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BP caps oil leak



Spill in Gulf contained — for now

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NEW ORLEANS — Oil stopped gushing into the Gulf of Mexico from BP's busted well Thursday for the first time since the disastrous spill began, the oil giant said. It was the most significant milestone yet in BP's effort to control one of the worst environmental disasters in U.S. history. Now begins a waiting period

to see if the cap can hold the oil without blowing a new leak in the well. Engineers will monitor pressure readings incrementally for up to 48 hours before reopening the cap while they decide what to do next. The cap is only planned as a temporary fix until a final plug is set from underground, maybe next month.

The news elicited joy mixed with skepticism from Gulf Coast residents wearied by months of

false starts, setbacks and failures. Alabama Gov. Bob Riley's face lit up when he heard the oil flow had stopped.

"That's great. I think a lot of prayers were answered today," said Riley.

The stoppage came 85 days, 16 hours and 25 minutes after the first report April 20 of an explosion on the BP-leased

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Charlotte County Airport renamed

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PUNTA GORDA — A proposal to change the name of the Charlotte County Airport to the Punta Gorda Airport passed Thursday with flying colors.

The Airport Authority voted 4-0 in favor of the name change, which was driven mostly by the staff at the Airport Road facility, which referred to the proposal strictly as a business matter.

Authority member Kathleen Coppola was absent from the meeting.

Southwest Florida is a destination for many people in the Midwest and the Northeast, said executive director Gary Quill.

But tourists are overlooking the Charlotte County Airport because its moniker puzzles them, Quill claimed.

"Those people do not know where Charlotte County is," he said.

Not so, according to critics of the new airport name.

Charlotte County Commission Chairman Bob Starr addressed the Airport Authority before members voted Thursday morning.

Starr suggested that the new name would be a disservice to Charlotte County as a whole, and to the economic development efforts countywide.

The newly dubbed Punta Gorda Airport occupies more than 1,900 acres of land. The airport was first named the Punta Gorda Army Airfield after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built a training base on the land.

That storied history was also considered by the Airport Authority in the name change, said chairman Don Lee.

It's not so much a name change but

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Ship hull found at Ground Zero

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Workers at the World Trade Center site are excavating a 32-foot-long ship hull that apparently was used in the 18th century as part of the fill that extended lower Manhattan into the Hudson River.

It was hoped that the artifact could be retrieved by the end of Thursday, said archaeologist Molly McDonald. A boat specialist planned to look at it.

McDonald said she wanted to at least salvage some timbers; it was unclear if any large portions could be lifted intact.

"We're mostly clearing it by hand because it's kind of fragile," she said, but construction equipment could be used later in the process.

McDonald and archaeologist A. Michael



AP PHOTO

The curved ribs of a wood hull of a 32-foot-long 18th-century boat pole up from the mud at the World Trade Center site, Thursday in New York.

Pappalardo were at the site of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks when the discovery was made Tuesday morning.

"We noticed curved timbers that a back hoe brought up," McDonald said Wednesday. "We quickly found the rib of a

vessel and continued to clear it away and expose the hull over the last two days."

The two archeologists work for AKRE, a firm hired to document artifacts discovered at the site. They called the find significant

but said more study was needed to determine the age of the ship.

"We're going to send timber samples to a laboratory to do dendrochronology that will help us to get a sense of when the boat was constructed," said McDonald. Dendrochronology is the science that uses tree rings to determine dates and chronological order.

A 100-pound anchor was found a few yards from the ship hull on Wednesday, but they're not sure if it belongs to the ship. It's 3 to 4 feet across, McDonald said.

The archaeologists are racing to record and analyze the vessel before the delicate wood, now exposed to air, begins to deteriorate.

"I kept thinking of how closely it came to being destroyed," Pappalardo said.

Iraqis take over last prison in US control

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BAGHDAD — Iraq assumed control of the last U.S.-run prison camp in the country on Thursday, a milestone that casts a spotlight on the Iraqi government's troubled record of caring for inmates amid allegations of torture and overcrowding at Iraqi-run facilities.

The change in command at Camp Cropper — which was renamed Karkh Prison — marks the end of a troubling chapter in the U.S. presence in the country, which was marred in the early years by photographs showing American soldiers abusing inmates

at the notorious Abu Ghraib prison.

It also raised questions about how well prepared the Iraqis are to handle the detainees. Inmates in Iraqi detention facilities have repeatedly complained about torture and beatings by the police, as well as overcrowding and poor conditions behind bars. Prisoners in U.S. custody, meanwhile, have benefited from reforms in the wake of the 2004 Abu Ghraib scandal.

"The main problem in the Iraqi-run prisons, whether in Baghdad or other provinces, is the incompetent administration," said Abdul-Rahman



AP PHOTO

Iraq's Minister of Justice Dara Noureddin, left, and U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Jerry Cannon, right, hold a symbolic key to the US Theater Internment Facility at Camp Cropper during a ceremony transferring the facility to Iraqi control, Thursday in Baghdad.

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Congress passes strict Wall Street bill

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WASHINGTON — Congress on Thursday passed the stiffest restrictions on banks and Wall Street since the Great Depression, clamping down on lending practices and expanding consumer protections to prevent a repeat of the 2008 meltdown that knocked the economy to its knees.

A year in the making and 22 months after the collapse of Lehman Brothers triggered a worldwide panic in credit and other markets, the bill cleared its final hurdle with a 60-39 Senate vote. It now goes to the White House for President Barack Obama's signature, expected as early as Wednesday.

The law will give the government new powers to break up companies that threaten the economy, create a new agency to guard consumers in their financial transactions and shine a light into shadow financial markets that escaped the oversight of regulators.

Large, failing financial institutions would be liquidated and the costs assessed on their surviving peers. The Federal Reserve is getting new powers while falling under greater congressional scrutiny.

From storefront payday lenders to the biggest banking and investment houses on Wall Street, few players in the financial world are immune to the bill's reach. Consumer and investor transactions, whether simple debit card swipes or the most complex securities trades, face new safeguards or restrictions.

"I'm about to sign Wall Street reform into law, to protect consumers and lay the



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CHARLIE SAYS ...
I hope that cap stays on for good.