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GULF COAST OIL SPILL

85 days, 16 hours, 25 minutes and 184 million gallons

Crew members of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Resolute watch Thursday as BP announces that it had capped its hemorrhaging well in the Gulf of Mexico, at least temporarily.



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The leak that has spewed since April 20 finally stops after BP seals it with a 75-ton cap and crosses its fingers it will hold

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NEW ORLEANS — The oil has stopped. For now.

After 85 days and up to 184 million gallons, BP finally gained control over the environmental catastrophe Thursday by placing a carefully fitted cap over

a runaway geyser that has been gushing crude into the Gulf of Mexico since early spring.

Though a temporary fix, the accomplishment was greeted with hope, high expectations and, in many cases along the beleaguered coastline, disbelief. From one Gulf Coast resident came this: "Hallelujah." And from another: "I got to see it to believe it."

If the cap holds, if the seafloor doesn't crack and if the relief wells being prepared are completed successfully, this could be the beginning of the end for the spill. But that's a lot of ifs, and no one was declaring any sort of victory

beyond the moment.

The oil stopped flowing at 2:25 p.m. CDT when the last of three valves in the 75-ton cap was slowly throttled shut. That set off a 48-hour watch in which — much like the hours immediately after a surgery — the patient was in stable, guarded condition and being watched closely for complications.

"It's a great sight," said BP Chief Operating Officer Doug Sutt, who immediately urged caution. The flow, he said, could resume. "It's far from the finish line. ... It's not the time to celebrate."

Nevertheless, one comforting fact Please see **OIL SPILL**, Page A4

Finance reform reverses decades of deregulation

Wall Street | GOP calls the approved bill a government intrusion into ordinary lives

By JIM PUZZANGHERA
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WASHINGTON — Almost two years after a financial crisis triggered the worst recession since the Great Depression, the Senate approved a bold and controversial legislation aimed at preventing a repeat — and set the stage for a showdown over the issue in this fall's midterm elections.

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The 60-39 vote Thursday was a major victory for President Barack Obama and Democratic leaders and marked the second landmark overhaul — the first was health care reform — that the administration has pushed through Congress this year.

Obama is expected to sign the elaborate bill next week in an elaborate ceremony touting it as evidence that Democrats are standing up for Main Street against the powerful financial industry and its Republican allies.

Supporters said it gives the government desperately needed tools to avoid future corporate bailouts and prevent financial companies from gouging consumers on mortgages and other financial products.

"Because of this reform, the American people will never again be asked to foot the bill for Wall Street's mistakes," Obama said. "There will be no more taxpayer-funded bailouts, period."

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., stands with Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass.; (from left) Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C.; and Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., before Congress signed off on the toughest restrictions on banks and Wall Street since the Great Depression.



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Mark Mott (center) talks to his neighbor Martin Obando in Mott's garage about beer he's brewing while his daughter, Melanie, 7, and son, John, 20 months (under the table), play. The two Hillsboro neighbors brew their own beer, but for now their home brew is homebound because of a new focus on an old law. Under a new legal opinion, Obando and Mott can't walk a bottle a few doors down to each other's houses.

Craft brews under house arrest

Turns out, homemade beer and wine must legally stay there and not at contests, clubs

By JESSICA VAN BERKEL
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Last year, Russ Burrows' sweet blueberry wine took home a blue ribbon at the Oregon State Fair. Hoping for more recognition and feedback this year, he entered a dessert wine and a sweet blackberry wine.

Instead, his bottles are two of 200 returning to their makers — no ribbons, no comments and no competition.

The freeze on statewide contests for homemade beer and wine follows a state Department of Justice interpretation of a law regulating where the drinks can be consumed.

Turns out, it's far more limited than anyone thought.

In what Burrows, state fair officials and some legislators are calling a drastic step, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission is prohibiting home brewers and winemakers from drinking or sharing their carefully crafted stouts and pinots outside their homes. Violation is a Class A misdemeanor.

The decision came after the Deschutes Brewery in Bend asked a liquor commission manager a couple of months ago if home brewers could bring their beers to an event. The request was uncommon and was relayed back to the Department of Justice, which consulted the almost 80-year-old Oregon statute saying home brewers can make and keep "naturally fermented wines and

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Share your opinion about the OLCC decision and keep up with the political fallout that will no doubt follow at oregonlive.com/politics

Allen joins other billionaires in pledging to share his wealth

Charity | The Trail Blazers owner says "philanthropic efforts will continue after my lifetime"

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Portland Trail Blazers owner Paul Allen said Thursday that the majority of his wealth will go to philanthropy after his death.

The Seattle billionaire, who made his fortune as the co-founder of Microsoft, says that has been his plan for years.

Aaron Blank, a spokesman for the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, said the announcement was a response to last month's challenge from Bill Gates and Warren Buffett, who asked other billionaires to pledge at least half their wealth to charity. This

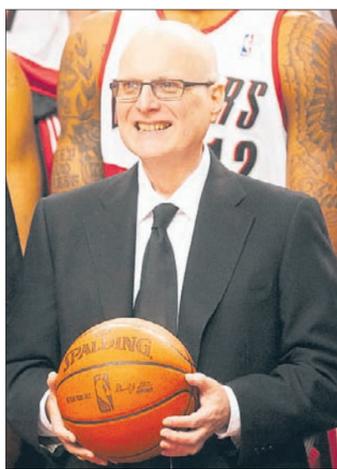
is the first time Allen has publicly announced his intentions, Blank said.

"There are many challenges, both here in the Northwest and around the world that I know will keep us looking for ways to help," Allen said in a statement.

"Today I also want to announce that my philanthropic efforts will continue after my lifetime," he added. "I've planned for many years now that the majority of my estate will be left to philanthropy to continue the work of the foundation and to fund nonprofit scientific research, like the groundbreaking work being done at the Allen Institute for Brain Science."

Allen's impact on the Northwest has been enormous, most visibly as owner of the Blazers of the NBA and the Seattle Seahawks of the NFL.

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Trail Blazers owner Paul Allen posed for a team picture with players and coaches before a March game at the Rose Garden.

Vatican speeds abuse discipline

The Vatican revises its internal laws Thursday making it easier to discipline priests for sexual abuse. It also states that ordaining women as priests was as grave an offense as pedophilia | A6

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