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Leading economic indicators rise in July

NEW YORK (AP) — A research group's measure of employment, stocks and other indicators suggests that the recession will end this summer, if it hasn't already.

The Conference Board said Thursday that its index of leading indicators rose 0.6 percent in July, its fourth straight gain. The measure is meant to project economic activity in the next three to six months.

The indicators suggest the recession has bottomed out, and growth in economic activity will begin soon. Gross domestic product, which has shrunk for four straight quarters, could grow this quarter, said Ken Goldstein, the Conference Board's economist.

"Looks like the recession ended in June," Tim Quinlan, economic analyst for Wells Fargo Securities, wrote in a research note. The National Bureau of Economic Research, which officially calls the beginning and end of economic cycles, has in the past set an end-date to recessions after several consecutive months of gains in the leading indicators,

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staff photo by ***David Bowser***

Bryan Guymon, standing, will join Ken Fields, seated in practicing law at the Underwood Law Firm's office in Pampa.

New attorney joins Underwood firm

BY DAVID BOWSER
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Next week, Bryan Guymon's father will be out shooting polar bears in Alaska, but Guymon will be in Pampa starting his law practice.

The young Pampa lawyer was born in Sitka, Alaska. He came to Pampa by way of Utah and Texas Tech.

"We moved to northern Utah when I was about five years old," Guymon said of his family.

He grew up in the Logan area.

After earning a degree at Utah State University, he headed to Lubbock where he earned his law degree.

"I'd heard of their good reputation," Guymon said.

Last summer, while he was still in law school, Guymon worked with the Underwood law firm in Amarillo. He had a clerkship with them that was for about six weeks between semesters.

They made him an offer to come back and work with them after graduation.

It was about that same time that Pampa lawyer Ken Fields joined them as a partner.

It was about the time, Guymon said, that the firm was merging with Fields.

During the last week of Guymon's clerkship, Guymon brought his wife, Janelle, and son Joshua, 4, and daughter Grace, 2, to Pampa to look around at the Underwood law firm's invitation.

"We just kind of looked around the town and went to church, and we just really liked Pampa," Guymon said. "We liked a smaller town."

He said that the more they hear about Fields, the better they feel about their decision to move here.

"We couldn't be more excited to be here," Guymon said.

The young lawyer got his bachelor's degree in May, 2006, in history and international studies.

With his law degree, which he got in May of this year, he also got a master's degree in personal financial planning.

Smiling, he said that he expects to do some financial planning, but for the most part, he expects to be a small

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Panhandle Assn. of SWCDS to meet

TEMPLE,—The Panhandle Association of Soil and water Conservation Districts will meet August 27, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Bairfield Activity Center on the campus of Clarendon College in Clarendon.

Rick Kellison, Texas Tech University Project Director for Texas Alliance for Water Conservation (TAWC) will speak on "Carbon Sequestration and its Effect on Agriculture". The topic has garnered recent interest because increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere have led to growing interest in national and international forums for implementing measures to slow and reverse the buildup

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Army medic training home fending off sprawl

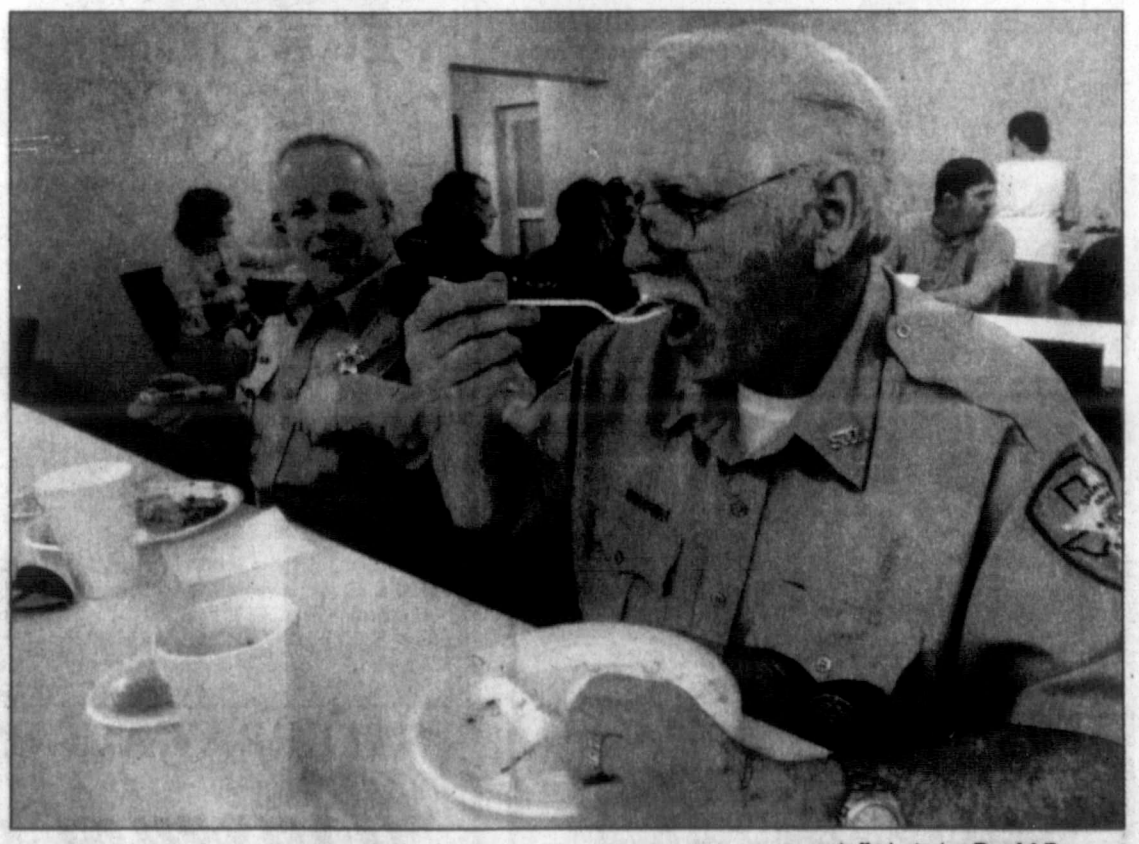
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The U.S. Army is turning to an unlikely weapon in a fight against sprawl in Texas. An endangered songbird.

Camp Bullis is where every medic in the U.S. military will report starting in 2011. It's also smack in the middle of one of the fastest-growing parts of San Antonio, where ranchland has given way to strip malls and pricey homes.

While families learn to live with loud practice fire and Arabic music blared during combat simulations, the Army must cope with brightly lit signs washing out night training and scaled-back artillery to keep neighbors happy. The encroach-

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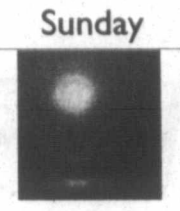


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Gray County Bailiff Clark Teague takes a bite of lasagne after searching through the courthouse for bombs. Authorities received a phone call just before noon today saying there was a bomb in the courthouse. No bomb was found. Deputies and Pampa firefighters retired to the Body of Christ Church for a lasagne lunch. The church serves lunch to emergency workers monthly on a volunteer basis.

For the record

Pampa Forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 86 Low 57	High 96 Low 68	High 98 Low 69

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 91. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 96. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 68. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph

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Oil prices dip on report of rising jobless claims

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices fell Thursday after the government reported that jobs remain in short supply in the U.S.

The Labor Department said the number of first-time unemployment claims rose unexpectedly for the second straight week. Less people heading off to work means the country will be consuming less gasoline.

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Obituaries

Ruth Nichols Lard, 84


Lard

Pampa— Ruth Nichols Lard, 84, died August 18, 2009, in Iowa Park, Texas.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 22, 2009, at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, with Bishop Paul Smith, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lard was born March 8, 1925 in Clawson, Idaho to Chester and Nettie Ruth Marcum. She married Luther Barnett Nichols, Jr. on January 10, 1944 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He preceded her in death on December 9, 1979. She later married B.W. Lard on December 20, 1994 in Miami. He preceded her in death on January 13, 2005. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1960. Ruthie received her cosmetology and instructor licenses from Clarendon College. She taught cosmetology at Pampa High School for several years. She was the owner and operator of Ruthie's Beauty Salon in Pampa. She was a member of the Monday Night Dance Club and Moose Lodge. Ruthie loved music, playing the piano and being outdoors. She was devoted to her job, even after retiring in February of 2009. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Survivors include two sons, Luther "Nick" Nichols, III and wife Tina of Iowa Park, and Alfred Nichols and wife Fran K. of Springtown; two daughters, Donnie Jensen and husband Darrell of Mattawa, Washington, and Doris Dillon of Iowa Park; two stepsons, Archie Lard and wife Sue of New Mexico, and Billy Lard and wife Rose of Duncan, Oklahoma; two stepdaughters, Patricia Long of Banning, California, and Glenda Strey of Cleburne; six brothers, Alfred Marcum and wife May, Lavern Marcum and wife Ruth, Oren Marcum, Dale Marcum and wife Maureen, Selor Marcum and wife Elva, Shelby Marcum and wife Joyce; one sister, Ethel Pearcy and husband Perry; 12 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Ruthie was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, James Marcum and Gilbert Marcum; two sisters, Myrtle Hall and Mary Ida Williams; one brother-in-law, Hyrum Hall; one sister-in-law, Nadine Marcum; two grandsons, Daren Ray Jensen and Dusty Rawlings Jensen.

