

## NATION/WORLD DIGEST

### Oil Spill: Success Depends On Locating Gush

THEODORE, Ala. (AP) — A relief well being drilled deep into the seafloor of the Gulf of Mexico to shut down the gushing well could be completed ahead of a long-set deadline of mid-August only if conditions are ideal, government and BP officials said Thursday.

The relief well is currently the best hope for stanching the oil leak set off by the April 20 explosion aboard the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig, which killed 11 workers and began an environmental catastrophe for the region.

National Incident Commander and retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said Thursday that the relief well is expected to intercept and penetrate the Deepwater Horizon well pipe about 18,000 feet below sea level within seven to 10 days.

But they won't know how long it will take to stop the oil until they get there. The gushing well has several concentric rings, and oil could be coming up through multiple rings, Allen said.

The plan is to pump heavy mud and then cement into the well to overcome the upward pressure of the huge oil reservoir below.

### Bomb Arrests Linked To New Terror Plots

OSLO (AP) — Three suspected al-Qaida members were arrested Thursday in a Norwegian bomb plot linked to the same terrorist planners behind thwarted schemes to blow up New York's subway and a British shopping mall.

The alleged Norwegian plot, underscoring changing al-Qaida tactics in the decade since the 9/11 attacks, was said to involve powerful peroxide bombs similar to ones aimed for detonation in New York and Manchester, England.

All three plans were organized by Saleh al-Somali, al-Qaida's former chief of external operations, who had been in charge of plotting attacks worldwide, Norwegian and U.S. officials believe. Al-Somali was killed in a CIA drone airstrike last year, but officials say the three plots had already been set in motion by the time of his death.

Thursday's arrests suggested how decentralized and nimble al-Qaida has become since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States. The terror group has recently focused on smaller-level attacks that don't require the intricate planning that it took to hijack airplanes and fly them into buildings in New York and Washington.

Last year, when the FBI and CIA thwarted the suicide attack in the New York subway, officials called it the most dangerous plot since 9/11. And in the past two days, revelations about the related plots in England and now in Norway have illustrated the terror group's multi-country scope.

### Alaska Man Jumps Into Lake To Elude Police

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A 29-year-old Anchorage man who fled a traffic stop by jumping into a small lake and taking off his clothes was arrested after authorities fished him out.

Joshua Ellis was arrested Wednesday evening on charges of eluding, resisting arrest, false information and driving while intoxicated. His bail has been set at \$5,000.

Police said Lt. Garry Gilliam was trying to pull over Ellis for speeding in a construction zone.

They said Ellis then fled in his Subaru, striking a construction cone and driving through a road section that was closed to traffic.

According to police, Gilliam blocked the Subaru in the parking lot of a park and approached the vehicle. They said when he opened the car's door, Ellis ran off and jumped into Walden Lake.

Police said Ellis emerged from the water but jumped back in when Gilliam approached with handcuffs. At some point, Ellis took off his shirt, pants and shoes, police said.

Authorities finally obtained a boat from the Anchorage Fire Department, which an officer and a firefighter took to arrest Ellis. Lt. Dave Parker said Ellis grabbed the firefighter during a brief struggle.

Ellis also gave a false name, police said.

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# New Storm Hits U.S.-Texas Border

## Rio Grande Rising, Threatening Already Flooded Area Along Border

BY MICHELLE ROBERTS AND CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN  
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LAREDO, Texas — The gentle stream that usually marks the Rio Grande bulged into a mighty river along much of its southern reach Thursday as a rain-packed tropical depression dumped on a Texas-Mexico border region already struggling with flooded homes and evacuations after last week's hurricane.

Authorities in Laredo evacuated several neighborhoods close to the river and a 16-story hotel on the banks as the river grew to 42-feet deep and water began to creep into some homes. The tropical depression-driven rains in Laredo and upstream were expected to keep the water level high for several days, said city spokeswoman Xochitl Mora Garcia.

"It's difficult to describe," said Jerry W. Archer, manager of Rio Grande Plaza Hotel. He estimated the river was about 15 times its usual size. "I was born and raised on the Mississippi River, but people here are used to just a small stream."

The muddy waters — driven by dam releases upstream and rain-swollen tributaries following last week's Hurricane Alex — submerged light poles and towering palm trees, leaving only a few fronds waving above the water line.

National Guard troops arrived Thursday to help with evacuations, and people in low-lying areas gathered sandbags to protect their homes before being forced to leave. But no major injuries had been reported.

ed in Laredo.

Nancy Castillo, 35, picked up sandbags while her sister prepared to evacuate from her home near a dry creek bed overflowing with water that normally would head into the Rio Grande.

"It's typically dry everywhere in Laredo — except now," she said.

Tens of thousands of people already had been forced from their homes in Mexican towns earlier in the week as dam releases dumped torrents of water into flood-swollen rivers to avoid the risk of out-of-control releases following Alex.

