

FDA declaring over-the-counter cold medicines too risky for tots

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents may be left with only love and lots of liquid to give their sniffling babies and toddlers now that the government is declaring over-the-counter cough and cold medicines too risky for tots.

The Food and Drug Administration was issuing that warning Thursday to parents of children under 2.

It's a move expected for months: Drug companies last October quit selling dozens of versions of non-prescription cold remedies targeted specifically to babies and toddlers. That month, the FDA's scientific advisers also voted that the drugs don't work in small children and shouldn't be used in preschoolers, either — anyone under age 6.

The FDA still hasn't decided if OTC decongestants, antihistamines and cough suppressants are appropriate for older children, officials told The Associated Press. Expect a decision on that by spring, the deadline necessary to notify manufacturers before they begin production for next fall's cold season.

For now, FDA's first official ruling focuses on youngsters under 2, warning that "serious and potentially life-threatening side effects can occur."

FDA is worried that parents haven't gotten that message despite all the publicity last fall. They may still have infant-targeted drugs at home, or they may buy drugs meant for older children to give to tots instead, said Dr. Charles Ganley, FDA's nonprescription drugs chief.

"We still have a concern," Ganley said. "It falls out of people's consciousness. We're still in the middle of cold season right now."

Ganley was particularly struck by recent surveys that suggest many parents don't believe OTC remedies could pose a problem, especially if they've given them to an older child without harm.

Thursday's move is a good first step, said Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, Baltimore's health commissioner. He petitioned the FDA last year to end use of nonprescription cold remedies by children under 6, a move backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The reason: There's no evidence that these oral drugs actually ease cold symptoms in children so young — some studies suggest they do no good at all. And while serious side effects are fairly rare, they do occur. Indeed, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last year reported that more than 1,500 babies and toddlers wound up in emergency rooms over a two-year period because of the drugs.

"It's one thing if you're curing cancer, but we're talking about a self-limiting illness," said Sharfstein. "If there's really no evidence of benefit, you don't want to risk the rare problem. Then you're left with tragedy that you can't justify."

Specialists are back to recommending old-fashioned steps, such as plenty of fluids and rest, saline drops to loosen stuffy noses, and humidifiers while sleeping.

Why is this an issue now? Child versions of cold remedies came on the market decades ago, when scientists thought that what worked in adults would automatically work in children. Scientists today know that is not always the case.

In fact, FDA never formally allowed infant-targeted cold remedies in the first place; Ganley

said they evolved through a legal loophole.

But the FDA is investigating an even bigger question: Are OTC cold remedies safe and effective for children under 12? The agency's advisers last fall called for no use just by the under-6 crowd, but did recommend more research to determine the medicines' effects in children overall.

The drug industry says these medicines are used 3.8 billion times a year in treating children's cough and cold symptoms and are safe for those over 2.

Health groups acknowledge that while low doses of cold medicine don't usually endanger an individual child, the bigger risk is unintentional overdose. For example, the same ingredients are in multiple products, so using more than one for different symptoms can quickly add up. Also, children's medicines are supposed to be measured with the dropper or measuring cap that comes with each product, not an inaccurate kitchen teaspoon.

An internal FDA working group has a February deadline to recommend to agency leaders any action for 2- to 11-year-olds, Ganley said. The goal is a spring announcement.

Meanwhile, the FDA's advice for children over 2:

— If you try these drugs, carefully follow label directions.

— Avoid giving a child more than one product. If you do, make sure they don't contain some of the same or similar ingredients.

— Understand that these drugs only treat symptoms.

Colds are viruses, and the drugs will not make them go away any faster.

Federal Reserve Chairman appears open to stimulate weakening economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with a deteriorating economy, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke has indicated he is open to congressional and White House efforts to develop a rescue package to avert a recession.

The fragile state of the economy has gripped Wall Street and Main Street and is a rising concern among voters. The situation has galvanized politicians — including those vying to be the next president — and poses the biggest test to Bernanke, who took over the Fed nearly two years ago.

Much attention will be focused on Bernanke's testimony Thursday before the House Budget Committee for insights into what can be done to help blunt the ill effects of a deep housing slump and a credit crisis. The big worry is that those problems will force consumers to clamp down on their spending and businesses to put a lid on hiring, sending the economy into a nose-dive.

Joint Economic Committee Chairman Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said he had spoken with Bernanke on Monday and that the Fed chairman was "generally supportive" of lawmakers and Bush passing a stimulus bill.

