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Budget: City officials prepare for second and final reading

by David Bowser
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The Pampa City Commission is expected to approve its new budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 when it meets at 4 p.m. next Tuesday in the commission chamber of City Hall. The commission took the first step toward that end this week when it approved the budget on first reading during a special meeting Tuesday afternoon. The second and

final reading is expected to be on the agenda next week. Trevlyn Pitner said he was happy with his first budget since being named city manager earlier this year, even though many capital expenditures had to be cut. The \$12.1 million budget, including capital expenditures, is the result of weeks of combing through the city's costs and past expenditures, he said. The budget is divided up into the

general fund, which receives revenues from the city's property taxes, sales taxes and hotel-motel taxes. This funds basic city services including the police department, fire department, street department and administration. Other city departments - M.K. Brown Auditorium, Lovett Memorial Library, the water and wastewater department, the landfill and Hidden Hills Municipal Golf Course - are expected to pay for

themselves through fees charged for those services. They in essence, Pitner said, are run as independent businesses. While some general fund money may be used for the different departments, Pitner said he wants to reduce the tax money going to those departments and increase their ability to stand on their own through the fees they generate.

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Hurricane Ike

by Marilyn Powers
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Livestock situation dire after storm

Area farmers, ranchers and other residents have a chance to return a favor by helping cattle and horses which were displaced by Hurricane Ike in South Texas on Sept. 13.

Gray County and other areas of the Panhandle affected by the 2006 wildfires received assistance from other states and from other areas of Texas, including South Texas. That assistance included help for farming and ranching operations. "During the Texas Panhandle wildfires of 2006, we had feed donations and monetary donations. They brought in hay also," said Gray County AgriLife Extension Agent Brandon McGinty. "Monetary donations were handled through the local Farm Bureau office. "To me, the biggest donation they made was that they brought their own materials and supplies up and paid for it out of their own pocket," McGinty said. An estimated 20,000 head of displaced cattle and horses in Chambers and Jefferson counties are in need of hay and fresh water as a result of Hurricane Ike's

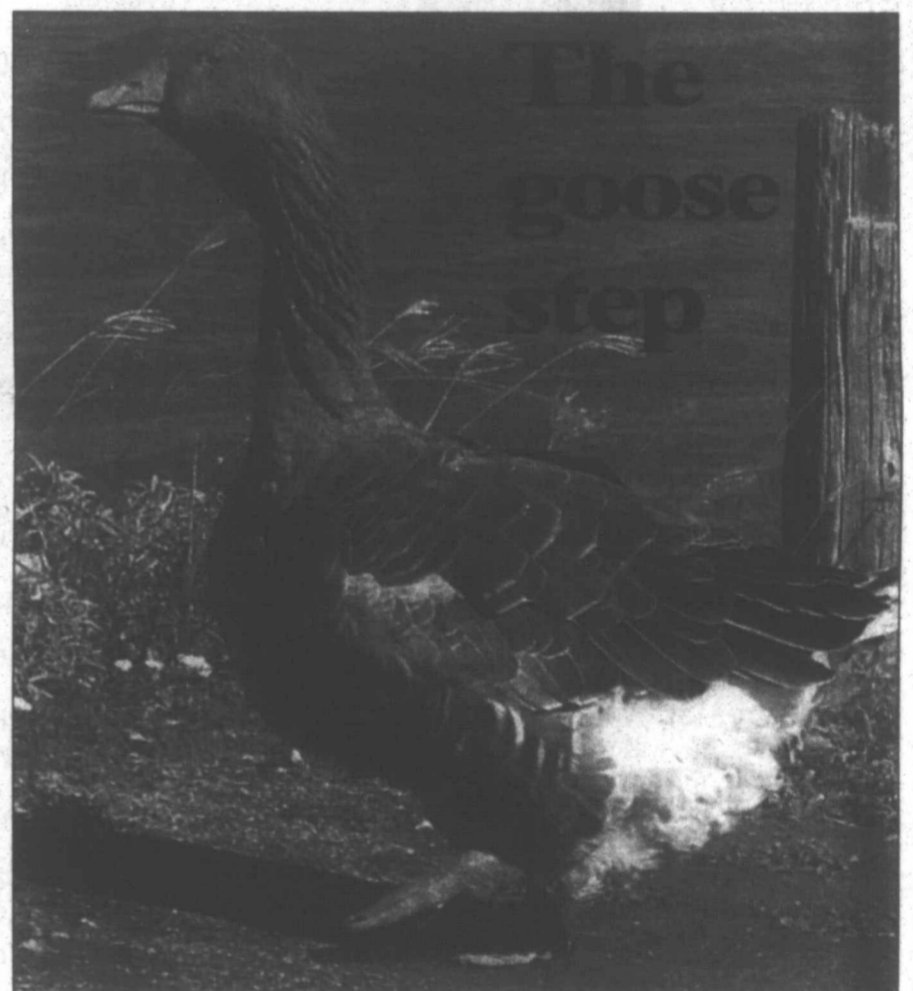
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Electrical workers giving assistance

Xcel Energy employees from several Texas Panhandle cities are helping restore electrical power to areas affected by Hurricane Ike, according to Wes Reeves, media relations officer for the company in Amarillo.