MEMORIALS: any Hospice organization of your choice.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Edna Lorene Belt, 90


Belt

Pampa— Edna Lorene Belt, 90, August 17, 2009, in Gadsden, Alabama.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 22, 2009, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with John Schmidt of Morton, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Belt was born February 26, 1919 in Childress. She married Harle S. Belt on January 27, 1935 in Childress. He preceded her in death on January 16, 1992. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1975. Edna was a member and deacon of the Church of the Brethren.

Survivors include two daughters, Dolly Watts of Gadsden, Alabama, and Vickie Tippit and husband Billy of Plattsburg, Missouri; one son, Stanley Belt and wife Sandee of Pampa; one sister, Imogene McMinn of Pampa; 16 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Harlen and Randy, both in 2007.

MEMORIALS: Alzheimer's Association, 415 W. 8th Ave., Suite 300, Amarillo, Texas 79101, or American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Thomas B. Darby, 79

Thomas B. Darby, 79, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, died Saturday, August 8, 2009 in Albuquerque.

Thomas B. Darby was born on August 11, 1929 in Pampa, Texas to Thomas E. and Gladys Benton Darby. He was the older brother to John Philip Darby. He lived through the Great Depression and attended the local schools and graduated from Pampa High School in 1947. He then went to college at Texas Technological College, now known as Texas Tech University graduating with a degree in Geology in 1952. He worked as a geologist for exploration of oil and gas throughout Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Kansas.

He met and married his wife Nelda in 1957 in Duncan, Oklahoma. They later moved to Eldorado, Kansas.

In 1958 they had their first child Tom, who was born in Norman, Oklahoma. In 1960, daughter Kim was born followed by another son Patrick in 1964 and son Scott in 1971, all of which were born in Pampa, Texas. While he lived in Pampa. Texas he worked at Cabot Corporation becoming an industrial engineer and in 1973 moved to Northeastern Ohio. In 1974 he changed jobs and moved to Albuquerque as an engineering consultant for various local manufacturing companies.

He was a family man raising his children and watching them graduate from Eldorado High School. In the following years he became a proud grandfather to five grandchildren, Matt, Tyler, Katy, Calvin and Bryn. His remaining years were spent with his wife Nelda enjoying various hobbies and interests that generated lots of memories.

Next space shuttle launch set for next week

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA will try to launch Discovery to the international space station next week, less than a month after the last shuttle mission.

Senior officials set Tuesday as the launch date following a two-day flight review that ended Wednesday. Hours later, the seven astronauts flew in from Houston.

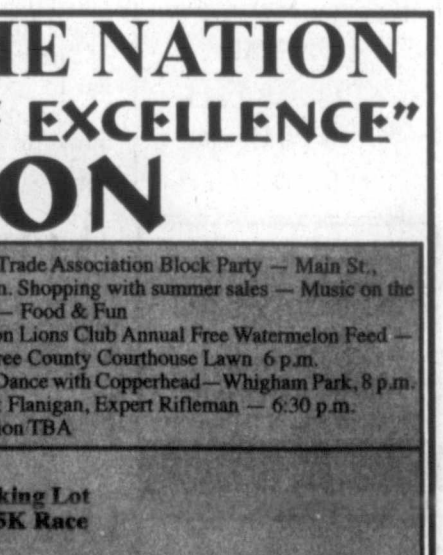
Discovery and its crew will haul equipment and supplies to the space station, including a new treadmill named after Comedy Central's Stephen Colbert.

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August 14-16	Co-ed Softball Tournament — Perryton Activity Center	August 20	Perryton Lions Club Annual Free Watermelon Feed — Ochiltree County Courthouse Lawn 6 p.m.
August 15	WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo — Leatherman Park, 1 p.m.	August 21	Street Dance with Copperhead—Whigham Park, 8 p.m.
August 17-18	Co-ed Volleyball Tournament — Perryton Activity Center	August 21	Patrick Flanigan, Expert Rifleman — 6:30 p.m. Location TBA
August 19	Community Worship Service — Whigham Park, 7 p.m.		
August 19-23	Perryton Jaycees Wagner Carnival — EXPO Ground Noon to Midnight		

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	United Supermarkets Free Breakfast in United Parking Lot
8:00 a.m.	Big Brothers Big Sisters 2nd Annual Big Fun Run, 5K Race
8:30 a.m.	Family Fun 1 Mile Walk — Perryton High School
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Oral Histories at the Perry Library — Tell tall tales in a cool place
10:00 a.m.	Wheatheart of the Nation Parade — Main Street, Local High School Bands, Floats, Pets, Horse Riders
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Perryton Jaycees BBQ Lunch — EXPO Center, $3.00 plate for the fixins
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Museum of the Plains Pioneer Day — Museum Grounds
11:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Wheatheart Festival — Arts & Crafts and more at Leatherman Park
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Hansford Showtime Car Club — Open Car Show — EXPO Parking Lot
1:30 p.m.	Perryton Activity Center Golf Tournament — Perryton Golf Course
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ment has military officials worried that the mission of its 28,000-acre range is at risk.

Enter the endangered golden-cheek warbler: a land-hogging squatter on Bullis, but also an unlikely Army ally.

On Thursday, the San Antonio City Council is expected to pass an ordinance geared toward the little bird whose nesting grounds, the Army says, are being pushed further onto the 28,000-acre base to make way for new stores and housing developments.

The City Council proposal would hold developers to greater scrutiny in proving they're not displacing endangered species. The Army says the bird renders potentially one-third of Camp Bullis' grounds as limited or unusable so as to not harm the federally protected warbler.

"He's a pain in the (butt), quite frankly, for us," Paul Dvorak, garrison manager at Bullis, said of the bird. "But he's been the only thing we've been able to put against developers and get them to slow down."

Developers have won virtually every recent standoff with the Army: Only two projects have agreed to submit environmental surveys when it was only at the military's request.

Builders opposed to the proposal have told city and county leaders that they're following the rules. Warblers have called Bullis home for decades, and they would still be on the post even if development around Bullis ceased, said Michael Moore, past president of the Greater San Antonio Builders Association.

"I think the military needs to give it a rest," Moore said.

San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro said that in addition to the endangered species proposal, the city already has enacted dark-sky rules around Bullis to dull light pollution.

Both sides saw this problem coming. An Army study in the 1990s anticipated it, but plans to address the situation fell by the wayside.

Water

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of such atmospheric constituents. Under a movement towards a federal cap and trade system, agricultural landowners are in a unique position to develop a program that benefits landowners and industries that need to reduce their carbon footprint.

Brian Bluhm, vice president of Dreamland Industries will talk to conservation district directors attending the meeting on Safflower production and its water needs. Safflower was originally grown for flowers that were used in making red and yellow dyes for clothing and food preparation. Today the crop supplies oil, meal, birdseed, and foots (residue from oil processing) for the food and industrial products markets.

Recession

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he said.

But even when the downturn is over, "it's still going to feel like a recession to the average consumer, the average business," Goldstein said.

The U.S. likely saw economic growth early in the current July-September quarter as the Cash for Clunkers program boosted auto sales, said Jennifer Lee, economist with BMO Capital Markets.

An accompanying index meant to measure the current state of the business cycle was flat in July, after dropping for eight straight months, the Conference Board said. Meanwhile, the six-month growth rate rose to 3 percent through July, up from 2.1 percent through June. That's the highest growth rate since mid-2004, the Conference Board said.

However, July's 0.6 percent growth was slower than the 0.8 percent rise in July and 1.2 percent gain in May. Economists polled by Thomson Reuters had expected the indicators to rise 0.7 percent last month.

Six of the 10 indicators that comprise the index increased in July, including employment data and stock prices.

The biggest gainer was the "interest rate spread," the difference between yields on 10-year Treasurys and the federal funds rate, which the Federal Reserve is keeping at a record low near zero.

The funds rate is the interest banks charge each other for loans. A big difference between it and the 10-year Treasury is viewed as positive because investors are willing to lend for longer periods.

