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USA, OH, LAKE CO, MENTOR, JUNE 21 2011. TRACTOR TRAILER FIRE SHUTS DOWN PORTION OF I-90 >> AUTHORITIES HAVE SET UP BARRIERS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE TRAILER'S CHEMICAL PAYLOAD

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 **Watch the Video** <http://www.wkyc.com/video/default.aspx?bctid=1007982472001>

 **Watch the Video** <http://www.fox8.com/news/wjw-semi-fire-062011.0.2173726.story>

Area fire departments, Lake County's hazardous materials team and Ohio Department of Transportation are doing what they can to stop the spread of petroleum, which spilled during an early morning tractor-trailer fire on the Route 306 entrance ramp to I-90 in Mentor. The fire started near the left rear tire of the tractor-trailer, which was hauling about 27,000 pounds of boxes filled with various petroleum-based products, said Mentor Fire Acting Battalion Chief Eric Gartner. The fire started about 2:14 a.m. Even though fire trucks arrived within four minutes of getting the 911 call, the 53-foot trailer was already engulfed in flames by then, Gartner said. Fortunately, the driver was not hurt because she separated her truck from the burning trailer. "When the truck driver noticed she had smoke coming from her left rear tire, she pulled over, called 911 and separated her truck from the trailer," Gartner said. "She did exactly what she was supposed to do." Several area fire departments helped Mentor douse the trailer. Kirtland, Willoughby, Willoughby Hills and Wickliffe provided backup. Leroy Fire Department brought a pumper tanker in case firefighters didn't have access to enough water on the interstate. Lubrizol Fire Department also brought a special foam that is used to fight chemical fires. However, the firefighters ultimately did not need it, Gartner said. The trailer was burnt to a skeleton and some of its petroleum-based payload spilled into nearby water. However, area fire departments and HAZMAT have taken steps to stop it from spreading, Gartner said. "We have booms and pads all along this ditch," he said, pointing to the gully along the eastbound lanes of I-90. A vacuum truck is en route and will siphon what chemicals have made it into the water. "Fortunately, oil-based products float on water so it's easy to siphon," Gartner said. Route 306's entrance ramp and I-90's right, eastbound lane between there and the Route 615 exit is still closed while ODOT cleans the road. For now, crews are laying down sand and Oil Dry, a clay-based product that absorbs chemicals, to stop any more spillage. More crews will clean any chemicals from the road before the final lane reopens. The process will likely take several hours, Gartner said. The truck is still on the interstate. However, the remains of the trailer have been hauled away.

<http://mentor.patch.com/articles/tractor-trailer-fire-shuts-down-portion-of-i-90#c>

AUSTRALIA, MELBOURNE, JUNE 21 2011. EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION MAKES 7-ELEVEN DEAL



Exxon Mobil Corporation (NYSE:XOM) has entered into an agreement to supply fuel for 7-Eleven filling stations in Australia. With this move, the US based oil giant Exxon Mobil Corporation (NYSE:XOM) will increase its fuel supply business in Australia by agreeing to provide fuel to over 650 7-Eleven filling stations from Jan. 1, 2012 onwards. An Exxon Mobil Corporation (NYSE:XOM) spokesman said, "At Altona, we're continuing to seek to improve the business and winning the additional 7-Eleven sites is certainly a step in that direction."

<http://www.emoneydaily.com/exxon-mobil-corporation-nysexom-makes-7-eleven-deal/69814873/>

USA, N.J, CINNAMINSON, JUNE 21 2011. US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S OSHA CITES CINNAMINSON, NJ, MANUFACTURER FOR WORKER EXPOSURE TO CHEMICAL, OTHER HAZARDS

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has cited Integrated Laminate Systems for 14 workplace safety and health violations, including exposing employees to methylene chloride, at the company's Cinnaminson facility. Proposed penalties total \$49,000. OSHA initiated an inspection on Feb. 8 as part of its Site-Specific Targeting Program, which focuses on industries with high injury and illness rates. As a result, the company received 13 serious citations with the penalties, and one other-than-serious citation, which carried no penalty. "Methylene chloride exposure can have very serious health effects, such as cancer and cardiac distress," said Paula Dixon-Roderick, director of OSHA's area office in Marlton, N.J. "It is vital that the company takes immediate action to ensure that employees have a safe and healthful work environment." The serious violations include employees exposed to airborne concentrations of methylene chloride from 1.02 to 1.28 times the permissible exposure level of 25 parts per million; employees exposed to a crushing hazard while travelling in a work platform attached to an powered industrial truck; Class I flammables dispensed into containers that were not electrically interconnected to the nozzle; use of flexible cords and cables as a substitute for fixed wiring; and employee use of compressed air set at 120 pounds per square inch to clean off work surfaces and their bodies. Additionally, the company failed

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to identify and evaluate the respiratory hazard in the workplace and conduct air monitoring for employees exposed to methylene chloride; provide appropriate respiratory protection; require employees to use appropriate hand protection when working with chemicals; provide body and face protection; develop, document and utilize procedures for lockout/tagout of energy sources; singularly identify lockout devices; provide an eyewash station and shower; implement engineering controls; establish a respiratory protection program; establish a regulated area for employees working with methylene chloride; provide medical surveillance to employees working with methylene chloride; and provide training to employees regarding hazards of methylene chloride. A serious citation is issued when there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known. The other-than-serious violation was due to the company's failure to provide employees with fire extinguisher training. Integrated Laminate Systems manufactures storage cabinets for dental offices and has 42 employees at this site. The company has 15 business days from receipt of the citations to comply, ask for an informal conference with OSHA's area director or contest the citations and proposed penalties before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. The investigation was conducted by OSHA's Marlton Area Office; telephone 856-396-2594. To report workplace incidents, fatalities or situations posing imminent danger to workers, call OSHA's toll-free hotline at 800-321-OSHA (6742). Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance.

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=19980

USA, WASHINGTON, JUNE 21 2011. EDITORIAL: ETHANOL GIVEAWAY TAKES HIT

knight rider

Well, knock us over with a feather. We never thought the Senate would vote -- as they did Thursday -- to end subsidies for using ethanol in gasoline, one of the country's most durable boondoggles. Perhaps the facts were just too powerful. The subsidy goes to blenders as a 48-cents-per-gallon tax credit that amounts to about \$5 billion a year. Senate backers said it displaces 445 million barrels of oil annually, which if true would be about 6 percent of oil consumption. An additional indirect subsidy comes through a tariff of 54 cents per gallon on imports, which shuts Brazilian sugar cane ethanol out of the U.S. market. There are no net environmental benefits to ethanol, in contrast to what advocates used to assert, and nobody would use the stuff without the two subsidies and the federal mandate to put it in gasoline. Farmers love it because U.S. ethanol is made from corn, whose prices have recently approached record highs. This has pushed up the price of all foods. (Sugar cane ethanol, hard to produce in our country with its modest cane production, is less costly to produce.) Both subsidies would be wiped out by the 73-27 vote. Of course, the shutdown has many obstacles before it becomes law, especially since the Obama administration opposes it. Some conservative activists argued that ending any tax break whatsoever amounts to a tax increase. But ending subsidies like these, which benefit only a few (farmers, ethanol producers and blenders) and burdens many, cannot reasonably be compared to a tax increase. The net benefit is positive. Meanwhile, the House voted 283-128 to deny funds to the Agriculture Department to supply ethanol pumps and tanks to service stations. Will wonders never cease!

http://www.downstreamtoday.com/news/article.aspx?a_id=26971&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1

CANADA QUÉBEC, LAVAL, JUNE 21 2011. COUCHE-TARD SIGNS DEAL FOR UP TO 322 SITES PLUS RIGHT TO SUPPLY AN ADDITIONAL 65 MOBIL BRANDED LOCATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. ("Couche-Tard") announces today that it has signed, through its wholly-owned indirect subsidiary, Circle K Stores Inc. ("Circle K"), an agreement to acquire up to 322 sites plus an additional 65 reseller contracts in Southern California from ExxonMobil. The transaction is anticipated to close in stages between the fourth quarter of the 2011 calendar year and the second quarter of 2012. The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and closing conditions. According to a confidentiality agreement between the parties the purchase price cannot be disclosed at this time. Internal available cash dollars and the bank facilities would be used for the transaction. Of these 322 sites, 72 are company-operated and 250 are dealer-operated. Circle K would own the real estate for up to 202 of the total number of sites. In compliance with California law, ExxonMobil will be presenting a bona fide offer to the 165 fee property dealers. Should any of

those properties be purchased by the dealer, the branded supply agreement would still be assigned to Circle K. The balance of the sites would be leased. All of the stores are currently selling fuel under the Mobil brand. The transaction includes the assignment of the supply and branding contracts for Mobil branded motor fuel for 65 reseller locations. All of the 387 locations would continue to offer Mobil branded motor fuel allowing customers to continue using the ExxonMobil credit card. The

