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## World's Largest Urban Farm Slated for Detroit

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MICHIGAN—With over 30,000 acres of vacant land, it's hard to drive down a Detroit street without seeing overgrown lots and abandoned, sometimes decomposing, buildings. Arson and crime are a continuing problem, and unemployment is at more than 25 percent, well over the nation's average of about 10 percent.

Unlike in most big American cities where land is an asset, in Detroit it can be a liability. There are opportunities to buy a foreclosed house for as little as \$1 in Detroit.

Mayor Dave Bing is currently moving forward with a plan to demolish 10,000 vacant houses and "shrink" the Motor City to match a population that has shrunk to about half of what was in 1950, when the American auto industry was thriving.

"We got trapped by our own success, now we have to reinvent ourselves," said John Hantz, one of the few multi-millionaires left within Detroit's city limits.

A few years ago, Hantz decided it was time to invest in his city of 20 years. He hatched a plan to use \$30 million of his own money to buy up a large quantity of Detroit's cheap land and farm it for everything its worth—an unprecedented feat.

Though delayed for about a year, Hantz estimates that he will start with 250 to 280 acres by spring 2011, making it the largest urban farm in the world. First crops will include apples, tomatoes, lettuce, and even wood—trees will help in purifying the soil, and the long-term cost-benefit of wood is viable, according to Hantz.

HOW IT STARTED

While driving to his office in the suburbs of Detroit (the reverse route of most local commuters) about two years ago, Hantz realized that if he really wanted Detroit to change for the better, he would have to stop looking to others.

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HANTZ FARMS FOUNDER: John Hantz, founder of Hantz Farms, speaks about his plans in his house in Detroit on July 1. VALERIE AVORE/THE EPOCH TIMES



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# Oil that has been leaking into the gulf for 85 days

*Has been stopped for the first time*

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**BP** has managed to stop the flow of oil from the compromised Deepwater Horizon oil well for the first time in the nearly three months since the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico began. Response team leaders and the White House caution, however, that the capping of the well is only part of an extensive test to check well integrity, and that the well may need to be re-opened.

"We're encouraged by this development, but this isn't over," Thad Allen, the National Incident commander, said in a statement Thursday evening.

"Over the next several hours we will continue to collect data and work with the federal science team to analyze this information ... in the hopes of gaining a better understanding on the condition of the well bore and options for temporary shut [down] of the well during a hurricane," Allen said.

"It is a great sign. ... But I have to stress that we have to manage our expectations," BP CEO Doug Suttles told reporters at a televised press conference on Thursday. Perhaps the most important well test

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will involve determining the pressure on the new well cap. High pressure readings would indicate a successful capping of the leak, even if that success is only temporary. Low pressures would let the response team know that other leaks are likely present,

still spilling oil into the Gulf, according to information presented by BP.

"It's possible if the pressures are low that we will have to re-initiate the flow and capture it. And I want to tell you that we're prepared to do that," Suttles said.

If the well does need to be re-opened, the new cap will still increase the response team's ability to collect oil "up to a containment capacity of 60,000 to 80,000 barrels of oil a day," Robert Gibbs, White House press secretary, said during a White House press briefing on Thursday.

In the 24-hour period before the integrity tests began, slightly less than 8,000 barrels of oil were collected, according to data presented by BP.

The company estimates that the tests will last between 6 and 48 hours.

The drilling of the two relief wells that are seen by the response team as the ultimate, permanent solution to the spill crisis, has been suspended "as a precaution" for the duration of the tests, according to BP.

## UK Consulate Rejects a Nation

Iroquois Nationals lacrosse team denied visas, misses first day of world championship

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NEW YORK—It was supposed to be a day of victory. They were confident they would beat the host team in their first game at the 2010 World Lacrosse Championships in Manchester, England, on Thursday. But instead, the Iroquois Nationals Lacrosse Team found themselves stuck in New York City because the British Consulate refused to issue them entry visas.

The team members belong to the Iroquois Confederacy, or Haudenosaunee, and live straddling the border of U.S. and Canada. They hold passports issued by the Iroquois Confederacy—not from American or Canadian authorities. The British Consulate is refusing to accept the passports as valid travel documents and told the athletes that they can only fly if the Department of Homeland Security provides written assurance for them.

The Iroquois could apply for U.S. or Canadian passports, but do not wish to do so.

"We cannot do that because we are a sovereign nation. We are our own people," said Denise Waterman, a member of the team's board of directors, who is scheduled to travel with the team.

"We've been traveling on these passports for 27 years and we travel all over the world," said Ansley Jemison, spokesperson for the team, in New York on Thursday. "I don't believe that 23 world-class athletes pose such a national security threat."

The team plans stay in New York, hoping to receive their visas before their second game on Saturday.

"We're staying in the New York city area in hopes that if we have to dash to the U.K. Consulate, and get some fingerprints and all that stuff taken care of, we can go ... at a moment's notice," Jemison said. PLEASE SEE IROQUOIS ON A5



INVALID: Spokesperson for the Iroquois Nationals, Ansley Jemison, holds up a sample of the passports the U.K. Consulate rejected, forcing the team to miss the start of the World Lacrosse Championships. JAN JEKIELEK/THE EPOCH TIMES

## Historical Overhaul of US Financial Regulation Approved

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The U.S. Senate gave final legislative approval Thursday to a major overhaul of the rules governing the nation's financial system. The measure is the biggest overhaul of U.S. financial regulation rules since the Great Depression, and analysts say its passage is a major legislative victory for President Barack Obama and his Democratic Party.

Senate Democrats managed to garner the 60 votes they needed to thwart procedural roadblocks by opposition Republicans and pave the way for final passage of financial sector reform legislation. They did it with the help of three moderate Republicans who voted with them, Scott Brown of Massachusetts, and Olympia Snowe, and Susan Collins of Maine.

Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York announced the results of the procedural vote.

"On this vote, the 'yeas' are 60 and the 'nays' are 38," she said. "Three-fifths of the senators duly chosen and sworn have voted in the affirmative; the motion is agreed to."

Democrats only needed a simple 51-vote majority to pass the bill. The House of Representatives has already passed the financial reform bill, also with the help of three Republican votes. With the Senate approval, the bill now goes to President Obama, who is expected to sign it into law within the next few days.

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Today:	Tomorrow:
30% T-storms	Sunny
Hi: 92 Lo: 69	Hi: 92 Lo: 70

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Dow 10,359.31	-7.41 -0.07%
Nasdaq 2,249.08	-0.76 -0.03%
S&P 500 1,096.48	+1.31 +0.12%

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