"He said that while he wasn't going to endorse a specific plan, if an economic stimulus package was properly designed and enacted so that it enters the economy quickly, it could have a very positive effect on the economy," Schumer said.

With the economy suffering, one of President Bush's first acts after returning to Washington Wednesday evening from the Middle East was to be a conference call Thursday with congressional leaders in both parties to discuss a possible short-term stimulus package.

For the Fed's part, Bernanke pledged last week to aggressively

slash a key interest rate as needed to bolster the economy. Many economists believe the Fed will lower its key rate, now at 4.25 percent, by a bold half-percentage point at its next meeting on Jan. 30. The Fed cut rates three times last year, starting in September. But some critics on Wall Street and elsewhere have been critical of Bernanke for not taking action sooner and more forcefully.

Last week, Bernanke signaled he was open to additional help from the Democratic-controlled Congress and the White House, which are exploring economic stimulus packages, that could include tax rebates.

"I'd like to see what emerges from the process, and I look forward to talking with and discussing with proponents some of the various options that might be put on the table," Bernanke said in a Q&A session after speaking in Washington on Jan. 10.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio emerged from a rare meeting on Wednesday promising to craft legislation to energize the weakening economy.

Although Republicans and Democrats differ over what provisions should be part of any such package, there's widespread agreement that tax rebates along the lines of the \$300-\$600 checks provided in 2001 are likely to part of the measure. The country last suffered a recession in 2001.

A recent string of dismal eco-

nomics reports has raised fears the country could slide into a recession this year. Retail sales have plunged. The nation's unemployment rate has jumped from 4.7 percent to 5 percent, a two-year high. Manufacturing activity has slowed. The nation's major banks are piling up big losses and Wall Street has been mired in turmoil.

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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of STEVEN LEROY BIXENMAN, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 7, 2008, a Petition for Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by David A. Bixenman, an heir of Steven Leroy Bixenman deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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Public Notice

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

Re: Gore Oil Company Application for a permit to authorize the enhanced recovery of saltwater into the Leslie Wells D #2 SWD, located in Rooks County, Kansas.

To: All Oil and Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomsoever concerned.

You and each of you, are hereby notified that Gore Oil Company has filed an Application to commence the injection of saltwater into the Toronto and Lansing-Kansas City formations at the Leslie Wells D #2, located 1500' FSL & 3630' FEL of Section 17, Township 8 South, Range 17 West, Rooks County, Kansas, with a maximum operating pressure of 1000 psig and a maximum injection rate of 500 barrels per day.

Any persons who object or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protests with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

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SATURDAY		JANUARY 19										
	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBV/ABC (4) (6)	Good Morning Kansas Saturday		Good Morning America (N) (CC)		Good Morning Kansas Saturday		That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Emperor New	Replacements
KSNK/NBC (9) (8)	Today (N) (CC)				Paid Program	Paid Program	Jacob Two Two	Dragon (E)	Friend Rabbit	Pen-guins	Veggie-Tales	Jane-Dragon
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	Saturday Early Show (N) (CC)				News (N)				Sushi Pack (E)	Dino Squad	Paid Program	Paid Program
K15CG (2)	Busi-ness	Market-Market	Beren-Bears	Make-Noddy	Bob the Builder	Bob the Builder	Mama-Movies	Signing Time!	Lassie's Pet Vet	Motor-Week (N)	Wood-wright	Victory Garden
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		College GameDay (Live) (CC)		College Basketball	
USA (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Monk Mr. Monk and the Missing Granny				Movie: Apollo 13 ***½ (1995, Historical Drama) Based on the true story of the ill-fated 1970 moon mission. Tom Hanks. (CC)			
TBS (38)	(5:15) Movie: First Kid **½ (1996)		Movie: The Brady Bunch Movie *** (1995, Comedy) Shelley Long. (CC)						Movie: Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason **½ (2004, Romance-Comedy) Renee Zellweger. (CC)			Movie: Cheaper
WGN (39)	Paid Program	People-People	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Whit-taker	Even Stevens	Even Stevens
TNT (40)	(5:00) Movie: The Running Man **½		Movie: The 6th Day (2000) A helicopter pilot is cloned without his consent. (CC)						Movie: The Peacemaker ** (1997) A scientist and a soldier seek stolen nuclear weapons. George Clooney.			Movie:
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Work Home	Man vs. Wild Panama Panama.				Bone Detectives The Hidden Mummy	MythBusters Brown Note (CC)	Dirty Jobs Cave biologist.	
A&E (47)	Biography Paula Abdul (CC)		Biography Simon Cowell (CC)		Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Flip This House (CC)	Flip This House (CC)	
HIST (48)	The Adventures of Young Indiana Jones Demons of Deception (CC)				Wild West Tech Prospecting for gold.				UFO Files UFOs and the White House	Mega Disasters Potential asteroid.	Mega Disasters: Mega Freeze (CC)	
NICK (55)	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	OddParents	OddParents	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Barn-yard	Tak, Power	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob
DISN (56)	The Wiggles	Johnny-Sprites	Tigger & Pooh	Tigger & Pooh	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Ein-steins	Handy Manny	Bunny-town (N)	Charlie & Lola	Eddie's Cook-Off	
FAM (58)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Full House	Full House	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	Ground-ed-Life	Ground-ed-Life	Movie: Sleepover ** (2004) (CC)	
HALL (60)	Little House on the Prairie (Part 2 of 2)		Little House on the Prairie (CC)		7th Heaven The Color of God (CC)		7th Heaven Halloween (CC)			Movie: Tom and Huck ** (1995, Adventure) Jonathan Taylor Thomas. (CC)		