Twenty-eight employees left Lubbock Tuesday to work in the Shreveport, La., area, Reeves said in a press release. The employees are from Xcel Energy offices in Amarillo, Dumas, Hereford, Littlefield, Lubbock and Roswell and Clovis, N.M. "They likely will be gone for two weeks," Reeves said. "At that point, we could send another group of employees. It has been estimated that rebuilding the power grid in these areas could take four to six weeks." The employees are linemen, servicemen and support personnel. In addition, Xcel Energy has released six contract employees with Sturgeon from job sites in Carlsbad, N.M. Xcel had previously released 15 Asplundh tree-trimming personnel to help with cleanup following Hurricane Gustav. The Asplundh personnel continue to

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staff photo/Marilyn Powers

This large bird is demonstrating its version of the "goose step" recently at Recreation Park Lake. A number of wild birds of various types make the lake and park their home.

PHS open house offers sneak peek for parents

by Rachel Stennett
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Parents will have an opportunity to see some of the results from the construction that has been going on at Pampa High School during an open house on Monday, Sept. 22 at the school. Along with meeting teachers and

visiting classes, parents will also be given a tour by student council members through some of the completed construction projects at PHS including the east end math wing that has been remodeled and the three new computer/writing labs. Hot dogs and beverages will be at the school. See PHS, Page 3

National Park Service conducting special tours at Alibates Flint Quarries

by David Bowser
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FRITCH - The National Park Service will open up an area of the Alibates Flint Quarries next month

that is usually closed off to the public for Texas Archeology Month. Rozanna Pfeiffer, spokesman for the National Park Service here, said special tours will be offered at 2 p.m.

on Saturdays and Sunday during the month. Reservations are required. The tours will be limited to 25 people per group. Pfeiffer said the tours to village ruins

and petroglyphs dating to 1150 to 1450 A.D. will be over uneven terrain with no established trails. She said the road to the trailhead is rough. She recommended sturdy shoes, drinking

water, sunscreen, insect repellent, a light jacket and a hat. Texas Archeology Month is sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission to promote scientific archeology, prehistory and




Native America cultures. "Texas Archeology Month provides an opportunity for Texans to understand the depth and richness of their

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Sunny	Sunny	Sunny

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.
 Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Jerry Newton 'J.N.' Tucker, 90

Jerry Newton "J.N." Tucker, 90, of Pampa, Texas, died Sept. 17, 2008, at Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 4 p.m. today, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, officiating.



Tucker

in the oil and gas business, and he worked for Ingersol-Rand, retiring in the early 1980s. He was a member of Central Baptist Church and the Wheeler Masonic Lodge #1099 AF&AM.

Survivors include three sons, Jerry Tucker of Guymon, Okla., Bill Tucker of Montgomery and James Tucker of Gillette, Wyo.; two daughters, Mary Dell Donaldson of Dallas and Judy Gay Wesson of Wilmington, N.C.; one sister, Erma Riley of Oklahoma City, Okla.; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and special friend, Ruth Sims.

Mr. Tucker was born May 10, 1918, in Wellington. He attended Wheeler schools, graduating from Wheeler High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1969.

Jerry worked in various industries; he managed several cotton gins, he worked

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Reid.

MEMORIALS: Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM.

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

Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BAXTER, James Ruel — 2 p.m., Calvary Assembly of God Church, Stillwater, Okla.
CHAMBERS, Herman — 2 p.m., New Hope Baptist Church, Pampa.
LANGWELL, J.B. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
RAINS, Fern — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Recreation Park, Pampa.
STILES, Charles — 2 p.m., Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors Minton Memorial Chapel, Borger.

James Ruel Baxter, 83

James Ruel Baxter, 83, of Stillwater, Okla., died on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008, in Stillwater. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008, at Calvary Assembly of God Church with Pastor Rusty Rhoads officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 22, 2008, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with Mrs. Sequoyah Reynolds officiating. Family will greet friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Strode Funeral Home. Strode Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. He was born on Nov. 23,

1924, in Shamrock, Texas, to George Henry Baxter and Sarah Ona (Cleveland) Baxter. He married Illine Barnett on Dec. 2, 1942, in Pampa, Texas.

He served as a private in the U.S. Army during World War II and was honorably discharged on Oct. 26, 1943.

He was a carpenter and cement contractor, working on many homes and businesses in Stillwater. He was a retired Assembly of God minister, pastoring in Texas



Baxter

and Oklahoma for over 60 years. He pastored at Morrison, Okla., for 15 years before moving to Stillwater.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Mark Anthony Baxter; two infant sons; one brother, Ralph Baxter; and one sister, Alene Stroup.