Humberto Moreira, governor of the border state of Coahuila, said more than 20,000 homes had been flooded in his state alone, and about 80,000 people had "lost all of their furniture." A similar number of people had their homes damaged in Nuevo Leon, said that state's Gov. Rodrigo Medina.

Access to the Coahuila city of Sabinas was largely blocked Thursday after several bridges on two main highways collapsed when the Rio Sabinas overflowed, said state interior minister Armando Luna.

"This has made it difficult to get help to the area," Luna said.

Gov. Eugenio Hernandez of the border state of Tamaulipas reported the first fatality there: telling an emergency evaluation meeting attended by President Felipe Calderon in the border city of Matamoros that the victim tried to cross a flooded road.

The tropical depression made landfall at South Padre Island late Thursday morning and was

expected to dump four to eight inches of rain across the area, with as much as 10 inches in some parts, said the National Weather Service. That rain comes on top of the five to seven inches Alex already had deposited.

The rain, saturated ground, swollen rivers and releases from dams upstream have experts watching the Rio Grande closely.

In Laredo, where roughly half of all U.S.-Mexico trade crosses, authorities closed two bridges and severely limited traffic on a third. They also restricted traffic on the World Trade International Bridge to keep the weight load on the bridge at a minimum, but they did not have to close the connection.

The World Trade bridge carries roughly 8,000 18-wheelers a day, and closing it would have crippled the nation's busiest inland port.

City officials planned to reopen one bridge on the far northwestern edge of the city Friday morning.

But officials continued to worry about a half-dozen tractor trailers bobbing down river near downtown after being left too close to the rising water, said City Manager Carlos Villarreal.

"It's like a missile headed for a target," he said of the trailers' potential to damage the bridge structures.

Downstream in Rio Grande City, water from dam releases and the tropical depression were converging to create a serious flood threat.

The National Weather Service issued a flood warning for the area after the river more than doubled its normal size.

Flooding would damage farmland and could push water from a creek along the eastern side of

town into neighborhoods.

At the Retama Manor nursing home in Rio Grande City, administrators waited for local emergency officials to advise them of any risk posed by the Rio Grande. The facility sits next to the international bridge on the banks of the river, just feet from the swift-moving river.

Facility spokeswoman Nan Impink said there is a plan to move residents if there is a danger of flooding.

"For us that's an option of last choice because it's very disruptive to patients," she said.

Farther south, part of the Rio Grande flow was being diverted into miles of wide channels that will eventually send some of the flow to the Gulf of Mexico. The International Boundary and Water Commission said the last similar diversion happened after 1988's Hurricane Gilbert.

Crews broke a 200-meter hole in the pavement of a highway linking Reynosa and Matamoros to allow water to flow through a long-dormant channel, said Pedro Garza, who heads the water commission's Rio Bravo Basin agency.

Garza said he was confident the combination of U.S. and Mexican emergency channels would siphon off enough water to avert the threat to Matamoros downstream. But some questioned why dam levels along the river and its tributaries were kept so high before the rains hit.

"The problem is, we had rainfall beyond historic levels," Garza said.

The IBWC has had to release water from the binational Amistad Dam at its fastest rate in a quarter century after the reservoir reached its highest level since 1974. Water also was being released at Falcon Dam downstream Thursday.

## Aide: Blago Hid In Bathroom

CHICAGO (AP) — Rod Blagojevich hid in the bathroom, ducked into a back room and left the office early to avoid discussing complex issues with his budget director, his former deputy said Thursday at the ousted governor's corruption trial.

Blagojevich worked in the office less than nine hours a week and had trouble focusing on legislation, former Deputy Governor Robert Greenlee said in testimony that portrayed the governor as disengaged in the affairs of state government.

His testimony came as prosecutors announced they probably would rest their case on Tuesday, weeks ahead of schedule, and as

Blagojevich was heard on an FBI wiretap tape saying he would get "tangible political support" if he named U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. to the Senate seat Barack Obama was leaving to become president.

"Specific amounts and everything," Blagojevich said on the tape, adding, "some of it up front." Greenlee testified that he believed the governor had been talking about campaign money in exchange for the seat.

Jackson has not been charged with wrongdoing in the case, but prosecutors have said there is evidence that some of his supporters spoke about raising funds for Blagojevich.

## \$500K Donated To Ariz. To Defend Immigration Law

BY PAUL DAVENPORT  
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PHOENIX — Retirees and other residents from all over the country were among those who donated nearly \$500,000 to help Arizona defend its immigration enforcement law, with most chipping in \$100 or less, according to an analysis of documents obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

The donations, 88 percent of which came through the Arizona defense fund's website, surged this week after the federal government sued Tuesday to challenge the law. A document from Gov. Jan Brewer's office showed that 7,008 of the 9,057 online contributions submitted by Thursday morning were made in the days following the government's filing.

Website contributions came from all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, including nearly 2,000 from Arizona. Donations ranged from \$5 to \$2,000, with the vast majority between \$10 and \$100.

