

Ag Dept: New Case Of Mad Cow Disease Found

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first new case of mad cow disease in the U.S. since 2006 has been discovered in a dairy cow in California, but health authorities said Tuesday the animal never was a threat to the nation's food supply.

The infected cow, the fourth ever discovered in the U.S., was found as part of an Agriculture Department surveillance program that tests about 40,000 cows a year for the fatal brain disease.

No meat from the cow was bound for the food supply, said John Clifford, the department's chief veterinary officer.

"There is really no cause for alarm here with regard to this animal," Clifford told reporters at a hastily convened press conference.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), is fatal to cows and can cause a fatal human brain disease in people who eat tainted beef. The World Health Organization has said that tests show that humans cannot be infected by drinking milk from BSE-infected animals.

Aide: Edwards Downplayed Chance Of Paternity

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — John Edwards' first reaction when he learned his mistress may be pregnant was to downplay the chances he was the father, calling the woman a "crazy slut," his former close campaign aide testified Tuesday.

It was the summer of 2007 and Edwards was in the midst of a presidential campaign. Andrew Young testified the former North Carolina senator hatched a plan to funnel money from rich friends to provide the woman a monthly allowance, even though Young said he doubted it was legal.

Months later, as word of the candidate's affair began to leak in the run-up to the crucial Iowa caucuses, Young said Edwards asked the aide to falsely claim paternity of the baby.

Young took the witness stand for a second day at Edwards' criminal trial. Edwards has pleaded not guilty to six counts related to campaign finance violations involving nearly \$1 million in secret payments provided by two wealthy donors as he sought the White House in 2008.

Young said Rielle Hunter told Edwards she was pregnant in June 2007. Edwards then called Young and told him to "take care of it."

3 More Secret Service Employees Forced Out

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican lawmaker says three Secret Service employees are being forced out of the agency and two others have been cleared of serious misconduct in the agency's investigation into the prostitution scandal in Colombia.

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., says he was told by a top Secret Service official that the five remaining cases under investigation are being disposed of.

King says two Secret Service employees are resigning and one is having his national security clearance revoked and will be leaving the agency.

King says one of the resigning employees stayed at the Hilton in Cartagena, the same hotel where President Barack Obama stayed. The other Secret Service employees stayed at a nearby hotel.

King says two others under investigation have been cleared of misconduct.

GOP Follows Up Budget With Safe Legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans controlling the House are opting for the politically safe route as they follow up their tight-fisted, tea party-driven budget with less controversial steps to cut spending.

Instead of big reductions in Medicaid and Medicare, top GOP lawmakers are sticking mostly with familiar proposals like cutting money for President Barack Obama's health care overhaul and federal employee pensions while reaching out to Democrats to help pass annual spending bills.

At issue is follow-up legislation to the sweeping budget document that passed the House last month. Under Congress' arcane budget process, it's simply a nonbinding blueprint that sets the terms for follow-up legislation.

The broader GOP plan, by Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., also calls for cutting day-to-day operating budgets for domestic agencies \$19 billion below last summer's bipartisan budget and debt deal.

Republicans strongly backed the Ryan plan last month as a first step in tackling out of control deficits. It's also a campaign document that casts in stark relief the differences between Republicans and Democrats on spending and deficits with an election little more than six months away.

Obama Woos Young Voters

President Pushes Low-Rate Student Loans

BY BEN FELLER

AP White House Correspondent

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — President Barack Obama went after the college vote Tuesday, pitching cheaper student loans as he courted the one age group where he has a decided advantage over Republican rival Mitt Romney. The twist? Romney, too, has endorsed the idea, though it's unclear whether deficit-leery Republicans in Congress will go along.

In the race for the White House, both the Obama and Romney campaigns see huge opportunities to court younger voters. This week, their efforts are focused on the millions of students — and their parents — who are grappling with college costs at a time when such debt has grown so staggering it exceeds the totals for credit cards or auto loans.

Trying to make it personal, Obama told students at the University of North Carolina that he and first lady Michelle Obama had "been in your shoes" and didn't pay off their student loans until eight years ago.

"I didn't just read about this. I didn't just get some talking points about this. I didn't just get a policy briefing on this," Obama said. "We didn't come from wealthy families. When we graduated from college



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President Barack Obama talks about the affordability of higher education at Carmichael Auditorium at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Tuesday.

and law school, we had a mountain of debt. When we married, we got poor together."

