

GULF OIL SPILL

BP: Plugging Effort Going As Planned

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ROBERT, La. — BP started pumping heavy mud into the leaking Gulf of Mexico well Wednesday and said everything was going as planned in the company's boldest attempt yet to plug the gusher that has spewed millions of gallons of oil over the last five weeks.

BP hoped the mud could overpower the steady stream of oil, but chief executive Tony Hayward said it would be at least 24 hours before officials know whether the attempt worked. The company wants to eventually inject cement into the well to seal it.

"I'm sure many of you have been watching the plume," Hayward said of the live video stream of the leak. "All I can say is it is unlikely to give us any real indication of what is going on. Either increases or decreases are not an indicator of either success or failure at this time."

The stakes are high. Fishermen, hotel and restaurant owners, politicians and residents along the coast are fed up with BP's so far ineffective attempts to stop the leak that sprang after an offshore drilling rig exploded April 20. Eleven workers were killed, and by the most conservative estimate, 7 million gallons of crude have spilled into the Gulf, fouling Louisiana's marsh-

es, coating birds and other wildlife and curtailing fishing. "We're doing everything we can to bring it to closure, and actually we're executing this top kill job as efficiently and effectively as we can," BP Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles said Wednesday night.

The top kill has worked above ground but has never before been tried 5,000 feet beneath the sea. Company officials peg its chance of success at 60 to 70 percent. President Barack Obama said "there's no guarantees" it will work. The president planned a trip to Louisiana on Friday. "We're going to bring every resource necessary to put a stop to this thing," he said.

Engineers planned to monitor the well overnight and continue pumping in thousands of gallons of the drilling fluid, which is about twice as heavy as water.

"The absence of any news is good news," said Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen, who is overseeing the operation. He added: "It's a wait and see game here right now, so far nothing unfavorable."

Meanwhile, dozens of witness statements obtained by The Associated Press show a combination of equipment failures and a deference to the chain of command impeded the system that should have stopped the gusher before it became an environmental disaster.

OBITUARIES

Maria Wampol

Maria Wampol, age 83, of Yankton, died on Sunday, May 23, 2010 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 2010 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Bob Lacey officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 28, 2010 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton. Pallbearers will be Manfred



Wampol

Dehmer, Brian Zimmerman, Kenny Wampol and Rockie Wampol.

Maria was born on November 1, 1926 in Schongau, Germany to Josef and Victoria (Bußjäger) Dehmer. She was the youngest of three children, which included a sister, Wilhelmina Dehmer and a brother, Josef Dehmer. She grew up and attended school in Schongau, Germany.

After World War II, she worked in an American Military Commissary near her home town, where she met Staff Sergeant Frank Wampol from Tabor, SD whom she married on December 27, 1952. The family moved to Yankton, SD in 1968. Mrs. Wampol worked 12 years for Dale Electronics and 10 years for Gurney's Seed and Nursery

and was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Maria Wampol is survived by her sons, Wilhelm (Anneliese) Dehmer, and Frank Wampol, both of Yankton, SD, daughter, Betty Zimmerman, of Scotland, SD, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, three nieces, and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank, parents, sister, and brother.

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James 'Mike' Sizer

SCOTLAND — A memorial service for James Michael "Mike" Sizer, 51, of Scotland will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 28 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland, with one hour of visitation prior to the service.

There will also be a memorial service at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1 at the Augustana Lutheran Church in St. James, Minnesota, with one hour of visitation prior to the service.

Mike died on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at his residence near Scotland.

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

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Virginia Solberg

Funeral services for Virginia Solberg will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 28th, at Roseni Lutheran Church in rural Beresford.

Visitation will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Wass Funeral Home in Beresford with the family present from 6-8 p.m. and a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Virginia was born December 7, 1922 to Alfred and Jennie (Nielsen) Jacobsen in



Solberg

Yankton, SD. She died May 25, 2010 at Sanford Vermillion Care Center in Vermillion, SD at the age of 87 years, five months and 18 days.

Virginia was raised in the Gayville area, attending country school and graduating from Gayville High School. She got her teaching certificate from Springfield Teachers College and taught at Whitehall country school, Gayville, Centerville and Star country school. She met Raymond Solberg in 1943 and they married on June 30, 1952. Virginia was an active gardener and liked sewing and embroidery. She cared for her mother for 14

years before her death in 1995. Her parents preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond of Alcester; son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Patricia of Vermillion; two grandchildren, Jenelle and James of Vermillion; and two brothers, Harlan Jacobsen of Scottsdale, AZ and Marlow Jacobsen of Wenatchee, WA.

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Carol Vining

Carol Edith Vining, age 55, of Yankton, South Dakota died, Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Funeral services will be 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 29, 2010, at Calvary Baptist Church in Yankton with Reverend Jon Cooke officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton. Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral on Saturday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

To post an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Facebook To Simplify Privacy Controls

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook is simplifying its privacy controls amid growing unrest from many of its users.

Protesters have been organizing campaigns to quit Facebook and privacy groups have complained to regulators after Facebook announced new features last month, including "instant personalization" that tailors other websites to users' Facebook profiles.

One complaint has been over the fact that while Facebook allows users to hide their list of interests on their personal profile pages, the user would still show up elsewhere as "liking" that band, company or hobby.

