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Berries Benefit the Brain

Low-carb and quite rich in nutrients, berries are a great way to start your morning.

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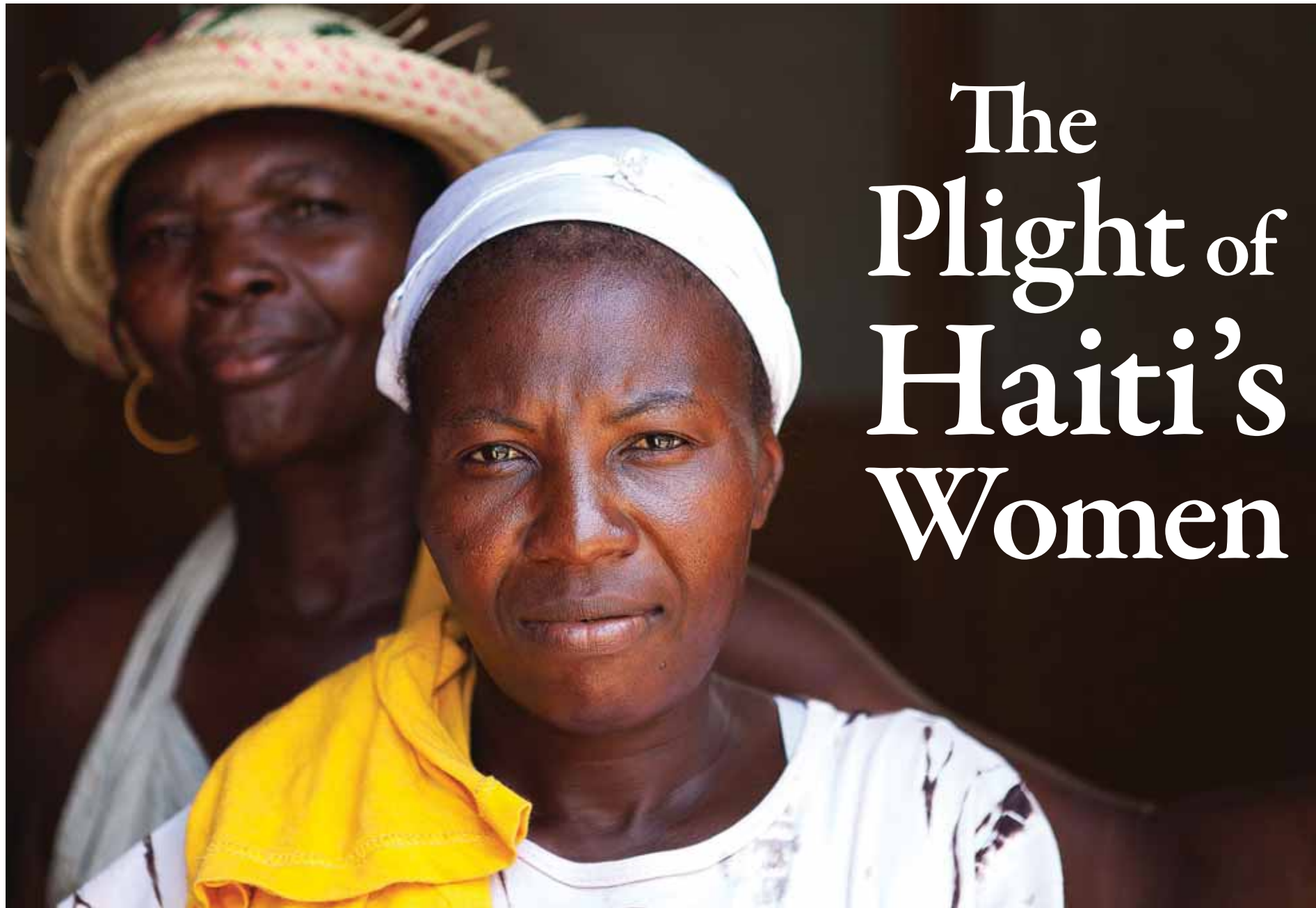
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The Plight of Haiti's Women

Gulf Shellfish and Soil Contaminated, Researchers Find

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By any normal examination, nothing seemed off. The oil couldn't be seen or smelled, but lab tests on the oysters and soil showed the contaminant levels were through the roof.

"We didn't see anything unusual. That was kind of the disturbing part when we got the results back," said Lower Mississippi River Keeper Paul Orr, from the Water Keeper Alliance.

Orr went to several sites in the Gulf of Mexico with a team of researchers to take samples of the soil, plants, and sea life. The team has results from two locations and is still waiting on the rest. "When the numbers came back, I was quite surprised they were so high," Orr said.