Consumer expectations hindered growth in the Conference Board index last month more than any other factor. Job losses and worries about making mortgage payments continue to weigh on spending by American shoppers, which power 70 percent of the U.S. economy.

Lawyer

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town lawyer, handling a variety of legal issues.

"We expect to do a little bit of everything," he said.

Guymon said that Fields does a lot of estate planning, and he expects to be involved in that.

He started his new job Monday.

He said he finished his bar exam the last week of July.

"I finished on a Thursday," Guymon said. "Moved up here Friday, unloaded the truck Saturday and left on Monday for a vacation."

He returned to Pampa Saturday, Aug. 15, and started work Monday.

"It's been a whirlwind few weeks," Guymon said.

He's been busy, he admitted, but fun.

"It's been a great experience," he said.

Guymon said it's a wonderful opportunity to learn from Fields and be involved in the community.

The new arrival to Pampa said he likes smaller towns.

"Logan's gotten bigger now," he admitted, "but the whole valley is not more than 80,000 to 100,000."

The town Guymon and his wife lived in was outside Logan in a smaller town.

"That obviously appears to us for family reasons," he said.

He said he's looking forward to being involved in the community. With a grin, he added, he likes baseball and golf.

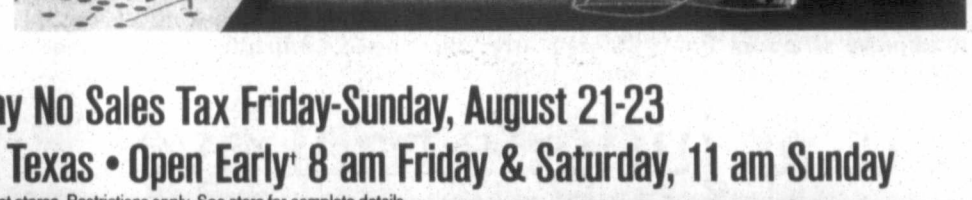
Joshua, Guymon grinned, has his own putter.

With regard to baseball, he said they are working on the hitting and catching.

"We're a little slow on that right now," Guymon grinned.

They've always lived in apartments, but now they have a yard.

"We bought our first house here," Guymon said. "There's a backyard to play in."





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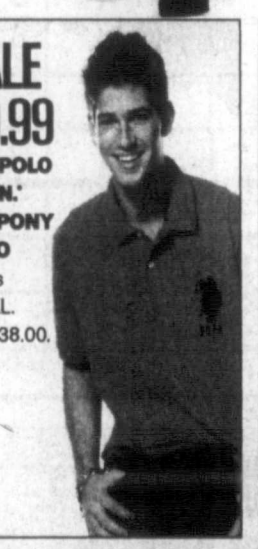
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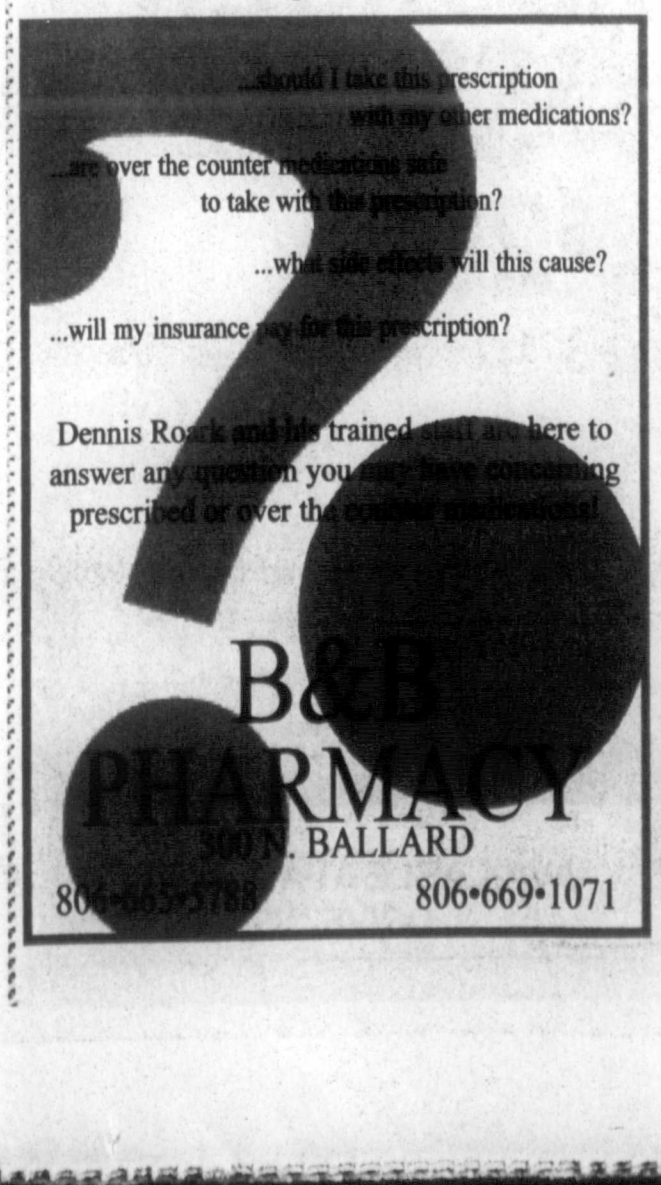
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State news

Some jobless Texans paying to file claims

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Some Texans who lost their jobs are paying to file unemployment claims when they could be seeking the state help for free.

The head of the Texas Workforce Commission says people who turn to privately run online sites, which are legal, to seek benefits could be losing some privacy.

Chairman Tom Pauken told the Houston Chronicle that private sites can be trying to get information from people so they can sell those lists to others for possible financial gain.

Pauken, in a story Thursday, says people who lost their jobs could be confused by official-looking private sites.

The three-member commission this week decided to allow a woman to backdate her jobless claim after she initially provided information to a private Web site and her claim was delayed.

Austin firetrucks must stick to speed limit

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Some union leaders question a new Austin city policy that says firetrucks responding to calls must be driven the speed limit and fully stop at intersections.

Austin Fire Department Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr says the policy is meant to improve safety for firefighters and motorists.

Steven Truesdell, president of the Austin Firefighters Association, told the Austin American-Statesman, for a story Thursday, that the discretion of firefighters is being curtailed.

Previously, Austin firefighters could drive up to 10 mph over the posted speed limit. At intersections, the vehicles were not required to stop, but operators were instructed to make sure other drivers were aware that the emergency vehicles needed to proceed.

Kerr says she does not believe that the policy, which took effect Aug. 11, will affect response times.

Texas judge's trial over death-row case nears end

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Texas judge says she did not deny a death row inmate the chance to make a last-second appeal and attacked his attorneys for spreading what she says was a misleading story that has put her career in jeopardy.

"It is false in every way," said Judge Sharon Keller, the embattled presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Closing arguments were expected Thursday in Keller's misconduct trial, where she is accused of denying twice-convicted killer Michael Wayne Richard access to her court in the hours leading up to his execution on Sept. 25, 2007.

Testifying with her career on the line, Keller said Wednesday that her court always was open to Richard despite her refusal of a late request from his attorneys to keep the building open past 5 p.m. Under court rules, after-hours appeals can be given directly to any judge on the nine-member panel.

"You declined to allow any grace period?" asked Mike McKetta, the prosecuting lawyer for the state Commission on Judicial Conduct.

"I declined to keep the clerk's office open past closing time," Keller responded.

Later, before stepping down from the witness stand following her second day of testimony, she defended her actions more forcefully.

"I did not deny him the right to be heard, at all, much less willfully," Keller said.

Keller was first elected to the court in 1994 and has been the presiding judge since 2000. Her term expires in 2012, but she could be removed from the bench over five charges of judicial misconduct stemming from the Richard saga.

The ethics trial won't end with a verdict. Instead, the judge overseeing the trial will submit a report to the commission, which could dismiss the charges, issue a censure or suggest Keller be removed from the bench.

Among those watching Keller's testimony — her first time speaking in public since Richard was executed — was the condemned man's sister and two other family members who drove from Houston. In 1986, Richard raped and murdered a Houston-area nurse.

"She was just trying to put the blame on everyone else," Betty Richard said following Keller's testimony. "Who else was in charge? She was the top judge."

Four hours before Richard's execution, Keller received a phone call at 4:45 p.m. informing her that Richard's appeal was running late and that his attorneys wanted to keep the court open past 5 p.m. She said no twice in the conversation.

David Dow, Richard's attorney, testified this week that he believed his options were up after being told the clerk wouldn't take the appeal after 5 p.m. Asked about filing directly with a judge, Dow said he would have assumed there was no judge willing based on what the clerk told his staff.

Texas officer abducted by ex-boyfriend freed

BROOKSHIRE, Texas (AP) — A Texas school district officer suspected of abducting his ex-girlfriend let her go moments before committing suicide Wednesday, authorities said.

