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Best of a bad situation

Seliger says legislative session has been 'extremely difficult'

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Nobody ever said being an elected official was easy, but this may have been the most difficult few months in Texas Sen. Kel Seliger's political life. Seliger (R-Amarillo), Big Spring's representative in the Texas Senate, said he and his colleagues were forced to deal with several difficult



Seliger leave few people happy, he conceded.

challenges this year, starting with how to deal with a \$27 billion shortfall in state revenue. The deep cuts inflicted on almost every segment of the Texas budget are guaranteed to leave few people happy, he conceded.

"It's been an extremely difficult session, starting with the \$27 billion deficit," Seliger said. "But we were able to craft a balanced budget with a \$15 billion reduction in expenditures and no new taxes. We had to make a lot of tough decisions. A lot of people didn't agree with some of those decisions, but it was a challenge." The most important of the issues facing legislators, Se-

liger said, was school financing. Under current budget proposals, Texas schools will receive \$4 billion less from the state. Seliger regrets more money could not be produced for Texas schools. Specifically, he supported calls to dip into the state's "rainy day fund" to help with education finance. "I believed we should have



Pops aside, fireworks ban to be enforced
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Water deliveries cut again

By STEVE REAGAN and THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writers
 The summer of 2011 is about to become even drier than anticipated. Colorado River Municipal Water District officials announced this week that water deliveries to the district's member cities — which have already been cut by 10 percent — will be slashed by another 10 percent effective July 1. Reduced pumping capability is being cited as the main reason for the district's latest move. Grant "(The water district's) original calculation on the water they could produce from the Lake Ivie system changed as the lake levels changed," said Todd Darden, Big Spring's assistant city manager. This latest decision means daily water



Mason Peoples, Keller Blackshear and Christopher Ornelas look at some of the displays at the Hanger 25 Museum before the daily activities of the Kids Klub program.

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Model plane club taking to the skies this weekend

By AMANDA MORENO
 Staff Writer
 It's all about having fun. For the past 31 years, the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association has been putting on a fun fly. Once again the fun fly will take place at John Wesley Buzbee Airfield Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. "This is a neat thing to see, especially for the airplane enthusiasts who don't really get the opportunity to fly," said Robert Walker, president of the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association. "It's a great chance for them to see the aircraft up close."



The fun fly is open to anyone at no charge, but they have to be AMA certified to participate. The certification

shows proof of insurance to fly in the sanctioned events, according to Walker. "It's a great opportunity for family fun," Walker said. "Fathers and daughters or fathers and sons can spend time together." During the fun fly there will also be a brisket meal provided for \$8 a plate, which will include beans, potato salad and all the fixings. There will be refreshments available as well. Set up will begin around 8 a.m., but no advance registration is required for those taking part in the fly in.

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North Side Community Center has several openings for its summer school program. The program starts June 20 and will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, call 263-2673.

West Texas Centers will have its community meeting from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 14, at the Howard County Library. A representative from Victims Services of Big Spring will be the guest speaker. For more information, call Connie Baca, center director, at 432-267-9536.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is making some infrastructure repairs inside the Yellow Rose Café and has decided to close the eatery until the work has been completed.

A fund has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union to help Belinda Gonzales and Roberto Perez, whose home in the 1600 block of Harding St.

burned recently. The family of six is in need of everything — accommodations, clothing, help with clean-up. For more information or to ask how to help call Belinda at 432-599-2729. Monetary donations can be made to Angels Fire Fund at Cosden FCU.

Coahoma High School alumni are planning an all-classes' reunion on Saturday, July 23 at Coahoma Elementary. Registration is from 9-10 a.m., followed by visiting, a short business meeting, a fund-raising auction, lunch, and a program

honoring CHS Music Through the Years (band, choir, special singing and/or musical groups, etc.). Alumni with musical talents are encouraged to bring instruments or music to provide a couple of songs for attendees. Alumni are also asked to bring items for the auction. Please RSVP for the lunch (barbecue by Hog Heaven) and mail checks to: Coahoma Alumni Association, POB 488, Coahoma 79511 by July 1. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children age 8 and under. For questions, contact CHS Alumni Officer Joyce York Baumann at 432-816-1588 or jefnjoyce@yahoo.com.

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Obituaries

Davy Lee Hughes



Davy Lee Hughes, 92, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 4, 2011. A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Oldham Lane Church of Christ with Chris McCurley officiating under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory St.

She was born July 21, 1918, in Weaver, Texas, to Thomas and Nancy Smith Ables. Her family moved to the Ranger/Eastland area and she married Lawrence Hughes in Eastland on Sept. 12, 1935. After a time in California because of World War II, they returned to Abilene and they were active members of the Northside Church of Christ. Lawrence passed away in 1969.

Davy was employed as a nurse at Cox Hospital for 10 years and then at the Abilene State School for 30 years as a medication aide until her retirement. Retirement did not keep her active enough so she worked as a housekeeper until she moved to Big Spring to live with her daughter Nancy. She returned home to Abilene three years ago and loved being back and loved her new church home, Oldham Lane Church of Christ.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers and a sister.

Survivors include her son, Lawrence Hughes of Las Cruces, N.M.; a daughter, Nancy Hughes of Abilene; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous other friends. She is also survived by special friends considered family, Barbara and Jimmy Johnson and Karla Cregar.

You may view and sign guestbook at www.elliott-hamilfuneralhome.com

Paid obituary

Kirk Doss Jones

Kirk Doss Jones, 50, of Big Spring passed away Monday, June 6, 2011. Kirk was born Sept. 22, 1960, in Key West, Fla., to Edward and Annie Faye Jones. Kirk was a laborer and was a member of Full Gospel Church.

Kirk is survived by his wife, Rose Zane Martin of Nebraska; mother, Annie Faye Galloway of San Saba; step-mother, Bettie Blackwood of Llano; daughter, Jennifer Jones of San Saba; one grandson; brothers, Eddie Jones Jr. of Cherokee, Karl Jones of San Saba, Burt Blackwood of Gatesville, Ben Blackwood of Pittsburg, Pa., and Bryan Blackwood of Llano; sisters, Katey Dawson and husband Richard of San Saba, Karen Edmondson and husband Jimmy of Big Spring, and Becky Bell, Barbara Ahrllett and Billie Engleman, all of Llano; and several nieces and nephews.

Kirk was preceded in death by his father, Edward Doss Jones Sr.

Funeral services were to be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 9, 2011, at Howell Doran Funeral Home in San Saba with the Rev. Tom Brand officiating. Interment at Chappel Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to The Father's House.

Benjamin Morgan

Benjamin Morgan, 84, died Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at Lamun Lusk Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Melody Lynn Gay Myrick

Melody Lynn Gay Myrick, 49, died Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

FLY IN

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"There will be miniature, mid-sized and giant scale size aircrafts at the event," Walker said.

Groups are coming from Midland, Odessa and New Mexico.

"There is a group coming out of Odessa that

has 8-year-olds and 9-year-olds who can out-fly the adults," Walker said. "It's sure to be a good time. These plans can do all the tricks a normal plane can do and more.

The model aircraft association will hold a float fly Sept. 17-18 at Comanche Trail Park Lake.

To learn more, contact Walker at 935-0464.

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Barr to sign fireworks ban

Pops in the Park will not be impacted

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Aside from the annual Pops in the Park show, it will be a fireworks-free Fourth of July in Howard County.

County Judge Mark Barr announced today he will sign a declaration Monday banning the sale, possession and use of fireworks in the county.

Worsening drought conditions, coupled with the increased threat of wildfires, have prompted the move, Barr said.

Barr's declaration, which is expected to be ratified by county commissioners Monday, will take effect at that time and be forwarded to Texas Gov.

Rick Perry for formal approval. Once Perry signs off on the move, the ban will remain in effect for 30 days.

Howard County joins a growing list of counties, including Midland, Brewster, Tom Green and Andrews, that have enacted fireworks bans this summer.

Barr said the ban would not impact the annual Pops in the Park fireworks show, scheduled for July 3 in Comanche Trail Park.

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WATER

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deliveries to Big Spring will decrease to roughly 6.3 million gallons, Darden said.

CRMWD General Manager John Grant was unavailable for comment this morning.

Officials will discuss this latest decrease with the Big Spring City Council when it holds its next meeting Tuesday, Darden said.

As lake levels continue to drop because of the worsening drought, CRMWD is turning to other water sources in an attempt to increase deliveries.

When CRMWD purchased a groundwater well field in Ward County in June 2010, district officials saw the move as prudent planning for a distant West Texas future.

However, thanks to ever-worsening drought conditions that have all but consumed much of the district's surface water resources, that future could come much sooner than originally anticipated.

The well field, located in Ward County, is one of two such fields currently owned by CRMWD, Grant said earlier this week.

"We've owned a well field in Ward County since the 1970s," Grant said. "That particular field is capable of producing approximately 22 million gallons of water a day. The newer field, which was purchased from Luminant

Generation Company last year, is capable of providing 15 million gallons a day."

Grant said the two fields, together, could produce approximately 35 million gallons of water each day. Unfortunately, the ability to produce water and transmit water are far from the same thing.

"The transmission line at the older well field can only pump 16 million gallons a day, so even though we have access to 35 million gallons, we're hampered by the ability to move it," Grant said. "That's why we're moving fast and furiously to build a proposed parallel pipeline. That would take us from being able to pump 16 million gallons a day to 45 million gallons a day, which would be a huge improvement considering the lack of surface water."

Pipelines don't come cheap, however, as Grant explained the proposed pipeline would cost an estimated \$150 million to construct.

And while the idea of subsidizing surface water — approximately 95 percent of the water delivered by CRMWD comes from area surface water and reservoir facilities — with ground water is something the district considered in the distant future, Grant said it's quickly becoming a reality in West Texas.

"Projections show that without substantial rainfall, Lake Ivie will no longer be a viable water source by December

2012," Grant said. "The schedule we're currently following for this pipeline would have it ready by January 2013. Nearly our entire system is based on surface water, about 95 percent. However, now we're having to look at switching to ground water."

Grant said the pipeline, along with the water reclamation plant currently being developed for Big Spring, could have a very positive impact on the current water shortage in the Crossroads area.

"The reclamation plant alone can generate approximately 2 million gallons of water a day," he said. "That can make a huge difference in the city's water situation." However, with both proposed projects years away from completion and no rainfall projected, Grant — along with local city officials — is urging area residents to continue conserving water.

The city of Big Spring has already implemented Stage 3 of its drought contingency plan.

According to city officials, residents with even address numbers — such as 110, 112 or 114 — are being required to

limit their use of water outdoors to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. until midnight.

