

GULF OIL SPILL

More Oil Flowing Than Once Thought

HOUSTON (AP) — Researchers studying the flow of oil from the blown-out well at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico said Thursday that up to twice the amount of oil previously thought may have been spewing into the sea since an oil rig exploded nearly two months ago.

The new figures could mean anywhere from 42 million to more than 100 million gallons of oil have already fouled the fragile waters, affecting people who live, work and play along the coast from Louisiana to Florida — and perhaps beyond.

All of the new spill rate estimates are worse than earlier ones — and far more costly for BP,

which has seen its stock sink since the April 20 explosion that killed 11 workers and triggered the spill.

Most of Thursday's estimates had more oil flowing in an hour than what officials once said was spilling in an entire day.

The spill — before June 3 when a riser was cut and then a cap put on it — was flowing at daily rate that could possibly have been as high as 2.1 million gallons, twice the highest number the federal government had been saying, according to U.S. Geological Survey Director Marcia McNutt, who is coordinating estimates. But she said possibly more credible numbers are a bit lower.

The estimates are not near complete yet and different scientific teams have come up with different numbers. A new team from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute came in with higher estimates than all the others using multibeam sonar.

The Woods Hole estimate ranged from 1 million gallons a day to 2.1 million gallons. And if the high end of the Woods Hole estimate is true, that means nearly 107 million gallons have spilled since the rig explosion.

Even using other numbers that federal officials and scientists call a more reasonable range would have about 63 million gallons spilling since April 20.



Workers clean the boat ramp at Boggy Point, Orange Beach, Alabama, where the first large amounts of tar have seeped into the inland waterways at Perdido Pass on Thursday.

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Climate Change Vote Heated In Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a boost for the president on global warming, the Senate on Thursday rejected a challenge to Obama administration rules aimed at cutting greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and other big polluters.

The defeated resolution would have denied the Environmental Protection Agency the authority to move ahead with the rules, crafted under the federal Clean Air Act. With President Barack Obama's broader clean energy legislation struggling to gain a foothold in the Senate, the vote took on greater significance as a signal of where lawmakers stand on dealing with climate change.

"If ever there was a vote to find out whose side you are on, this is it," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee.

The vote was 53-47 to stop the Senate from moving forward on the Republican-led effort to restrain the EPA.

Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., predicted the vote would "increase momentum to adopt comprehensive energy and climate legislation this year."

Arlington National Cemetery Hit With Scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Army investigation has found that potentially hundreds of remains at Arlington National Cemetery have been misidentified or misplaced, in a scandal marring the reputation of the nation's pre-eminent burial ground for its honored dead since the Civil War.

Army Secretary John McHugh announced Thursday that the cemetery's two civilian leaders would be forced to step aside, and he appointed a new chief to conduct a more thorough investigation to examine the graves and sort out the mix-up.

"I deeply apologize to the families of the honored fallen resting in that hallowed ground who may now question the care afforded to their loved ones," McHugh told a Pentagon news conference.

Arlington National Cemetery is considered among the nation's most hallowed burial sites, with more than 300,000 people buried there with military honors. An average of 30 funerals are conducted there every day.

Among those buried at the cemetery are troops killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well service members from past conflicts dating back to the Civil War.

Pope Strongly Defends Celibacy For Priests

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI strongly defended celibacy for priests as a sign of faith in an increasingly secular world during a rally Thursday that drew some 15,000 priests from around the world to Rome.

Benedict didn't directly mention the clerical abuse scandal that has rocked the Catholic Church for months, but he referred to what he called "secondary scandals" that showed "our own insufficiencies and sins."

Benedict's comments came during an evening vigil service in St. Peter's Square to mark the end of the Vatican's year of the priest — a year that has been marred by revelations of hundreds of new cases of clerical abuse, cover-up and Vatican inaction to stop it.

There had been speculation that Benedict might again refer to the scandal, following his recent comments en route to Portugal during which he acknowledged that it was born of the "sin within the church" and not from outside elements. Previously, Vatican officials, Vatican publications and cardinals had blamed the scandal on the media, the Masons and anti-Catholic lobbies, among others.

But Benedict didn't directly address it Thursday night. He is due to celebrate a final Mass on Friday before the rally comes to a close.

Teen Lost At Sea During Sail Around World

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 16-year-old Southern California girl attempting a solo sail around the world was feared in trouble Thursday in the frigid, heaving southern Indian Ocean after her emergency beacon began signaling and communication was lost.

Abby Sunderland's family was talking with U.S. and international governments about organizing a search of the remote ocean between southern Africa and Australia, family spokesman Christian Pinkston said.

Conditions can quickly become perilous for any sailor exposed to the elements in that part of the world.

"We've got to get a plane out there quick," said Pinkston, adding that the teen's family in Thousand Oaks was asking for prayers for her safety.