According to investigators, Julio Reyes, 38, abducted Rachel Hillsman, 24, in front of her 7-year-old daughter and the couple's 13-month-old child Tuesday morning in Brookshire, about 35 miles west of Houston. Authorities said Reyes dragged her into his pickup truck and drove away.

Hillsman is also an officer with the Katy school district and was in uniform. She was dropping her children at her mother's house before going to work, Waller County Sheriff Glenn Smith said.

Shortly after Hillsman's abduction, officials launched a statewide manhunt and established roadblocks in the Brookshire area. They found Reyes on Wednesday afternoon while checking several vacant homes near Hillsman's house, Smith said.

After officers saw him, Reyes fired one shot at officers, then grabbed Hillsman and pulled her upstairs, Smith said. Troopers did not return fire because they were concerned about hitting Hillsman, he said.

After Hillsman and Reyes were upstairs, police began negotiating with Reyes.

A statement Wednesday night from the Texas Department of Public Safety said Hillsman was freed around 7 p.m. Wednesday.

SWAT members heard a single gunshot as they were taking Hillsman from the house.

"After Hillsman was out of the house, further investigation revealed that Reyes had shot himself. He was pronounced dead at the scene, and Texas Rangers have begun investigating the crime scene," the statement said.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a recent high school graduate who is starting college soon. I am blessed to be part of a great family. The problem is, my mother is TOO good. She has always been kind and loving, but she insists on doing everything for me.

I consider myself to be independent, but she is constantly finding some way to "help." When I tell her I need some space to grow, she cries. I love my mother dearly, but how can I convey to her that I'm a big boy now without hurting her feelings? -- GROWN UP ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR GROWN UP: Your mother appears to be suffering from a common condition known as "Impending Empty Nest Syndrome." It's a form of anxiety and depression that often hits parents when a child is about to leave home and no longer needs the constant parenting that has been the norm for the prior 18 years.

The behavior you're reacting to is called hovering. Your mother may be doing it because she's savoring every last bit of mothering she can get in before you fly off to ever-increasing independence. Please be patient with her because in another month you'll be out of there and she will be starting to adapt.

DEAR ABBY: God bless you! You've done it again. In 2001, American Ex-Prisoners of War got 600-plus responses to your printing our POW VA benefit alert in your column. You helped many former POWs and their widows get the VA benefits due them.

As of today, your July 18, 2009, column about benefits available to widows of veterans who died of ALS has generated more than 2,000 e-mails and many letters and phone calls! I will be plowing through all these e-mails for weeks to come, but I'm afraid people will be waiting too long for my responses.

That's why I'm asking you to please help me again by letting your readers know that if their veteran husband died of ALS, they should call the Department of Veterans Affairs at (800) 827-1000. This will get them to their nearest VA regional office. They should ask to speak with a service officer about their ALS claim for COMPENSATION, not pension. This will expedite the claim process.

Abby, thank you for reaching out to veterans with their service-connected health issues. God is blessing many through your unique column. -- FRED CAMPBELL, AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR

DEAR FRED: I'm delighted that my July 18 column will help so many -- and I hope today's column will, too. Readers, please pay attention to this "heads up" because Fred is swamped!

DEAR ABBY: Is it considered adultery if a husband encourages his wife to sleep with other men? My husband enjoys the idea of me sleeping with other men and then telling him about it. I don't understand his fascination, but that's what he likes. I am more concerned about the morality issue. What do you think? -- ADULTERESS? IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR ADULTERESS?: Because you're concerned with "the morality issue," I assume you come from a traditional upbringing in which you were taught that sex is a sacred bond between husband and wife. Far more important than what I think is what YOU think about it. So call a moratorium for now, start thinking -- and then follow your conscience.

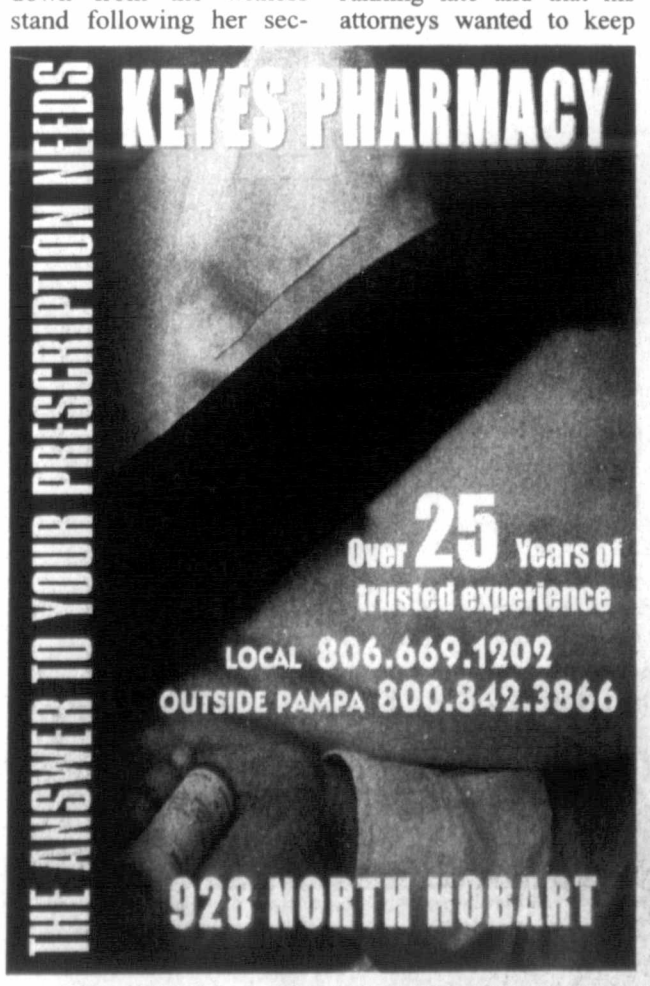
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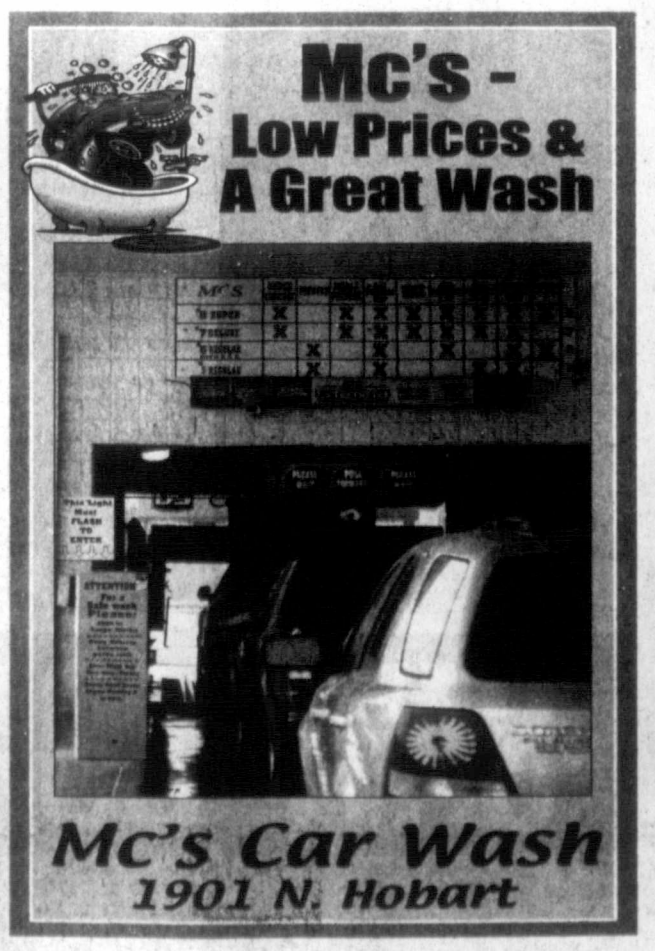
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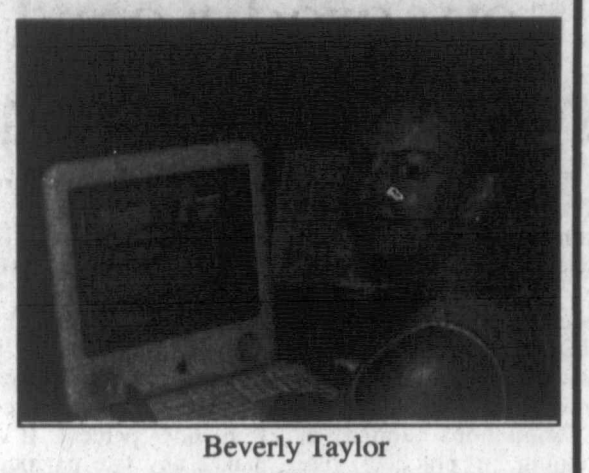