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company-operated sites would be operated under the Circle K brand and the entire network would be part of Couche-Tard's West Coast Division network. The dealer-operated locations would continue to be operated by current dealers. "Subsequent to this transaction, our network in the Circle K West Coast Division would include a total of 228 company-operated, and 315 dealer or reseller-operated. These stores are high volume, high impact locations. They would significantly strengthen our overall footprint in this important market. Under our Worldwide Franchise Division we already have an additional 315 Circle K branded sites on the West Coast. We are extremely excited about the addition of these stores, employees, and dealers to our family" commented Tim Tourek, Vice-President Operations, West Coast Division.

[http://www.couche-tard.com/corporatif/modules/AxialRealisation/img_repository/files/documents/2011-06-13%20Press%20release%20_FINAL_\(1\).pdf](http://www.couche-tard.com/corporatif/modules/AxialRealisation/img_repository/files/documents/2011-06-13%20Press%20release%20_FINAL_(1).pdf)

USA, WA, SEATTLE, JUNE 21 2011. TRAIN DERAILS, SPILLS DIESEL ON HARBOR ISLAND

 [Slideshow http://www.kirotv.com/slideshow/news/28303942/detail.html](http://www.kirotv.com/slideshow/news/28303942/detail.html)



600 gallons of diesel fuel spilled after a freight train derailed on Harbor Island in Seattle. The derailment happened near the West Seattle Bridge Monday night. The Coast Guard said It involved a Union Pacific Railroad locomotive and two freight cars that carried cement ash. KIRO 7 Eyewitness News reporter Rick Price reported the 600 gallons of diesel spilled into the gravel railroad bed. There are no reports of diesel entering the water. But crews setup a containment boom in the nearby water just in case. The locomotive was estimated to be carrying 1,500 gallons of diesel. A contractor hired by the railroad used a vacuum truck to remove the remaining 900 gallons of fuel from the engine. Union Pacific plans to bring in a crane to lift the derailed cars back onto the track. An investigation is underway into what caused the derailment. No one was hurt.

<http://www.kirotv.com/news/28303909/detail.html>

USA, ILL, ROXANA, JUNE 21 2011. LEUKEMIA VICTIM SUES SHELL OVER BENZENE EXPOSURE

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Scott Monroe was a 19-year-old naval scholarship student of nuclear engineering when he came down with a potentially lethal blood cancer that he and his lawyers claim is the result of a benzene leak from the refinery near his home. Now, the disease, the refinery and the leak are the subject of a lawsuit Monroe filed last week in Madison County Circuit Court, naming Shell Oil Co. and BP Products North America as defendants. "Mr. Monroe was first diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia in April 2010, when he was just 19. He lost a \$180,000 Navy scholarship to the University of Michigan to pursue a degree in nuclear engineering, and his career prospects have been severely and permanently damaged," said Christopher Dysart of St. Louis, one of his attorneys. The suit claims that the disease shortened Monroe's life expectancy and caused him mental anguish. The suit also is asking for damages for medical bills and for medical treatment, possibly for the rest of his life. The suit claims Shell released toxic chemicals, including benzene, into the ground and groundwater in Roxana and did nothing to clean up or otherwise address the chemicals for more than 20 years. "From approximately 1991 through the present, Mr. Monroe lived at 120 East First Street, Roxana. From approximately 1995 through 2009, Mr. Monroe attended elementary through high school at 601 North Chaffer Avenue, Roxana," the suit states. The suit claims the refinery was using benzene during the time Monroe lived and went to school in Roxana. Benzene is a known carcinogen, linked to certain blood cancers, including AML, the suit claims. Benzene is added to gasoline. The suit claims Monroe inhaled or ingested the chemical. The lawsuit specifies about a dozen areas in which the defendants allegedly were negligent. The complaint is asking for damages of at least \$50,000 in each of two counts. The suit claims Shell became aware of the dangers of benzene because of an excess rate of leukemia discovered at its Wood River refinery. "In and around 1979, Shell compiled a list of leukemia cases at all of its U.S. refineries. Shell's Wood River was the site of the largest number of leukemia deaths. In 1980, Shell calculated it had a statistically significant number of leukemia deaths at its Wood River refinery," the suit claims. The suit claims Shell publicly minimized and hid the dangers, but in May 2010, the Illinois Department of Public Health sent a letter to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, which stated that a report dated February 2010, prepared for its contractor, URS, and posted on the Roxana Investigate Website for the citizens of Roxana to read, set forth misleading conclusions and recommendations regarding the dangers posed by benzene in the groundwater in and around Roxana. Specifically, the IEPA "strongly disagreed" with the Shell URS posting, which stated the soil vapors do not pose a risk to the residents of Roxana.

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The letter said there is good reason to believe that benzene and hexane vapors may be entering homes in Roxana. The vapor problems have caused increasing concern among Roxana residents this year as investigators have visited homes along the west fence line of the property. No indoor air problems were found at most homes; however, significant concentrations and other vapors were found beneath the basement slabs of three homes. The evidence suggests some vapors have intruded into the basements. Shell has offered alternative housing to the homes' residents until a remedy is in place. So far, Shell has installed three vapor extraction wells near the homes. Additional work is planned. Monroe was the subject of a Telegraph article published last June. Friends were holding a fund-raiser for him after he was diagnosed. His uncle, Mike Morelli, said then that Monroe graduated near the top of his high school class. "All he wants to do is go to school, and this unfortunate thing happened to him," Morelli said. Monroe's aunt, Spring Morelli, said Monroe is very young to be diagnosed with AML. His type of cancer normally affects people 60 years of age and older, she said. Along with Shell and BP, which formerly operated a refinery nearby, the suit also names others as "respondents in discovery" so the plaintiffs attorneys can obtain information from them. Shell and BP officials could not be reached for comment.

<http://www.thetelegraph.com/news/roxana-55534-shell-sues.html>

USA, ME, WALLAGRASS, JUNE 21 2011. GASOLINE SPILL CLEANUP CONTINUES IN WALLAGRASS WITH NO SIGN OF WATER CONTAMINATION

Nearly three weeks after a tractor-trailer accident caused [5,000 gallons of gasoline to spill out onto the ground](#), officials with the state [Department of Environmental Protection](#) and additional crews continue to oversee the cleanup effort. Samantha Depoy-Warren, spokesperson for the DEP, said there are no confirmed reports of contaminated wells, but gasoline has been leaching out of the ground in ditches about a quarter-mile away on both sides of the spill. The spill took place in early June after a tractor-trailer belonging to the John T. Noble trucking company of Caribou overturned on Route 11. Deputy Mike Montpetit of the [Aroostook](#) County Sheriff's Department said that a medical problem led the driver of the truck, Joe Nichols, to lose control of the vehicle after it drifted into the soft shoulder of the roadway and became unstable. The truck was hauling 8,000 gallons of gasoline for Daigle Oil Co. of Fort Kent at the time of the crash. An estimated 5,000 gallons spilled and seeped into the ground when a tank was breached. Depoy-Warren said the DEP is working with private contractors to collect and treat any gasoline-contaminated water and to pull gasoline from the ground. Officials have said the gas could be in the bedrock above the water table or in another area. Eventually, gas in the bedrock will degrade. The insurance company for John T. Noble has hired a contractor to work on the investigation and environmental remediation at the site. They will finance the work. "Recent heavy rains as well as the fractured bedrock because of blasting associated with the recent road redo have made it difficult to determine exactly where the gas is," said Depoy-Warren. She added that cleanup crews are finding a number of places where there is fuel in the ground, but they have yet to find a significant deposit. In recent weeks, several area families moved into hotels as a [result of odor](#) or concerns related to the spill, according to Depoy-Warren, but she believed that most had returned home by Monday. The DEP has installed state-owned carbon filtration systems at several area homes that are of elevated concern, mainly due to the presence of young children. She added that DEP staffers also are communicating with town officials and residents. They plan to send out an informational newsletter this month and put together a community meeting, tentatively scheduled for mid-July, to update residents on the situation and answer questions. "It is important to us at the Maine DEP that the residents of Wallagrass know that even if they don't see our staff or the other private contractors working on site at all times, they should be confident and comfortable in the fact that we are all still very much focused on ensuring the protection of their health and collaboratively bringing this [cleanup](#) to a close in a way that is safest and most effective for the community, and for the environment," said Depoy-Warren. She said it is "quite likely" that the cleanup will be going on for several more months, possibly even years.