Water customers with odd address numbers — such as 111, 113 and 115 — are required to limit their outdoor use of water to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, also between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. until midnight.

No outdoor water use — which includes watering lawns, filling swimming pools or hot tubs, the use of fountains and spas and washing vehicles — is allowed Mondays or between the hours of 10:01 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day of the week.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

Modern technology is quite helpful. We can watch world changing events by pushing a button. We can acquire encyclopedic knowledge without consulting a book. We can instantly communicate with family scattered every direction. We can diagnose and treat illness. We can more readily respond to the hungry and the hurting.

Unfortunately, modern technology has a downside. We can instantly worry about people and places we've never seen. We can download images that will defeat the desire for purity. We can quickly spend money we do not have to buy things we do not need in order to feel better about yesterday's unfulfilled living.

Many confuse modern technology with true living. Technology, however, cannot remotely provide forgiveness, produce integrity or develop compassion!

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OUR VIEWS

Bullying is not what it used to be

Bullying has never been a good thing, but it seems it has progressed into an even worse situation than it was 10 or 20 years ago.

The class bully used to push you down in the mud, tie your shoelaces together or give you a black eye at worst, but now being the bully goes way beyond that.

It seems it's not only the boys playing the bully, but the girls are becoming even bigger bullies. What once caused a little physical damage, such as a scraped knee or torn shirt, has come to include shattered self-esteem, broken bones and even the loss of life.

For so long teachers, parents and other school officials wrote off bullying as a way to toughen up a child or something that would pass, but with this lack of attention there seems to be a progression that needs to be stopped.

The art of bullying has transcended the confines of the school yard and the school walls. Bullying has extended to the mall, text messages and social media networks.

Too often stories are heard of a teen taking their own life because of a Facebook post or a Twitter tweet. The rumors and gossip are coming just as dangerous, if not more so than the actual violence.

However, it seems the violence has upgraded as well. Kids aren't just tripping each other, playing little pranks or giving black eyes anymore. It seems that once violence sets in kids are being sent to the emergency room and the retaliation builds and the violence gets stronger.

Bullying has finally become a situation school officials are recognizing and it is well past time.

Teachers are more encouraging of kids telling when they see something being done. The schools are more aware of what is going on and are taking measures to deal with it, within their guideline and allowances at least.

Bullying has transformed, but thankfully so has the measures of dealing with it.

If you are a kid that is being bullied don't be afraid to speak up. Also, if you see an act of bullying taking place don't ignore it, report it.

There is no reason to make another person feel inferior and there is no reason to bring harm to another person.

Take the time to notice the signs of bullying and take action, before it's too late.

Dealing with a friend's death

Helpless. That's how I felt last week when a close friend of mine from my hometown in South Carolina called with the kind of bad news you hope to never receive.

“Are you sitting down?” Liz — who is more like a younger sister than just a friend — asked me. I knew it had to be bad. The last time she and her sister, Wendy, had called was when their mother, who had been like a mother to me for years, had died.

“I wanted you to hear this from me before it started coming out on Facebook,” she said, her voice quivering. “Dave committed suicide.”

Dave and I had been friends for many years before I left South Carolina to move to Texas, and, right before I moved we had been roommates for more than a year. He was, without a doubt, one of the kindest and most generous people I had ever met.

I sat on the edge of my bed in silence, shocked by what Liz was telling me.

Apparently, Dave had developed migraine headaches sometime after I left the state. Despite the best efforts of modern medicine, a reason — and, subsequently, a treatment — for the migraines couldn't be found. Dave, like so many other Americans, was stuck in medical limbo, hoping for some sort of



THOMAS JENKINS

breakthrough that might diagnose and treat his condition.

Dave had worked at Westinghouse Electric — the same plant my father had worked at while I was growing up — for many, many years. However, as anyone with severe migraines will tell you, the pain and frequency of the attacks had become debilitating, and he had lost his job.

No one has been able to tell me for sure when the downward spiral that ended with my friend taking his life actually began, but they all agree on one thing: never in a million years did any of us think he would take such drastic measures.

I've received dozens of text messages from my friends describing the funeral and how tastefully it was handled, telling me at least Dave's suffering is over. We all shake our heads and tell one another there's no way we could have seen it coming.

However, deep in our hearts we know that's not completely true.

I saw Dave for the last time about three years ago, when my daughter and I took a trip to South Carolina so she could see the small farm where I had grown up and meet the friends who played such a vital role in forming who her father is today.

Liz took us by to see Dave and several other friends, and we played a few games on the Wii and laughed and joked about the things we had done in our youth. The years had taken a definite toll on us both, but for the most part he was still the Dave I knew and missed.

I can't stop asking myself one

question: If I had been there, would I have recognized the warning signs, and, ultimately, could I have prevented his death?

Everyone tells me there's nothing I could have done, but I can't help but feel like they are simply trying to comfort me.

People grow apart sometimes, distanced by time, miles and everyday life. We have disagreements — and God knows Dave and I had our share of those — and avoid each other's calls, but in the back of our mind we always think there's time.

Maybe, in the end, how I feel isn't so much about how Dave died, but more about the fact he's now gone, and I will never see my friend again.

Either way, it has served as something of a wake-up call for me, a reminder to say the things that need to be said now, instead of waiting months and, eventually, years.

Suicide is, and always will be a permanent solution to a temporary problem. It's never the answer, if for no other reason than what it does to the people we love and care about. If you know someone who has become withdrawn and is showing the early-warning signs for suicide, don't chance it. Talk to them, and, if need be, see to it they get help.

If you don't, I fear you'll someday feel like I do right now.

Helpless.

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Being a single mother isn't easy, but it is always worth it

I've been told I have a lot of wisdom. Lots of experience that others could benefit from. Maybe they are right, maybe I do have knowledge in areas that could benefit others, but when it comes down to it — I am simply living the life I have.

I am one to wear my heart on my sleeve; always have been and pretty sure I always will be, but that's okay. I know my emotions get the best of me at times, but it's being able to wear them on my sleeve that allows me to get through the hard times and enjoy the good times. By no means is my life easy, but I also understand even at the darkest moments it's really not all that bad.

I am a single mother. I am learning to live a life alone, accepting of myself and loving myself. I admit, being a single mother is challenging, but learning to live alone and secure in my own skin is a little bit harder. Learning to live with acceptance of myself, in spite of all the negativity thrown at me has been a challenge I've always been uncertain of. It's a challenge I'm not sure I can conquer and I guess that's why the romance, drama and insecurities come out so much in my columns.

I know I'm a single mother who has learned lessons along the way, but by no means do I consider myself a good enough mother to be giving advice to anyone on how to handle their children. I have only been a parent for five years. Those five years have been rough, nerve-racking and at times have pushed me to my edge. I look to others on parental advice and never have I considered myself one to teach others from my experiences. I am simply doing the best I can with each day and each situation that is thrown at me.

The only advice I can give to any parent is to show your children you love them.

It's not about money, it's not about all the things you can pay for them to do — it is simply about telling them you love them, hugging them and making sure they feel secure every day.

Really, being a parent is made up of a lot of little things, but most importantly, it's the love and security you provide to your child.

I know there are a lot of things I would love to give my child; a house to call our own, a family consisting of a mother, dad and siblings, a future that is secure and doesn't involve uncertainty.

However, none of those things happen over night and none of them come easy. I know one day I will be able to give him a house to call a home and there won't be so much moving involved. I also know because of the fact we have had to move so often, when the time comes he will appreciate that house a little bit more.

I never imagined not being able to give my son the complete family and the thought never crossed my mind my son wouldn't grow up in the same household as his mother and father. Being torn between two worlds, two homes, two lives is no way for anyone to live and definitely not the life I wanted for my son.

On the other hand, I know his life is better off because there isn't that constant arguing and insecurity. In today's society, it seems divorces and broken families make up the majority. It's not right, it's not ideal, but it's the way it has come to be. I know my family is not exactly what most would consider to be the ideal situation, but when it comes to me and my son we are a complete family. We are okay on our own and we are, in my eyes, complete.

I have the one person in the world who will always love me, despite the arguments that may come and the tension that may rise as he gets older. A family is what you make it, whether it be

a family of four, a family held together by blood or a family of friends. The definition of family is not what it once was, but one thing that will never change and will always define a family is the love they share.

Like I said, I am no expert when it comes to parenting or relationships. Then again, I'm not sure anyone really is. There are those who have been parents for 40 years and still trying to figure things out. Parenting is one of those things that will always blow our minds. There is no handbook, there is no right or wrong way to parent. In reality, parenting is a series of trial and error. Sometimes you find the right solution the first time around and other times it takes a few go rounds. Then again, just because it works for one parent doesn't mean it will work for another.

One thing is for sure, being a mother — a single mother at that — is an experience I appreciate daily. I enjoy waking up to my son every morning, even when he doesn't want to wake up. I enjoy coming home to him every night and I only wish I had more time.

Being a single mother isn't easy, but it's worth it. I know one day I will reach the point of getting to spend more time with my son and being able to give him all that he desires, but until I reach that point I am going to do the best I can with what I have.

One piece of advice; whether you are a single parent or have a parenting partner make sure your child always knows he is loved. Make sure they know they have someone to trust and depend on. One thing you never want to lose is the love of a child or the trust they have in you. Don't take it for granted. Embrace it, cherish it and build upon it everyday.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, have heavenly ideas for our life.
May we put our trust in You.

Amen

Casual Cooking

with Kris Soliz



Welcoming readers to my world where I enjoy simple, sometimes quick, but always delicious meals.

Have you ever noticed when you are talking with someone, they use a word over and over? Have you ever been told that you use a particular word real often? Well I do and I have. I seem to have a grammar issue of changing the sound of a word or its meaning in order to meet my needs. I'm sure to some it might drive them crazy, but I see it as a harmless quirk, and I have plenty of those.

I have three words I seem to abuse, but I don't mind and they are "stuff," "basically" and "what's his name." I know the last one isn't technically a single word, but in my world it is. The word "stuff" is my favorite. I use it for everything and in most situations, like when I move, I write on the outside of the boxes "kitchen stuff," "bathroom stuff" and "stuff stuff," which means it's stuff I need to go through that doesn't have a proper home.

I've been told by others I use the word basically a lot, so I started noticing and I figured out I use it to round off the storytelling in a conversation I am having. Now the word what's his name I use as a crutch for a name when my memory Rolodex is a little behind in coming up with a name while I am talking to someone. I have been known to even use it when I couldn't think of my husband's name fast enough.

Like I said, these are little quirks I have and if you spend any time with me you will notice strange word references coming out of my mouth. So this week's recipe is inspired by my favorite word and a combination of trying to come up with something while raiding my staples. I was thinking of simple ingredients and using up my frozen shrimp when all of a sudden my "let's use some of this stuff" and "oh I have some of that stuff" and the rest is history.