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8-20 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

NXH XFWYMHDN SVCSGSCFLM HIHEND DQWH SVOMFHVZH, HSNXHE OQE BQQC QE HGSM, FJQV QNXHED. — XHVEU PLEC YHHZXHE

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WITH A GENTLEMAN, I AM ALWAYS A GENTLEMAN AND A HALF, AND WITH A FRAUD I TRY TO BE A FRAUD AND A HALF. — OTTO VON BISMARCK

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This year, you juggle many different concerns. You alternate between being overly serious and being direct and clear. Be smart — confirm meetings and messages, and be willing not to stand on ceremony, as misunderstandings happen with ease. Learn new ways to communicate, in order to prevent flub-ups. Unexpected events color your financial stability. If you are single, you meet people with ease; however, relationships might not be as stable, especially regarding the process of forming one. Don't assume that you are in a relationship until you hit the year mark. If you are attached, accept and respect your differences. Remember, all fighting is about separating. Value that you are with the one you love. VIRGO can test your patience.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Play it easy and relaxed. Communication wings in in a crazy, unanticipated manner. The unexpected could cost you. Slow down and get talks back on track. You could also be overly tired, but the good news is that you will be greeting some time off. Tonight: Put your feet up.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ A misunderstanding could take your creativity to a bypass. Remember, often what someone says has very little to do with his or her true intent. A child or loved one could be unusually touchy. Just be your easygoing self. Tonight: Choose what you want.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might stumble or feel betrayed. Stop and ask yourself how you might have caused yourself this problem. You are a part of what happened. What would you change? By assuming responsibility, you empower yourself to change the outcome. Tonight: Head home early.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your ability to empathize and understand could prevent a potential snafu in the morning. Keep your chin up and stay on top of your game. Screen your calls in order to get your work done. Be easy and let go of worry. Worry can create a lot of problems. Tonight: Hang out.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You could be stunned by sudden events and choices. You could wonder why you are in your current position, as sudden events impact you. You could be overly serious and drawn. Lighten up and remain upbeat. A resolution or a new beginning becomes possible. Tonight: Check your budget first.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ A new beginning becomes possible. Rethink a decision, zeroing in on the source of confusion. Could a partner be vested in creating uproar? A serious plan teamed with determination nearly promises success. Tonight: All smiles.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Know when to duck out and accomplish what you want. Sometimes, by vanishing, others are able to appreciate you more. Consider taking off for the day. Take a walk, at least, to work through negativity. Tonight: Still doing your thing!
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. If a person misreads your intent, you could be in for some uproar. A wise move would be to disclose your thought process before making a decision or action. Others will understand and support you more easily. Tonight: Find your pals.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to study a developing situation, but before you know it, you are a fireman running from situation to situation. Listen to news more openly than in the past. You could be in the middle of a tiff. Tonight: A must appearance.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Detach if problems keep tumbling into your lap. Misunderstandings seem to be running rampant. Know that you need to confirm meetings and what you hear in conversations. Tonight: Make a different choice.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might feel as if someone is pushing you long and hard to get his or her way. Invite a partner or associate to find a mutually acceptable resolution. Unfortunately, that might look like you going along with this person's idea! Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Get together with a dear friend.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be juggling different concerns, and in some way, you could feel challenged by a negative partner. You might want to rethink a situation if you cannot handle what is happening. A rebellion probably won't work. You tried that already! Tonight: Defer to someone else.

BORN TODAY
Bandleader Count Basie (1904), singer Kenny Rogers (1938), co-founder of Google Sergey Brin (1973)

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New credit card rules may reveal unwelcome details

NEW YORK (AP) — The rules your credit card company operates by will start getting much clearer on Thursday. But just because you'll know what they're up to doesn't mean you're going to like what you learn.

Regulations aimed at reining in practices like unexpected interest rate increases and credit limit cuts start with two rules. Consumers will now be given advance warning of any major changes to the terms of their accounts, and get more time to pay their balance after receiving a bill.

These small changes come ahead of more sweeping regulations that will take effect starting in February. Those touch on matters ranging from mandating reviews every six months of accounts that have had rate hikes to limiting the credit that can be offered to students.

Card companies have been gearing up for the new landscape for months, mailing consumers a spate of warnings about fee and interest rate changes. If the notices already sent are any indication, consumers may not be happy about much of the new information they receive.

Citi, for example, is in the process of informing some cardholders that it will institute an annual fee, about $30, on certain accounts.

And American Express Co. recently sent out notice it will eliminate over-the-limit fees on its consumer credit cards in October. They were dropped in response to a provision in that law that, starting in February, requires card companies to offer a way for customers to agree to pay each time a transaction triggers such a fee.

But the good news from Amex stopped there.

The letter Cynthia Vancho received last week from Amex informing her of the fee elimination also included notice that the interest rate on her card will jump to 10.24 percent from 6.99 percent. If she makes any late payments, the rate will shoot up to 27.24 percent.

And while overlimit fees are gone, Amex changed its fees for making late payments to $19 for balances under $250, and $39 for balances over that line. The prior fees were $19 for balances under $400, and $38 for balances over $400.

Amex spokeswoman Desiree Fish acknowledged the regulations played a part in recent rate and fee hikes.

The company started changing rates and fees in November. Rates on certain credit cards like its Blue and Optima cards have risen on average 4 percent, while co-branded cards like airline miles cards are up an average 2 percent. "It's just part of the plan changes over the past few months that we've been making," Fish said. Citi spokesman Samuel Wang said in an e-mailed statement the new annual fees "also reflect the dramatically higher cost of doing business in our industry."

American Express and Citi are not unique. A survey by the Pew Charitable Trusts of nearly 400 credit cards offered by the 12 largest issuers in the country found that rates have gone up on average 2 percent since December. Banks are making the moves in response to an array of factors, including the regulatory changes and a spike in the number of accounts that have slipped into default as the unemployment rate has risen, said Nick Bourke, project manager of the Pew Safe Credit Cards Project.

"They're trying to manage a lot of uncertainty, because they don't know what this market is going to look like once this law takes effect," Bourke said. "And they're trying to preserve a very profitable business."

Bourke is among the industry observers who think the new law will benefit consumers.

Problems cropped up because banks started incorporating things consumers didn't expect, like overlimit fees and surprise interest rate hikes. "I think the transparency that the law brings will end up saving people money," he added.

Many elements of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure (CARD) Act were actually echoes of regulations the Federal Reserve crafted last year that will take effect in July, noted Gene Truono managing Director with BDO Consulting, who previously worked for both Chase cards and American Express.

The aim of all the new rules is to make credit card contracts easier for consumers to understand. Previously, the disclosures on most credit card contracts were "not comprehensible to the average consumer," he said.

In that sense, things like the requirement coming in February that banks spell out on a statement how long it will take to pay off a card making only the minimum payment, and how much interest that will cost, are bound to help consumers manage their credit better, Truono said.

Oprah charity recipients accused of fraud

HOUSTON (AP) — Four Hurricane Katrina evacuees have been indicted on charges of wrongfully obtaining rental assistance from FEMA after buying new homes that were financed by Oprah Winfrey's "Oprah's Angel Network."

The U.S. attorney's office said Wednesday that Darlene McGruder Poole, 30, of Houston, and her sister, Lashona McGruder Victor, 37, of La Place, La., are charged together with conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud. Kiesha Murphy, 34, of Houston, and Angela Payne, aka Angela McKinnies, 38, of Houston, are each charged in separate indictments with making false statements to FEMA and theft of government property.

Poole, Murphy and Payne were arrested Wednesday at their homes. Victor is expected to surrender to law enforcement authorities in Houston by the end of the week.

A call and e-mails Wednesday night to Harpo Studios were not immediately returned.

A&M treats trained bear with toothache

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A not-so-grizzly dental patient at Texas A&M was laid out and sedated to care for his big teeth and avoid his huge paws.

Veterinarians at Texas A&M on Wednesday did a root canal procedure on Tibore, a 17-year-old North American black bear.

Owner Lana Steeples says the trained bear showed signs of discomfort when he ate and drank, so she "worried he needed some dental work done."

KBTX-TV reports experts at the Texas A&M veterinary hospital welcomed the furry patient, weighing several hundred pounds.

