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NOTEWORTHY

Candidate 'action figure' to debut

CLEMSON, S.C. — Alvin Greene action figures are here — thanks to a South Carolina minor league baseball team. The Charleston RiverDogs will give out statues of the Democratic U.S. Senate candidate at Saturday's game. Greene, who shocked the political establishment by winning the primary without campaigning, has suggested manufacturing action figures of himself could spur economic growth.

The statues are actually male Statue of Liberty figures the team planned to give away as a different promotion based on a Georgia group's plan to build a mate for New York's Lady Liberty on the South Carolina coast. After hearing Greene's idea, the RiverDogs decided to put a picture of his face on the statues instead.

"Who better epitomizes the American dream that anything is possible than Mr. Greene?" said RiverDogs General Manager Dave Echols.

— The Associated Press

Cap halts flow of oil into Gulf

Watch begins; BP can't declare victory yet

By COLLEEN LONG and HARRY R. WEBER
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The oil has stopped. For now.

After 85 days and up to 184 million gallons, BP finally gained control over one of America's biggest environmental catastrophes 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 sea floor doesn't crack and if the relief wells



Suttles

The oil stopped flowing at 3:25 p.m., when the last of three valves in the 75-ton cap was throttled shut.

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.

That set off a 48-hour watch period 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 Suttles, who urged caution. The flow, he said, could resume. "It's far from the finish line. ... It's not the time

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HENDERSONVILLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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Weather art by Caitlin Beddingfield, 8, Etowah Elementary School.

We invite children to send in their weather art. Limit size to 8x10. Send to: City Editor, Times-News, P.O. Box 490, Hendersonville, NC 28793.

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Fox Carolina broadcast its morning show live from downtown Hendersonville on Thursday. Above, members of Pat's School of Dance perform in front of the Historic Courthouse. At left, morning anchors Cody Alcorn, left, and Margaret Burnquist interview David Suber with Daddy D's Suber Soul Food.

More photos online

To view a photo gallery from the Fox Carolina "Town Takeover" broadcast in Hendersonville, visit BlueRidgeNow.com.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

Campers get rabies shots

Dozens inoculated after bats close DARE camp

By JESSICA GOODMAN
Times-News Staff Writer

DARE camp might be over for the summer, but about 40 campers, counselors, staff and parents tried to keep the fun going Wednesday as some waited to get rabies shots at Pardee Urgent Care.

More than three dozen people filled one section of the waiting room, where they played board games and ate snacks as they waited to be called back for their series of shots. The treatments were given as a precaution after bats were discovered in sleeping cabins at Camp Pinnacle on Monday.

Photos online

To view a photo gallery from DARE camp, visit BlueRidgeNow.com.



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The waiting room took on a fun, family atmosphere. Campers and counselors cheered for each other as they were called back, and they compared the number of shots when they returned. Some stayed as many as five or six hours waiting for everyone to be seen.

"It's been a little batty," Tonya



PATRICK SULLIVAN/TIMES-NEWS

Tracy George, a registered nurse at Pardee Urgent Care, gives a rabies vaccine to Josh Davis-Peterson, 14, on Wednesday.