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Weather

Warm and humid with a 20% chance of rain. High today in the low 90's with the low tonight in the mid 70's. Winds will be 10 m.p.h.



Russell Lewis, a senior in horticulture, fills up with gasoline at a station on University Drive. Some gasoline station operators in Bryan-College Station are unsure about how long the gas will hold out. Battalion photo by Clay Cockrill

\$1 gas expected here by year's end

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Bryan-College Station gas station owners are generally pessimistic about the price and availability of gasoline here for the rest of the year.

Most predicted the price of regular gasoline would soon reach \$1 a gallon before the end of the year.

In a survey of 20 gasoline stations in Bryan-College Station on Texas Avenue, the average price for regular gasoline was 90 cents, up 25 percent from last May and 18 percent from May, 1978. The average price for unleaded is 93 cents.

Although station owners admit gasoline availability is on an upswing, they feel the price is yet to come.

Gene Zulkowski, owner of Zulkowski Station on 1405 S. Texas Ave., said, "The gas situation has crippled my business. For example, last year at this time I had six employees, now I have only three. And to make matters worse, the government is constantly warning us the situation is going to get worse."

Joe Messina, assistant manager of Branch Gulf Self-Serve on 300 S. Jersey, agrees with Zulkowski.

"The way everything is going right now, it looks doubtful that anything will get better in the future," he said. "If they don't give us 2,500 gallons a day, we'll be in big trouble, and I certainly don't anticipate getting that much any time soon. The out-

look is grim."

One gasoline dealer, however, is optimistic about the future.

Jesse McCullough, general manager of the East Texas distribution for Sigmor Shamrock, said gasoline supplies for his firm were normal.

"Our stations are staying open seven days a week with no problem. We have supplies coming in from our Three Rivers Refinery along with what the Sigmor Shamrock Corporation sends us. I don't anticipate any real problems in the near future. We're not going to close any pumps down at all."

Andy Sustaita, a Phillips 66 dealer and owner of Sustaita Phillips 66 at 208 N. Texas Ave., said supplies for his station were getting better, but he was unsure how they would be in the future.

"We really haven't had that much trouble," he said. "But, then again, I don't think it can get much worse than it is. Over the summer it was much worse than it is now. On Sundays, we had 15 or 20 cars lined up for gasoline when we opened the station in the morning. The lines were generally limited to Sunday mornings."

"I think the return of the students will cause some supply problems for the stations near the campus," he said. "I'm about 6 miles north of the campus, though, so until the kids start coming out here for gas, I'll be OK."

Congress votes to consider campaigning, federal deficit

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Two items coming up soon on Capitol Hill may have profound importance on the way Congress operates.

First is the Senate Budget Committee challenge of seven other older and, at least now, more powerful committees over holding down the size of the federal deficit.

Then House members may have to deal with a proposed limitation on the role of political action committees in their own campaigns.

Members return from their August vacation today, with the House taking up the foreign aid appropriation and the Senate addressing the Treasury and Postal Service appropriations.

Otherwise, energy legislation and the premier foreign policy debate of this session — the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty — figure to dominate Congress's attention through October and possibly longer.

Some of the other tough issues on the

fall agenda include possible disciplinary action against Sen. Herman Talmadge, D-Ga., accused of financial misconduct, a bail-out for the Chrysler Corp., and abortion language in federal appropriations bills.

The budget showdown may come next week, providing the first major test of the congressional process adopted five years ago under which lawmakers are supposed to keep spending within limits they set earlier in the year.

In May, Congress approved a budget with a \$23 billion deficit, since raised to \$28 billion because of inflation. But some major committees did not impose the required spending cuts and the Senate Appropriations Committee has approved about \$2 billion in extra spending.

As a result, when it comes time to adopt the revised budget this fall, it will be about \$32 billion in the red.

Senate Budget Committee chairman Edmund Muskie, D-Maine, plans to challenge the standing committees by asking the Senate to require them to meet the

Chinese want Carter visit, returned Mondale says

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Chinese leaders want President Carter to visit their country, Vice President Walter Mondale told Carter Tuesday on returning from a 10-day trip to China and the Far East.

The president said he will try to schedule such a trip next year.

Mondale spoke to Carter at a luncheon. "They are very anxious that you visit," said Mondale, who just returned from China. "They made that point — both Hua and Deng."

Mondale referred to Communist Party Chairman Hua Guofeng and Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping.

"I will try to work out a time next year," Carter said.

"We had what I thought was an excellent trip," Mondale told Carter. "Premier Hua was delighted by your invitation, and he said to use the words 'with delight.' Carter has asked that Hua visit the United States in 1980, as Deng did at the start of

1979 when the two nations resumed diplomatic relations.

During a few moments at the start of Carter's luncheon with Mondale — while reporters and photographers were permitted to be present — the president asked Mondale if he was allowed access to the Chinese people.

"The mood was good. It was clear they place high priority on good U.S.-Chinese relations," Mondale said.

Mondale's week-long visit to China resulted in new agreements for trade and development projects and a new consulate in Canton. In Hong Kong Sunday, he toured crowded refugee camps and defended the U.S. policy of picking up and assisting the Indochinese "boat people."

And in Tokyo en route home Monday, he had lunch with Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira at the elegant Japanese summer palace and briefed him on U.S.-Chinese relations.