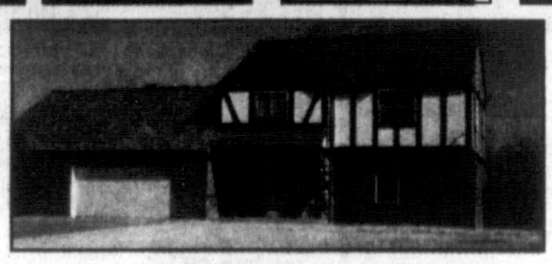
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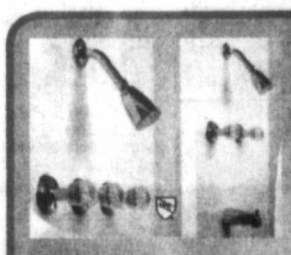
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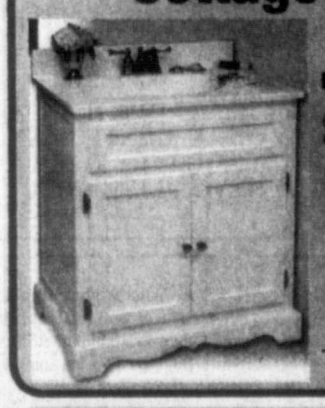


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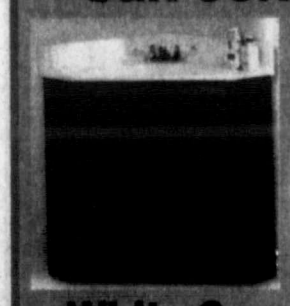


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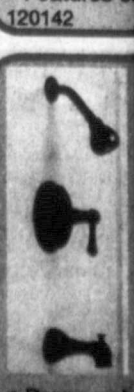
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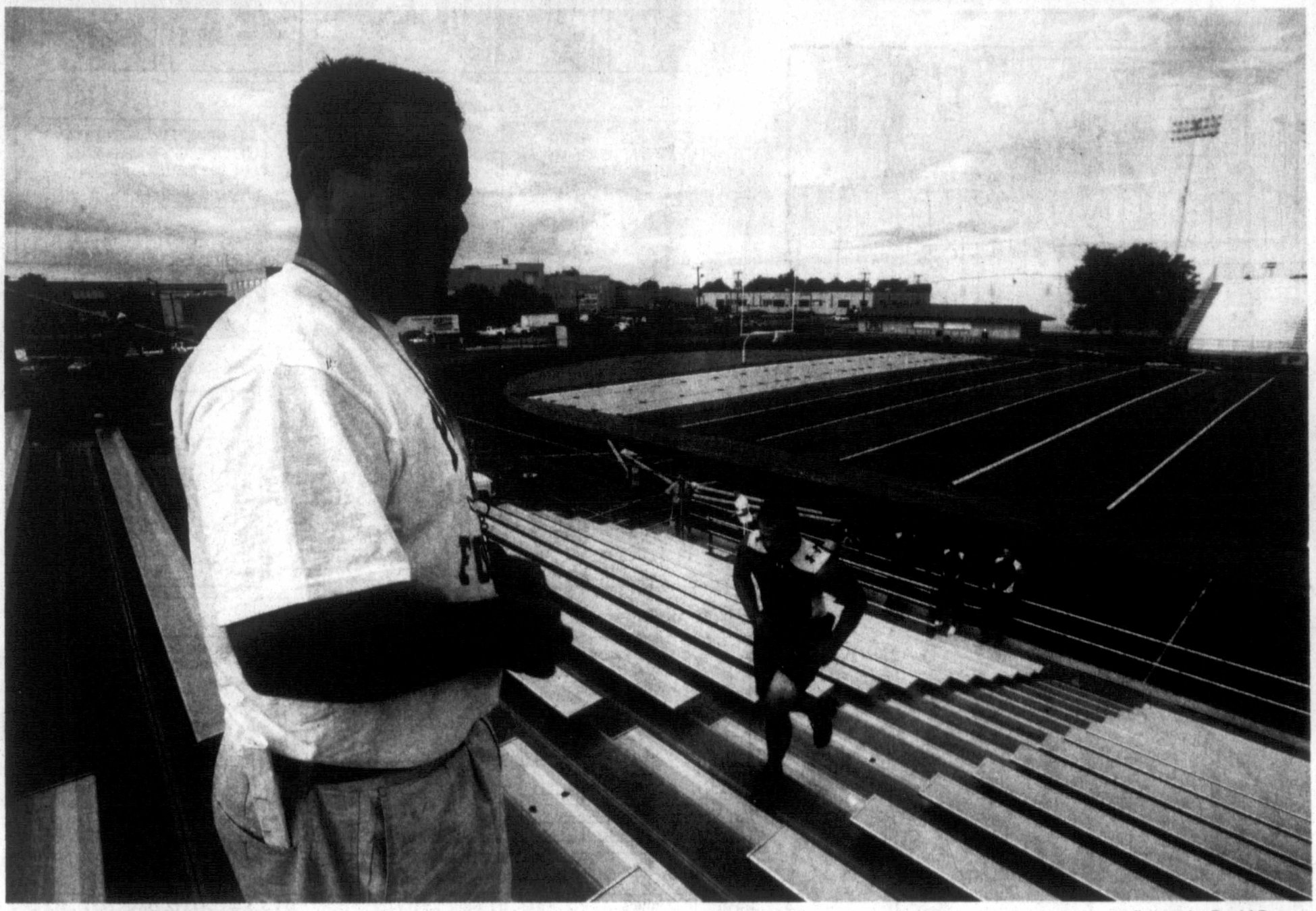
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HARVESTERS VS DALHART FRIDAY NIGHT



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Pampa Head Football Coach Heath Parker supervises an early morning workout last week as the Harvesters get ready for their first scrimmage of the season against Dalhart Friday night, hopefully on the new turf field. The first home game,, against Borger will be Friday, August 28.

FOOTBALL BOOSTER NEWS

PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR HARVESTERS!

Thursday, August 20, is the target date for completion of the new turf.

Friday, August 21— Scrimmage against Dalhart here in Pampa with freshman and JV Teams beginning at 5:30 p.m. and Varsity taking the field at 7:00 p.m. The concession stand will be open and admission is free.

Saturday, August 22, 6 p.m.— MEET THE HARVESTERS— at Harvester Field.

Monday, August 24, 7 p.m.— Football Boosters Club Meets in the Ready Room at Valhalla. ALL PARENTS of 7th - 12th grade football players are encouraged to attend.

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Fighting Harvesters ready to face Golden Wolves

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvester football teams have their last scrimmage 5 p.m. Friday at Pampa High School against the Dalhart Golden Wolves.

Completion of the new turf should occur the day before the scrimmage. If not it will be on the practice fields.

The freshman and junior varsity teams, will scrimmage at 5 p.m. and will play on opposite ends of the field. The varsity will scrimmage at 7 p.m.

Head coach Heath Parker said Dalhart is a run oriented team.

"They are working on their passing game a little bit," Parker said. "I'm sure they will fall back to their roots and try to run the ball against us."

Parker said the Golden Wolves have a very aggressive defense, which will challenge Pampa's offense.

"They want to get up on you at the line of scrimmage and don't want to give you any space to operate," Parker said. "They will try to take us to task. Which is good for us to see. It was the opposite of last week. Last week was a zone defense, kind of a bend don't break philosophy. This week they will really try to come get us."

Parker said the scrimmage will be a similar to the one in Wichita Falls. The freshman and JV will start at 5:30 and run a set number of plays against each other. Junior varsity coach Byron May said his team will lean on the players that played in the Wichita Falls scrimmage.

"A lot of them gained good experience," May said. "So, we are going to look to them for leadership."

May said his team is working on the fundamentals of the game.

"We're in the developmental stage," May said. "We're looking to build off of that."

Freshman coach Dennis Doughty said his goal for the scrimmage is to find out what his players can do.

"The coaching staff is still learning what these players strengths are," Doughty said. "They are excited about the potential with this class."

Doughty said he is expecting to see a lot of players play Friday.

"I think this scrimmage will provide us a great deal of feedback to what each young man can do on the football field," Doughty said.

The freshman coach said his team has been working out since August 10. They have had good practices.

"The kids are really looking forward to going against Dalhart," Doughty said.

The varsity will start with special teams plays then run a set number of plays against each other.

Parker said both Pampa and Dalhart will run a set number of plays with first and second team players. After that the two teams will play two live quarters.

Parker said they spent a lot of time focusing on how the team carries themselves on the field but will be looking at things from a technical standpoint this week.

"We're starting to narrow down our rosters and position groups," Parker said. "So people are starting to lock in on a position. So, it makes it easier for us to hone in on getting good."

Coach said his staff tells his players they will play production and not potential.

"We're looking for kids who can rise up to the challenge and produce," Parker said. "The more of those kids that show up the better off you are as a football team."

Parker said he is excited the season is getting closer but is not looking ahead.

"I want every single day of practice that we can get," Parker said. "I want to go through this scrimmage and need three good days of practice next week. By that point I will feel pretty good about it (starting the season)."