<http://bangordailynews.com/2011/06/20/news/aroostook/gasoline-spill-cleanup-continues-in-wallagrass-with-no-sign-of-water-contamination/?ref=latest>

INDIA, GUJARAT, KUTCH, MUNDRA COAST, JUNE 21 2011. 10 LAKH LITRES OF DIESEL SPILLS AT MUNDRA PORT

Around one lakh litres of diesel spilled off Mundra coast in Kutch district of Gujarat from an oil jetty of a private port today, when a consignment of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) was being off-loaded from a ship. Principal Secretary Forest and Environment S K Nanda said here today. "The incident took place when a diesel consignment of HPCL was being transferred from the ship to tanks. The valve of one of the tanks was tightened so much that due to the back pressure, the pipeline ruptured for 3-4 minutes, resulting in a leakage of about one lakh litres," Nanda said. "The leakage has been contained. Since the major spill is on the land side and not in the sea directly, its not a major concern. But, we shall take stock of the situation through our agencies like Gujarat Maritime Board and Gujarat Pollution Control Board," he said.

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According to HPCL spokesperson, a minor leakage has been reported from an oil jetty at Mundra port when a consignment of diesel was being off-loaded from a ship. The spill was negligible and it has been contained, but we are not sure of the quantity lost. However, on being contacted, DGM Marine Operations Mundra Port Capt Nandi denied that any diesel spill at oil jetty of the port. "A ship Ushma, which arrived from Singapore, is discharging gasoline on account of cargo of HPCL here. I can assure you that there hasn't been any spill," Capt Nandi said.

<http://ibnlive.in.com/generalnewsfeed/news/one-lakh-litres-of-diesel-spills-at-mundra-port/732489.html>

USA, ILL, ROXANA, JUNE 21 2011. MEETING TUESDAY ON BENZENE CLEANUP



ConocoPhillips employees and workers from URS Corp. man a vacuum truck Monday at the fence line of the refinery where it meets Chaffer Avenue and East Fourth Street in Roxana. Efforts to recover benzene from an underground plume have escalated in recent days. A trench has been dug on the refinery property and across the two streets. Chaffer is closed in both directions, blocked with concrete barricades, and East Fourth Street is also now closed to traffic.

Area residents will have an opportunity Tuesday to discuss the ongoing environmental investigations with state officials. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is hosting a pair of two-hour public availability sessions Tuesday, the first at 3 p.m. and the second at 6 p.m., at the Rox-Arena. Maggie Carson, spokeswoman for the IEPA, said the sessions will begin with brief presentations summarizing the results of the investigations thus far and the next planned steps. She said the sessions would end at approximately 5 and 8 p.m.

The IEPA is requiring Shell Oil Products to investigate and adequately remediate hydrocarbon contamination along the western property boundary of the ConocoPhillips Wood River Refinery, and a benzene release that occurred near the intersection of Rand Avenue and Central Street, Carson said. Last month, workers from URS Corp. attracted attention when they started digging a relief well near Chaffer Avenue and Fourth Street. The digging was part of the overall plan in reaction to the detection of an elevated level of hydrocarbons along the west fence line. Elevated levels of hydrocarbons and lower explosive limits were found in the ground beneath several homes during testing. Indoor air samples were tested in at least six homes, and although the results of the indoor air quality were deemed OK, the Illinois Department of Public Health suggested that residents who were living in the basements not continue to do so in case of vapor intrusion. As a precautionary measure, several residents moved out. Crews were spotted again this week on Chaffer Avenue after temporary roadblocks were put up so that work could begin on the installation of lines connecting vapor extraction wells. Marty Reynolds, the village's public works director, said the street would be shut down approximately three weeks as workers install the line, which will be connected to an internal combustion engine, or ICE, that will burn off the vapor on the refinery site. He said a temporary ICE unit is located on the street, and once work is completed, it then would be located on the refinery's property. Reynolds said that a hydro-evacuation truck, or vacuum vehicle, was brought in so crews could use it to "suck up" the dirt instead of digging it up, which will cause less damage to any pipes below. "By using the vacuum, they are hoping to prevent any damage underground," he said. Workers began checking the soil and groundwater for benzene contaminants on the village's east side more than two years ago. A total of 8,400 gallons of benzene leaked from an underground pipeline more than 25 years ago, when Shell Oil Co. owned and operated Wood River Refinery. IEPA said that Shell is responsible for the remediation.

<http://www.thetelegraph.com/news/refinery-55497-closed-benzene.html>

FRANCE, PARIS, JUNE 22 2011. TOTAL SELLS ITS UK FORECOURTS

Gerald Ronson's service station business is among a consortium that has snapped up 810 UK outlets from French oil giant Total in a deal worth hundreds of millions of pounds, the firms announced yesterday. Ronson's Snax 24 business, which he set up 45 years ago, has teamed up with Investec and new investment firm Grovepoint Capital to take over the petrol stations along with a logistics arm and the Butler heating oil brand. The Rontec consortium is believed to have fended off rival bids from Blackstone, Bain Capital and TPG. The group has agreed in turn to sell 254 of the sites in the Midlands and South East to Shell for £240m, but will run the stations under a management agreement. As a result of the deal, Snax 24 will be left operating 556 petrol stations across the UK, of which 238 will be owned by the Rontec group. Total said the deal was part of its attempts to streamline its downstream business, in line with several big oil firms refocusing on more lucrative exploration and production. The deal, expected to close later this year, will leave Total with a handful of marketing operations in the UK.

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The firm said it was also continuing talks to sell its UK refining business. Ronson said the transaction "marks Snax 24's return to the fuel business in scale".

<http://www.cityam.com/news-and-analysis/total-sells-its-uk-forecourts>

CANADA, ONT, KINGSVILLE, JUNE 22 2011. NITROGEN LEAK CLOSES COUNTY ROAD 27 IN KINGSVILLE >> NO THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY, SAY POLICE

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 **Photo Gallery** <http://www.windsorstar.com/news/Nitrogen+leak+closes+County+Road+Kingsville/4980399/story.html>



Firefighters tend to a single tractor trailer rollover on county road 27 near highway 3 on Monday, June 20, 2011. The driver of the truck was not injured and firefighters worked to contain the contents of the truck.

A liquid load of nitrogen was slowly leaking into a ditch on County Road 27 Monday night, after a tanker truck flipped. The OPP report there is no danger to the public. The nitrogen — used to fertilize farm fields — wasn't released into the air as a hazardous vapour, nor was it contaminating drinking water sources, the police say in a news release. The liquid that leaked from the truck is 25 per cent nitrogen, the OPP say. The accident happened in rural Kingsville at about 6 p.m. Monday, when the tanker truck pulled off onto a soft shoulder on County Road 27, also known as Belle River Road. The load shifted and the tanker flipped into the ditch. Officials from the Ministry of Environment as well as Kingsville

firefighters were at the scene of the spill. The owner of the tanker was also there, using equipment to clean up the spilled nitrogen and transfer it to a second tanker. The road was closed for a few hours, between Country Road 34 and Highway 3.