Serve this up with a cold, garden fresh salad and good french bread. Enjoy!

Shrimp and Noodles in White Wine Sauce

2 cups of cooked/uncooked shrimp peeled/dev-

- eined
- 1/2 sliced onion
- 2-3 garlic cloves chopped
- 1/2 cup sliced red bell pepper
- 1 lb. of noodles (spaghetti) or 4 cups of cooked rice
- 2 cups of fresh baby spinach in a bag
- 1/3 cup of white wine (drinking wine)
- 1/2 stick of butter
- 1/2 cup of milk or heavy cream
- 3 tbsl of parmesan cheese
- salt and pepper to taste
- crushed red pepper flakes (optional)

Put noodles or rice on to boil or cook. In a large skillet, add butter onions and dash of salt. Saute for about 3 minutes, add bell pepper and saute for additional 2 minutes. Add garlic for 1 minute and crushed red flakes if desired. Add white wine and let cook for about 2 minutes. Add shrimp and cook for 3 minutes. Add milk and cheese cook until slightly thickened. Salt and pepper to taste. Add spinach and turn off heat or keep on warm until noodles or rice is complete.

Getting some much-needed help for low-income seniors

Dear Savvy Senior,
What kinds of programs are available to help low-income seniors with their Medicare costs and other expenses? My 81-year-old mother has gone through her savings and is having a tough time getting by on her Social Security benefits. What can you tell us?
Worried Son

Dear Worried,
There are actually a variety of under-utilized programs that can help lower-income seniors with their Medicare costs, grocery bills, utility expenses and more. Here's what you should know.

Medicare Savings Programs

For millions of seniors who are having a tough time paying their out-of-pocket healthcare costs, help is available through Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs). These are Medicaid-administered programs that pay Medicare Part B premiums and depending on your mom's finances may even pick up the tab on her Medicare copayments and deductibles. To qualify, her income must be under \$1,246 per month (or \$1,675 for a married couple), and her assets must be below \$6,680 (\$10,020

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per couple) not including her house, vehicle, burial fund, furniture or other household items. To find out if she qualifies, or to apply, contact her local Medicaid office - call 800-633-4227 for contact information.

Extra Drug Help

If your mom is eligible for a MSP, she's also eligible for "Extra Help" in paying her Medicare prescription drug plan costs. If, however, she's not eligible she can still get Extra Help if her annual income is below \$16,335 (\$22,065 for a married couple living together), and her cash assets are under \$12,640 (\$25,260 for married couples) excluding her home and vehicle. For more information, call Social Security at 800-772-1213 or see www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp.

Food Assistance

In addition to the Medicare programs, your mom may also be able to get some help with her grocery bills. Food assistance programs like SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Program) are available to seniors, age 60 and older, with cash assets under \$3,000, and a "net income" below \$903 per month (\$1,215 for a family of two). Net income is figured by taking your mom's gross income minus allowable deductions like medical expenses, rent or mortgage payments, utility costs, insurance, taxes and more. The average monthly SNAP benefit is currently around \$101 per person. To find out if your mom qualifies, use the SNAP pre-screening tool at www.snap-step1.usda.gov or contact her local SNAP office - call 800-221-5689 for contact information.

Utility Assistance

There are also resources available that can help low-income seniors reduce their utility bills. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, as well as local utility companies and charitable organization help millions of Americans each year with their home heating and cooling costs. To search for help go to [\[ar.org\]\(http://ar.org\), a web portal that provides information on all energy assistance programs in each state, along with qualification details, how to apply and who to contact. You can also call the National Energy Assistance Referral project at 866-674-6327.](http://energyne-</p>
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Supplemental Income

Another program to check into is SSI or Supplemental Security Income. Administered by the Social Security Administration, SSI provides monthly payments to very low income seniors (age 65 and older), as well as to those who are blind and disabled. To learn more or find out if she's eligible, visit www.ssa.gov/ssi or call 800-772-1213.

Savvy Tip: To search for other assistance programs go to benefitscheckup.org, a comprehensive web service developed by the National Council on Aging, that contains a database of more than 2,000 federal, state and local programs that can help seniors in need. The site will help you locate programs that your mom may be eligible for and will show you how to apply.

This service is only available online.

Legal help available

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

You deserve a factual look at . . .

Israel: A Light unto the Nations

Those who demonize Israel are either misinformed or malevolent

If that proverbial man from Mars came to visit and read the world's newspapers, especially those in the Arab and Muslim world, he would be convinced that Israel was the most evil nation in the world and the source of all of the world's strife.

What are the facts?

A nation to be emulated. The reality, of course, is that Israel is a nation, a society, that should be admired and emulated by many countries in the world. The very fact of how the State of Israel came into being is one of the most inspiring in history. Born out of the ashes of the Holocaust, it has emerged as one of the most advanced, productive and prosperous countries in the world.

The demonization of Israel, assiduously cultivated by the Muslim world, has reached a crescendo following Israel's 2008 defensive action in Gaza. Instead of being grateful to the hated Jews for having totally withdrawn, the Palestinian Gazans showed their "gratitude" by almost daily pounding Israeli towns with close to 10,000 rockets and bombs. After countless warnings, Israel ultimately decided to put an end to this travesty.

When Israel finally did invade Gaza it took the most elaborate precautions not to hurt civilians. As a first in the history of warfare, Israel dropped tens of thousands of leaflets, warning the population and urging it to abandon areas in which military action would take place. The Israeli military made thousands of phone calls urging people to leave areas that would come under attack. But fighting in a densely populated environment is difficult and loss of civilian life is hard to avoid. Hamas fighters wear no uniforms. It is impossible to tell them from civilians. Is a person who allows a rocket launcher in his backyard a civilian or a fighter? And how about using schools, hospitals and mosques as munitions depots and staff centers? The hue and cry of Israel's demonizers in accusing it of "disproportionate force" is totally absurd. The ultimate insult, comparing Israel to the Nazis, is freely bandied about by Israel's detractors.

Israel is not an "apartheid state." Another familiar tack of Israel's vilifiers is to call it an "apartheid state," on the model

of former South Africa. But that is so ridiculous, so preposterous, it is hard to believe that serious people can countenance it. The exact opposite is the case. Israel is the only country in its benighted neighborhood in which people of all colors and religions prosper and have equal rights. Israel, expending substantial effort, rescued tens of thousands of black Jews from Ethiopia. And it has given assistance and absorbed countless Christian expatriates from Sudan, who escaped from being slaughtered by their Muslim countrymen. Israel's over one million Arab citizens enjoy the same rights and privileges as their Jewish fellows. They are

"As the prophet Isaiah presaged: Israel is indeed a Light unto the Nations."

represented in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and are members of its bureaucracy, of its judiciary, and of its diplomatic service.

All over the world, Leftists, including in the United States and, sad to say, even in Israel itself, tirelessly condemn and vilify Israel. Why would they do that? First, of course, there is good old-fashioned anti-Semitism. Second, many of those who hate the United States vent their poison on Israel, which they consider being America's puppet in that area of the world. But Israel should certainly get top grades in all areas important to the Left. In contrast to all its enemies, Israel has the same democratic institutions as the United States. All religions thrive freely in Israel. Also, in contrast to all of its enemies, women have the same rights as men. The Chief Justice of Israel's Supreme Court is a woman. One-sixth of the Knesset are women. Compare that to Saudi Arabia, a medieval theocracy, where women are not allowed to drive cars, where they cannot leave the country without permission of a male relative, and where they can be and often are condemned to up to 60 lashes if the "modesty police" deems them not to be properly dressed in public. Gays and lesbians are totally unmolested in Israel; in the surrounding Muslim countries they would be subjected to the death penalty.

In spite of demonization and vilification by so much of the world, Israel is indeed a Light unto the Nations. The State of Israel is the foremost creation of the Jewish enterprise and Jewish intellect that has benefited every country in which Jews dwell, certainly our own country, the United States. Second only to the United States itself, Israel is the world's most important factor in science and technology, way out of proportion to the small size of its population. Israeli Jews are at the forefront of the arts, the sciences, law and medicine. They have brought all these sterling qualities to bear in building their own country: Israel. By necessity, they have also become outstanding in agriculture and, most surprisingly, in the military. What a shame that the Arabs opted not to participate in this prosperity and chose instead the path of revenge, of Jihad and of martyrdom. As the prophet Isaiah presaged: Israel is indeed a Light unto the Nations.

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Did you ever wonder about condensed milk?

While pulling together the last of the dessert recipes for my latest cookbook, it occurred to me that certain ingredients have become a staple in Southern dishes. One such classic: Eagle Brand milk. Also known as "sweetened condensed milk" technically, (yes) we're talking cow's milk but with the water taken out and some sugar added in. Any idea why they did this? Well, because it kept longer on the shelf! (Can you imagine the celebration when someone discovered, "Hey, by sticking cow's milk in a can, we can save (unopened) milk for years even without refrigerating it!" As if the money savings weren't enough, any idea what this did for the health of small children everywhere? Well read on!) History credits Nicolas Appert of France (1820) for this milk condensing process. American history credits Gail Borden Jr, (of Borden Milk fame) for making it famous. Until the mid 1800s, milk could only be kept for short periods of time and then, only when you were near a cow!

But you know who's really to credit for this lovely concoction we Southerners use in most every dessert imaginable? Believe it or not, it was the Shakers who crafted this new-fangled device called a vacuum pan that Borden studied and patterned his model after. Recognizing their ingenuity for removing water to preserve fruit juices, Borden applied the same to milk and soon discovered he could keep the stuff from curdling. After three attempts (yes, like most geniuses, he had a few failures trying to figure this out) he produced a product that is a staple (if not a godsend) today! This, coupled with the sweet factor and in time, Eagle brand made its way into our hearts and as well as our recipes, all over the South.) And that (as Paul Harvey would say) is the rest of the story!

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(Why We Say The Things We Say)

News in brief

Not even summer yet: Heat grips half the country; scientists say sign of things to come

WASHINGTON (AP) — Public schools in Philadelphia and parts of New Jersey and Maryland cut their days short, worried about students sweltering in temperatures in the 90s.

Cooling centers opened in Chicago, Memphis, Tenn., and Newark, N.J., as a refuge for those without air conditioning. Officials in Norfolk, Va., teamed up with nonprofit groups to deliver cold water and sunscreen to the homeless.

Others did what they could to stay cool Wednesday as half the country was broiling in a record-breaking blast of August-like heat.

The 6-to-10-day outlook from the federal Climate Prediction Center calls for continued above-average readings centered on the mid-South, including Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and extending as far as the Great Lakes and New York and New Jersey.