Mike Mansfield, U.S. ambassador to Ja-

pan, said Mondale told Ohira he was "pleased as punch" with his trip to China, and had reaffirmed to Ohira the need for U.S. consultation with Japan on trade with China "so they won't be interfering and competing with one another to too great an extent."

The Indochina refugee situation and the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia also were discussed. Mondale spent less than three hours in the Japanese capital.

On the two-day visit to Hong Kong, the vice president toured two crowded refugee camps and defended U.S. efforts to find and rescue Vietnamese boat people afloat on the South China Sea.

That initiative, he said, is "the right thing to do ... one of the best things our government has done in a long time."

As he headed home, Mondale told reporters his mission had been a success in expanding relations with China. The United States and the People's Republic established formal relations in January but

a number of difficulties had held up full implementation of the new status, particularly economically.

Mondale held 12 hours of talks with top Chinese leaders, toured the countryside to confer with local and regional officials and got in a hefty chunk of sightseeing.

His major speech on U.S.-China relations was broadcast on Chinese radio and television — affording millions of Chinese their first opportunity to hear a message from a foreign leader, and making him an instant celebrity throughout much of China.

The most important official part of the trip was the signing in Peking of bilateral cooperation agreements with the Chinese to start a new cultural exchange program between the countries and to give the Chinese much-needed technical assistance for work on hydroelectric systems.

It was the first trip to China by a top U.S. official since Gerald Ford traveled there in 1975.

Friends help boy fight cancer

United Press International

STREAMWOOD, Ill. — Two years ago, Timmy Estes had a tumor the size of a lemon on his tongue. Despite radiation and chemotherapy, 30 to 40 small tumors soon appeared in his lungs.

He is 7 now, fighting a daily battle against an extremely rare form of cancer. The medical bills are high and often he and his mother must stay in places infested with mice and bugs to save money for trips to the Mayo Clinic for experimental chemotherapy.

"He's so small — only 38 pounds," says Donna Estes. "He's bald because of the drugs and he has a lot of scars on his throat and neck."

"He's a very brave child. He tells me every night not to cry, just to say our prayers and God will help us."

Now, his neighbors, local store owners, Boy Scouts, and even the village board in his hometown of Streamwood, about 25 miles outside of Chicago, are helping too.

"It costs us \$700 for one day of treatment, and that's not counting travel expenses," his mother said. "We've stayed in places with mice and bugs to save money while we're there (at the Mayo Clinic)."

Last week, however, the village board

gave the go-ahead for his supporters to make door-to-door solicitations this Saturday for donations to help pay his medical costs.

The village has been divided into sections by Timmy's friends, neighbors and members of two Boy Scout troops for the door-to-door drive.

Local store owners pitched in by allowing donation cans and solicitations to be made on their premises.

"The help everyone's giving is really just super," says Timmy's mother.

Last September local civic groups helped raise \$13,000 with a fund drive for the boy. But those funds have dwindled down to \$10 because of all the medical bills, Mrs. Estes said.

Timmy's cancer, she said, was discovered in October 1977 when he had trouble swallowing. His parents thought he might have a problem with his tonsils.

A tumor the size of a lemon was discovered on his tongue, however, and he was diagnosed as having an extremely rare form of cancer with only 100 known cases and only two cases involving the tongue.

He was treated with radiation and chemotherapy, but last July doctors said

30 to 40 small tumors had spread to his lungs.

Doctors in Chicago said there was nothing they could do, so now he travels to the Mayo Clinic every three weeks for an experimental chemotherapy treatment.

He also has undergone surgery on his tongue.

Donations can be sent to the Timmy Estes Cancer Fund, First State Bank c/o Hanover Park, 1400 Irving Park Road Hanover Park, Ill. 61013.

1st student to die this year will be honored Sept. 11

Nineteen-year-old Woodrow K. Ratliff, first student fatality of the 1979-80 academic year, has been added to the list of Texas A&M University students to be honored Sept. 11 at Silver Taps.

Ratliff, an electrical engineering sophomore from San Antonio, died Sept. 2 in a one-car accident near Bastrop. Services will be held Wednesday in San Antonio, with burial in Fredericksburg.

Silver Taps, the traditional ceremony in memory of students who have died, will be conducted for six others besides Ratliff.

All died after Aggie Muster on April 21 anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto which clinched Texas independence.

The 10:30 p.m. outdoors memorial is usually held shortly after each student death during a year, but no ceremonies are held after April 21 and before the first Silver Taps of the fall semester.

The Sept. 11 memorial will also honor Charla Gwin, Stuart B. Walker, Alan D. Peacock, Tamara L. Bates, Henry B. Bishop and Luke D. Bell.

Total eclipse of moon visible Thursday a.m.

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The moon will move within Earth's shadow Thursday morning and the farther west you live, the better the show will be.

It will be the last total lunar eclipse visible from North America until 1982.

The moon will begin moving into Earth's shadow at 4:18 a.m. CDT and leave the shadow at 7:30 a.m. CDT. The moon will be totally eclipsed for 46 minutes, between 5:31 a.m. and 6:17 a.m. CDT.

When Earth's shadow covers the moon, it appears as a rusty ball. It is never completely dark because rays of sunlight are bent by Earth's atmosphere and enter the shadow.

The last total lunar eclipse visible in the United States was in 1975.



Just you & me, kid

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Barbara Forrest and daughter Jenny, eight months, share a quiet moment outside Texas A&M's Memo-

rial Student Center. Barbara's husband, Wayne, is a student at Texas A&M.