

06/01/10

OIL SPILL LATEST

MARTIN BERLANGA/ MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:54

BP's stock plummeted and took much of the market down with it as federal prosecutors announced criminal and civil investigations into the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. With the ambitious "top kill" having failed over the weekend and a relief well at least two months away, BP engineers began an effort to saw through the pipe leaking the oil and cap it. President Barack met for the first time Tuesday with the co-chairmen of an independent commission investigating the spill, while Attorney General Eric Holder traveled to the Gulf to meet with state attorneys general and federal prosecutors.

CANCER VACCINE

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ NEW YORK

PKG 2:06

A doctor from the Cleveland Clinic claims he developed a vaccine that could prevent breast cancer and save the lives of millions of women, Fox8.com reports. The treatment was tested on mice and showed "overwhelmingly favorable results." Dr. Vincent Tuohy, who led the research at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio, said there was evidence in the initial tests that the vaccine could prevent cancers from forming and stop the growth of existing tumors.

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06/02/10

OIL SPILL LATEST

LOURDES DEL RIO. VENICE, LOUISIANA

PKG 2:58

Engineers trying to cap the pipe that's sending oil into the Gulf of Mexico may have to bring in a second saw to finish cutting the pipe. The one they've been using became stuck in the pipe today. Crews are still hoping to free it and then finish the cut later today. The work is taking place even as oil drifts closer to the white sand beaches of Florida's Panhandle. Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen says crews are shooting chemical dispersants at oil that began leaking when the saw became stuck. This is the second major cut in the effort to contain -- not plug -- the nation's worst spill.

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6/3/10

OIL SPILL

LOURDES DEL RIO. VENICE, LOUISIANA

PKG 2:20 AND LIVE

BP Chief Executive Officer Tony Hayward says the company should know in 12 to 24 hours whether its latest effort will contain the Gulf oil spill, though he conceded the attempt is risky. Hayward said Thursday that the risk had been reduced after a major pipe was cut away earlier in the day. Government officials have warned that cutting away the pipe could, at least temporarily, increase the flow of oil by 20 percent. Hayward says the company will be on the Gulf coast for a long time cleaning up the spill and will continue until every drop of oil is recovered. Shears succeeded where a saw failed yesterday. But Coast Guard Adm.

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6/4/10

OBAMA OIL SPILL

LOURDES DEL RIO. GRAND ISLA, FLORIDA

PKG 2:15 AND LIVE

President Barack Obama isn't happy that BP is spending money on advertising and paying dividends to shareholders in the midst of the crisis in the Gulf of Mexico. While on his third trip to the region, Obama says he doesn't want to hear the company is "nickeling and diming" fishermen or small businesses who are affected by the oil spill.

UNEMPLOYMENT LATEST

FERNANDO PIZARRO. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:19

Private employers dramatically cut back their rate of job creation in May, according to a government report released Friday that cast doubt on at least one aspect of the nation's economic recovery. On the surface, the report was full of good news. The nation added 431,000 jobs, the best since March 2000,

and the unemployment rate fell to 9.7 percent in May, from 9.9 percent. But the job creation was overwhelmingly driven by hiring for the once-a-decade census. Private employers added only 41,000 jobs, far below both the 218,000 added in April and the 180,000 private sector jobs employers had expected.

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6/7/10

OIL SPILL LATEST

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BP is now collecting about 11,000 barrels per day of the leak volume with a containment cap over the blown-out well, and plans to nearly double collection efforts in coming days to 20,000 barrels per day. The ultimate solution remains the drilling of two relief wells expected to be completed in August, a lengthy, expensive but more reliable way to intercept and cap the leaking well. With an eye toward the U.S. hurricane season that began June 1, BP and the U.S. government are designing an oil-collection system that can be quickly connected and disconnected in the event that stormy seas require the temporary abandonment of oil-collection efforts. BP is also preparing containment enhancements that BP Chief Executive Tony Hayward says could capture "the vast majority" of the oil. The first will be ready in mid-June, and the second in early July, BP says.

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6/8/10

OIL SPILL LATEST

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BP said it collected 14,800 barrels of oil Monday, 33 percent more than Sunday. U.S. experts investigating reports of undersea oil plumes emanating from BP's stricken well have confirmed the presence of low levels of oil below the surface. Jane Lubchenco, head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told a briefing in Washington. BP Chief Executive Tony Hayward will testify before House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on June 17, a company spokesman said. The six-month U.S. moratorium on deep water oil

drilling should cut 2011 crude output by about 25 million barrels, the top U.S. energy forecaster said on Tuesday. The Obama Administration signaled on Tuesday that the oil industry faces stringent oversight after the Gulf oil disaster, even as the administration moved to partially reopen offshore drilling.

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6/9/10

IMMIGRATION PRICES UP
LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:57

US Immigration Services will announce today that benefit fees will again increase for immigrants seeking permanent residence, naturalization, adjustment of status, etc. The cost of obtaining a green card, business visa and other immigration benefits will increase an average 10 percent under a proposal announced Wednesday by federal immigration officials. But, in a move hailed by immigrant advocates, officials decided not to propose any fee hikes for citizenship applications, one of the largest and most politically popular categories of immigration benefits. Citizenship fees were increased by nearly 70 percent to \$675 in 2007, which immigrant advocates say contributed to a sharp drop in the number of citizenship applications in the last two years.

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6/11/10

OIL SPILL LATEST
VO :21

The news from the gulf seems to be getting only worse. New estimates for the amount of oil spilling out of that ruptured well may have been twice as much as previously thought--making its impact on the area's fragile environment, even more dire. And now, according to the man overseeing operations, it will be at least july before bp has tankers in place to capture all of that spewing

oil--and that's if undersea efforts to direct the oil to the surface, succeed.

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6/14/10

OBAMA ANNOUNCES HIS PICKS FOR OIL SPILL COMMISSION CRISTINA PUIG-MIAMI, FL PKG

1:40 U.S. President Barack Obama announced Monday the names of five people he wants to round out a seven-person commission to study the causes of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill and make recommendations for the future of offshore drilling. The group of men and women included academics and environmentalists but did not appear to include anyone from the oil industry. "I am grateful they have agreed to serve as we work to determine the causes of this catastrophe and implement the safety and environmental protections we need to prevent a similar disaster from happening again," Obama said in a statement released by the White House.

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6/15/10

OIL SPILL LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA-WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:01

National anger rising, President Barack Obama is defending his efforts against the country's worst environmental disaster and hoping his first Oval Office address Tuesday night will stoke confidence that he can see the job through until the gushing oil is gone and Gulf Coast lives are back to normal. Obama said in Pensacola, Fla., capping a two-day inspection tour of the stricken region before flying back to Washington for his evening address to the nation. Eight weeks to the day after an offshore oil rig leased by BP PLC exploded, killed 11 workers and sent tens of millions of gallons of crude flooding into the Gulf of Mexico, Obama's high-stakes speech came during a week of constantly unfolding drama.

TPS FOR GUATEMALANS
LUIS MEGID-SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

Tropical Storm Agatha tore through Guatemala over the weekend, leaving hundreds dead and a sinkhole in the middle of Guatemala City that swallowed up

an entire intersection. On Tuesday, the country's main daily reported the foreign minister is going to ask for temporary protected status for Guatemalans living in the United States. TPS is a legal status granted to immigrants unable to return to their native countries because of war or natural catastrophes. On Monday, president Alvaro Colom asked the World Bank

for a \$85 million loan for reconstruction. If TPS is granted, it would be the

first time Guatemalans received the special immigration status. Given the scope of the damage, the State Department is likely to waive any objections.

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