

FINAL SCORES



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Rory McIlroy: Shoots record-tying 63.

### Open field unwinds as breeze takes a breather

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### Weekend gas gauge

	Regular	Mid	Premium
Current average	\$2.718 ▲	\$2.886 ▲	\$2.990 ▲
Week ago	\$2.717	\$2.884	\$2.988
Year ago	\$2.504	\$2.659	\$2.754

Source: AAA.com; arrows show direction of prices from previous week

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#### Forgetting things not that unusual

Percentage of adults who say that they are organized:

- 67% Organized

And those who say they have:

- 52% Misplaced keys
- 35% Missed an important appointment
- 34% Forgotten a family birthday
- 11% Forgotten wedding anniversary

Source: Greenfield Online for Avery Dennison

By Anne R. Carey and Paul Trap, USA TODAY

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Before and after cap: Oil that spewed from the BP wellhead Sunday, left, was completely stopped Thursday for the first time in 87 days.

## BP caps ruptured well, but more hurdles remain

By Dan Vergano  
USA TODAY

After gushing for 87 days, does the worst oil spill in U.S. history have an end in sight?

Engineers with oil giant BP closed valves on their new 150,000-pound cap atop the ruptured well Thursday afternoon, and at 3:25 p.m. ET, for the first time in three months, oil stopped pouring from the broken well.

"I'm very excited to see oil stop flowing into the Gulf of Mexico," BP Senior Vice President Kent

Wells said at an afternoon briefing. "For the people living on the Gulf, I'm certainly not going to guess their emotions. I hope they're encouraged. . . . But we have to be careful."

BP engineers now will watch pressure readings to look for signs that any new leaks may develop. "Depending on what the test shows us, we may need to open this well back up," Wells said.

Even President Obama weighed in, saying that the end of the oil flow was a positive sign but that "we're still in the testing phase."

The success of the new cap, the best hope yet of containing the leak, still rides on pressure tests that began late Wednesday. In a metaphor for the bumpy progress of containing the disaster, the testing halted when a valve in the new cap started leaking. It was fixed, and the oil stopped flowing.

But for how long? Engineers will monitor the pressure readings over 48 hours.

Looming even larger is the work on a nearby re-

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## The globe sizzles to record for the year

By Oren Dorell  
USA TODAY

The world is hotter than ever. March, April, May and June set records, making 2010 the warmest year worldwide since record-keeping began in 1880, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says.

"It's part of an overall trend," says Jay Lawrimore, climate analysis chief at NOAA's National Climatic Data Center. "Global temperatures . . . have been rising for the last 100-plus years. Much of the increase is due to increases in greenhouse gases."

There were exceptions: June was cooler than average across Scandinavia, southeastern China, and the northwestern USA, according to NOAA's report.

If nothing changes, Lawrimore predicts:

► Flooding rains like those in Nashville in May will be more common.

"The atmosphere is able to hold more water as it warms, and greater water content leads to greater downpours," he says.

► Heavy snow, like the record snows that crippled Baltimore and Washington last winter, is likely to increase because storms are moving north. Also, the Great Lakes aren't freezing as early or as much. "As cold outbreaks occur, cold air goes over the Great



By Saul Young, Knoxville (Tenn.) News Sentinel, via AP  
A solution in Tennessee: Kenadee Carpenter throws water on Trey Dougherty in Knoxville.

### 4 torrid months in 2010

The worldwide average temperatures for the past four months were the highest since record-keeping began in 1880.

**March**  
56.3°F  
20th century avg. 54.9°F

**April**  
58.1°F  
20th century avg. 56.7°F

**May**  
59.8°F  
20th century avg. 58.6°F

**June**  
61.1°F  
20th century avg. 59.9°F

Source: National Climatic Data Center, a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Lakes, picks up moisture and dumps on the Northeast," he says.

► Droughts are likely to be more severe and heat waves more frequent.

► More arctic ice will disappear, speeding up warming, as the Arctic Ocean warms "more than would happen if the sea ice were in place," he says. Arctic sea ice was at a record low in June.

Marc Morano, a global-warming skeptic who edits the Climate Depot website, says the government "is playing the climate fear card by hyping predictions and cherry-picking data."

Joe D'Aleo, a meteorologist who co-founded The Weather Channel, disagrees, too. He says oceans are entering a cooling cycle that will lower temperatures.

He says too many of the weather stations NOAA uses are in warmer urban areas.

"The only reliable data set right now is satellite," D'Aleo says.

He says NASA satellite data shows the average temperature in June was 0.43 degrees higher than normal. NOAA says it was 1.22 degrees higher.

## Ad frenzy hits TV for fall elections

### 'Incumbent insecurity' helps double '06 pace

By Fredreka Schouten  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Congressional candidates, political parties and special-interest groups have spent more than \$139 million on TV ads to influence November's federal elections, more than twice the spending at this point in 2006, new data show.

Political advertising for state races, where 37 governors' contests are underway, also is on the rise. State-level candidates, parties and outside interests have pumped \$225 million into TV commercials, up from \$193 million four years earlier, according to Evan Tracey of the Campaign Media Analysis Group, which tracks political ads. A party breakdown was not available.

The spending is on pace to break records, Tracey said, as advocacy groups race to influence the midterm elections. "Incumbent insecurity" also is pushing lawmakers on the airwaves early "because they know they can't wait to let themselves be defined" by opponents, he said.

"There is going to be more money than there is airtime to buy," Tracey said.

Outside groups plan to pour millions more into contests that will determine which party sets the agenda on issues such as immigration policy and climate-change legislation. Democrats

control Congress, but the president's party traditionally loses seats in midterm elections.

The swelling tide is led by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which has battled President Obama and Democrats on the new health care law along with a bill passed by the Senate on Thursday that imposes tighter regulations on the financial industry. The business group plans a record \$75 million blitz this year, more than double its 2008 spending.

"The corporate community feels under attack," said Bill Miller, the chamber's senior vice president of political affairs. "We need to do something to change the makeup of this Congress."

Others hitting the airwaves:

► The Service Employees International Union, which has budgeted \$44 million on congressional and governors' races this year, up from the \$33 million the union spent in 2006, the last midterm election. It will run TV ads in 15 to 20 competitive House races and eight to 10 Senate contests, political director Jon Youngdahl said.

► Health Care for America Now, which spent \$53 million over two years to back the health care law, will work in two dozen races in 15 states, Executive Director Ethan Rome said.

► A GOP group, American Crossroads, has \$30 million in financial commitments, said Chairman Mike Duncan, a former Republican National Committee chairman.

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