<http://www.windsorstar.com/news/Nitrogen+leak+closes+County+Road+Kingsville/4980399/story.html>

UK, LONDON, JUNE 22 2011. SNAX 24 TO BUY 810 TOTAL STATIONS



Independent petrol station chain Snax 24 is to become one of the biggest players in its market after buying 810 forecourts from oil giant Total in a deal understood to be worth £350 million. The chain, which currently runs about 80 filling stations and convenience stores, formed a consortium with Investec Bank and private equity company Grovepoint that has agreed to buy all of Total's forecourts. The deal represents some 8% of the UK filling station network. It has also agreed to sell 254 of these to rival Shell, for £240 million, although it will manage the sites. Total put its petrol stations up for sale last year following a strategic review which decided to focus on its "upstream" drilling and refining operations. Snax 24 has been operating in the UK for 45 years and its chairman

Gerald Ronson claims to have revolutionised petrol retailing by pioneering concepts such as self-service sites and putting canopies and convenience stores on forecourts. His business has developed 984 petrol stations in the UK, but most of these have been sold on to bigger businesses. He said: "This transaction marks Snax 24's return to the fuel business in scale." The deal has also seen the consortium buy Total's Butler heating oil and logistics businesses. If agreed by regulators, the deal will complete later this year. (\$1 = 0.618 British Pounds)

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/business/city-news/2011/06/21/snax-24-to-buy-810-total-stations/>

USA, FLA, GAINSEVILLE, JUNE 22 2011. 50 GALLONS OF GAS SPILL AT 43RD STREET GAS STATION

cindy swirko



Emergency workers are shown at the scene of a gas spill at the Kangaroo station at the intersection of Northwest 34th Street and 16th Avenue on Tuesday in Gainesville.

About 50 gallons of gasoline spilled when a driver hit a gas pump at a Kangaroo station at the corner of Northwest 43rd Street and 16th Boulevard Tuesday afternoon, said Gainesville Fire Rescue Lt. Keith Saunders. Crews used absorbent pads to sop up the gas. Some of the gas may have gotten into a storm drain, but it does not appear that any of the gas seeped through the asphalt to contaminate soil underneath, he said. Saunders added that the chemistry of gasoline combined with the hot temperatures of the air and asphalt led to evaporation of much of the fuel. "The first

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thing we do is control the runoff with damming and diking, and then apply large absorbent pads on puddles of fuel," Saunders said. "The asphalt took a pounding, but it hasn't made it through the asphalt as far as we can tell." The gas pump has a safety valve that worked, and crews shut off secondary valves at the station, authorities said. A few traffic lanes were closed but the streets remained open overall. The county Environmental Protection Department was on scene to evaluate any potential damage. "Nobody got hurt, which is a great thing," Saunders said.

<http://www.gainesville.com/article/20110621/ARTICLES/110629910/-1/news?Title=50-gallons-of-gas-spill-at-43rd-Street-gas-station>

CANADA, N.S., SHELburn, JUNE 22 2011. TRUCK CARRYING FUEL CRASHES ON HIGHWAY



Firefighters work on putting down the flames from a fuel truck involved in Tuesday afternoon's fatal crash between exits 27 and 28 between Birchtown and Clyde River, Shelburne County.

A stubborn fire on a tractor-trailer after it collided with a car on Nova Scotia's Highway 103 on Tuesday afternoon was hindering efforts to assess how much of the thousands of litres of fuel it was carrying was leaking into the environment. The RCMP said the tractor-trailer was carrying 32,000 litres of gasoline and 9,000 litres of diesel fuel when the collision occurred at about 2:45 p.m. Karen White, an Environment Department spokeswoman, said several hours after the crash that the truck was still burning "and we're being told that it may continue to burn for some time." "So it's really making it difficult to determine just how much fuel has been released and the full impact of what's happened," she said. White

said earlier in the day that there were no bodies of water or streams near the crash and no homes. However, she said later that a wetland is nearby but officials on site didn't know if it had been affected by the spill. She said a hazardous materials team was en route to begin a cleanup. A 33-year-old woman driving the car was taken to hospital in Yarmouth with life-threatening injuries from the crash that occurred between the exits to Birchtown and Clyde River. The 58-year-old truck driver was treated at the scene for minor injuries. When asked if there were concerns about a possible explosion, White replied: "Not that I'm aware of." "It's not something that was expressed" by department staff at the scene, she added.

<http://www.metronews.ca/ottawa/canada/article/896361--truck-carrying-fuel-crashes-on-highway>

NEW ZEALAND, AUCKLAND, NORTH TARANAKI, JUNE 23 2011. POLLUTION FEARS FOR RIVER AFTER CRASH



A tanker tipped on its side near the northern end of the Awakino Gorge.

Thousands of litres of highly toxic waste oil poured into the Awakino River after a truck crash in the treacherous gorge yesterday. The north-bound truck and trailer unit and its 24,000-litre cargo tipped on to its side near the northern end of the Awakino Gorge about 3.30pm. The driver was treated for minor head injuries. Waikato Regional Council staff will this morning be assessing options for helping clean up an the oil spill. "Some of the oil soaked into the ground but it's believed about 20,000 litres spilled into the river," said regional council group manager Scott Fowlds. The oil would definitely have detrimental effects on the ecosystem of the popular whitebaiting river, he said. "Waste oil in the river will not be any good for it and will cause some degree of harm," he said. "Unfortunately in the gorge area, because of the swift nature of the river, there's no opportunity to contain it." Fowlds said staff were assessing options for mobilising this morning in

preparation for containing the oil. "The amount of oil, while not particularly large, clearly does have potential to harm aquatic and marine life and pollute river and coastal areas," he said. "It's not clear at this stage exactly what we will be able to do. Much will depend on weather and tide conditions, and what happens to the oil in the river overnight," he said last night. Fowlds said the council would issue further information this morning after staff had had a chance to weigh up options in daylight. He recommended boaties and fishermen avoid areas of water where oil slicks could be seen. The accident happened after the truck had negotiated a slip further along the road. The truck blocked the north bound lane of State Highway Three. The highway was closed for a time last night while the truck was lifted back on to its wheels, and debris had to be cleared. Senior Constable Keith Bromley said the police commercial vehicle investigation unit would examine the truck and scene today.

<http://tvnz.co.nz/national-news/tanker-crash-causes-oil-spill-in-awakino-river-4257089>

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USA, TX, CORPUS CHRISTI, JUNE 23 2011. TANKER CARRYING FUEL FLIPS

 **Watch the Video**

<http://www.kiiitv.com/story/14953262/tanker-carrying-fuel-flips>

A tight turn forced a tanker truck to flip onto its side. The accident happened shortly before six this evening at the intersection of Sedwick and Rhew. Police tell us the tanker was traveling down Sedwick when it attempted to turn on Rhew. Because of the narrow road, the axle on the trailer flipped over causing the entire tanker to flip. Fortunately, the driver was okay and no bystanders were injured. The truck, which belongs to Coastal Transport Company, was carrying 26 hundred gallons of diesel fuel and a thousand gallons of gasoline. That cargo forced emergency crews to be extra delicate while they were transferring fuel to another tanker. At last report, the clean up was nearly complete. That intersection should be back open in the next hour. There is no word if the driver will be cited for the accident.

<http://www.kiiitv.com/story/14953262/tanker-carrying-fuel-flips>

INDIA, AHMEDABAD, JUNE 23 2011. DIESEL SPILLS IN MUNDRA, OFFICIALS TRY COVER-UP IN AHMEDABAD



If diesel gets mixed with sea water, it can damage mangroves spread over 15,000 hectares near the coast

In what seems to be an attempt to cover up an oil spill on Mundra coast on June 17, failed as the spillage news spread everywhere on Tuesday morning. On June 17, high speed diesel (HSD) had spilled while being unloaded from the ship, Jag Anchal, in the trench area of the port. The HSD belonging to Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) had been carried in the ship chartered from Great

Eastern Shipping Company. While it was estimated that HSD anywhere between one lakh liters and ten lakh liters valued at around Rs4.4 crore spilled, officials of Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) said they were yet to determine the exact extent of the spillage. "We are gathering the details about the incident. The diesel spill was not visible in the sea. Our teams have reached the site and are collecting samples to determine if the spillage caused any pollution," GPCB member-secretary Hardik Shah said. He added that since the oil was not visible in the sea, it indicated that either the spill was minor or the cleaning operations were undertaken in the area by HPCL or port authorities. The ship had arrived at Mundra port on June 16 and returned on June 20. Principal secretary (environment and forests) SK Nanda told reporters that he had directed the Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) and the GPCB to monitor the situation. Though the oil spill actually happened five days ago, government agencies were completely unaware about it. Even on Tuesday, aggressive attempts by government as well as corporate houses were being made to undermine the incident with officials insisting that the spill was "a regular incident and very minor".