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
KLBV/ABC (4) (6)	NBA Access	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	College Basketball: (Live) (CC)	Maryland at North Carolina.					Paid Program	ABC News
KSNK/NBC (9) (8)	Jeop-ard!	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Cor-Evo-lution	Paid Program	Bull Riding: PBR Tour, Fresno, Calif. (CC)				Paid Program	NBC News
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Pride, Passion and Power (N) (CC)				College Basketball: USC at UCLA. (Live) (CC)				Paid Program	CBS News
K15CG (2)	Yankee Shop	This Old House	Ask This Old House	Home-time	For Your Home	Food	Test Kitchen	School-Fine Art	Love of Quilting	Place-Our Own	Antiques Roadshow (CC)		
ESPN (28)	College Basketball		College Basketball: Illinois at Purdue. (CC)				College Basketball: State. (Live) (CC)		College Basketball: Texas A&M at Kansas (Live) (CC)		College Basketball: Clemson at Duke.		
USA (37)	Movie: Pitch Black **½ (2000) Vicious creatures stalk the survivors of a spaceship crash. (CC)				Movie: Collateral Damage *½ (2002, Action) A fireman goes after the terrorist who killed his family.						Psych The Old and the Restless (CC)		
TBS (38)	(11:45) Movie: Cheaper by the Dozen **½ (2003, Comedy) Steve Martin. (CC)				Movie: The Mask *** (1994) An ancient mask animates a drab bank clerk. (CC)			Sex and the City	Sex and the City		Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	
WGN (39)	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	Soul Train Tribute to Minnie Riperton.		Movie: 8 Seconds (1994) An Oklahoma youth becomes rodeo champ in 1987. (CC)			American Idol	American Idol		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		
TNT (40)	(11:30) Movie: Executive Decision *** (1996, Action) Kurt Russell. (CC) (DVS)				Movie: Air Force One *** (1997, Suspense) Terrorists hijack the president's plane. Harrison Ford.					Movie: Con Air (1997) Vicious convicts hijack their flight. (CC)			
DSC (42)	Fight Quest Mexico Mexican boxing.		Fight Quest China Kung fu in China.		Survivorman		Survivorman		Dirty Jobs Vexcon		Dirty Jobs Geoduck Farmer		
A&E (47)	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Paranor-mal	Paranor-mal	Paranor-mal	Paranor-mal			Movie: Bridget Jones's Diary *** (2001, Romance-Comedy) Renee Zellweger. (CC)		Movie: The Whole Nine Yards (2000)		
HIST (48)	Mega Disasters (CC)		Shockwave (CC)		Shockwave (CC)		Shockwave (CC)		Mega Disasters The San Francisco Earthquake (CC)				
NICK (55)	OddParents	OddParents	iCarly (CC)	iCarly (CC)	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Ned's School	Ned's School	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	
DISN (56)	(11:00) Movie: That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Life With Derek		Phil of Future	Cory in House	Wizards-Place	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	
FAM (58)	(11:30) Movie: Sleepover (2004)		Movie: Uptown Girls (2003) A carefree woman becomes a nanny to an uptight girl.				Movie: Bring It On (2000) High-school cheerleaders vie for a coveted national title.		Movie: Bring It On Again *½ (2004)				
HALL (60)	Movie: Hearts in Atlantis ** (2001, Drama) Anthony Hopkins. (CC)				Movie: Follow the Stars Home **½ (2001, Drama) Kimberly Williams. (CC)				Movie: Wild Hearts (2006) A widower cares for his daughter at his family's farm.				