Obama's emphasis on his personal experience set up a contrast with Romney, whose father was a wealthy auto executive. It's a point the president is sure to return to during this summer's campaigning.

Late Tuesday, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., introduced legislation that would keep the interest rate for subsidized loans for poorer and middle-class students at their current level for another year at a cost of \$5.9 billion. The timing is important because the rate will double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent on July 1 without intervention by Congress, an expiration date chosen in 2007

when a Democratic Congress voted to chop the rate in half.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has estimated about 15 percent of Americans, or 37 million people, have outstanding student loan debt. The bank puts the total at \$870 billion, though other estimates have reached \$1 trillion. About two-thirds of student loan debt is held by people under 30.

Members of both parties are assessing ways to cover the costs and then gain the votes in the House and Senate. Both parties have a political incentive to keep the rates as they are.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Tuesday, "I don't think anybody believes this

Ex-BP Engineer Arrested In Gulf Oil Spill Case

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Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Federal prosecutors brought the first criminal charges Tuesday in the Gulf oil spill, accusing a former BP engineer of deleting more than 300 text messages that indicated the blown-out well was spewing far more crude than the company was telling the public at the time.

Two years and four days after the drilling-rig explosion that set off the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, Kurt Mix, 50, of Katy, Texas, was arrested and charged with two counts of obstruction of justice for allegedly destroying evidence.

The U.S. Justice Department made it clear that the investigation is still going on and suggested that more people could be arrested. In a statement, Attorney General Eric Holder said prosecutors "will hold accountable those who violated the law in connection with the largest environmental disaster in U.S. history."

Federal investigators have been

looking into the causes of the blowout and the actions of managers, engineers and rig workers at BP and its subcontractors Halliburton and Transocean in the days and hours before the April 20, 2010, explosion.

But the case against Mix focuses only on the aftermath of the blast, when BP scrambled for weeks to plug the leak. Even then, the charges are not really about the disaster itself, but about an alleged attempt to thwart the investigation into it.

In court papers, the FBI said one of the areas under investigation is whether the oil company intentionally lowballed the amount of crude spewing from the well.

In outlining the charges, the government suggested Mix knew the rate of flow from the busted well was much greater than the company publicly acknowledged.

Prosecutors also said BP gave the public an optimistic account of its May 2010 efforts to plug the well via a technique called a "top kill," even though the company's internal data and some of the text messages showed the operation

was likely to fail.

An accurate flow-rate estimate is necessary to determine how much in penalties BP and its subcontractors could face under the Clean Water Act. In court papers, prosecutors appeared to suggest the company was also worried about the effect of the disaster on its stock price.

The charges came a day before a federal judge was to consider granting preliminary approval of a \$7.8 billion civil settlement between BP and a committee of plaintiffs.

In a statement, BP said it is cooperating with the Justice Department and added: "BP had clear policies requiring preservation of evidence in this case and has undertaken substantial and ongoing efforts to preserve evidence."

The FBI said in court papers that Mix had been repeatedly notified by BP that instant messages and text messages needed to be preserved.

Mix, who resigned from BP in January, appeared on Tuesday afternoon before a judge in Houston, shackled at his hands and feet, and

interest rate ought to be allowed to rise." He added, "The question is how do you pay for it, how long do you do the extension."

Under the Democratic plan, the measure would be paid for by closing a loophole that lets owners of privately owned companies called S corporations avoid paying the Social Security and Medicare payroll tax on part of their earnings. It would apply to such companies with incomes over \$250,000. The higher payroll taxes would also be required for some law firms, doctors practices and other professional services partnerships.

Congressional Republicans, however, were panning the idea of paying for the student loan plan with higher payroll taxes on those companies.

"That's a non-starter," said Rep. Tim Scott, R-S.C.

Romney said this week that he agrees the loan rates shouldn't be raised, coupling that stance with criticism of Obama's economic leadership.

"Given the bleak job prospects that young Americans coming out of college face today, I encourage Congress to temporarily extend the low rate," Romney said in a statement.

Some conservative activists have denounced Romney's decision to match Obama's position on student loan rates.

"Mitt Romney is going to sell out conservatives in his party" to improve his chances in the November election, Michael Brendan Dougherty wrote in a blog carried by sites including Free Republic.

OBITUARIES

Dick Eddy

LIMA, Ohio — Dick Eddy, 81, of Lima Ohio, died April 22, 2012 at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima.

