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Fitzgerald Campbell, left, of Lebanon, jokes around with Dwane Webster, of Kingston, Jamaica, during their lunch break at Poverty Lane Orchards in Lebanon. Campbell was born in Jamaica but became a U.S. citizen last summer. Below: Leroy Smith, of Clarendon, Jamaica, seals kegs of cider at the orchard.  
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## BP Finally Has Control Of Gulf Well

### Latest Cap Stops Flow, But More Testing Needed

BY JOEL ACHENBACH  
The Washington Post

The gusher is gone. The plume is off the well. BP's Macondo well isn't dead yet, and it may be back in a flash, but at 3:25 p.m. yesterday it ceased to spew oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

As part of what BP calls an "integrity test," a robotic submersible slowly closed a valve on the well's new sealing cap. That choked the flow until the plume, a fixture of cable TV and many a nightmare, disappeared. The technological breakthrough came 87 days into the crisis, which began with the April 20 blowout that killed 11 workers and sent the burning rig Deepwater Horizon to the bottom of the Gulf.

BP could nix the test at any moment and reopen the well.

Whether the well remains "shut in," to use the industry term, depends on the analysis of pressures in the well. Engineers and scientists hope to see high pressure hold steady during the 48-hour period allotted for the test. That would suggest that the well bore is physically intact. Lower pressure would hint of breaches in the casing and leakage into the surrounding rock.

The initial pressure readings are in an ambiguous range, and officials will have to make a difficult judgment call on whether to keep the well shut in or reopen it, according to Tom Hunter, retired director of the Sandia National Laboratories and a member of the federal government's scientific team overseeing the test.

"If it were a lot higher, it would be an easier decision to make," Hunter

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## Area Growers Cry Foul

### Too Much Red Tape to Hire Foreign Workers, They Say

BY GREGORY TROTTER  
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LEBANON — You can't find American workers to do this kind of work, many farmers say of the long hours of back-bending labor necessary to harvest crops.

Ask Roy Mark of Wellwood Orchards in Springfield. He hired three local workers in the past year and not one of them lasted a week. It's why some Upper Valley farmers

have relied, for years, on hiring seasonal foreign farm workers through the H-2A program, the federally regulated program that allows farmers to hire seasonal workers from other countries.

"You can't get your crop picked if you don't do it. What else are you going to do? I don't know what would happen if they stopped the program," Mark said.

But for small farm operators like

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## Barnard Farmer Killed by Bull

BY SUSAN J. BOUTWELL  
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BARNARD — A dairy farmer bringing in his cows for milking died Wednesday after a bull that was kept with the herd attacked him, authorities said yesterday.

Vermont State Police and local rescuers found the body of Dwight Clark, 55, in a back pasture on his almost 500-acre farm at about midnight, said Barnard Fire Chief Scott Mills.

Clark had succumbed to his injuries by the time rescuers located him, Mills said.

Clark was recalled yesterday as a quiet, dependable farmer who rarely ventured off his Royalton Turnpike Road property.

"The farm was his life," Mills said. One of Clark's sisters, Linda Clark-Baker, was working on the farm yesterday and didn't want to talk about her brother or the events surrounding his death.

She thanked a visitor for understanding and returned to barn chores as two men nearby refueled a tractor. Out in the field, freshly cut hay had been raked into windrows, awaiting the baler.

Clark-Baker and her brother are listed in town records as the owners of the 495-acre property, located about three miles from the village.

Town records list the land, which the family conserved in 2008 through easements that will keep the property in agricultural use, as having a value of more than \$1 million.

Dwight Clark took over the farm, where he lived by himself, after his parents died, residents said. He never married.

Neighbor David Firestone said he and his wife, Jennifer Firestone, were "in a state of shock" at Clark's passing.

"He was the best man anyone could hope for in a neighbor," Firestone said. "He was always there when you needed him. And he was interesting to

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## Winding Debate About Claremont Trail

BY BRET YAGER  
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CLAREMONT — When Jim Feleen walked into the City Council meeting Wednesday night, he had a \$5,000 grant that he and a group of residents want to spend to improve a popular walking and all-terrain vehicle trail through the city.

But there was a caveat: the group wanted the council to first make a portion of the Rail Trail off limits to ATVs. "That use is incompatible with bikes, strollers and families picnicking,"

Feleen said, noting that the machines tear up the trail's surface.

Feleen, who is a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission but was not representing the commission, sees great potential in a trail whose right-of-way extends 75 feet wide in some places.

But the trail is overgrown and tunnel-like, he said, an essentially unused swath of green space in the middle of the city. His project would open up the trail by cutting back vegetation, grading and resurfacing the trail and address drainage issues, making it

attractive to a wider range of users.

Feleen was only talking about closing about a quarter mile stretch at the westerly end of the trail, from around Broad Street to Pleasant Street.

But a couple of residents who live along the trail closer to the Sugar River also stood up to say that wheeled machines go tearing along the entire length of the path at speeds far exceeding the 15 mile-per-hour speed limit, causing a safety hazard the police lack the manpower to address. And resident Arthur Adams claimed the original grant that created the trail does not

allow the dirt bike and four-wheeler traffic.

"And if it doesn't, that's 'game over,'" said Adams.

The discussion opened a can of worms that would have been hard to anticipate.

Feleen and others were at the meeting because a public hearing was being held on the permission that the city grants annually for ATVs to continue using the trail. But the council had already granted that permission a month earlier, and had put off the pub-

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## No Moratorium For Lebanon

BY KERRY TROTTER  
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LEBANON — Potential developers take note: the Planning Board does not wish to move forward with a building moratorium.

"I don't think a moratorium today makes any sense," said board Vice-Chairman Larry LeClair at last night's special meeting to discuss this issue as well as the city's Master Plan. "To stop everything, first of all, we've got to figure out how to do it."

City officials had banded about the idea of moratorium as a way to handle the influx of development applications that the already overtaxed planning office, Planning Board and City Council have been working to sort

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### Island Bound

Lauren Cummings, left, tows a raft of logs underneath the Ledyard Bridge on the Connecticut River yesterday, as materials are gathered to build a cabin on Gilman Island. The original burned down in May 2009.

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## Senate Approves Wall St. Overhaul

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WASHINGTON — Congress yesterday passed the stiffest restrictions on banks and Wall Street since the Great Depression, clamping down on lending practices and expanding consumer protections to prevent a repeat of the 2008 meltdown that knocked the economy to its knees.

A year in the making and 22 months after the collapse of Lehman Brothers triggered a worldwide panic in credit and other markets, the bill cleared its final hurdle with a 60-39 Senate vote. It now goes to the White House for President Barack Obama's signature, expected as early as Wednesday.

The law will give the government new powers to

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