"They are exhausting every resource to try to mobilize an air rescue including discussions with the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Coast Guard and various international rescue organizations," he said. The closest land is France's Reunion Island, east of Madagascar, though the exact distance wasn't clear.

Americans Rebuilding Wealth, But Slowly

WASHINGTON (AP) — The rebuilding of Americans' wealth is proceeding in steps rather than strides.

Households' net worth rose last quarter — the fourth straight quarterly gain. Yet tumbling stock prices have reduced their wealth since then. Some economists say Americans' net worth may now be down slightly for the year. That helps explain why many say it will 2012 or 2013, at best, before Americans' wealth will return to its pre-recession levels.

Net worth — the value of assets like homes, bank accounts and investments, minus debts like mortgages and credit cards — rose 2.1 percent last quarter, the Federal Reserve said Thursday. It now amounts to \$54.6 trillion.

In the midst of the recession, household net worth sank as low as \$48.3 trillion. It's since risen 13 percent. Yet even counting last quarter's gain, net worth would have to rise 21 percent more to regain its pre-recession peak of \$65.9 trillion.

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Thank You!
We would like to thank our family and all of our friends for the wonderful card shower for our 80th birthdays. You have made our birthdays very enjoyable.
Chuck & Mae Tienken

THANKS!
Thank you to my family, co-workers, friends and the community for the cards, good wishes, gifts and surprises surrounding my retirement. I enjoyed it all!
Bob Winter

Delores M. Becker

Delores Marie Becker, age 79 of Wynot, Nebraska, died on Tuesday, June 08, 2010 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln, NE.



Becker

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Holy Family (Sacred Heart) Catholic Church in Wynot with Rev. Eric Olson officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Wynot. Visitation will be on Friday from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm with a vigil service at 7:30 pm at the church. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on

Saturday at the church. The Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington is in charge of arrangements. To post on line condolences, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Pallbearers will be Duane "Butch" Becker, Tom Kolbeck, Jim Cleveland, Keith Becker, Brian Wuebben and Bart Wuebben.

Delores was born on August 14, 1930 in the Wynot - St. James area to Fred and Evelyn (Becker) Wuebben. She grew up in the Wynot and St. James area. She graduated from Wynot High School in 1947 and received her teaching certificate from Wayne State Teachers College in 1953. Delores married L.V. "Dewey" Becker on June 1, 1953 in Wynot and taught school in the Wynot area for 2 years.

Delores was a member of the

Holy Family (Sacred Heart) Catholic Church in Wynot and the church's altar society, the Christian Mothers and the Catholic Daughters of America. She loved music, reading, working crossword puzzles, spending time with her family, especially cooking for them.

Delores is survived by her husband, L.V. "Dewey" Becker of Wynot; 6 children and their spouses, Carla Becker of Lincoln; Terry and Jeannette Becker of Wynot; Stan and Brock Becker of Blaine, Washington; Renee and Karl Cole of Denison, Texas; Janet Becker of Lincoln, Donna Becker of Lincoln; 2 step grandchildren; 6 brothers, Maurice and Diane Wuebben of Wynot; Claude and Carolyn Wuebben of Hubbard, Texas; Norman and Patricia Wuebben of Sioux Falls, South Dakota;

Charles and Phyllis Wuebben of Oakwood, Illinois; Ron and Mary Wuebben of Sioux Falls; Clair and Diann Wuebben of Dell Rapids, South Dakota; 2 sisters, Donald and Gene Kolbeck of Dell Rapids and Audrey and Bob Cleveland of Montrose, South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Richard Wuebben.

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Dorothy Vendshus

Dorothy V. Vendshus, age 76, of Yankton, passed away on Sunday, June 6, 2010 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton. Memorial service will be at 5:00 PM, Friday, July 2, 2010 at the Church of Latter Day Saints, Yankton with Rev. Randy Campbell officiating. The family will be present to greet the public at 4:00 PM at the church. Burial of her cremated remains will take place at a later date in Portland, OR.

Dorothy Verla was born on March 11, 1934 in Portland, OR to Austin Ivan Smith and Esta

Dorothy Miller. She married Waldemar Charles Vendshus in Portland, OR on Tuesday, December 29, 1953 at 8:00 PM. She was a lifetime member of the Elks Ladies Auxiliary Club.