http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report_diesel-spills-in-mundra-officials-try-cover-up-in-ahmedabad_1557822

AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, ADELAIDE, JUNE 23 2011. PORT RIVER DIESEL SPILL PUT MARINE LIFE AT RISK

A diesel spill spread for several kilometres along the Port River, endangering plant and marine life. The spill last Wednesday (June 15) spread between Pelican Point and Torrens Island, as far south as the North Arm, according to the Australian Marine Wildlife Research and Rescue Organisation's Aaron Machado. The fuel was still being sighted off Osborne and Mutton Cove over the weekend but its source was yet to be determined. Mr Machado, Torrens Island power station operator AGL and the Transport Department (DTEI) used boat propellers to churn the river water in attempts to dissipate the fuel. WDCS volunteer Marianna Boorman was worried by any pollution that could impact on dolphins. She said patches of oil were regularly appearing near the Jervois Bridge but she did not know where they were from. Mr Machado said: "All of Mutton Cove would have been affected ... any (fuel) can be detrimental to the mangroves." He said a flock of black cormorants had settled dangerously close to the fuel. "We had no choice but to buzz through them to move them on. They dive in an area that can be clean but come up in an area that's contaminated." North Haven resident John Reid spotted the slick at Mutton Cove on Saturday (June 18). "There was a slick from the sub base right down to Outer Harbor," Mr Reid said. "I was walking the dog and I could smell it, it was putrid. All the stuff went into the wetlands." Mr Machado said more boats needed to be launched quickly to fight fuel spills, which were happening every couple of months. He said his boat and others from the Torrens Island power station operator AGL and the Transport Department rushed to the latest spill. But more government resources, or a database of local organisations and residents who could be alerted to help was needed, he said. "There's not enough contingencies for when it does happen. Ten boats in the water can disperse more (diesel) than three." The Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society's Dr Mike Bossley said diesel vapour hung just above the water surface "exactly where the dolphins

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breathe". "A minor spill might not be a danger to humans, but it could be to dolphins," he said. A Transport Department spokeswoman said the diesel spill was still being investigated. "DTEI responded to this spill quickly with water agitation to break up the surface of the water and increase evaporation and dissipation of any diesel," she said. "DTEI monitored the areas affected over the weekend and will continue to liaise with the EPA (Environment Protection Authority). The spokeswoman said the department was happy to talk to environment groups about river pollution management.

<http://portside-messenger.whereilive.com.au/news/story/port-river-diesel-spill-put-marine-life-at-risk/>

CANADA, CALGARY, JUNE 23 2011. FUEL SPILL ON ROOF OF HIGHRISE



Calgary fire crews were on the scene of an oil spill on the roof of a downtown building for at least two hours on Tuesday night.

The fire department was busy on Tuesday night cleaning up a diesel fuel spill that occurred on the roof of a downtown Calgary building. They say that a company was installing a new generator and fuel was being transferred from one tank to another when a malfunction caused the diesel to spill onto the roof. Initial reports say that hundreds of litres were released, but that number dropped to just under 50 litres when crews assessed the situation. The fire department still had a challenge in cleaning up the mess. "We've drawn off as much of the product as we can with pumps. The roofing company will then remediate the roof," said Dist.

Chief Larry Craig. There were about 50 firefighters on scene for about two hours, Craig said, but that was a precaution to keep the residents of the building safe. "We're taking serious precautions for diesel fuel." No one was injured in the incident as there was no one around when the spill occurred. None of the fuel had seeped into the sewer system.

http://calgary.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20110622/CGY_oil_spill_110622/20110622/?hub=CalgaryHome

USA, VT ESSEX JUNCTION, JUNE 23 2011. DIGGING FOR A GASOLINE LEAK

 **Photo's** <http://www.wcax.com/story/14959455/digging-for-a-gasoline-leak>



"These tanks were all tested tight," Dave Simendinger said. "The pipes were tested tight." But the court ordered Dave Simendinger to rip the 30-year-old, single-walled tanks out of the ground at his Gulf gas station in Essex Junction. The state is worried these huge fiberglass drums may have been leaking for months. "I think they've got this agenda to get rid of single-walled tanks," Simendinger said. "It's not about the tanks. The tanks were really just in the way of our ability to get at the contaminated soil and get it out as quickly as possible," said Sarah Bartlett of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. The investigation comes after business owners at a neighboring shopping plaza reported smelling a strong odor of gasoline in late May. The gas had made its way down to the plaza's storm drains. Simendinger says it was a small spill from a fuel delivery, but the state thinks more is going on underground. "The estimate of 2,600 gallons is a worst-case scenario. It's very difficult to measure," Bartlett

said. So the state must base its calculations on the owner's inventory records and 2600 gallons are unaccounted for. But Simendinger says the gas isn't missing. He blames the discrepancy on inaccurate calibration of his pumps, claiming over time the extra gallons went into customer gas tanks, not the ground. The state also allows fuel dealers to be short 130 gallons per tank plus 1 percent of their sales. So based on those numbers he puts the leak closer to 50 gallons. "That's always been my question; where's the gas? They've drilled this site up like Swiss cheese and they have not been able to find anything but dissolved gasoline in the groundwater," Simendinger said. A sample of groundwater taken from right where the tanks were removed had a slight odor of gasoline, but if there was major spill you would see separation and all we could see is groundwater. "Once it's out of the tanks and into the surrounding material-- the soil and the groundwater-- it's going to be very difficult to really ever know exactly how much it was," Bartlett said. The state says much more testing will need to be done to get concrete answers. Simendinger's company, Wesco Oil, is paying for the tank removal. And the state is paying for the soil excavation and disposal out of the petroleum cleanup fund. The state would not comment on whether Simendinger could face any penalties.

<http://www.wcax.com/story/14959455/digging-for-a-gasoline-leak>

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USA, ME, WALLAGRASS, JUNE 23 2011. DEP FINDS CONTAMINANTS IN WALLAGRASS WELLS

jen lynds

Petroleum-based contaminants have been found in three wells near where 5,000 gallons of gasoline spilled out onto the ground [in an accident here three weeks ago](#). Samantha Depoy-Warren, spokeswoman for the state [Department of Environmental Protection](#), said Tuesday evening that the department tested samples of well water in 23 locations. One well adjacent to the spill site was contaminated by petroleum compounds above maximum exposure guidelines. Wells at two other homes nearby showed low concentrations of contaminants at or below DEP action levels. All of the homeowners have been notified and the DEP is getting carbon filtration systems set up at each home to fix the problem, said Depoy-Warren.

The spill took place in early June after a tractor-trailer belonging to the John T. Noble trucking company of Caribou overturned on Route 11. Deputy Mike Montpetit of the [Aroostook](#) County Sheriff's Department said that a medical problem led the driver of the truck, Joe Nichols, to lose control of the vehicle after it drifted into the soft shoulder of the roadway and became unstable. The truck was hauling 8,000 gallons of gasoline for Daigle Oil Co. of Fort Kent at the time of the crash. An estimated 5,000 gallons spilled and seeped into the ground when a tank was breached. The DEP is working with private contractors to collect and treat any gasoline-contaminated water and to pull gasoline from the ground. Officials have said the gas could be in the bedrock above the water table or in another area. Eventually, gas in the bedrock will degrade. Up until Tuesday, no traces of contaminants had been found in area wells. The insurance company for John T. Noble has hired a contractor to work on the investigation and environmental remediation at the site. They will finance the work. Cleanup crews are finding a number of places where there is fuel in the ground, but they have yet to find a significant deposit. In recent weeks, several area families moved into hotels as a result of odor or concerns related to the spill, according to Depoy-Warren, but she believed that most had returned home by Monday. The DEP has installed state-owned carbon filtration systems at several area homes that are of elevated concern, mainly because of the presence of young children. "The state Health and Environmental Testing Lab is providing very fast turnaround times for the tests, and another round of water samples will be submitted today," Depoy-Warren said Tuesday. "The sampling schedule will be weekly for wells closer to the spill, every other week for homes a bit further out, and monthly for wells distant from the spill site. She said it is "quite likely" that the cleanup will be going on for several more months, possibly even years.

