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## With tighter cap on, pressure test could reveal damage

But BP, White House are relieved to see gushing oil stopped

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some hope for a battered region — and officials from BP to the White House.

ATLANTA — With slow, carefully monitored half-turns of a valve 5,000 feet below the sea, BP finally stopped oil from gushing out of its disabled Gulf of Mexico well Thursday afternoon, though officials cautioned that the well may be too fragile to maintain a seal for long.

The problem is that pipes below the ocean floor may prove to be too damaged to handle a full seal.

But news that the gushing oil had stopped at least temporarily provided

“As you can imagine, it felt very good not to see any oil going into the Gulf of Mexico,” said BP Senior Vice President Kent Wells, who announced the closure at an afternoon press conference. “What I’m trying to do is maintain my emotions. Remember, this is the start of our test.”

Up to 184 million gallons of oil has gushed into the Gulf since the April 20 explosion at the Deepwater Horizon

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At far left, oil gushes from the new cap atop the Deepwater Horizon well Wednesday. At near left, in an image provided by BP on Thursday, the flow of oil has been choked off after the valves were closed on the cap.

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Dozens of area young people learn the value of volunteering through a United Way program this summer.

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### Financial overhaul is approved

The Senate OKs legislation addressing the regulation of the financial industry.

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## WE'LL ALL WORK UP A SWEAT



Pedestrians cross the 10th Street bridge after Wednesday evening's storms. Thursday wasn't bad, with a high of 86 and lower humidity. That won't last.

BY MICHAEL O'CONNOR | WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Get ready for a serious case of prickly heat. Temperatures are expected to hang in the 90s into the middle of next week for much of the region, giving us our first long blast of heat this summer.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

Temperatures should hit the low to mid-90s — hot enough to make a car seat feel like a griddle. (The Panhandle should top 100 Saturday.) Some areas may get a slight break Sunday and Monday, but then back into the oven. There may be a stray thunderstorm, but the main thing you'll need an umbrella for is shade.

### WE'VE SEEN WORSE

We've had it hotter for longer. Omaha's temperature hit 90 or higher during 16 days of a 19-day period in July 2006. Four days hit 100 or higher. And just think about places like Phoenix, which should hit 114 Friday. Just another warm day down there.

### WE'VE SEEN BETTER

If you remember last July being a little on the cool side, you're right. It was one of the mildest on record. The high averaged 81.7, nearly 6 degrees below normal.

### STAYING SAFE

Drink 16 to 32 ounces of water per hour if you're out huffing and puffing on the jogging trail or working in the garden. Pets can dehydrate quickly, so provide lots of fresh, clean water, and keep them inside.

### GOING GREEN

Even after all the rain, lawns are vulnerable to drying out quickly. Poke your lawn with a screwdriver. If it goes in easily, you've got enough moisture to keep your green carpet going. If not, water early in the day.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Office; AccuWeather Inc.; National Weather Service

## 2 a.m. bar closing doubtful in Lincoln

■ Lancaster County and its small towns don't want the later hour, and the capital is likely to follow suit.

BY LESLIE REED  
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

LINCOLN — Lancaster County and the small towns outside Lincoln are saying “No, thanks” to a 2 a.m. closing time for bars in their communities.

“Let's be hard-nosed about it,” said County Board member Bob Workman during a Thursday meeting of the board and officials from several villages in Lancaster County. “Why should we leap ahead to two o'clock?”

If that position holds, it could spell doom for efforts to enact later closing hours for college bars and other watering holes within the Lincoln city limits.

Lincoln City Council Chairman John Spatz said the major impetus for the capital city to adopt a later closing time is to keep its bar hours consistent with neighboring towns.

The issue arises because a new state law took effect Thursday that gives cities and other local governments the option of adopting a 2 a.m. closing time. Previous law required bars to close at 1 a.m.

Omaha is among several Nebraska cities and towns that have adopted a 2 a.m. closing time.

The Lancaster County Board has jurisdiction only over bars in unincorporated areas, while city and village officials make the call on bars in their towns. None of the villages represented

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### IN MIDLANDS

Gov. Dave Heineman is being lobbied to preserve the ban on alcohol in state parks. Page 1B

## RFD-TV chief plans downtown dog-and-pony show

The taxidermic mount of Western star Roy Rogers' horse, Trigger, at Christie's auction house in New York. Nebraskan Patrick Gottsch has bought the horse, as well as Rogers' dog, Bullet.



BY ERIN GRACE  
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Bullet, of course, had to come home, too. After Elkhorn-area businessman Patrick Gottsch secured Trigger, the famed horse of famed movie cowboy Roy Rogers, he went after another piece of Americana for auction Thursday at Christie's in New York: Roy's famous dog, Bullet.

Now Gottsch plans to display both Trigger and Bullet to the public in a new downtown Omaha headquarters for RFD-TV, his 10-year-old rural-themed cable network, probably within the next year. Gottsch has been talking to city officials about a site but

hasn't finalized anything.

Wednesday, Gottsch paid more than \$266,000 for the golden palomino. Thursday he added Bullet to his collection, paying \$35,000. The two animals, which appeared in dozens of movies and on Rogers' 1950s TV show, were taxidermically preserved after they died. They had been on display at the Roy Rogers and Dale Evans Museum in Branson, Mo., until it closed last year. Christie's auctioned the museum's collection Wednesday and Thursday.

“Got Trigger some company,” said Gottsch late Thursday afternoon from



Gottsch

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