He was born Aug. 16, 1930 in Williamsport, PA to Rex and Ellen (Buschhausen) Eddy. He married Jeune A. (Wheeler) Eddy on June 12, 1956. Dick loved eating at The Casa Lu Al and Milano's with his friends and family. He loved his Tennessee Walkers and his dog, Dick thought the world of his nieces and nephews. He also enjoyed his yard work.

Survivors include a son, Rick Eddy, daughter: Dorothy (Michael) White, Winter Haven, FL; grandson: Ritchie Eddy; grandchildren: Sommer, Coral and Ryan White; two great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and a brother-in-law, Terry (Joanne) Wheeler, Sioux Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters: Sarah Dunham, Mary Francis Kelly and Patsy Dal-lafeld.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Shawnee Alliance Church, Lima, with the Rev. Doug Anthony officiating.

Visitation is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Chiles Laman Funeral and Cremation Services/Shawnee Chapel on Shawnee Road. Internment will be in Allentown Cemetery in Lima.

In lieu of flowers, send contributions to Lima Central Catholic High School.

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Mary Chapman

Mary Helen (Keller) Chapman, 98, died early Sunday morning, April 22, 2012 at South Central Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Helen was born December 17, 1913 to Leo and Katherine (Kramer) Keller in Geddes, SD. She graduated from High School in Yankton SD, and attended secretarial school in Scottsbluff, NE. She married James A. Chapman on August 20, 1940. The couple lived in Lincoln, NE until

moving to Rawlins, WY in 1944.

She was very artistic, and will be remembered by many for her hand crafted goose eggs decorated in the "Faberge" style. Several of her eggs were displayed at the White House in the 1990's representing the State of Wyoming.

She was preceded in death by her parents: James, her husband of 52 years; her son Michael Chapman in 2003; and her sister Katherine Irene Larson of Yankton, SD.

She is survived by her children, Pat Chapman, Leo (Sandra) Chapman, and Kathi Gray; all of Rawlins; six grandchildren, five great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Clifford "Kip" Larson of Yankton, as well as nephews, Richard Larson, Milford, OH; Roger Larson, Mill Valley, CA; Douglas Larson, Yankton, SD; and niece, Karen Larson, Greeley, CO.

Condolences may be sent to Leo Chapman, 1640 Park Drive, Rawlins, WY, 82301.

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Jerome Sylliaasen

MISSION HILL — Jerome M. Sylliaasen, 75, of Mission Hill died Monday, April 23, 2012, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending with Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

Harold Rose

STURGIS — Harold Daniel Rose, 84, of Sturgis, died Sunday, April 22, 2012, at Fort Meade VA Medical Center.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Thursday at Kinkadee Funeral Chapel with Pastor Les Potts officiating. Interment will follow the funeral service at Black Hills National Cemetery with military honors provided by the Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard.

Visitation is 8 a.m. Thursday until time of the service at the funeral chapel.

A memorial has been established to the Fort Meade VA Hospice Unit. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

Sylvia Ryken

Sylvia M. Ryken, 90, of Yankton died Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Monday at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with the Rev. David Wildermuth officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitation is 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with a video tribute and time of sharing at 6:30 p.m. Visitation continues one hour prior to the funeral service.

To send an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Rudolph 'Rudy' Grewe

AINSWORTH, Neb. — Rudolph "Rudy" F. Grewe, 87 of Ainsworth, Neb., died after a brief battle with brain cancer early Sunday morning, April 22, 2012, at the Ainsworth Care Center, Ainsworth.

Memorial services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Dan Smith officiating. Military Graveside Rights by the Ernest Bowyer VFW Post No. 791, Yankton, and SDARNG Honor Guard, Sioux Falls, will take place at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

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Barbara Voigt

A memorial service for Barbara Ellen Voigt, 57, of Rapid City and formerly of Avon, will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27 at the House of Mary Shrine. The Shrine is located 5 miles west of Yankton at 142 Drees Drive.

Following the memorial service, a time of sharing, food and fellowship will be held at the Lewis & Clark Resort Lodge. The route to the lodge will be marked with white balloons.

There will be visitation on Friday from, 1-3 p.m. at Goglin Funeral Home, Tyndall.

Barb passed away on Monday, April 23, 2012 at the Rapid

City Regional Hospital Hospice House after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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