<http://bangordailynews.com/2011/06/21/news/dep-finds-contaminants-in-wallagrass-wells/?ref=latest>

USA, CA, FOLSOM, JUNE 23 2011. FIERY EXPLOSION DURING CAR REPAIR BURNS THREE IN FOLSOM > REMOVING GAS TANK



Three people, including a 6-year-old child, were burned in [Folsom](#) Monday night when a fire exploded during the removal of an SUV's gas tank. Firefighters were called to the 100 block of Briarcliff Drive shortly after 9 a.m. When they arrived, firefighters found a Dodge Ram sport utility vehicle was ablaze, a fence was burning and a tree was engulfed in flames. One man had suffered moderate to severe burns to his arms and chest, a second man had minor burns to his face and hands and the little boy had moderate to severe burns. All the victims were transported to the hospital. Folsom police determined that the two men had been removing a gas take from the SUV when the fire ignited. The exact cause of the fire and resulting explosion has not been determined.

<http://blogs.sacbee.com/crime/archives/2011/06/fiery-explosion.html>

AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, ADELAIDE, JUNE 23 2011. EXXON MOBIL TO EXPAND ADELAIDE TERMINAL

ExxonMobil [Australia](#) subsidiary Mobil Oil [Australia](#) plans to increase fuel storage capacity at its Adelaide terminal with the construction of new 9 million litre [diesel](#) tank. Mobil's facility at Birkenhead is one of three key fuel distribution terminals operated by Mobil in South-Eastern Australia and is a principal point of supply into [South Australia](#). Mobil Birkenhead currently handles the greatest annual volume of petrol, diesel and aviation fuels of any terminal in South [Australia](#) and this new tank will increase the overall storage capacity of the terminal by more than 10 percent, the company said. This new tank adds to Mobil's investment of over \$20 million in its Australian fuel terminal infrastructure since 2008. The Birkenhead terminal is operated by Mobil on behalf of joint owners Mobil and Shell and occupies 15 hectares of land between Victoria [Road](#) and Elder Road, Port Adelaide. Mobil has been making significant investments at the terminal in recent years to ensure that it can

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continue to operate reliably and in an environmentally responsible manner well into the future. Construction of the litre tank is expected to take approximately 12 months to complete and will commence following receipt of local planning approvals.

<http://au.ibtimes.com/articles/168031/20110623/exxon-mobil-to-expand-adelaide-terminal.htm>

USA, CA, HIGHLAND, JUNE 23 2011. CHEMICAL SPILL SHUTS DOWN HWY. 210

• **Watch the Video** http://www.pe.com/localnews/stories/PE_News_Local_D_nspill23.3e77975b1.html

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A pickup towing a trailer carrying a chemical commonly used to clean swimming pools crashed Wednesday on Highway 210 near Highway 330, setting off a three-hour hazmat scare. The driver was westbound on the 210 when a motorcyclist rode between the truck and another vehicle, said CHP Officer Daniel Hesser. "The driver of the vehicle thought the motorcyclist was going to lose control, so he applied his brakes and turned to the right," Hesser said. The move sent the truck up an embankment near Base Line, overturning the trailer and spilling about 350 gallons of a sodium hypochlorite solution. The mixture is used to disinfect swimming pools and to treat water supplies. The truck's driver, Travis Torres, 40, of Anaheim Hills, was taking the chemical to a water treatment plant, but the CHP

and the [San Bernardino](#) Fire Department didn't know where. Torres got out of the truck and collapsed, overcome by fumes, said San Bernardino fire Division Chief Mike Alder by telephone. An AMR ambulance was first on the scene. One paramedic was overcome by fumes and he and Torres were taken to a hospital in the ambulance, Alder said. A Cal Fire [San Bernardino](#) crew arrived and three of the five firefighters aboard the engine also were overcome, Alder said. They were taken to a hospital. No one was seriously hurt, officials said.

http://www.pe.com/localnews/stories/PE_News_Local_D_nspill23.3e77975b1.html

USA, ORE, MARCOLA, JUNE 2 2011. ILLEGAL DUMPING OF PAINT WILL COST BLM THOUSANDS

susan palmer

Hundreds of gallons of industrial paint illegally dumped along a back road near Marcola will cost the U.S. Bureau of Land Management as much as \$10,000 to clean up. The BLM, which manages 288,000 acres in Lane County, learned late last week about the paint cans from a concerned resident who reported them, Eugene BLM district spokesman Michael Mascari said. The agency found 279 one-gallon cans off a BLM road west of Marcola and south of Buck Mountain. Some of the cans were riddled with bullet holes and oozing paint onto the ground. The industrial-grade oil-based paints contained the toxic chemicals ethylbenzene and xylene, Mascari said. "These are certainly hazardous," BLM hazardous materials specialist Walt Smith said in a prepared statement. "They can cause damage to human/animal nervous systems and kill vegetation." The federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry reports that animals exposed even for a few days to relatively low concentrations of ethylbenzene have experienced irreversible damage to the inner ear and hearing, while long-term exposure has been shown to cause kidney damage in animals. Low-level xylene exposure damages animals' kidneys, lungs, heart and nervous system, while short-term exposure to high concentrations can cause muscular spasms and death, according to the federal health agency. Smith said it was fortunate that the paint had not yet seeped into the groundwater. The BLM contracted with Portland-based NRC Environmental for the cleanup. Besides the paint-can removal, a bulldozer had to be brought in to scoop out the contaminated soil and replace it with clean fill, Mascari said. These kinds of cleanups require a great deal of care since the crews don't know going in just what kind of chemicals they're dealing with, he said. "Many chemicals can be deadly or can have long-term adverse effects, so they must respond with proper hazardous materials suits," he said. The paint cans are just one of many things the BLM finds dumped on public lands. People throw out everything — household trash, old appliances, human waste, wrecked cars and trucks, even drug paraphernalia, Mascari said. Last year, after a cleanup of vehicles that had been shoved off a cliff east of Cottage Grove, BLM got help from police who were able to track the person who had dumped a diesel tanker there. "The perpetrator agreed to pay for some of the cleanup costs as part of the restitution," Mascari said. So far this year, the Eugene district BLM has spent about \$25,000 on cleanup of illegal dumping, he said. The recovered paint and contaminated soil likely will end up at Waste Management Inc.'s hazardous waste landfill in Arlington in Gilliam County, Mascari said. Anyone with information about the paint or about other illegal dumps on BLM lands can call the agency's law enforcement office, 541-683-6313.

<http://www.registerguard.com/web/newslocalnews/26435224-41/paint-blm-cans-agency-cleanup.html.csp>

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GUYANA, LINDEN, JUNE 24 2011. TWO COUSINS DIE IN ACCIDENT WITH OIL TANKER

demerara waves



This photo, edited for sensitivity, shows the dead girl on the street.

Two cousins died on Thursday, following an accident at One Mile, Wismar. They are five-year old girl Akila Samuels and 12-year old Shaka Anthony, a student of Mackenzie High School. The nursery school child's head was crushed and she died on the spot while her first cousin died in theatre while undergoing emergency surgery. They were the children of two sisters who are nurses at the Linden Hospital Complex. Samuel's mother is Keisha Anderson and Anthony's mother is Affie Hinckson. The accident occurred around 12:15 PM on the Winifred Gaskin Highway in the vicinity of One Mile in front of Big Red, a popular store. The tanker is owned by Bosai Minerals, a Chinese-owned bauxite mining company that operates in Linden, Guyana. Police spokesman, Ivelaw Whittaker said investigations revealed that motor lorry GFF 9050 and

motor car PKK 8621 were proceeding in opposite directions along the roadway when it is alleged that Shaka Anthony, who was towing Akila Samuels on a bicycle, rode out from an access road and collided with the motor car. As a result of the collision, the two children fell off the bicycle into the path of the motor lorry and were run over, police added. Demerara Waves

(www.demwwaves.com) was told that the drivers of both vehicles were arrested to assist with the probe.
<http://www.demerarawaves.com/index.php/Latest/2011/06/23/breaking-news-oil-tanker-crushes-nursery-school-child-cyclist-critical.html>

USA, WA, PORT TOWNSEND, JUNE 24 2011. LITTLE YELLOW SUBMARINE FIGHTS TIDE, CURRENTS TO WRECK OF OLD STEAMSHIP



OceanGate oceanographer Erika Bergman sits atop the Antipodes as the submersible is pulled out for maintenance Thursday at Point Hudson Marina in Port Townsend.