The Harvesters first game is 7:30 p.m. August 28 against the Borger Bulldogs.

Pudge' returns to Rangers in trade with Astros

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez is coming home to the Texas Rangers.

The 14-time All-Star catcher who started his career with the Rangers at 19 was acquired in a trade Tuesday with the Houston Astros for minor league pitcher Matt Nevarez and two players to be named.

"It's been a long time," said Rodriguez, who was with the Rangers from 1991-2002. "I'm glad that I'm back."

The 37-year-old Rodriguez signed a one-year, $1.5 million contract with the Astros in March and went on to hit .251 with eight home runs and 34 RBIs in 93 games. But the Astros have faded in the NL playoff chase, while the Rangers went into Tuesday night's game against Minnesota with a one-game lead in the AL wild-card race.

The trade surprised Rodriguez and the Astros.

"You trade away your starting catcher, it could send mixed messages," Houston infielder Geoff Blum said. "This time of year is when you're looking to make additions, if you feel your team is close enough. We didn't do that. We chose to make a subtraction."

Rodriguez is one of the most popular players in Rangers history, winning 10 of his 13 Gold Gloves with them. He helped lead the franchise's only three playoff teams in 1996, 1998 and 1999, when he won the AL MVP award.

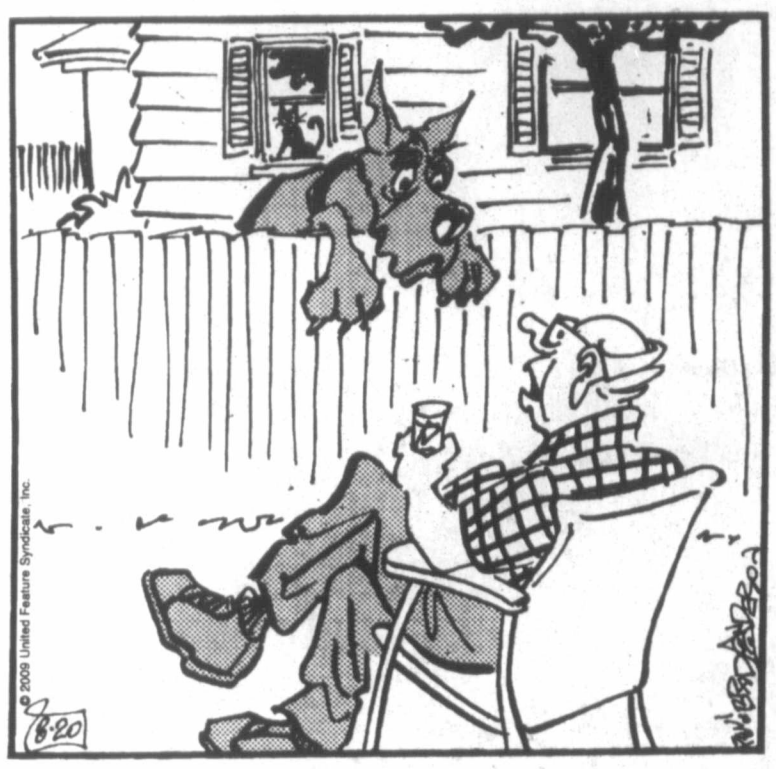


Summer opponents

Ryan Funderburg and Blake Sieck, 2009 Pampa High graduates and team mates through high school, found themselves paying against each other this summer. Funderburg played for the Oklahoma City Ambassadors and Sieck for the Elk City Travelers. The two young men will be leaving in one week to attend, and play baseball at, Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

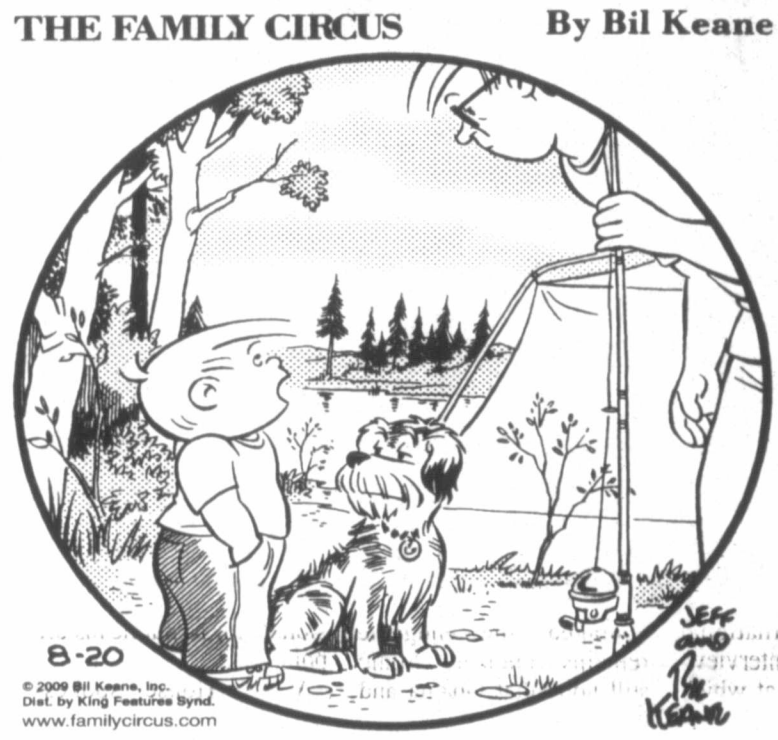
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"The cat stared you down, eh? And now you pick on me?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS — By Bil Keane



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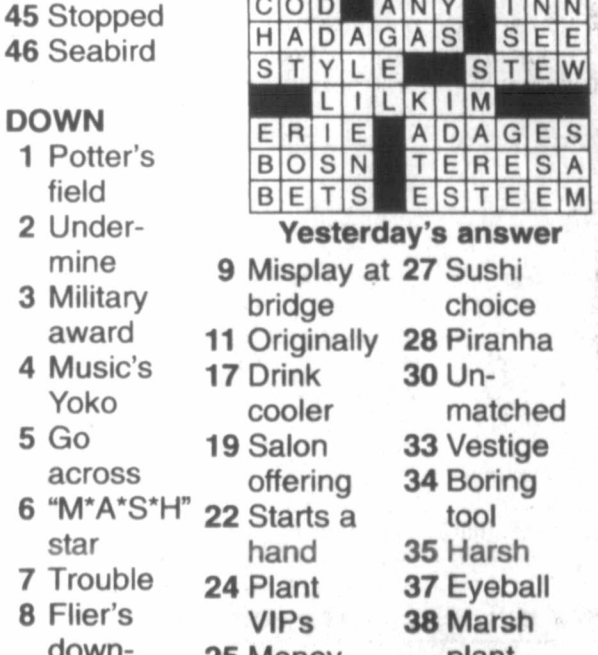
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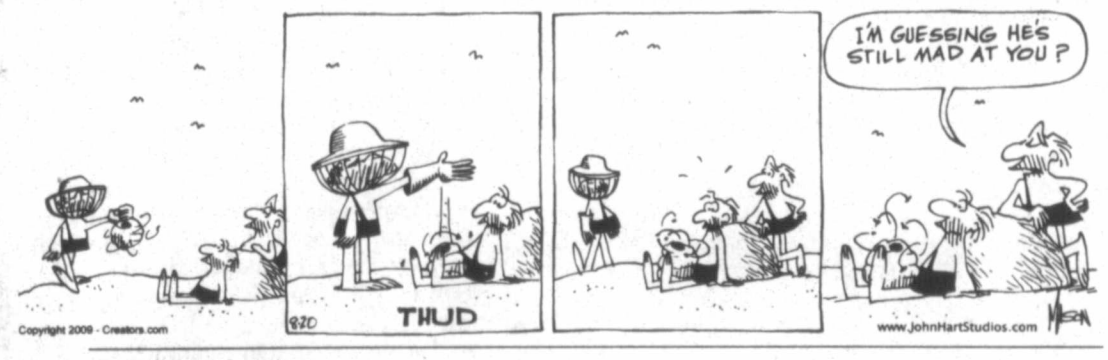
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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, August 20, the 232rd day of 2009. There are 133 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1741 - Danish explorer Vitus Bering, on a mission sponsored by Russia, discovers Alaska.

1831 - French army enters Belgium, forcing Dutch forces to withdraw.

1866 - U.S. President Andrew Johnson formally declares the American Civil War over, even though fighting had stopped months earlier.

1908 - Belgium's King Leopold II hands over the Congo, until then his personal possession, to the Belgian government.

1914 - German forces occupy Brussels during World War I.

1918 - Britain opens its offensive on the Western front during World War I.

1940 - Exiled Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky is attacked near Mexico City by a Spanish Communist with an ice pick. He dies the next day.