Temperatures in the 90s were recorded across much of the South, the East and the Midwest. Baltimore and Washington hit 99 degrees, breaking high-temperature records for the date that were set in 1999, according to the National Weather Service. The normal high for the date is about 82.

Weiner abides despite Democratic call to quit, new X-rated photo and wife's pregnancy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scandal-scarred Rep. Anthony Weiner is clinging to his perch in Congress despite new efforts to pry him away and a pair of developments that might inspire others in his position to give up the fight:

A newly released X-rated photo that Weiner purportedly took of himself turned up on the Internet.

And his wife of less than a year, Huma Abedin, is pregnant.

The baby on the way complicated an already ominous forecast for the 46-year-old congressman, who admitted on Monday that he had Tweeted sexually charged photos and messages to six women he did not know, then lied about it to his wife, his family and his constituents. Throughout the week, Weiner has refused to resign.

His fellow Democrats from the White House on down have left little doubt they want him to reconsider — and fast.

There was no sign of that happening, even as new developments made clear that Weiner's self-immolation already has cost him much: His credibility,

his dignity, the confidence of his colleagues, his privacy and more. As Weiner made calls to save whatever support he had left, there were new revelations.

AP sources: bin Laden files spur new scrutiny of anyone written to, mentioned by terror leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — Everyone Osama bin Laden ever wrote to, spoke to or even mentioned in the volumes of correspondence seized from his Pakistan hideout is under new scrutiny, U.S. officials say.

Surveillance has been stepped up on possible terrorist targets around the world, as intelligence experts near the end of decrypting and translating material seized from the bin Laden compound.

The trove of material has helped fill in the blanks on how known al-Qaida operatives work and think, and where they fit in the organization.

The CIA and other U.S. counterterrorism agencies have sharpened their focus on some midlevel members of the group who they now believe may be more important than originally thought, after reading their exchanges with their fallen leader.

The al-Qaida terrorists are keenly aware America is watching, and one official said at least two changed travel plans to avoid becoming the target of another Navy SEAL raid or some other form of U.S. counterterrorist action.

Official: 1,000 more Syrians flee to Turkey, raising number of refugees to 1,600

GUVECCI, Turkey (AP) — About 1,000 Syrians fleeing violence crossed into Turkey overnight, raising the total number of refugees in the country to 1,600, a Turkish official said Thursday.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said his country will continue to accept all Syrians who flee, but he also has urged Syria's government to adopt reforms aimed at ending the unrest.

The latest influx of 1,000 refugees poured into Turkey through its villages of Altinozu and Guvecci on Wednesday night and Thursday morning, the official in Hatay province said. Authorities checked their identities before taking them to a refugee camp built accommodate 5,000 people in the nearby town of Yayladagi.

The official said Turkey was making plans to set up a second refugee camp in Altinozu. He spoke on condition of anonymity in line with government regulations.

Across the border from Guvecci, dozens of other Syrians could be seen reaching the Turkish frontier, some on motor bikes or in pickup trucks, according to an Associated Press photographer at the scene.

In northern Syria, large convoys of Syrian tanks and elite troops were reportedly heading to a restive area near the border, raising the prospect of more bloodshed in a nationwide crackdown on the pro-democracy revolt against the country's president, Bashar Assad.

Fresh round of NATO strikes hit around Tripoli, days after heaviest day of shelling in capital

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — NATO airstrikes are rattling the Libyan capital, with seven thunderous explosions shaking the city.

Concussions from the Thursday morning strikes, in clusters of a few minutes apart, washed over Tripoli from its outskirts.

On Tuesday, NATO conducted its heaviest attacks on Tripoli since it began airstrikes two months ago in support of a rebel insurgency. The four-month-old rebel uprising seeks to push Moammar Gadhafi from power after four decades. Rebels have swaths of eastern Libya, although fighting has since become a stalemate even with NATO support.

AP Exclusive: Hamas debates future role, considers removing itself from government

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — After four years of turbulent rule in the Gaza Strip, the Islamic militant group Hamas is weighing a new strategy of not directly participating in future governments even if it wins elections — an approach aimed at avoiding isolation by the world community and allowing for continued economic aid.

Hamas officials told The Associated Press the idea has gained favor in recent closed meetings of the secretive movement's leadership in the West Bank, Gaza, Egypt and Syria, and that it helped enable last month's reconciliation agreement with the rival Fatah group of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Talks on implementing that accord have dragged on, particularly over the makeup of a "unity government."

The agreement envisions a government of non-political technocrats — in line with Hamas' emerging thinking — but Abbas wants to retain current premier Salam Fayyad.

SELIGER

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used money from the Economic Stabilization Fund," Seliger said, referring to the multi-billion-dollar fund established in 1988 to

help the state weather tough economic times. "But if we had, it would have been vetoed (by Gov. Perry). If ever there was an economy in need of stabilization, this is it."

Given the economic realities, Seliger believes legislators made the best of a bad situation.

"I think we did the best we could with the funds available," he said.

Seliger also found himself in the middle of a deeply partisan fight as chairman of the committee charged redrawing representative districts within the state, but partisan

politics was to be expected in such a venture, he said.

"The process was designed to be partisan," Seliger said. "You can try to minimize it, but you can't avoid it. There's always going to be one group wanting to see things come out one way, and one group

wanting to see it come out another way."

Seliger said he was hopeful the Legislature will wrap up its special session within the next few weeks.

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Police/Sheriff/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. Monday:

- ABEL GUZMAN, 29, 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested on warrants charging unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon in a weapons free zone, failure to identify fugitive from justice, retaliation and a warrant from another agency.
- PATRICK ROBERTS PARRAS, 23, 2804 Williams, was arrested on a warrant charging no driver's license.

• VELERIA MATA MONTEMAYOR, 35, 2522 Gunter, was arrested on warrants charging failure to report change of address/name, failure to appear and a warrant from another agency.

• SCOTT HUNTER MANLY, 61, Midland, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• JOHN FLORES, 46, 1517 Sycamore, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• ANTONIO LINARES, 22, Mansfield, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea.

• THEFT was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Wednesday (66 prisoners were reported in the county jail):

• PATRICK ROBERT PARRAS, 23, was jailed on a charge of no driver's license.

• VALERIA MATA MONTEMAYOR, 35, was jailed on charges of failure to change address or name and violating promise to appear.

• SCOTT HUNTER MANLY, 61, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.

• JOHN FLORES JR., 46, was jailed on a parole violation warrant.

• ANTONIO LINARES JR., 22, was jailed on a charge of public intoxi-

cation.
• ISAAC J. TARIN, 18, was jailed on warrants charging theft, disorderly conduct and failure to appear.

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity Wednesday:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of W. 24th. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of N. Aylesford. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Moore Road. Service was refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore. Service was refused.

2 Arizona towns empty as wildfires approach

SPRINGVILLE, Ariz. (AP) — Fire crews worked through the night to protect several Arizona mountain communities from a grow-

ing forest fire that has forced thousands from their homes and threatens transmission lines that supply electricity as far east as Texas.

The 607-square-mile blaze, the second largest ever in Arizona, is expected to reach the power lines as early as Friday. If the lines are damaged, hundreds of thousands in parts of New Mexico and Texas could face blackouts.

Meanwhile, crews were hopeful that they could slow the fire Thursday if weather predictions hold true. After a few days of driving winds, there was no high-wind warning issued for Thursday.

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House approves Medicaid changes

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers passed major changes to Medicaid on Wednesday that would privatize the health program in South Texas and allow the formation of health care cooperatives.

The 142-page measure is part of a special legislative session to pass laws that will balance the state budget. The Legislative Budget Board says it could save the state \$467 million, almost two-thirds of that coming from Medicaid savings. Medicaid is a joint state and federal health insurance program for the poor and disabled.

"It's a big bill and it tries to do a lot of things, it really is transformative," said Rep. John Zerwas, R-Simonton, who authored the bill and is also a doctor.

The bill passed 91-47, largely along party lines with Democrats opposing it. After a final procedural vote, the measure goes back to the Senate for consideration of the small changes made by amendments added Thursday.

Representatives from South Texas expressed concern that allowing private health care companies to manage the Medicaid program could create problems by cutting reimbursement rates to doctors. That would result in fewer doctors accepting Medicaid patients, and fewer poor people re-

ceiving adequate medical care.

Zerwas assured fellow legislators he was confident private managed care would work along the Rio Grande Valley, Texas's largest Medicaid service area. Managed care groups already administer Medicaid in the rest of the state.

"Now that we've had some experience with that, we now feel confident that we can move it out into South Texas," Zerwas said.

Lawmakers are cutting \$27 billion worth of state services in order to balance the budget. The Legislative Budget

Board says the Medicaid portion of the budget that was passed during the regular session is \$4.8 billion short of expected case growth, and supporters of this bill said they hope it will save more money.

The bill establishes the Texas Institute of Health Care Quality and Efficiency, which would seek to identify and encourage innovative health care programs that save money.

The institute would supervise the implementation of the bill and report back to the Legislature.

"When has the gov-

ernment made anything more efficient?" asked Rep. David Simpson, R-Longview, asked about the new institute, in opposition to the bill.

The biggest change would be the establishment of state-sanctioned health care collaboratives, which allow hospitals, doctors and insurers to work together to lower costs.

Critics worry that such organizations would violate anti-trust laws, but the bill requires the attorney general to first determine that the new group would not affect the health market in that community.

Simpson urged lawmakers to vote against the bill because of the immunities the bill would give health care collaboratives against anti-trust laws.

The measure also abolishes the State Kids Insurance Program and moves those children into the Child's Health Insurance Program. The state would also require Medicaid patients to make co-payments.

In order to lower costs, the bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and evaluate doctor incentive programs designed

to keep non-urgent cases out of the emergency room.

The bill would also allow public hospitals that treat legal immigrants to demand repayment for health services from that person's sponsor, if they have one.


The state would also create the Medicaid and CHIP Quality-Based Payment Advisory Committee to develop ways to pay doctors based on the patient's outcome rather than payment per procedure. The state would develop incentive programs for doctors, hospitals and nursing homes.

