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BP finally closes Gulf oil gusher

But how long can cap hold?

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The oil has stopped. For now. After 85 days and up to 184 million gallons, BP fi-

nally 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 being prepared

AT A GLANCE

For the first time since April 20, oil is no longer spewing into the Gulf of Mexico at 5,000 feet down.

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 victo-

ry beyond the moment. The oil stopped flowing at 3:25 p.m. EDT when the last of three valves in the 75-ton cap was slowly throttled shut. That set off a 48-hour watch period in which — much like the

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Revolutionary cleaning



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Kenny Glaveskas applies wax Thursday to the statue of Charlottesville native George Rogers Clark, the Revolutionary War officer, at the intersection of University and Jefferson Park avenues. The Maryland-based Standard Restoration is on a

monthlong project to spruce up all of the University of Virginia's statues, including those on the Lawn. For this brass Clark statue, workers cleaned the piece and then heated the statue with propane torches before applying a protective coating of wax.

Judge denies bond in case over Louisa girl's torture

By Reed Williams
Media General News Service

LOUISA — A man accused in the alleged torture of his 8-year-old stepgranddaughter shook his head and looked away when a prosecutor confronted him Thursday with pictures of the girl's injuries.

Ronald Jewell, his voice quavering at times, testified that he saw his wife and codefendant, Laura Jewell, pull the girl's hair once, but he denied having known about the severity of the child's injuries.

A judge denied his request for bond. Arraignments for both defendants are set for July 28.

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Bel Rio landlord plans to limit evening music

Restaurant crux of Belmont noise debate

By Rachana Dixit
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Bel Rio's landlord says the restaurant will no longer be allowed to have DJs and more raucous performances, and will instead be limited to jazz and similar entertainment.

Building owner Jeff Easter said that he told Jim Baldi, owner of the Belmont eatery that has been at the center of Charlottesville's prolonged nighttime noise debate, that Bel Rio would have to stick to jazz-type music from now on, as the lease originally indicated. Otherwise the restaurant would be out of compliance with its lease.

"I'm gonna hold him to it," Easter said Thursday.

Recently, Bel Rio has been diversifying its late-night attractions, bringing in DJs and not sticking only to the lighter instrumental music that Easter said was intended.

"Why wasn't that done much earlier?" Douglas Avenue resident Jennifer Braverman said. "Because people have been kept up for months and months."

Easter said Baldi recently told him that it would be hard to offer only jazz and still be able to make a living.

An undated sign has been posted on Bel Rio's front door saying the restaurant is closed for two weeks because of vacation and for kitchen renovations.

Ruckus in Belmont

Contention has kept increasing between Bel Rio and its residential neighbors who border Belmont's commercial area.



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"This two-week thing on the door totally caught me by surprise," Easter said. "He's not told me he's closed the doors."

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Governor touts Va. job growth

State's north sees the most

By Tyler Whitley
Media General News Service

RICHMOND — Virginia ranks third in the nation in the number of new jobs created since January, Gov. Bob McDonnell said Thursday.

While the state has added a net 71,500 jobs since Feb. 1, the state's chief jobs creation officer, Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling, said it still has a long way to go before it catches up after the recession.

As the jobless rate climbed from 3.4 percent to 7.6 percent since 2007, the state lost 150,000 jobs, he estimated. Virginia's seasonally adjusted jobless rate for May was 7.1 percent, the third-lowest east of the Mississippi and 13th lowest nationally.



McDonnell

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WHAT'S NEXT

UVA opens Bavaro with brio; building nearly doubles space for education school

The University of Virginia opens a \$37 million building today that nearly doubles the work space of the Curry School of Education. Find all the details about Bavaro Hall in Saturday's Daily Progress.

NATION

Sweeping financial edict clears Congress

As early as Wednesday President Barack Obama could sign a huge regulation package on banks and Wall Street. The legislation seeks to give the government oversight that might help avoid future market meltdowns. A6

SPORTS

Mclroy leads the pack through easy Old Course

A near-windless round at the British Open had players sliding through, none more deftly than Northern Ireland's Rory Mclroy with a 9-under 63. B1



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