The tricky currents of Admiralty Inlet proved as devious as Coyote of Indian legend Thursday as the Antipodes made its second dive to the SS Governor. Crew members timed the voyage right before slack tide, allowing them to reach the wreck of the passenger liner with little difficulty. On Wednesday, they had fought the tide to reach the 417-foot long hulk. Their plan for today's dive is to split the difference between the two previous departure times to make the most of the slack water. Both dives so far have produced two-dimensional sonar scans as well as high-definition videography of the ship that went down after midnight April 1, 1921, after being rammed by the freighter SS West Hartland.

Today's dive should produce stunning three-dimensional sonar scans that the expedition organizer, the OceanGate company of Everett, plans to share with Port Townsend the evening of Thursday, Aug. 4, at the Northwest Maritime Center. "Our intent is to share the results of what we did and what we found," said Joel Perry, vice president for expeditions for OceanGate. He said several local organizations are likely to participate with the company during the presentation, but details are still being worked out. OceanGate co-founder Guillermo Sohnlein said Thursday's expedition proved productive despite the submarine being "blown off the wreck" by a strong tide a few hours into its voyage. "One big challenge are the currents and the timing," he said. "We spent two hours fighting the tides [Wednesday]. That's why we flipped the schedule [Thursday]. We'd rather get the work done." Sohnlein said the crew aboard the Antipodes on Thursday were able to capture sonar and video looking down on the remains of the Governor. "I think what hit us is the lives lost at the impact point," he said. "You can really see the impact point, and you can imagine the other ship, and you think, 'People were in that cabin.'" Erika Bergman, who serves as the company's oceanographer and chemist, thought of the tragic story of Lucy Washburn. Washburn returned to the ship after being safely rescued because her two young daughters, Sadie, 8, and Oline, 10, were trapped below deck. They were three of the eight casualties of the dramatic accident. "You feel something heart-wrenching," Bergman said after Thursday's dive. "At least the other captain had the good sense to keep the power on and the boats together, so most of the people could abandon ship." The captain of the West Hartland — known only by his surname, Alwen — had the presence of mind to keep his ship hard against the doomed passenger liner for as long as he could, dramatically reducing the loss of life. The Governor carried 172 passengers with a crew of 124, according to a New York Times story published the day after the wreck. Two other

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elements of the dive fascinated Bergman. She said she loved seeing a steamship up close, even one as deteriorated as the Governor, and she said the sea life on the ocean floor was remarkable. "People tend to think of the Puget Sound almost as desert-like," she said. "It's teeming with life. There's so much to look at," she added. "It's a really dynamic eco-system." The Antipodes was pulled from the water in the late afternoon Thursday so the crew could pump in oxygen for breathing and air for hydraulics, as well as charge its batteries. It will be put back in at Point Hudson Marina at around 7 a.m. today and likely remain out to sea through Sunday, Perry said. The lift out of the 7-ton, 15-foot-long manned submersible provided an unexpected thrill for a family visiting Port Townsend from Fort Polk, La. Anastasia Stipe and her children, Sam Brocato, 9, and Taliesen Brocato, 5, were seeing the sites with Anastasia's mom, Judy Stipe of Sequim. They had read about the submarine expedition and hoped for a glimpse of it but were surprised when they and the submarine both showed up at the same time at the Point Hudson Marina, where workers with Sea Marine used the company's haulout rig to bring the craft out of the water. "I was really excited," Sam Brocato said. "I was thrilled to meet the sub lady and to see the submarine. It's a special thing." Brocato asked Bergman a few questions after watching the sub get pulled out. "I asked how big it was and what it was like to be in it," Brocato said. "The whole sub is designed to be safe," Bergman told Brocato. "It's a very cozy space, almost like being in bed."

See Also: The expedition will test equipment OceanGate will use to examine an oil tanker, the Montebello, that was sunk by the Japanese during World War II off the coast of California near Morro Bay. The NOAA wants OceanGate to help determine if 70,000 barrels of oil can be removed from the tanker.

<http://www.thenewstribune.com/2011/06/22/1716161/submarine-exploring-sunken-ship.html>

<http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/article/20110624/news/306249985/little-yellow-submarine-fights-tide-currents-to-wreck-of-old>

USA, CT, WATERBURY, JUNE 24 2011. DIESEL FUEL SPILLS WHEN WORKERS PUNCTURE UNDERGROUND TANK

An old underground storage tank was punctured while work was being done on a retaining wall at 13 Poplar Place Wednesday afternoon, causing about 5 gallons of diesel fuel to spill, according to the Department of Environmental Protection. The DEP and Waterbury Fire Department responded to the scene. The DEP said that a mixture of fuel oil and water was leaking from the tank when they arrived. The "responsible party" has hired a company to clean up the spill, but a DEP spokeswoman said Wednesday night that she wasn't sure of the party's name. There were no injuries. Poplar Place, which is off Congress Avenue, is open.

<http://www.rep-am.com/news/local/doc4e0335fdd4219379950702.txt>

USA, GA, JUNE 24 2011. BIG RECALL ANNOUNCED FOR GEL FUEL USED IN FIREPOTS

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced a voluntary recall of gel fuel used in ceramic pots known as firepots.



Just over a week after warning about serious burn dangers linked to outdoor ceramic pots known as firepots, the government on Wednesday announced the recall of nearly a half-million bottles and jugs of the gel fuel used in the patio decorations.

"The pourable gel fuel can ignite unexpectedly and splatter onto people and objects nearby when it is poured into a firepot that is still burning," the Consumer Product Safety Commission said. About 460,000 bottles and jugs of gel fuel are being recalled. They were distributed by Napa Home & Garden of Duluth, Ga., and sold at

Bed Bath & Beyond, Restoration Hardware, and other home and garden stores between December 2009 and June 2011. The problem is that consumers apparently cannot always tell whether the flame in the firepots, which can burn blue or clear with little smoke, is completely extinguished. Pouring more gel on a still-burning pot can lead to dangerous flares or burns, the CPSC said. The commission said Napa is aware of 37 reports of incidents, including 23 burn injuries to consumers. Consumers are being asked to stop using the pourable gel fuel immediately and return the bottles or jugs to the retailer where the products were purchased for a full refund. The agency said a retrofit for the Napa-brand firepots is being evaluated and may be available in the near future. On June 14, the CPSC issued a warning about firepots following two burn accidents in New York. Both victims, a teenager and a man in his 20s, suffered serious injuries. The potential dangers with the gel fuel prompted Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and Rep. Tim Bishop, both Democrats from New York, to call last week for a nationwide recall of all forms of liquid firepot fuel.

Related Links [Napa Home & Garden recalls gel fuel](http://www.napahome.com/recalls/gel-fuel)

<http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/consumer/recalls&id=8208601>