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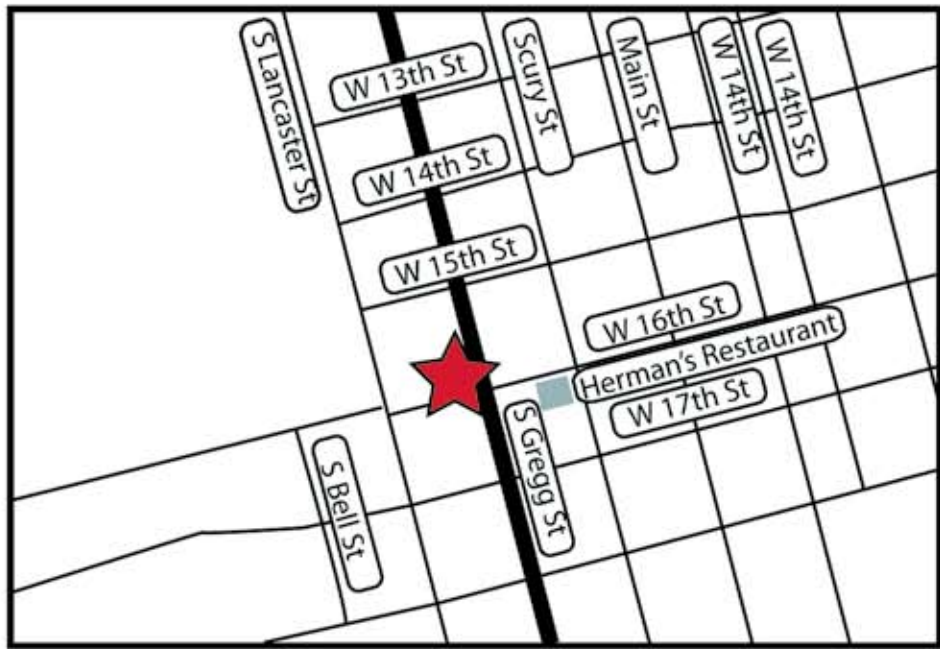
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Hawk duo named as All-Americans

By CINDY SMITH

Special to the HERALD

The Howard College Hawks baseball team has a strong tradition of developing All-American athletes and this year is no different, as outfielder Tyler Collins and designated hitter Landon Steinhagen were each given the first team NJCAA Division I Baseball All-American award.

Collins, a sophomore standout from Trophy Club, let his stats speak for themselves as he tied for first in the nation with 19 homeruns, was second in the nation with 82 RBIs, tied for

second in the nation with a .488 batting average and was third in the nation for on-base-percentages at .561.

Steinhagen, a sophomore from Beaumont, was also in the top lineup for the nation in batting with a ninth ranked .463 batting average and 74 RBIs (tied for third in the nation with Hawk teammate Nathan Burns) and a .550 on-base-percentage.

"Tyler and Landon are both very deserving of this award after having

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Courtesy photo

Tyler Collins swings for the fences in recent Hawk action. Collins was recently named to the NJCAA Division 1 All-American team.



Courtesy photo

Howard College Hawk Landon Steinhagen was recently named as an NJCAA All-American.

Norris stingy with hits, Astros down Cards 4-1

HOUSTON (AP)—Having a no-hitter broken up in the seventh inning always hurts.

Seeing it broken up by a former teammate probably stings a bit worse.

Bud Norris took a no-hitter into the seventh inning and teamed with Mark Melancon hold the St. Louis Cardinals to two hits in the Houston Astros' 4-1 win Wednesday night.

"I've always said this dude has great stuff,

great mentality and reminds me a lot of Roger Clemens with his aggressiveness and mound presence," Berkman said. "That's about as high of praise as I can give somebody. I think he's very good starting pitcher, and he should get only better."

Norris (4-4) pitched eight innings, allowing only former Astro Lance Berkman's solo homer with two outs. The blast on the fifth pitch of the

at bat sailed just over the glove of Hunter Pence and into the stands in right field. Norris pounded his hand in his glove and wiping sweat from his cheek.

The 26-year-old in his second full season in the majors relied on fastballs thrown between 90-95 mph mixed with sliders and changeups to keep the Cardinals off

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Rangers avoid sweep, finally tame Tigers 7-3

ARLINGTON (AP) — Alexi Ogando didn't let a first-inning homer to light-hitting Don Kelly detract from his focus.

Ogando quickly settled down, scattering six hits over 7 2-3 innings to remain unbeaten, Adrian Beltre homered, and the Texas Rangers avoided a three-game sweep by Detroit with a 7-3 victory over the Tigers on Wednesday night.

Detroit had 21 runs and 38 hits while winning the first two games of the series and had taken four straight overall.

But the Tigers couldn't get much going against Ogando (7-0), who struck out seven to match a career high and walked two.

Kelly, the game's second hitter, ripped his first

homer of the season on a 2-0 pitch into the seats in right.

Ogando struck out four of the next seven batters he faced and became the first major league pitcher to win his first seven decisions as a starter since Jered Weaver went 9-0 for the Los Angeles Angels in 2006.

"I fell behind in the count," Ogando said through an interpreter of Kelly's at-bat. "I left the pitch right over the plate. But I never gave up. I never got my head down. I just kept throwing and kept battling."

"I just wanted to keep my composure. Sometimes you get down but you have to keep throwing and do the best job you can."

Texas' four-run third allowed Ogando to relax a

little, even after errors on dropped fly balls in the outfield by Nelson Cruz in the sixth and Josh Hamilton in the seventh.

"After we scored some runs he settled down and located his pitches a little bit better," Rangers catcher Yorvit Torrealba said.

Elvis Andrus had three hits for the AL West-leading Rangers.

Phil Coke (1-6) gave up six runs — four earned — and 10 hits in five innings in his return to Detroit's rotation. Coke was recalled from an injury rehab assignment with Triple-A Toledo and was reinstated from the 15-day disabled list before the game.

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Mickelson takes preparation for U.S. Open seriously

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — With everything riding on the final hole, Phil Mickelson found a gap in the trees and hooked a wedge that caught the left-to-right wind, hopped along a ridge on the green and rolled to 15 feet away from an impossible pin.

It was vintage Mickelson, taking on a high-risk shot when the stakes were high. All that remained was to make the birdie putt, and when it dropped into the center of the cup, well, you would have thought he had just won another major.

Except this was only a practice round at The Players Championship.

"I don't remember fist-pumping on Tuesday very often," Mickelson said with a grin, the details still vivid a month later. "My brother saw it on the Golf Channel and said, 'What are you doing? This is Tuesday!' But that was a massive game."

That's usually the case when Mickelson is involved.

Dustin Johnson was on the losing end of that match, standing off to the side of the green, cursing under his breath, knowing how

it would end as Mickelson stood over the putt. Asked if he was more bitter about losing to a miracle birdie by Mickelson in a practice round or getting a two-shot penalty from the bunker on the 18th hole at Whistling Straits, it was hard to tell if Johnson was joking.

"I don't know," he said. "That's a tough one."

But then, that's the whole idea. Mickelson wants it to mean something. He wants losing to sting.

Mickelson has been hustling on the golf course since he was in college, if not longer, and his victims include Tiger Woods from long ago. It's a way for Lefty to stay sharp, to face shots that are meaningful instead of going through the motions of an ordinary practice round.

Over the last few years, his practice rounds have served another purpose.

Mickelson started his career playing money games with Paul Azinger, the late Payne Stewart, Mark Calcavecchia and John Huston. Now he's playing with Johnson, Steve Marino,

Hunter Mahan, Jeff Overton, even rookies like Keegan Bradley and Brendan Steele.

"The idea is, I want guys playing match play and getting ready for Ryder Cups and Presidents Cups," Mickelson said. "We play best ball and individual games, 18-hole matches. I haven't said this to the guys, but that was my thinking when I started playing these matches. And if you'll notice, most of them are young guys who one day are going to be representing the U.S."

Mickelson paused to reach into a brown bag of french fries at a "Five Guys" restaurant, then he smiled.

"Every now and then," he said, "I have some meaning to my madness."

"Has anyone ever gone back to the tee after losing his ball in a practice round?" Mickelson said just loud enough to be heard by Nick Watney, who was desperately searching for his ball in the rough left of the 17th fairway at St. Andrews last summer.

This was stroke play, the loser paying the winner. Mickelson rallied for a two-shot lead

going to the final hole, and with out-of-bounds to the right along the road, his tee shot went so far left that even he laughed at his conservative play. He would be the winner again. All that remained was to see who paid him.

Johnson and Watney both made birdie to tie. Watney meekly approached Johnson and suggested they split the bill.

"I don't split," Johnson said.

Mickelson sent them off to the Valley of Sin for a chip-off, and at one point, they had to wave another player through, another rarity for a practice round at a major. Johnson eventually won with a birdie. Watney had to pay.

"You'd have thought he had a heart attack," Butch Harmon said. "Tour players are very spoiled. It's their nature to be pampered and cuddled. This is an in-your-face kind of game. There's good ribbing that goes on. There's good competition, and there's more shotmaking, especially down the stretch. And that's a good thing. It gets guys in a competitive mode on Tuesday or Wednes-

day of a major. "And I like the swing," said Harmon, the swing coach of all three, "that Phil is getting the young guys involved."

The amount of money is not outrageous, certainly not like it was a few generations ago, when some players made more during practice rounds than in the actual tournament. It's not even close to what gets wagered at some country clubs.

"I want it be enough where you feel it, but it's not going to affect you," Mickelson said.

For Mickelson, equal enjoyment comes from the banter.

The needling starts on the first hole, and the other players are not afraid to give it back. There have been a few quiet days, like the round with Woods in 1998 before the L.A. Open. They were at Valencia on a windy day when they came to a par 3 late in the match. Mickelson had a 7-iron in his hand and said to caddie Jim "Bones" Mackay that he felt some wind in his face.

"I said to Bones, 'Gosh, I think I've got to really step on this 5 to get it there,'" Mickelson said.

"So he hit 6-iron, jumped it and flew 30 yards over the green. We were playing stroke play and I ended up flipping him on all these presses."

Mickelson said he took the \$100 bills from Woods and made a photocopy of them. He then made smiley faces on the copy and wrote, "Just wanted you to know Benji and his friends are very happy in their new home."

"I left it in his locker," Mickelson said. "That was the last time we played."

Steele and Bradley were invited to join Mickelson for a nine-hole round at Sawgrass this year. They thought it was going to be a regular practice round. They quickly learned otherwise.

"It was pretty cool," Bradley said. "We got on the tee and he said, 'Here's the game we're playing.' It wasn't like, 'What do you want to play?' It was 'Here's what we're playing.' It gets you thinking. It's better to be playing than just messing around. And he was great. He was open to any questions, and he did more teaching than anything."

HAWKS

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a tremendous year," said Britt Smith, hawk baseball head coach and athletic director.

The duo's talents helped lead the Hawk team to a .394 batting average which led the nation for the season. "Tyler and Landon made huge contributions to our offense throughout the year, batting 3 and 4 in our lineup," Smith said. "They did their job consistently and you can't ask for more than that."

Collins and Steinhagen were the only WJCAC athletes to make the elite first team All-American list and among only five from Region V to hit the list at all.