The AP examined about a quarter of the fund's total contributions, and found only two that came from businesses.

The willingness of thousands of individual Americans to contribute to the Arizona fund illustrates broad concern and frustration over border security and illegal immigration. The state's legislation has since renewed calls for broader immigration changes.

The Arizona law includes a requirement that police enforcing another law generally must investigate the immigration status of people if there is "reasonable suspicion" to believe the people are in the United States illegally.

Brewer and other supporters say the law will prompt illegal immigrants to leave the state and that state action was required by a failure of the federal government to secure the border.

Opponents say the law will promote racial profiling and is unconstitutional because regulating immigration is reserved for the federal government.

Donors contacted by the AP said they contributed because the federal government should be helping Arizona, not taking the state to court.

"Arizona needs our help," said Mary Ann Rohde, a retired municipal worker who lives in Rialto, Calif., who donated \$20 with her husband. "It's a disgrace what our government is doing."

Howard E. Sanner, of Houston, said Arizona's approval of its law should help prod the federal government to act on border security to help prevent criminals and terrorists from entering the country illegally.

"It's just a mess that has to be straightened out," said Sanner, a retired clothing and linen salesman who said he supports legal immigration and donated \$5 to the fund.

Georganna Myer, an Arizona Department of Revenue spokeswoman, said the state tax agency believes contributions to the fund are deductible for Arizona and federal income purposes because they are donations to a state.

Brewer spokeswoman Tasya Peterson said Thursday that donors are required to identify themselves when they submit online contributions. An online form specifies a minimum donation of \$5 but does not state a maximum.

## OBITUARIES

### LaVerne Malik

LOVELAND, Colo. — LaVerne L. Malik, age 84, of Loveland, CO and formerly of Yankton, SD passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at the Loveland Good Samaritan Center, Loveland, CO.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 AM, Saturday, July 10, 2010 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Dan Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

Visitations will be 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. and followed by a scripture service at 7:30 p.m.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons Justin Frick, Dan Freismuth, Cody Malik, Ben Malik, Dylan Malik, Evan Sims, Cameron Malik, and John Freismuth. Honorary pallbearers are her granddaughters Molly Satter, Jennifer Frick, Hallie Sims, Katy Sokolowski, Cassie Malik, Whitney Malik, Carly Malik, Madison Malik, Olivia Malik, and Abby Sokolowski.

LaVerne was born in Hartington, Nebraska to Josephine (Marx) and Clarence Foerster. She was raised in Hartington and attended Catholic schools graduating from Cedar Catholic high school. After graduating she attended hair styling school in Omaha, Nebraska and thus began a career in hair styling that spanned 50+ years. She could give a fantastic haircut as almost everyone in her family could attest to! Her Catholic education was very important to her and laid foundation in the Catholic faith that was invaluable to her throughout her life.

LaVerne married Henry (Hank) Malik on September 28, 1954 in Hartington at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. To this union eight children were born. She most enjoyed her life raising her children and then becoming a loving grandmother and great grandmother. She cherished



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nothing more than having her children and their families get together for holidays and other family celebrations. A special time for all of us was Christmas at the cabin near Rochford, SD. We all remember her weekly phone calls as she touched base with us and caught us up on the latest news about the rest of the family. She imparted to her children a love of cooking good food, enjoyment in family gatherings and a self confidence that we could accomplish anything we set our minds to. And she survived raising 8 children and seeing them become the men they are today.

For LaVerne there was always something new to do or to learn. She always had a new craft she was working on, a crochet project and quilt in the works. She loved caning and one of the best gifts ever was a gift box of her canned goods. She enjoyed antiques and collecting owls and we all cherish pieces of her collection.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years Henry, and her children Mary (Terry) Frick of

Yankton, SD. Tom (Carla) Malik, Jim (Teresa) Malik, John (Mary) Malik and Sharon Sims, all of Rapid City, SD. Jean (Pat) Freismuth of Fort Collins, CO and Doug (Trish) Malik, Loveland, CO and Deanna (Jim) Sokolowski of Minneapolis, MN. 17 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Her sisters Donna Mae (Jean) Nuss, Wayne, NE and Maurine (Stanley) Kronaizl, Vermillion, SD. Sister in laws Alice Vanorny, Scotland, SD and Grace (Don) Diede, Springfield, SD and many nieces and nephews.

She was greeted in heaven by her parents, a brother Dr. L.L. Foerster, granddaughter Katie Louise Frick, grandson Lucas Malik and son in law Richard Sims.

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### Vlasta Blazek

WAGNER — Vlasta Albina (Nedved) Blazek, 91, of Wagner died Wednesday (July 7, 2010) at the Wagner Community Memorial Hospital after a short battle with cancer.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Monday at United Methodist Church, Wagner. Burial is in the ZCJB Cemetery, rural Wagner.

Visitation is 2-6 p.m. Sunday, with the family present from 2-3 p.m., and will continue Monday from 9 a.m.-noon at Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner.

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