What they were looking for were polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)—carcinogenic contaminants from the BP oil spill. Since PAHs carry a kind of fingerprint, BP can be traced as the source of some of the contaminated areas.

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GULF FOOD: Venice Marina owner Bill Butler (L) and his son Dylan shell shrimp at the Venice Marina in Southern Louisiana, Aug. 3. MATT DAVIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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Months after the earthquake, life in camps is rife with sexual violence

Eight months after the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti, having no home is still not the hardest thing to bear. Thousands of women living in makeshift camps in southern Haiti dare not speak about the sexual and domestic violence they are subjected to in the camps. Faced with being stigmatized by police and society, or with revenge and impunity for the perpetrators, they remain silent—and some say the situation is getting worse.

One of the most devastating earthquakes of our time left 3 million people homeless, deprived them of their loved ones, and forced them live in camps where they lack food, clean water, and basic necessities.

More than half of the 1.5 million Haitians in the temporary shelters are women and young girls. But despite being in the majority, they are still the most vulnerable and most easily taken advantage of. Lamercie Charles-Pierre, general coordinator of OFAVA, a Port-au-Prince-based organization working to protect the rights of Haitian women, says living conditions in the camps have gotten worse.

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ABOVE: Women participating in the "Women: Box of Grief" project in Haiti. The project encourages women who have experienced violence to share their experiences and in this way find solutions to their problems. LEFT: Young girls are jumping rope in Terrain Acra Camp, Port-au-Prince. Women and adolescent girls are a regular target of sexual violence in the camps of earthquake-devastated Haiti. GIORDANO COSSU AND BENOIT CASSEGRAIN/ "SOLIDAR'IT IN HAITI", COURTESY MIGUEL SAMPER/ AMERICAN REFUGEE COMMITTEE

WTC Memorial, 5 Towers, Finally a Go

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NEW YORK—Viewing the World Trade Center (WTC) construction site from the 10th floor of 7 World Trade Center, one sees a mess of cement, steel, dirt, cranes, the occasional American flag, and hundreds of fluorescent-clad construction workers moving about.

After nine years of planning, political wrangling, and complicated financial dealings, the bulk of the building decisions have been finalized and construction is moving full speed ahead, announced Governor Paterson, Mayor Bloomberg, New York and New Jersey Port Authority management, and Larry Silverstein of Silverstein Properties, on Tuesday.

All parties expressed their great pleasure at the completion of framework agreements that will allow construction to move forward on the five trade towers, as well as a new transportation hub, and 9/11 Memorial Museum.

"While nothing happens in democracy as quickly as we would like, the truth of the matter is democracy does get you to the right place, even if it is sometimes painful and sometimes takes some time," said Bloomberg.

PLEASE SEE WTC ON A8



ORIGINAL FOUNDATION: An artist's rendering of the 9/11 memorial museum atrium entrance, slated for completion in 2012. Featured prominently in the design are two, three-pronged tridents, which were salvaged from the rubble after the 9/11 attacks. SQUARED DESIGN LAB

Rising Star in Chinese Regime Implicated in Torture Charges

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Two open letters signed by a group of Chinese lawyers, scholars, writers, and journalists were sent to the Chinese Supreme People's Court and the Supreme People's Procuratorate in late August, urging an investigation into the use of torture in the "Hitting the Black" campaign in Chongqing. The letters stated that although on the surface the purpose of the Hitting the Black campaign is to crack down on gangsters, in essence it is a campaign driven by political motives.

The Hitting the Black campaign was launched in June 2009 by Bo Xilai, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) chief for Chongqing, one of four provincial-level municipalities in China (Beijing, Shanghai, and

Tianjin are the others). The regime's state-run media describes the "black" in Hitting the Black as either gangsters or corrupt Party officials.

This official view has come in for criticism. Because the organizers of a taxi driver protest and the lawyers of some political cases were among those arrested, the Hitting the Black campaign is widely regarded as a political campaign launched to boost Bo's career.

CALL FOR INVESTIGATION INTO TORTURE

The letters refer to the February 2010 cases of Gong Gangmo and Fan Qihang. Gong Gangmo was sentenced to life in prison. Fan Qihang was sentenced to death and his sentence is currently under review by the Supreme People's Court.

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Today:	Tomorrow:
30% Rain	Sunny
Hi: 85 Lo: 60	Hi: 77 Lo: 59

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Dow 10,340.69	-107.24 -1.03%	▼
Nasdaq 2,208.89	-24.86 -1.11%	▼
S&P 500 1,091.84	-12.67 -1.15%	▼

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