Both athletes were highly sought after early in the year as Collins inked with Texas Christian University and Steinhagen signed with the University of Texas.

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Coke, a converted reliever making his 11th start in 170 big league appearances, had been out since May 24 with a bone bruise on his right foot, and the rust was apparent.

"I think he was a little sluggish," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "He made some bad pitches when he had the count in his favor."

The Tigers failed to complete their first three-game road sweep of the Rangers since May 1-3, 2001.

But Detroit wrapped up a 4-2 road trip against the Chicago White Sox and Rangers heading into an eight-game homestand that gets under way Thursday night against Seattle.

"We won four of six against two excellent teams," Leyland said. "That's a good week's work. You don't ever sound satisfied, but I think if we win four of six on the road the rest of the way, I'll be very tickled."

The Rangers loaded the bases in the third on three straight singles. Craig Gentry then hit a chopper to third baseman Kelly, who threw wildly to the plate for an error, allowing Torrealba to score. Catcher Victor Martinez retrieved the ball about 20 feet behind the plate and threw to Kelly covering home, but Kelly failed to catch the ball cleanly and Chris Davis was safe as the two collided.

Hamilton followed with a two-run double to stretch the Rangers' lead to 4-1. Andrus, who had fresh legs after getting the previous game off, added an RBI single in the fourth, and Beltre's run-scoring single in the fifth made it 6-1.

Beltre led off the seventh against Adam Wilk with his 12th homer off the left field foul pole.

In the ninth against Neftali Feliz, Austin Jackson's RBI double and Kelly's run-producing groundout got the Tigers within four runs, but Feliz struck out Brennan Boesch to end the game.

NOTES: Andrus was caught stealing in the first inning, breaking a streak of 19 straight successful steals this season. ... The Rangers fired hitting coach Thad Bosley and promoted Scott Coolbaugh, who had been hitting coach for Triple-A Round Rock. Bosley, a former major league outfielder, was in his first season on manager Ron Washington's staff. ... To open a roster spot for Coke, the Tigers optioned C Omir Santos to Toledo. ... Former Rangers LHP Kenny Rogers has been elected to the team's Hall of Fame and will be inducted on Aug. 6.

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balance.

"We all know Lance," Norris said. "He played here for a long time and he's just such an amazing hitter. I threw the pitch I wanted to throw, definitely in a good spot, but I was behind in the count and ... he put a pretty good swing on it."

Pence was disappointed that he wasn't able to make the catch on Berkman's homer.

"I really wish I could have made the play," he said. "I just went as hard as I could and tried to get up there and reach for it."

Melancon yielded a two-out double to Albert Pujols in the ninth before retiring Berkman for his sixth save.

Norris, who entered the game averaging more than a strikeout an inning in his 50 previous major league appearances, struck out two and walked five in a game that tied the longest outing of his career.

"That really helped economize his pitches by staying away from the strikeouts he normally gets," Houston manager Brad Mills said.

Pence had an RBI triple to extend his career-best hitting streak to a Major League-long 19 games and help snap a four-game skid for the Astros.

Cardinals starter Jaime Garcia (6-2) allowed seven hits and three runs in five innings.

Norris walked the leadoff batter in the first, fourth and fifth innings, but faced the minimum through five thanks to three double plays by Houston's defense.

"You try not to let it get in

your mind and you just have to keep going out there and making pitches, so that was the key," Norris said of the mounting pressure when he realized he hadn't allowed a hit. "They played behind me and gave me some runs so that was a big win for the team."

He walked Matt Carpenter with one out in the sixth, but got his first strikeout of the game to retire pinch hitter Daniel Descalso before sitting down Ryan Theriot.

Theriot, who saw his career-high 20-game hitting streak ended on Wednesday, said he never felt like he had a pitch over the plate to hit.

"You can tell he's a gamer out there competing, giving you everything he's got," Theriot said of Norris. "To me, that's kind of the X-factor. You talk about the guys that are really good and guys that are tough to hit off of. A lot of them are the ones that have that extra tool, that competitiveness."

Clint Barmes made a diving catch on a ball hit by Jon Jay for the first out of the seventh inning. Norris pumped his fist excitedly after Barmes made the belly-flopping grab. Pujols followed with a long fly out to center field before the homer by Berkman, who played 12 seasons for the Astros before a trade last year.

Berkman, who also homered on Tuesday night, was booed as he rounded the bases on his 14th home run that made it 3-1. Berkman's 14 homers this season match hit total from last year with Houston and the Yankees.

Norris walked Carpenter with two outs in the eighth inning before he struck out pinch

hitter Mark Hamilton.

The speedy Jason Bourgeois, who was making his first start since coming off the disabled list on this weekend, singled in the fifth inning before stealing second base and reaching third on a lineout by Jeff Keppinger. He made it 3-0 by scoring on a single by Jason Michaels.

Keppinger singled with one out in the third inning before scoring on Pence's triple that landed near the back of Tal's Hill in center field.

Pence came home on a groundout by Carlos Lee to put Houston up 2-0.

The Astros got no-out doubles in the first and second innings, but were unable to string together enough hits to score in those innings.

J.R. Towles doubled before scoring on a single by Michael Bourn to push the lead to 4-1 in the eighth inning.

NOTES: There are now two Rasmus brothers in the Cardinals' organization after St. Louis drafted Colby Rasmus's brother, Casey, in the 36th round Wednesday. Casey is a catcher from Liberty University. "That's always been what we grew up on was trying making it to the big leagues or play pro ball and he's going to get that taste now," Colby said. "I'm super excited for him."

Former Houston INF Bill Hall has cleared waivers and is a free agent. He was placed on waivers by the Astros for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release on Friday.

St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said the soonest he expects to use closer Fernando Salas will be Friday after he threw 44 pitches in a two-inning save on Tuesday.

Rangers and Astros select paralyzed athletes in draft

NEW YORK (AP) — Johnathan Taylor and Buddy Lamothe may never play baseball again after accidents left them partially paralyzed.

That didn't matter to the teams that picked them Wednesday during the final rounds of the Major League Baseball draft.

Taylor, an outfielder from the University of Georgia, was a 33rd-round pick of the Texas Rangers, while Lamothe, a reliever from San Jacinto College, was the Houston Astros' 40th-round selection.

Taylor was left paralyzed from the chest down after he broke his neck in March during a game when he collided with teammate Zach Cone, the Rangers' supplemental-round pick Monday. Texas director of amateur scouting Kip

Fagg said the team's selection of Taylor was "something we felt was right."

"We would have drafted him either way, regardless of any other circumstances involving his injury or Zach's draft status," Fagg said.

"Our area scout in Georgia, Ryan Coe, has had a relationship with Johnathan since he was a high school player. The club has always liked his passion and ability as a player."

Taylor hit .335 last year as a sophomore for the Bulldogs, and was hitting .182 with two RBIs in 11 games at the time of his injury.

Fagg added that he and a few other Texas officials visited Cone during "the course of normal pre-draft activity" and gave him a Rangers jersey to give to Taylor that was signed by the entire Rangers team.

"This was truly a classy move and a great gesture on the part of the Texas Rangers organization," Georgia coach David Perno said. "J.T. is definitely

a player worthy of getting drafted. He's been a big part of our program, and we are all very excited for him.

When I talked to him after he got the call, he was in the middle of his rehabilitation work, laughing and having a good time and was thrilled to be drafted."

Taylor was injured March 6 against Florida State and has been undergoing outpatient treatment at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta.

He also attended a pair of Georgia games since his accident.

"We're all very proud of him," said Tandra Taylor, Jonathan's mother.

"It's just amazing, and when he got the call, his face lit up and we were all very excited. It was awesome news."

Cone, taken by the Rangers with the 37th overall selection, was thrilled the team also took his injured buddy.

"I was pumped up when I got a call saying that the Rangers had drafted him," Cone said.

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Boston fights back to tie NHL Finals 2-2

BOSTON (AP) — The tattered, kitschy Bruins jacket has been moving around the Boston locker room for the past few months, going to the most valuable player in every victory.

It belonged to Nathan Horton when he went down with a serious concussion two days earlier in the Stanley Cup finals. He showed up in the Bruins' locker room Wednesday night, delighting his teammates by putting the jacket on Rich Peverley.

That strange, old jacket bought on eBay has become the Bruins' most valuable trophy.

After two dominant games in Boston, the Bruins are halfway to winning a bigger, shinier prize.

Tim Thomas made 38 saves in his third shutout of the playoffs, Peverley scored two goals after replacing Horton on Boston's top line, and the Bruins emphatically evened the finals at two games apiece with a 4-0 victory over the foundering Vancouver Canucks in Game 4.

The Bruins rolled through Game 4 on an emotional high that began with a stirring pregame tribute to Horton, who will miss the rest of the series after a late hit in Game 3 from Vancouver defenseman Aaron Rome, who was suspended for four games.

"When I personally got to see him in the locker room, I was incredibly happy," Thomas said. "It gave me a

big boost. He was there to pass the jacket on. The team would have been happy leaving it with Horthy for the rest of the series, but he wanted to give it away and keep the tradition going. ... Watching him going down, we want to finish what we started for him."

Michael Ryder and Brad Marchand also scored and the Bruins chased Roberto Luongo early in the third period after Vancouver's star goalie allowed his 12th goal in less than two brutal games in Boston.

"It's always easier to be at home," Marchand said. "We feed off the energy, off our fans. They just bring out the best in us. ... Just seems everyone is so focused right now."

The finals are now a best-of-three, with Game 5 in Vancouver on Friday night.

Game 6 is Monday night back in Boston. After outscoring Vancouver 12-1 in the last two games, the Bruins are halfway to their first NHL title since 1972 — but they'll have to win at least once on the West Coast.

Boston opened its first finals trip in 21 years with two deflating one-goal losses last week in Vancouver, but the Bruins have wrestled all momentum from the suddenly shaky Canucks with two thoroughly dominant wins.

Luongo gave up four goals on 20 shots before Cory Schneider replaced him, ending yet another shaky defensive

performance for the Presidents' Trophy-winning Canucks, who were inexplicably passionless in Boston.

"We have two out of three with home-ice advantage, and that's what we've worked for all season," Luongo said. "We need to get playing the way we did in the first two games."

Vancouver needed just one win in Boston to earn the chance to win the franchise's first championship on home ice. Instead, the Canucks headed home with huge questions about their mental toughness, defense and goaltending.

"It's not for lack of effort, not for lack of trying to win," Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault said. "Give the other team credit. They're playing a smart game, and right now they've been able to shut us down offensively the last two games."

Thomas was flawless yet again in a playoff run that's turning into the defining achievement of his winding career. He has allowed just five goals in four games in his first Stanley Cup finals, with Vancouver's vaunted Sedin twins — the NHL's last two scoring champions — failing to beat him.