'If a thing is absolutely true, how can it not also be a lie? An absolute must contain its

— Charlotte Painter, American writer and educator

1946 - Allied Control Commission dissolves Wehrmacht — the army — in Germany.

1953 - France deposes Sultan of Morocco; the Soviet Union publicly acknowledges it tested a hydrogen bomb.

1955 - Hundreds of people are killed in anti-French rioting in Morocco and Algeria.

1964 - U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signs a $1 billion anti-poverty measure.

1968 - Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations invade Czechoslovakia to crush Alexander Dubcek's liberal regime.

1971 - Leaders of Libya, Egypt and Syria sign constitution binding their countries in Federation of Arab Republics.

1975 - U.S. spaceship bound for planet Mars is launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

1976 - South Africa announces new concession, giving urban blacks full title to the land on which they live.

1977 - NASA launches the Voyager Two space probe.

1987 - Treasure hunters salvaging objects from doomed luxury liner Titanic scoop up satchel containing a fortune in jewels.

1997 - Responding to an appeal by the embattled Bosnian Serb president, NATO-led troops seal buildings and seize truckloads of weapons from police loyal to war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic.

1998 - The U.S. launches missile attacks against alleged al-Qaida terrorist camps in Afghanistan and a pharmaceutical plant in Sudan in retaliation for attacks earlier in the year on U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Today's Birthdays:

Joens Jacob Berzelius, Swedish chemist (1779-1848); Emily Bronte, British author (1818-1848); Benjamin Harrison, U.S. president (1883-1901); Raymond Poincare, French president (1860-1934); Isaac Hayes, U.S. singer (1942-2008); Rajiv Gandhi, Indian prime minister (1944-1991)

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Analysis: Liberals tired of health care compromise

An AP News Analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frustrated liberals have a question for President Barack Obama and Democratic lawmakers: Isn't it time the other guys gave a little ground on health care? What's the point of a bipartisan bill, they ask, if we're making all the concessions?

A case in point:

Sen. Charles Grassley, a key Republican negotiator on health care, was on a winning streak as Congress recessed for August, having wrung important concessions from Democrats, including an agreement to back away from a government plan to compete with private insurers.

How did Grassley reciprocate? With an attack that struck Democrats as stunning and baseless. Grassley told an Iowa crowd he would not support a plan that "determines when you're going to pull the plug on Grandma." The remark echoed conservative activists who wrongly claim a House health care bill would require Medicare recipients to discuss their end-of-life plans with doctors.

For liberals supporting far-reaching changes to the nation's health care system, it was another sign that months of negotiations have been a one-way street. It's time to move on without Republicans, they say.

On Tuesday, liberals were fuming over Obama's recent remarks suggesting he might also yield on the federally run insurance option he's been promoting. Many saw it as a huge concession that could leave them with nothing more than watered-down insurance cooperatives.

But the Senate's second-ranking Republican, Jon Kyl of Arizona, dismissed even such co-ops as a "Trojan horse" leading to government control of health care.

Many liberals are fed up.

"It is clear that Republicans have decided 'no health care' is a victory for them," Andy Stern, president of the Service Employees International Union, said in an interview. "There is a point at which bipartisanship reaches a limit, and I would say it's reaching that limit."

The growing liberal unhappiness sets a difficult stage for Obama this fall. Political pragmatists want him to keep seeking a middle ground that will attract at least a few Republican lawmakers as well as moderate Democrats who could prove crucial to passage in the House and Senate. Even modest achievements, such as preventing insurers from refusing to cover pre-existing medical conditions, would allow Obama to claim a victory and perhaps try for more later, they say.

Liberal activists say there's no point in the Democrats winning the House, Senate and White House unless they use their clout to enact the major measures that Obama campaigned for — with or without some Republican support.

For now, Obama seems on the defensive. He spent valuable time this month knocking down claims that Democratic plans could lead to euthanasia of the elderly. And his chief spokesmen spent much of Monday and Tuesday insisting that Obama still supports a government-run health insurance option despite mixed signals from the administration.

On Saturday, Obama told a Colorado crowd, "The public option, whether we have it or we don't have it, is not the entirety of health care reform. This is just one sliver of it."

While liberals are discouraged, the endgame remains unclear. Some still hope that Obama and congressional Democratic leaders will use all their parliamentary powers — which could prove especially divisive in the Senate — to pass a far-reaching bill that would include a public option for health insurance and more palatable consumer costs for prescription drugs and other needs.

The pivotal decisions will be made this fall, with administration officials saying the debate cannot lapse into the midterm election year of 2010.

What seems clear is that the room for compromise between Republicans and Democrats is shriveling to almost nothing. Some Democrats found Kyl's remarks particularly galling. Even if Democrats manage to produce a health care bill that won't increase the federal deficit over 10 years, Kyl said, "that doesn't mean Republicans would support it."

And Grassley has said he's uninterested in a compromise that draws only three or so Senate Republicans' votes.

The continued outreach to Republicans, meanwhile, is testing Democrats' unity. This week, more than 50 House Democrats issued a letter saying: "Any bill that does not provide, at a minimum, for a public option with reimbursement rates based on Medicare rates — not negotiated rates — is unacceptable."

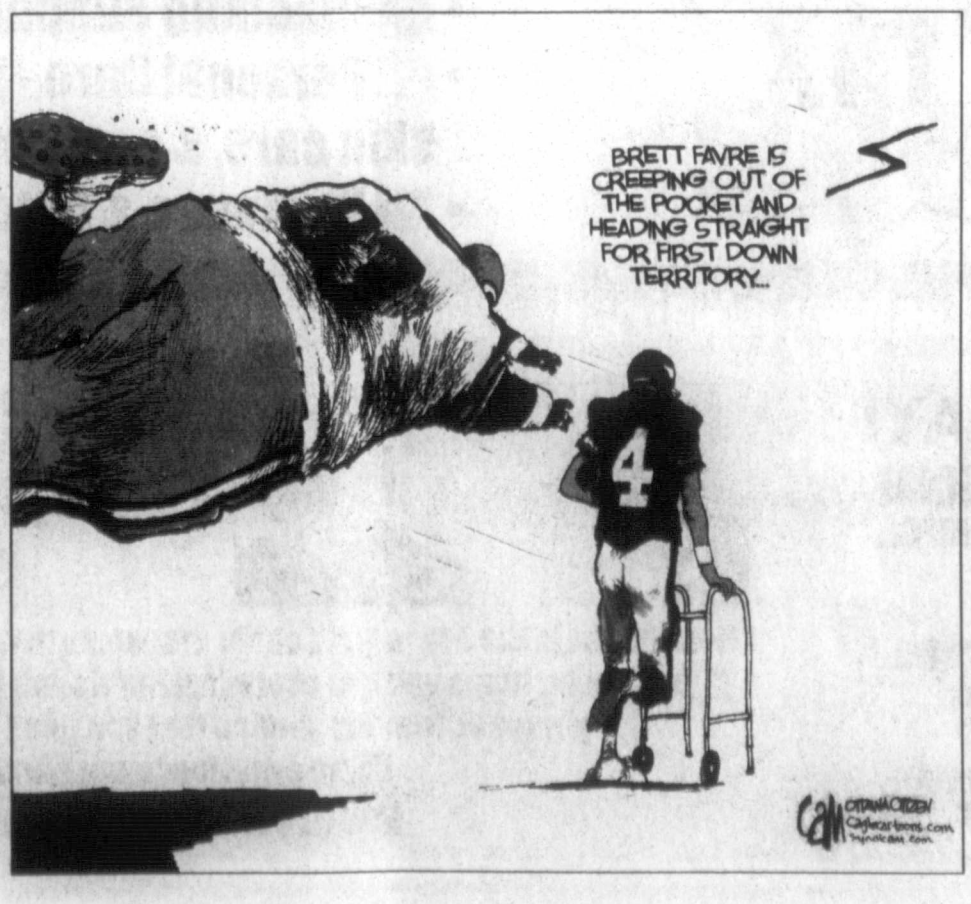
Some of them told House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., in a conference call Tuesday that discussions with Republicans are pointless.

White House spokeswoman Linda Douglass played down the intraparty fuss, noting that it's far from clear how the final legislation will turn out. She said negotiations involving Obama have led drug manufacturers to agree to reduce costs for the nation's health care system by $80 billion over 10 years, while hospitals have agreed to an additional $155 billion.

Those concessions will carry weight with lawmakers as they "look at enacting reform that will lower costs and increase stability and security," Douglass said in an interview.

But such concessions cut several ways. Pharmaceutical industry leaders say the $80 billion agreement should end efforts to allow the government to negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs used in Medicare and other programs.

Liberals say such price reductions are precisely the type of change Obama called for in his presidential campaign. And now, they say, is the time to turn those promises into reality.



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