin Beatty said in an interview ahead of the speech. "This would potentially allow for Canadian oil to displace some 40 per cent of imported crude of the Middle East going into the United States today. And it's not only a matter of economic security for the United States, but a matter of national security as well, because today it is dependent on oil from regions of the world which are unstable and where the source of supply is far from assured." All major construction projects are going to encounter some degree of NIMBY -- Not in My Back Yard -- attitudes from the public, but pipelines are by far the safest way to transport crude, Beatty said. "In terms of the environmental impacts, they're far easier to control and to mitigate by pipeline than by moving it in any other way, and what the Canadian pipeline companies have demonstrated is that where there has been a problem, they've acted very quickly to try to clean it up."

http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5it6ZEOn_EPe-i5KYkc2fPwsW9qqA?docId=7006403

USA, TN, CAMPBELL COP, CARYVILLE, JUNE 1 2011. WITNESS: FIRE AT FIREWORKS STORE RESEMBLED 4TH OF JULY

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.wbir.com/news/article/171371/2/Witness-Fire-at-fireworks-store-resembled-4th-of-July->

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.wbir.com/news/article/171371/2/Caryville-fireworks-store-fire-causes-evacuations>

It may be Wednesday before it is safe for fire investigators to try to determine what sparked the fire at a Campbell County fireworks store overnight. Thunder Mountain Fireworks in Caryville was destroyed in that blaze, but no was injured, despite the fact the building was filled with explosives. The fire was contained to that building. Owner Lansden Hill says it's tough to see the business destroyed, but it could have been worse. "I guess it happened at a good time of the day. There's no customers here, no employees here. No other buildings were damaged, no people were injured," said Hill, who also owns Pyroshows, one of the country's largest fireworks display businesses. Pyroshows puts on Knoxville's Boomsday show every year. People who witnessed the fire said it looked like the Fourth of July, with fireworks exploding every where.

<http://www.wbir.com/news/article/171371/2/Witness-Fire-at-fireworks-store-resembled-4th-of-July->

USA, MN, ROCHESTER, JUNE 1 2011. TRUCK FIRE COULD BE LATEST GAS THEFT

 **Watch the Video** <http://kaaltv.com/article/stories/S2135732.shtml?cat=10219>

In the month of May, 4 possibly related gas thefts have been reported to the Rochester Police Department. But these aren't your ordinary gas thefts. The perpetrator actually drills into the gas tanks and collects the gas in a canister. On May 28th, fire fighters responded to a truck fire that investigators think could be connected. For a business owner it's the last thing you want to hear, that your business and property are on fire. "We hopped in the car. Got down here by the time we got here the fire department had already put the truck out," Chris Adamson says. Late Saturday night, Truckin' America owner Chris Adamson got a call telling him that his \$25,000 company truck was on fire. "A lot of money. A lot of money. We haven't even begun to add it all up yet," Adamson says. The flames burned everything up in the cab. It even melted the windows. The flames then extended over to the shed burning up everything on it's side. However, investigators believe that it all started at the gas tank which is now gone, because it was melted by the flames There's still some evidence that suggests this was another one of those gas drill incidents. "They found a gas can underneath the vehicle where the gas tank would've been," Adamson explains. "Where the fire originated and how quickly it spread. Some burn patterns underneath indicate most likely came from

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the fuel tank," Assistant Fire Marshall Larry Mueller says. The first case of gas drilling in Rochester happened on May 18th, and now that a pattern is starting to form police are getting concerned. "When we had one it was kind of like an "oh well" type of thing, but now that we've had at least four of them and now that we've had a fire, it does receive a little more priority so it does concern us more," Lt. Dan Muyres of the Rochester Police Department says. Officials still investigating the evidence at the burn scene. They are urging the public to please park your vehicles in well lit areas. At Truckin' America they're looking at buying a surveillance camera system, and police say that's not a bad idea. The arson hotline is offering up to a \$2,500 reward for any information regarding this truck fire. Anyone with information can call the arson hotline at 1-800-723-2020.

<http://kaaltv.com/article/stories/S2135732.shtml?cat=10219>

USA, WASHINGTON D.C, JUNE 1 2011. EPA ESTABLISHES NATIONAL TRIBAL TOXICS COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS RISKS FROM TOXIC CHEMICALS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has established a National Tribal Toxics Committee (NTTC) to give Indian tribes greater input on issues related to chemical safety, toxic chemicals and pollution prevention. This effort will further empower tribal communities to protect their health and environment from the risks of toxic chemicals. Creation of the NTTC is part of EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson's emphasis on improving chemical safety, building strong tribal partnerships and expanding the conversation on environmental justice. The NTTC will hold its first meeting in Washington, D.C. on June 1-2. As we focus on chemical safety and identify ways to reduce exposure to toxic chemicals and prevent pollution in Indian Country, it is absolutely critical that we listen to our tribal partners," said Steve Owens, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. "We want to ensure that we address the ways that tribal members are affected by toxic substances and promote pollution prevention efforts that reflect their interests and needs." EPA believes that expanding tribal partnerships is important given the uniqueness of tribal cultures, communities, and environmental problems, and the need to respect tribal sovereignty, culture and heritage. The NTTC will help EPA better tailor and more efficiently address a variety of issues, including preventing poisoning from lead-based paint, expanding pollution prevention and safer chemical initiatives in Indian country, and better evaluating chemical exposures that may be unique to tribes and their members.

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/eeffe922a687433c85257359003f5340/31a0e77420565c7f852578a10055f85e!OpenDocument>

AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, BRACALBA, JUNE 1 2011. WOMAN DIES IN CRASH WITH PETROL TANKER

Map: [Bracalba fatal crash](#)

A woman has died after being critically injured in a two vehicle crash yesterday at Bracalba, near Woodford. The 50-year-old woman driving a ute collided with a petrol tanker around 7.05am on the D'Aguiar Highway near the Bracalba Quarry. The woman, from Burpengary, was cut from the wreckage and flown to the Royal Brisbane Hospital where she died yesterday. The driver of the tanker was not injured. The Forensic Crash Unit is investigating.

<http://www.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/story/2011/06/01/woman-dies-crash-petrol-tanker/>

USA, ME, WALLAGRASS, JUNE 1 201. GAS SPILL INJURES DRIVER IN WALLAGRASS

jen lynds

Emergency personnel and officials from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection were at the scene of an accident in which a gas truck overturned. Samantha Depoy-Warren, DEP spokeswoman, said Tuesday evening that an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 of the 8,000 gallons of fuel in the truck, owned by John T. Noble of Caribou, had spilled. The trucker was hauling gas for for Daigle Oil Co. in Fort Kent. Details about the accident weren't immediately available but Depoy-Warren said that she believed the accident occurred in the early afternoon on Route 11. She said that she believes the driver was injured and had to be extricated from the vehicle. "At least one fuel compartment was breached during the accident," she said. "Crews are on the scene working to control the gas vapors and another truck is also there to pump the remaining fuel out of the truck." She added that the accident location is in a rural area, but there are houses nearby. Geologists will be checking area wells beginning Wednesday to make sure they were not contaminated. "Our responders on scene are reporting that most of the spilled gasoline made it into the bedrock alongside the road and as a result, may have seeped into the groundwater," said Depoy-Warren. "Local law enforcement officials have notified nearby residents of the situation and possible water contamination." "The big issue is getting the fuel cleaned up," she said. "This is a dangerous situation and we are working as quickly as we can to remedy it." The Aroostook County Sheriff's Department is investigating the crash.

<http://bangordailynews.com/2011/05/31/news/gas-spill-injures-driver-in-wallagrass/>

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