Despite the NHL's warning to these teams about keeping their competition between the whistles, the third period featured another handful of skirmishes. Thomas delighted Boston's fans when

he slashed Vancouver agitator Alex Burrows with 1:51 to play, precipitating another brawl.

"I thought I'd give him a little love tap," Thomas said. "Let them know that I know what you're doing, but I'm not going to let you do it forever. That's all that was. A typical battle."

The Bruins are winning most of them, partially on motivation from Horton's injury.

Before the game, Bobby Orr — the Hall of Fame defenseman and Boston icon — wore his own No. 4 jersey as he waved a flag bearing Horton's No. 18, drawing thunderous cheers while standing in the lower bowl under a spotlight. Hundreds of Canucks fans in blue jerseys joined in the cheers for Horton, who scored the winning goals in both of Boston's Game 7 victories during these playoffs.

With the victory secure in the final minutes, the entire building loudly chanted Horton's name.

Peverley, a Bruins newcomer after a late-season trade from Atlanta, lined up with David Krejci and Milan Lucic. The hardworking forward isn't known for his scoring touch, but came through twice in the new role.

Boston went ahead midway through the first period after Krejci alertly tapped a loose puck in the neutral zone ahead to Peverley, who blew past Raffi Torres and scored

just his second goal in 19 games.

The Canucks are a mess on defense after losing top blueliner Dan Hamhuis to an injury in Game 1 before Rome's suspension.

Keith Ballard struggled as Rome's replacement, making a brutal turnover on Boston's third goal, but Vancouver played generally shoddy team defense in front of Luongo, who hasn't shaken his reputation for struggling in big games — even with an Olympic gold medal around his neck.

Vancouver's power play, the NHL's best in the regular season, also has lost its mojo, going 0 for 6 in Game 4 to drop to 1 for 22 in the series.

The Sedin twins are the NHL's past two scoring champions, but they've barely made an impact on this series under Boston's steady defensive pressure.

Perhaps the top-seeded Canucks' only good news out of Boston is that the home team is dominating this series — and they've got two more potential home games.

The Canucks have been routed before in this postseason, losing consecutive games to Chicago by a combined 12-2 after taking a 3-0 lead in that first-round series.

Vancouver narrowly won the first two games last week, moving halfway to the franchise's first championship and Canada's first Cup since 1993.

Mavericks and Heat square off in Game 5 tonight

DALLAS (AP) — Although Dwyane Wade would have certainly been thrilled with a cakewalk, he knew the NBA finals would not go any differently than the rest of this season did for the Miami Heat.

A season of grinds is ending, predictably, with another.

"If we came and won in four straight games it would have been like, 'Ummm, really? All that for that?'" Wade said Wednesday. "So this is a part of the process. This is what this team is used to. I always look forward to see how we're going to respond."

Game 5 of the NBA finals in Dallas is Thursday night, the series knotted at two games and remarkably close in no shortage of statistical categories.

For the first time since the 1940s, three straight games of the league's championship series have been decided by three points or fewer, and the oddsmakers apparently expect that trend to continue: The Mavericks were listed as 1.5-point favorites in Game 5 on most Las Vegas boards.

Miami wasted a 15-point lead in the fourth quarter of Game 2, a nine-point lead in the fourth quarter of Game 4, so it stands to reason that the Heat might be preparing for a parade right now instead of a swing game that awaits on Thursday.

Drama has followed Miami all season, and it's not stopping. The Heat were roundly criticized for their success last summer in retaining Wade and landing LeBron James and Chris Bosh, absorbed more shots after getting off to a 9-8 start, weren't popular picks to beat either Boston or Chicago in the Eastern Conference playoffs, been called "Hollywood" by Bulls center Joakim Noah, a regular target for Charles Barkley ... the list of issues is endless.

If anything, all that may have helped for what they're dealing with now. James is coming off an eight-point night in Game 4, his first single-digit scoring effort in 90 career NBA playoff games and the first in his past 434 overall. An ESPN poll before the series suggested 2 out of 3 NBA fans didn't necessarily care if the Mavericks won the title — they just wanted the Heat to lose.

"We didn't expect to sweep," Heat forward Udonis Haslem said. "We expected it to be a tough battle, expected every game to be a close game and every game has been a close game. Think about it: I think we've won six quarters, they've won six quarters, four quarters have been tied. Everything has pretty much come down to two plays here, two plays there."

There's some irony in that these finals are shaping up as one of the closest in history.

Close games were Miami's biggest thorn this season.

The Heat went 5-14 in games decided by five points

or fewer during the regular season, with the NBA's worst shooting percentage in one-possession games with a chance to win or tie at the end.

Still, when the season ends in Miami next week — either Sunday or Tuesday — the Heat will be there, either lamenting a missed title shot or dripping in champagne.

"It's defensive-minded, it's competitive, it's physical. It's like being on the ropes in a heavyweight bout," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "It's back and forth all the way until the end. And that's the way it should be."

That being said, the Heat say it's time for the breakthrough.

James used exactly that phrase — "It's time," he said Wednesday — when discussing whatever it was that offensively ailed him in Game 4, and how that must change for Game 5.

His confidence, teammates say, remains high. And with that, everybody else in the Heat locker room draws confidence as well, just as they did when things were rough this season at the start, then again when facing a five-game losing streak

in March.

Since that slide ended, the Heat have not lost consecutive games. If that trend continues, they'll be champions in a few short days.

"Nobody wants it to go any longer than it has to go," Haslem said. "Everybody understands how things can change so quickly. It's definitely a must-win. I think we play our best in these types of situations with our back against the wall."

Wade said the Heat have learned to appreciate the tension that comes with moments such as this.

"For whatever reason that's what we run on," Wade said. "I think we've understood that from Day One. Our goal was to play this late in the year."

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By Steve Becker

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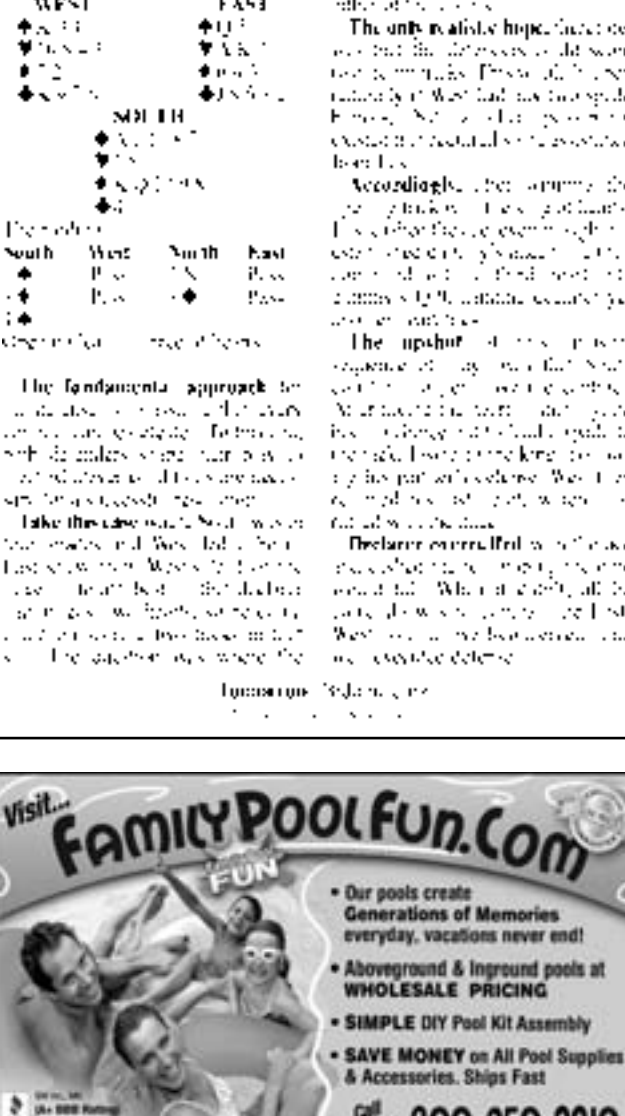
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How to keep that goldfish from the Fair alive

By **SUE MANNING**
Associated Press
LOS ANGELES — Don Hurst figures he's given away millions of goldfish at carnivals over the last 25 years.

Fair-goers win a fish in a plastic bag by tossing a ping pong ball into a bowl. With Hurst selling balls eight for a dollar and 20 for \$2, the chances of winning are pretty good.

Hurst thinks most of the fish he hands out make it home. But how long they live after that depends on how they are cared for, with optimal conditions including a tank with a cover, the right type of water, a filtration system and sunlight.

Pete Ponzio, president of the American Goldfish Association, says even the trip home can be harmful. Bouncing around in those little plastic bags can produce stressful vibrations that break down immune systems and cause disease, he explained.

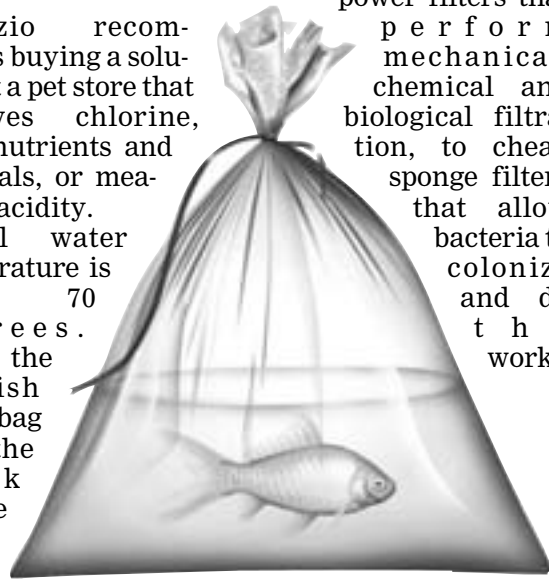
Water is the next prob-

lem. Putting a goldfish in chlorinated tap water, bottled or distilled water, or water that is too acidic or alkaline, can be deadly, Ponzio said.

Ponzio recommends buying a solution at a pet store that removes chlorine, adds nutrients and minerals, or measures acidity.

Ideal water temperature is about 70 degrees. Place the goldfish in its bag in the tank before

plastic aquarium kit with a filter, air pump and chlorine remover, which will run about \$30. But systems range from expensive deluxe power filters that perform mechanical, chemical and biological filtration, to cheap sponge filters that allow bacteria to colonize and do the work.



releasing the fish to avoid more stress.

Goldfish, members of the carp family, produce a lot of waste, so you will also need a filtering system. The waste contains ammonia, which is toxic to them.