Her memory will be cherished by her sons: Mark Dwight (Sharon) Vendshus of Tigard, OR, Waldemar Austin Vendshus of Tampa, FL, and daughter, Kathleen Diane (David) Brown of Yankton, SD. She is also sur-

vived by her grandchildren: Shawn Bishop, Katrina (Ryan) Sommer, Martin Bishop, Melissa Bishop, David Brown, Michael Brown, Mary Ann (Charles) Thomas, April (Brian) Nelson, Sarah Palmer and Ryan (Sara) Vendshus and great-grandchildren: Katlyn Sommer, Trinity Sommer, Ian Bishop, Latika Blakey, Elden Blakey, Levi Thomas, Bryant Thomas, Abigail Thomas, Charles Palmer, Mathew Nelson, Torie Nelson and Elijah Vendshus.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Waldemar Charles Vendshus; daughter, Victoria Ann Palmer; granddaughter,

Rachel McConkey; grandson, baby Denis; granddaughter, Cindy Palmer and great-grandson, Nicholas Palmer.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Kathleen Brown, 603 Green St., Yankton, SD 57078.

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June Helen Wright

Services will be at 10 a.m., Monday, June 14, 2010 at Wagner United Methodist Church, 406 SW 1st Street, Wagner, SD. with Pastor Gordon Higgins officiating. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Lake Andes, SD. Arrangements are under the direction of Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner, SD.



Wright

June Helen Wright, 88, passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2010 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. June was born June 26, 1921 in Lake Andes, South Dakota to Joseph and Amy Soulek at the family home. June graduated from Lake Andes High School in 1940. June married Charles Chester Wright that same year. During their married years they lived in South Dakota; Sioux City, Iowa; Sacramento, California, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. June worked for many years at Safeway and in later years worked in Medical Records at Lovelace Clinic in Albuquerque, New Mexico until her retirement at age 72. June's passion was to travel with her family to many destinations around the USA and Canada. Her favorite destination was always her beloved South Dakota.

June was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Amy-Jones-Soulek of Armour/Wagner, SD; former husband, Charles Chester Wright of Albuquerque, NM; her sister, Florence-Soulek

Rozell and husband Ernest "Puck" Rozell Jr., of Elk Point, SD; and brother-in-law, Jack Anderson of Wagner, South Dakota.

June is survived by a brother, Robert Soulek and wife Ann of Armour, SD; a sister, Marjorie Anderson of Wagner, SD; two daughters, Amy Lawrence of Albuquerque, N.M. and Lynda Dils and husband Wesley of El Paso, Texas. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Rock Lawrence and wife Kelly of Albuquerque; Michelle Mulkey and husband Duane of Durango, Co; David Dils and wife Carrie of Benbrook, TX, and Susan Dils of Manhattan, KS; and four great grandchildren, Braeden and Ashlyn Lawrence, and Karlee and Garrett Mulkey.

The family wishes to thank Kathleen Franklin and the staff at Night N Gale Homecare for their loving care of June Wright. They have all been June's angels and there support has been a continued blessing.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made either to your individual church or Alzheimer's Association in memory of June Helen Wright.

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Larry Mortensen

Larry Mortensen, 73, passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

Larry lived part of his younger life in Yankton and Los Angeles, CA.

He married Gloria (White) Mortensen on June 2, 1957 in

Vermillion. Larry's family consists of daughter Lori (Doug) Hammer, Vermillion, Craig (Amy), Fremont, NE, Jana (Kurt) Welch, Hannah, IN and Larry (Colleen), Loveland, CO. He and Gloria were blessed with seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Larry enjoyed many activities: spending time with family, camping, horseback riding, fishing, wood working and was a sketch artist. He especially loved music and playing his guitars. His many talents were passed on to family members and friends. He was a world-class baker.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eleanor (Joe) Stelpflug and Woodrow W. Mortensen.

He is survived by his wife and children and one brother, Roger (Shirley) of Riverside, MO.

Memorial services for Larry will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Cornerstone Church in Vermillion. Please sign the online guest book and share a memory about Larry at: hansenfuneralhome.com
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Lucas J. Malik

Lucas J. Malik, 18, of Rapid City passed away on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

He is survived by his parents, John & Mary Malik, his brother, Ben Malik and sisters, Carly Malik

and Olivia Malik all of Rapid City, grandparents, Henry and LaVerne Malik of Ft. Collins, CO, Lyle and Marilyn McLeod of Sioux Falls, and great grandmother Betty Olson of Sioux Falls.

Visitation will be from 5pm to 7pm MDT on Sunday, June 13, 2010 at Kirk Funeral Home in Rapid City.

Services will be at 10:30am MDT on Monday, June 14 at South Canyon Lutheran Church in Rapid City with Pastor Chris Baesler officiating. Burial will follow at Mountain View Cemetery in Rapid City.

An online guest book and complete obituary is available at www.kirkfuneralhome.com

A memorial has been established.

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Rose Vilhauer

Rose Vilhauer, 85, of Avon died Thursday, June 10, 2010 at the Yankton Care Center. Funeral services are 10:30 a.m., Monday, June 14, 2010 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Avon. Burial is in the church cemetery, rural Avon. Visitation will be at the church on Sunday from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. prayer service. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Chapel in Avon is in charge of arrangements.

IN REMEMBRANCE

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