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KLBV/ABC (4) (6)	News (N) (CC)	Kake News	Movie: The Terminal *** (2004, Comedy-Drama) A European living in an airport befriends a stewardess. Tom Hanks.		News (N) (CC)	American Idol	Ent. Tonight					
KSNK/NBC (9) (8)	News (N) (CC)	Wheel of Fortune	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Life (CC)		Law & Order (CC)		News (N) (CC)	Saturday Night Live The Best of Tracy Morgan (CC)		
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (N) (CC)	Paid Program	Movie: Runaway Jury *** (2003) A man tries to manipulate an explosive trial. (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News (N) (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	Without a Trace	Upstairs Downstairs
K15CG (2)	Sun-flower	Ameri-ca's	Ro-mance	As Time Goes By	The Lawrence Welk Show French Show		Life (Part 2) (CC)	New Red Green	Austin City Limits	Coldplay performs.	Soundstage (N) (Part 2 of 2) (CC)	
ESPN (28)	College Basketball: Clemson at Duke.		College GameDay (Live) (CC)		College Basketball: Kentucky at Florida. (Live) (CC)			SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			Midnight Madness	Fast-break
USA (37)	Monk Mr. Monk Goes to the Bank		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		House Airborne		Movie: Collateral Damage *½ (2002)	
TBS (38)	King of Queens	King of Queens	Movie: Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde **½ (2003) Reese Witherspoon.		Movie: Mr. Deeds * (2002) A pizza maker inherits a fortune from a distant relative.						Movie: The Brady Bunch Movie ***	
WGN (39)	Funnies Pets	Funnies Pets	Bulls Eye (CC)	NBA Basketball: Detroit Pistons at Chicago Bulls. (Live) (CC)				WGN News	Reno 911!		Reno 911!	24 (CC)
TNT (40)	(4:30) Movie: Con Air **½ (1997)		Movie: Stealth ** (2005, Action) Three pilots combat artificial intelligence. Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel. (CC)		Movie: Stealth ** (2005, Action) Three pilots combat artificial intelligence. Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel. (CC)			Movie: Stealth ** (2005, Action) Three pilots combat artificial intelligence. Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel. (CC)				
DSC (42)	Dirty Jobs Sludge Cleaner		Some Assembly Required		MythBusters James Bond gadgets. (CC)		Smash Lab Vehicle improvement.		Bone Detectives The Hidden Mummy		Some Assembly Required	
A&E (47)	(5:00) Movie: The Whole Nine Yards		Movie: The Godfather ***** (1972, Drama) A mafia patriarch tries to hold his empire together. Marlon Brando, Al Pacino. (CC)								Movie: The Godfather (1972)	
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Carbon (CC)		MonsterQuest (CC)		MonsterQuest The Real Hobbit (CC)		MonsterQuest Fossil evidence.		MonsterQuest Birdzilla (CC)		MonsterQuest (CC)	
NICK (55)	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	iCarly (N) (CC)	Just Jordan	Naked Brothers	Drake & Josh	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
DISN (56)	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Cory in House	Movie: Sky High (2005) Two superheroes send their son to a training school. (CC)			Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana		Replacements	Kim Possible
FAM (58)	(5:00) Movie: Bring It On Again (2004)		Movie: Bring It On: All or Nothing (2006, Comedy) Hayden Panettiere. (CC)		Movie: Bring It On: All or Nothing (2006, Comedy) Hayden Panettiere. (CC)						Movie: Sugar & Spice **½ (2001)	
HALL (60)	Movie: Straight From the Heart (2003, Romance) Teri Polo. (CC)				Movie: The Good Witch (2008, Drama) Catherine Bell. (Premiere) (CC)				Movie: Follow the Stars Home **½ (2001, Drama) Kimberly Williams. (CC)			

Fort Hays State to visit Colby

Fort Hays State University is again planning its annual 13-city student recognition program traveling scholarship series with Colby's visit at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at City Limits Convention Center, 2227 S. Range Ave.

The registration deadline for the Colby-area event is Feb. 7 and students are invited from the Kansas counties of Thomas, Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman and Wallace, from the Nebraska counties of Chase, Dundy, Hayes and Hitchcock, and Colorado counties of Cheyenne and Kit Carson.



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