For the new goldfish owner, Ponzio recommends a 2- to 5-gallon

Change 10 percent of the fish's water each week. You don't have to move the fish, he said.

Goldfish are notorious for jumping out of their bowls, so make sure your tank is covered, or cover the bowl with a net.

"Putting one in a bowl or pond is a suicide

waiting to happen," Ponzio said.

Putting a second fish in the bowl can also keep them from jumping out. "They need buddies," he said.

Goldfish need natural sunlight, too, or their colors will fade, Ponzio said.

Ponzio feeds his fish once a day — either flakes or pellets. Freeze-dried worms, brine shrimp, beef heart or algae are always welcome snacks, he said.

Ponzio also says that contrary to popular belief, goldfish cannot be taught synchronized swimming or other tricks. They do not have the memory for it.

In some states, goldfish giveaways are banned. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Humane Society of the United States and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals all oppose awarding animals as prizes.

But Hurst says he does

not see why giving fish away to be cared for as pets is considered inhumane, when many goldfish are sold as feeder fish for other animals.

He estimates that he gives away between 4,000 and 7,000 fish a week as he and his wife follow the fair circuit April to November through Mississippi, Louisiana, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kansas, Tennessee and Alabama.

"We make it easy to win. The kids are laughing, the parents are clapping and I am egging them on," said Hurst, who yells "Fishy friend!" and high-fives each winner.

Hurst's fish are an inch or two long and weigh a few ounces. But goldfish can grow to 20 inches and weigh 3 pounds, said Ponzio, whose hobby started when his dad won a goldfish at a fair 50 years ago.

Goldfish can also live more than 20 years, Ponzio added. Guinness

World Records says the oldest known goldfish was won at a fair by a 7-year-old boy, Peter Hand, in Yorkshire, England, in 1956. The fish named Tish died in 1999 at the age of 43.

But goldfish rarely get the care needed to sustain a long life. If you want a long-lived fish, Ponzio suggests guppies or Siamese fighting fish instead. "They live in little puddles in Thailand and Cambodia in really gunky water, so they can survive just about anything," he said.

In contrast, Ponzio added, "to care for a goldfish right, you have to put some effort into it."

Online:

- <http://www.americangoldfish.org>
- <http://www.peta.org>
- <http://www.aspc.org>
- <http://www.humanesociety.org>
- <http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com>

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus, the love goddess, enters Gemini, gracing our communication with wit. Honeyed words make for a sweet connection between people. There's a downside to the transit, too, because the energy of Gemini can be tricky. What you see is not always what you get with the twins. Play the game of romance for fun, without taking it too seriously.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There is no "bored," there is only "boring" — something you never want to be. That's the reason you broaden your interests now, investigating a wide array of new amusements and different topics.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you can't laugh at yourself, life is a sad, gray existence. Trying too hard to be smart, appropriate and correct can be a waste of life. Mess up and laugh -- it's liberating.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're not glued to one particular mode of being. It's your willingness to change that keeps you fresh and alive. People will have to run to keep up with you, and you won't mind that one bit.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are too intelligent to be sure about anything today. An event will cause you to review what you know — or what you thought you knew, because on closer inspection, not all of it will hold up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Life will become unpredictable, and you'll like it that way. You can take it as a sign that you have expanded your consciousness and no longer have to be in familiar settings to feel safe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have an extra dose of courage at your disposal now, and you'll use it to meet new people, make a statement in front of a group or walk through a door that was closed to you before.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sometimes you push yourself into a situation to get a sense of whether or not it will be good for you. But there are those times, like now, when it's best to keep out of it and just do what you know is the right thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It becomes clear that someone likes you to a greater extent than you previously thought. You'll wonder whether you can return this level of affection, but the truth is that you don't have to right now. Enjoy the perks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are too old to believe in monsters under the bed, and yet there are still doors you do not dare open. Now you'll open one of them and encounter a joyful spirit on the other side.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are benefits to thinking about a past relationship and analyzing it as objectively as possible. Understanding why you made the choices that led you here, you'll have tremendous respect and compassion for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your suspicions are confirmed: You are indeed someone's favorite person. You'll get more evidence to support this conclusion today. Formal thanks may be in order.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a risk taker. Sometimes you're willing to lose what you have, but you're never willing to gamble what other people have. You know your boundaries, and others admire you for staying inside them.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 9). A bright mood colors your year. You'll attract fans and followers who share your unorthodox ideas. Traveling and cultural pursuits will be lucky for you in August, bringing you together with social and professional opportunities. In September, you'll develop a passionate new interest. You'll increase your income in November. Scorpio and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 24, 4, 1 and 49.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: More on yester-

day's letter: "She would not set a date for our wedding, and now she says she's not sure she wants to go through with it. She says the main issue is my lack of charm. What should I do, Holiday? I am a Taurus."

Wedding or no wedding, as a Venus-ruled sign, you will find great success in life by cultivating charm. Charm is a quality that relies on observation, selflessness and confidence. You cannot be charming without being observant because charm is all about the other person. Try to notice something that makes you curious about the other person. Be fascinated with the other person's comments and stories, and really listen to every detail. Give compliments — sincere ones that could only come from someone who is really paying attention. You can't do this if you are thinking of yourself. Charm relies on a sincere desire to make another person feel good without any expectation of a return. On every level, you want nothing from the situation but for the other person to laugh and feel tended to. Have the confidence to lose all self-consciousness and move with the whims of the moment.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: This versatile Gemini has played a politician in the Galactic Republic, a swan queen and the love interest of a thunder god. Now Oscar-winner Natalie Portman embarks on the real-life adventure of motherhood. Mercury and Venus in Cancer, the sign of mothers, suggests she'll have a telepathic and heartfelt line of communication with her baby.

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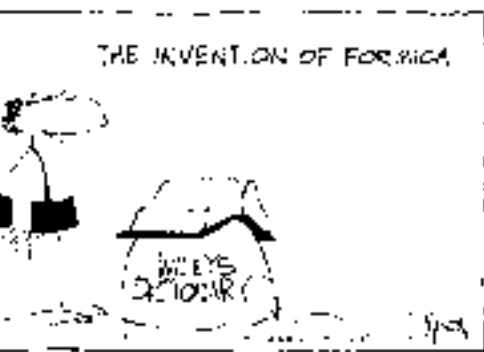


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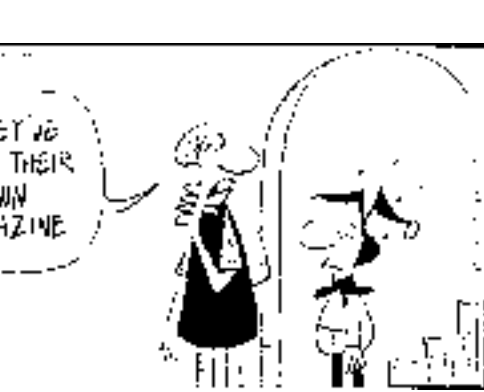
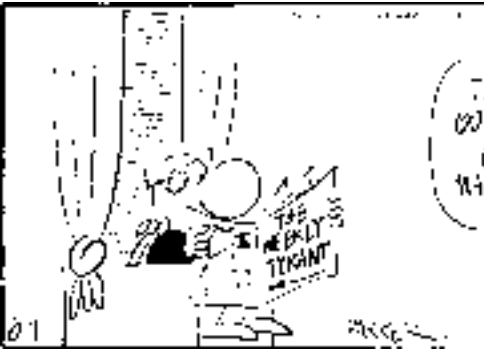
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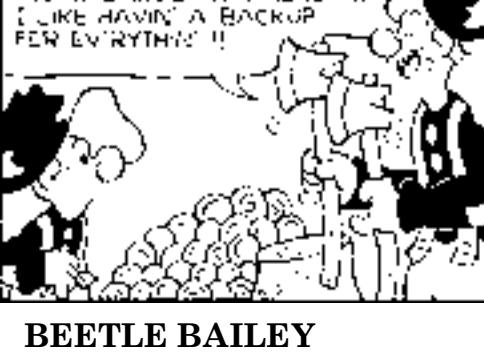
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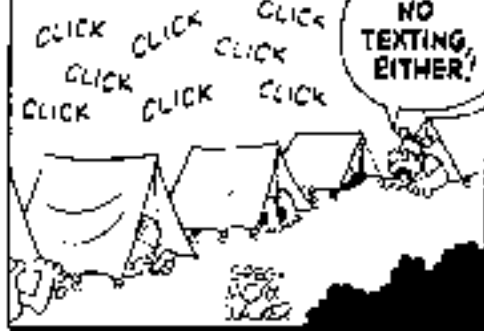
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, June 9, the 160th day of 2011. There are 205 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 9, 1909, Alice Huyler Ramsey, 22, set out from New York in a Maxwell DA on a journey to become the first woman to drive across the United States. (Ramsey and three female companions arrived in San Francisco on Aug. 7.)

On this date:

In A.D. 68, the Roman Emperor Nero committed suicide, ending a 13-year reign.

In 1870, author Charles Dickens died in Gad's Hill Place, England.

In 1911, Carrie (sometimes spelled "Carry") A. Nation, the hatchet-wielding temperance crusader, died in Leavenworth, Kan., at age 64.

In 1940, during World War II, Norway decided to surrender to the Nazis, effective at midnight.

In 1954, during the Senate-Army Hearings, Army special counsel Joseph N. Welch berated Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, asking: "Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left no sense of decency?"

In 1969, the Senate confirmed Warren Burger to be the new chief justice of the United States, succeeding Earl Warren.

In 1973, Secretariat became horse racing's first Triple Crown winner in 25 years by winning the Belmont Stakes.

In 1978, leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints struck down a 148-year-old policy of excluding black men from the Mormon priesthood.

In 1985, American educator Thomas Sutherland was kidnapped in Lebanon; he was released in Nov. 1991 along with fellow hostage Terry Waite.

In 1986, the Rogers Commission released its report on the Challenger disaster, criticizing NASA and rocket-builder Morton Thiokol for management problems leading to the explosion that claimed the lives of seven astronauts.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Mona Freeman is 85. Media analyst Marvin Kalb is 81. Sports commentator Dick Vitale is 72. Author Letty Cottin Pogrebin is 72. Rock musician Jon Lord is 70. Mystery author Patricia Cornwell is 55. Actor Michael J. Fox is 50. Writer-producer Aaron Sorkin is 50. Actor Johnny Depp is 48. Rock musician Dean Dinning is 44. Musician Ed Simons is 41. Country musician Shade Deggs (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 37. Bluegrass singer-musician Jamie Dailey (Dailey & Vincent) is 36. Actress Michaela Conlin (TV: "Bones") is 33. Actress Natalie Portman ("Black Swan") is 30. Actress Mae Whitman is 23.

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