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USA, FLA, TALLAHASSEE, JUNE 24 2011. E-15 COMING ... BOATERS BEWARE

The EPA has approved the use of E-15 gasoline, fuel containing 15-percent ethanol (alcohol), in the continuing effort to reduce our dependence on foreign oil sources. This isn't a problem in your automobile if it was made after 2001, as most fuel-system components are resistant to the corrosive effects of the added alcohol. Older car owners might have to retrofit fuel lines, gaskets and seals, fuel pumps, in-line filters and other stuff, or suffer dangerous fuel leaks (and maybe fires). For boaters it's more serious. If your engine (both outboard and inboard) was made after ... umm ... tomorrow, you're SOL. Many manufacturers won't even warranty new motors if E-15 fuel is used in them. The list of problems caused by this blend is long and ugly. From leaking carburetors to pistons with holes burned in them, E-15 is nothing but trouble. Plus, the gas is just plain bad in boats. The ethanol absorbs water, lowers the power you get from regular gasoline, separates into two layers (phase separation) of nonburnable gunk if not used right away (which must be drained and disposed of), and could leave you in a life-threatening situation at sea. That's why the EPA has not approved E-15 for use in boats. But here's the rub: most gas stations (where almost all trailer boaters get their fuel) won't be stocking ethanol-free, E-10 and E-15 fuel. They simply don't have the storage capacity to offer all three types of motor fuel. Marine fuel additives help, but only in the sense they keep the gas from separating and going bad. They don't really help with the leaning out of the mixture (caused by excessive moisture in the fuel that the ethanol absorbs ... it's complicated), which in turn burns holes and causes the engine to run hot. Eventually the EPA will have labels for pumps dispensing E-15, but they haven't decided on a design yet. There are, however, warnings when fuel contains up to 10-percent ethanol. Your best protection for your trailer boat is to shop around for a station that still sells ethanol-free marine fuel, or drag your boat to a marina to top off the tanks. You can use 5-gallon gas cans, but that's a pain-in-the-back if you have to lug them any distance. As far as six-month or more long-term storage (in autos as well as boats), if you can, use ethanol-free fuel and add a marine stabilizer. If you can only get E-10, go to the busiest gas station in town to make sure the fuel is fresh, then add stabilizer formulated for E-10, and fill the tank to the full mark. Partially-filled tanks form condensation in cold weather, which will add to the moisture problem. If E-15 is your only option, write to your congressman.

<http://www.tallahassee.com/article/20110624/SPORTS/106240335/E-15-coming-%E2%80%A6-boaters-beware>

USA, S.C, MAYESVILLE, JUNE 25 2011. 500 GALLONS OF LIQUID ASPHALT SPILLS FROM TANKER TRUCK

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 **Photo Gallery** http://www.theitem.com/news/local_news/article_1a0a2476-cd4e-5111-a0a2-8a51e6d44f7a.html



Sumter firefighter looks at the trail of tar leading up to a tanker truck in the median of U.S. 378 on Thursday. The department responded to the scene after getting a call that the truck was leaking liquid asphalt.

A tanker truck spilled about 500 gallons of liquid asphalt into the median of U.S. 378 near Mayesville on Thursday. Capt. Brian Horton of the Sumter Fire Department said the Seaco Asphalt Emulsions truck was heading west when it popped a tire near East Brewington Road about 10:30 a.m., causing a leak in the bottom of the tank it was pulling. The truck pulled into the road's grassy median, where most of the viscous, black tar-and-water mixture spilled onto the ground.

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USA, CT, MONTVILLE, JUNE 25 2011. 'BAD GAS' PROBE ADDS 16 MORE LOCAL STATIONS >> MONTVILLE 7-ELEVEN, OTHERS NO LONGER SELLING FAULTY FUEL

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Sixteen more Eastern Connecticut gasoline stations have been added to a state government investigation of faulty fuel sales earlier this month. The 16 businesses, located in New London and Windham counties, are being joined to a Montville 7-Eleven in having consumer complaints filed against them, state Department of Consumer Protection spokeswoman Claudette Carveth said Friday. She declined to give the store names or exact locations. 7-Eleven Inc. investigated the Montville store and found no contamination. The state agrees, saying none of the stations subject to complaints are still selling "bad gas." The entire probe expanded to 150 stations after contamination was traced to Tank 31M at the New Haven Petroleum Terminal, Carveth said. "We have learned since last week that about 150 stations received loads from the implicated tank," she wrote in an email. "However, not all of those stations generated consumer complaints. We know that the implicated fuel is out of the system. If

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we make an announcement about the other stations that had this fuel, business at those stations could suffer needlessly." Texas-based 7-Eleven said it was advised of the "bad gas" on June 10 when its insurance company notified it of inquiries by some customers. An immediate investigation began, the company said. Connecticut authorities originally began investigating the Montville 7-Eleven as well as six other stations, most of them Mobil locations, along the Interstate 95 corridor as far south as Fairfield. Consumer protection has gotten more than 300 complaints, Carveth said. She didn't give the numbers filed against the Montville 7-Eleven or the other Eastern Connecticut stations. Fayaz Khan, the Montville owner, said on June 16 that about 10 customers complained to him. "We now understand that the product-quality issue was far more widespread and involved many other, non 7-Eleven gasoline locations," 7-Eleven said in a statement distributed by spokeswoman Margaret Chabris. "We found no evidence of contamination at our store at that time. The contaminated product had already been dispensed into customer vehicles and non-contaminated product delivered and dispensed at that same location before we learned about the issue and conducted our investigation." Consumer protection investigators visited the Montville store, located on Norwich-New London Turnpike, on June 16 and took samples, 7-Eleven said. No contamination was found, the company said. The state doesn't dispute this. "The 7-Eleven statement is not inconsistent with what we have said about our investigation," Carveth wrote. All 7-Eleven locations in Connecticut are selling usable gasoline, the company said in its Thursday release. "We believe there is no longer a gasoline product quality issue at this location, and we are not aware of any existing gasoline product quality issues at our other Connecticut stores," 7-Eleven said. Eleven vehicles were brought in for gasoline system repairs to two Norwich auto dealerships -- Charles Toyota and Norwich Nissan, following the sales, according to Bernie Watrous, service manager at Charles. Watrous had said Houston, Texas-based Citgo Petroleum Corp. was handling claims but 7-Eleven denies this saying 7-Eleven and its insurer are handling all claims, Chabris said. Citgo is not 7-Eleven's gasoline supplier, she added. "We have been working with the source from which our gasoline is delivered, and our insurer will process documented customer claims," the Dallas-based convenience store giant said.

<http://www.norwichbulletin.com/news/x438673377/-Bad-gas-probe-adds-16-more-local-stations#axzz1QEmCQad3>

USA, CO, DENVR, JUE25 2011. MARATHON AGREES TO PAY \$143,350 OVER COLO. SPILL

Marathon Oil Co. has agreed to pay \$143,350 over a fluid spill near Parachute, Colo. The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission is due to consider the settlement next week. Commission staffers say about 31,590 barrels of flowback fluid was released in late 2007 through January 2008, when a seam in a pit liner at a well pad failed. Marathon could've been fined \$174,000, but commission staff recommended a reduction because Marathon responded promptly and cooperated with regulators. The company doesn't admit wrongdoing in the settlement. Commission staffers say water samples showed no significant impacts to Garden Gulch or Parachute Creek. Still pending are fines for Berry Petroleum Co., which reported three spills that discharged an estimated 2,400 barrels of drilling fluids into a Garden Gulch tributary around the same time.

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9Q15FJ00.htm>

USA, LA, NEW ORLEANS, JUNE 25 2011. CONTRACT WORKER CLAIMS HE WAS EXPOSED TO BENZENE AT DOW CHEMICAL PLANT

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An Iberville Parish resident claims he was exposed to benzene at the Dow Chemical plant and has filed a lawsuit against the company after he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Ernest Ventress, Jr. and Betty Ventress filed suit against Radiator Specialty Co. and The Dow Chemical Co. on June 16 in federal court in New Orleans. Ernest Ventress worked as a contract laborer for National Maintenance and for Turner Industries from 1971 until the late 1980s. During this time he performed contract labor at the Dow Chemical Co. in Plaquemines Parish. He was also employed as a contract worker for Jacob Field Services from the late 1980s until his retirement in 2005 at the Dow Chemical plant. He claims he was exposed to benzene, toluene and xylene, paint, solvents, gasoline, propylene, butadiene and Liquid Wrench while working at the facility. He was diagnosed with multiple myeloma on July 1, 2010 as a result of his exposure to benzene and other chemicals, the lawsuit claims. Ventress is seeking damages for physical pain and suffering, mental anguish, emotional distress, disfigurement, embarrassment, physical impairment, earnings, lost earning capacity, physical and mental disability, medical expenses, loss of enjoyment of life, fear of cancer, loss of society and consortium, wrongful death damages and survival damages. The plaintiffs are represented by L. Eric Williams of Williams Law Office in Metairie and Richard J. Fernandez and Amber E. Cisney of Richard J. Fernandez LLC in Metairie. A jury trial is requested. U.S. District Judge Ivan L. R. Lemelle is assigned to the case.

<http://www.louisianarecord.com/news/236493-contract-worker-claims-he-was-exposed-to-benzene-at-dow-chemical-plant>

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