Facebook said the changes will be rolled out in the coming weeks. It's not yet clear whether the latest changes will quell user unease.

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party members on Wednesday to gauge support.

But an endorsement by the Senate committee would be a crucial first step. The measure's chances were enhanced by a move to tuck it into a broader defense bill that authorizes billions of dollars in spending on U.S. troops. The bill typically includes popular provisions like a pay raise for the military.

"We are increasingly confident about the (bill) and that this could very well be a historic week in the United States Congress," said Marshall Wittmann, a spokesman for Sen. Joe Lieberman, a Connecticut independent, who is co-sponsoring the legislation.

In the House, Rep. Patrick Murphy, D-Pa., was expected to introduce the legislation as an amendment to the defense authorization bill.

NATION/WORLD DIGEST

Clinton: World Must Respond To NKorea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Wednesday the world must respond to the "unacceptable provocation" represented by the sinking of a South Korean warship blamed on Pyongyang, as the regime shelled out more blistering rhetoric against Seoul and Washington.

Tension on the divided Korean peninsula has risen dramatically since international investigators said last week that a torpedo fired by a North Korean submarine tore apart and sank the South Korean warship Cheonan on March 26, killing 46 sailors.

Relations are at their lowest point in a decade, when South Korea began reaching out to the North with unconditional aid as part of reconciliation efforts. South Korean President Lee Myung-bak has taken a harder line against Pyongyang since taking office in 2008 amid delays in the North's promised denuclearization and has suspended aid.

South Korea, backed by the U.S., Japan and other allies, began implementing a package of punitive measures against the North on Tuesday — ranging from slashing trade, resuming propaganda warfare and barring the North's cargo ships. Those were seen as among the strongest it could implement short of military action.

44 Reported Dead In Jamaica Raids

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaican security forces claimed a tenuous hold over the slum stronghold of a gang leader sought by the U.S., but only after battles that killed at least 44 civilians, the country's official ombudsman said Wednesday.

Officers and soldiers were still fighting holdout defenders of Christopher Coke, known as "Dudus," in pockets of the Tivoli Gardens area. He was still at large after nearly three days of street battles.

Bishop Herro Blair, Jamaica's most prominent evangelical pastor, told The Associated Press that independent evaluations have put the number of civilian dead at 44 in West Kingston alone. Police have said that at least four soldiers and police officers also have died in fighting in West Kingston and elsewhere around the capital.

Police earlier reported at least 26 civilian deaths and the country's embattled Prime Minister Bruce Golding promised an independent investigation into all civilian deaths during the operation.

Blair and Jamaica's public defender were escorted by security forces into Tivoli Gardens, where supporters of Coke began massing last week after Golding dropped his nine-month refusal to extradite him to the U.S.

Stocks Give Up Early Gains, Go Under 10,000

NEW YORK (AP) — A drop in the euro set off a late-day slide in stocks Wednesday and sent the Dow Jones industrial average to its first close below 10,000 in nearly four months.

The Dow, up 135 points in morning trading, ended down about 69. It was the eighth drop for the Dow in 10 days. Wednesday's trading extended a streak of volatility since stocks went to their highest level of the year in late April.

The late reversal underscored how jittery traders are about Europe. They are worried that heavy debt loads in European countries and more rounds of cost-cutting will hamper a recovery there, which could spread quickly to other regions.

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While Murphy said he had enough votes to pass it, some lawmakers — including Democratic Rep. Gene Taylor of Mississippi — threatened to pull their support from the entire defense bill if it did.

Taylor has been a staunch supporter of the annual defense bill for years. But spokesman Ethan Rabin said Wednesday that he feels strongly enough to vote against the massive spending bill if the measure were included.

The legislation was a compromise between the White House and a small group of lawmakers — including Lieberman and Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich. — who fear that efforts to lift the ban would be thwarted if Republicans take control of either the House or the Senate after elections in November.

Nelson said a caveat calling for the military to decide the particulars of implementing the policy was key to his support because it

"removes politics from the process" and ensures repeal is "consistent with military readiness and effectiveness."

Defense Secretary Robert Gates has said he supports repeal but would prefer that Congress wait to vote until he can talk to the troops and chart a path forward. A study ordered by Gates is due on Dec. 1.

"With Congress having indicated that is not possible, the secretary can accept the language in the proposed amendment," said Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell.

The service chiefs urged the panel not to vote until the Pentagon could interview military personnel. "The value of surveying the thoughts of Marines and their families is that it signals to my Marines that their opinions matter," Marine Commandant James Conway wrote in a letter to Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the panel's top Republican.

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The family of Shawn Donald Potts would like to express our gratitude to everyone for their kindness and sympathy at the time of his death.
The visits, calls, cards, memorials, flowers, food and prayers were greatly appreciated.
A special thank you to the Crofton Ambulance crew, Wintz Funeral Home, Deacon Marcus, Yankton Medical Clinic and Celeste of Avera ER for their compassion, assistance and guidance during this difficult time.
May God bless you all.
Jill, Matthew and Frank Potts
Don and Peggy Schiedel and family

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Yesterday's Solution

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Home of the Free, Thanks to the Brave.
In times of war and peace, the men and women of our military dedicate themselves to serving our country. Their commitment, patriotism, sacrifice and courage keep our country safe and strong. On Memorial Day, we honor those who have lost their lives in the line of duty, and salute those who serve today.

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