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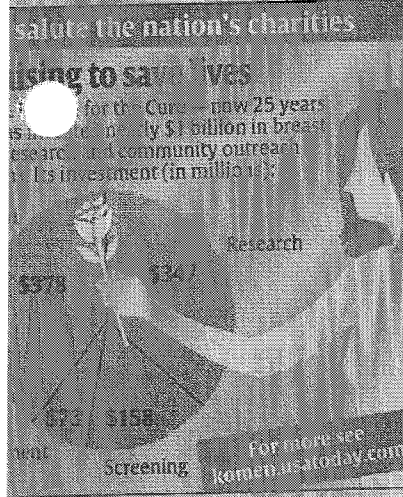
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What time is it?
 If you're a preteen or teenager — or the parent of one — you probably know the answer.
 It's seven days, a few hours and way too many seconds until the sequel to the surprise TV hit of last year, *High School Musical*, airs on the Disney Channel on Aug. 17. Disney has given the movie's young fans a glimpse of what's to come by releasing *What Time Is It*, the first music video from *High School Musical 2*.
 If you're not sure what this is all about, here's the score: *High School Musical* is a pop culture and marketing phenomenon, innocent enough for the Disney Channel and cool enough to fuel a new generation's interest in musicals.

Since its premiere in January 2006, the original two-hour TV movie has been seen by roughly 160 million people, according to Disney. It has generated \$500 million in sales of DVDs, soundtracks (it was the No. 1 album of any type for 2006) and other retail items. There has been a concert tour by the cast and a stage version that just opened in Chicago. An ice show premieres in New York next month. The movie also has inspired about 2,000 real-life high school musical productions, Disney says.
 Now the question is: Can Disney catch lightning in a bottle again, and come up with a sequel as popular as the original?

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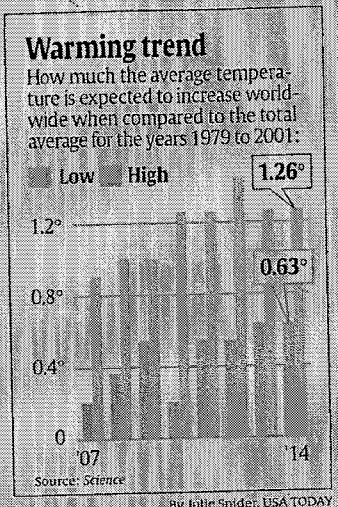
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Climate model predicts hot decade

As Pacific gets warmer, so will temperatures

By Dan Vergano
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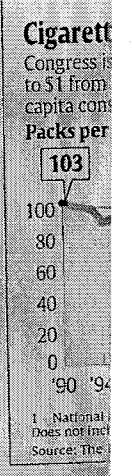
The next decade will be a hot one, say scientists who unveiled the first 10-year projection of global warming.
 The climate projection, published today in the journal *Science*, suggests that a natural cooling in eastern and southern Pacific Ocean waters has kept a lid on warming in recent years.
 And it will continue to do so, scientists say, but not for long.
 "At least half of the years after 2009 are predicted to be warmer than 1998, the warmest year currently on record," the climate scientists say in their report.
 Globally, the study reports that a typical year will be about half a degree warmer than those in the previous 10 years, a projection in line with findings this year by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The panel's report, the work of thousands of scientists, also predicts rising temperatures.
 The decade covering 1996 to 2006 contained the warmest years ever recorded. Temperatures peaked in 1998 and nearly reached that height in 2005.



The significance of the new study is that over the past century, global warming has contributed to about a 1-degree increase in average temperatures. The new projection suggests that in a short time — just one-tenth of that time span — the average temperature will be another half a degree higher still.
 The climate models used by scientists usually cover a century. One that covers a decade is an innovation that will allow more precision, says the study team led by Doug Smith of the United Kingdom's Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research.

Improved regional projections, including a prediction of general warming over North America, have resulted from combining fresh weather data with the state-of-the-art climate model, Smith says.
 The projection spans June 2005 to June 2015. (The year 2005 was still in the future when the research began; the team is now working on a 2007-17 projection.)
 "In the climate-modeling world, a short prediction is considerably harder than a long one," says John Drake of the Oak Ridge (Tenn.) National Laboratory. That's because natural weather variability has stronger short-term effects than when averaged over 100 years.
 But the ability to produce accurate 10-year predictions will be important for world leaders who are charged with making climate-related decisions, Drake says.
 Global warming is an increase in atmospheric temperatures tied to industrial activities, particularly the burning of fossil fuels like coal that release heat-trapping greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide.
 Improved ocean measurements should soon improve the reliability of the 10-year forecast, Smith says. And he adds one caveat the model can't account for: "Any major volcanic eruptions would cool the climate compared with our forecast."

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