He is survived by his wife, Illine Baxter of Stillwater, Okla.; one daughter, Gail Ann Roberts and her husband Bill of Stillwater, Okla.; one granddaughter,

Angel Oakes and her husband Matt of Stillwater, Okla.; one grandson, Will Roberts of Stillwater, Okla.; three great-granddaughters, Lydia, Ayla and Macy Oakes of Stillwater, Okla.; daughter, Sequoyah Reynolds and her husband Bud of Texas; three brothers, George Henry Baxter of Borger, Texas, Floyd Baxter of Pampa, Texas, and Boyd Baxter of Clarendon, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Condolences may be emailed to the family and an online obituary may be viewed by visiting www.strodefh.com.

J.B. Langwell, 74

J.B. Langwell, 74, of Pampa, Texas, died Sept. 17, 2008, at Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. C.W. Parker, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery with military honors courtesy of the U.S. Navy. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Langwell was born Jan. 13, 1934, in Canadian

He married Shirley J. Singleteary on July 13, 1970, in Juarez, Mexico. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1998, moving from Littlefield.

J.B. was a retired farmer and auto salesman. He was a former member of the Early Risers Lions Club in Littlefield. He was a Baptist and a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during the Korean Conflict.



Langwell

Survivors include his wife, Shirley J. Langwell, of the home; three sons, Randy Langwell and wife Debra of Amarillo, Donald Langwell of Littlefield and Mike Langwell of Bremerton, Wash.; three daughters,

Jolene Happ and husband Bob of Bremerton, Wash., Sharon Alford and husband Norris, and Janie Simpson and husband Buddy, all of Levelland; three brothers,

Eddie Langwell and wife Terry of Claude, Larry Langwell and wife Glenda of Combine, and Gary Langwell of Borger; seven grandchildren, including two granddaughters, Crystal Roberts and husband Joe and Misty Sears, all of Levelland; 10 great-grandchildren; and two special cousins, Betty and Eddie Reames of Pampa.

J.B. was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Connie Langwell in 2002.

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

Charles Stiles, 70

FRITCH — Charles Stiles, 70, died Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008, at Amarillo.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday at Minton Memorial Chapel with CleDon Billington of Amarillo officiating. Interment will be in "The Garden of Hope" at

Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Stiles was Born on Sept. 21, 1937, at Phillips and had been a lifelong area resident. He retired from Phillips Petroleum Co. as area superintendent after 34

years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Jo Stiles, of the home; a son, Rick Stiles of Perryton; two daughters, JoAnna Stanford of Sanford and Micka Lovett of Amarillo; two brothers, Bob Stiles of Burleson and P.R. Stiles of Pampa; seven

grandchildren; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 622 Canyon Dr., Amarillo TX 79109; or to American Diabetes Association, Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Ava Warren, 90

HOUSTON — Ava Warren, 90, died Sept. 18, 2008, at Houston. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Warren was born Dec. 17, 1917, at McLean.

She had been a Pampa resident most of her life, moving to Houston in 2001.

Mrs. Warren was preceded in death on Oct. 5, 2002, by her husband of 40 years, Hart Warren. She was an executive secretary for

Cabot Corporation for many years.

Survivors include two sons, Tom Warren of Brookshire and Skip Warren of Houston; and two grandchildren.

The family requests

memorials be to Alzheimer's Association, 415 W. 8th Ave., Suite 300, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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

Emergency Services

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Monday, Sept. 15

Juan Renaldo Flores, 51, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of North

Starkweather by Pampa Police Department for theft of property over \$20 and under \$500 by check, and capias pro fines for public intoxication and two counts of theft under \$50.

Rena Daniele Williams, 29, of Pampa was arrested

by GCSO for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Charidee Jo McDaniel, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for manufacture/delivery of four grams or more but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance.

Timothy Allen Hickerson, 27, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on capias pro fines for two counts of failure to appear.

Renard Lee Villarreal, 35, of Pampa was arrested in the 1300 block of Duncan by Pampa PD for disorderly conduct-obscene language.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

William Craig Stephens, 36, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of West Crawford by Pampa PD for public intoxication.

Kimberlee Sue Smith, 47, of Pampa was arrested in the 1500 block of Alcock by Pampa PD for public intoxication.

Brent Keith Crossman, 50, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license.

Madelaine Elise Billings, 24, of Wenonah, N.J., was arrested by Texas

Department of Public Safety for possession of 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana.

Timothy Francis Pheasant, 23, of Woodbury Heights, N.J., was arrested by DPS for possession of 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana.

Carrie Sue Earhart, 36, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of West Kingsmill by Pampa PD on nine capias pro fines.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Sept. 15

9:27 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a rubbish fire at the intersection of Thut and Somerville streets.

4:19 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Kentucky and Hamilton streets. No injuries were reported.

5:08 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to

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Theatre arts



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These theatre arts students at Pampa Junior High School recently made up commercials and jingles to perform in class. This particular group advertised an anti-bullying suit that protected students from any kind of harm. Above, from left: Alex Barraza, Cager Osborne, Krysten Miller, Kayla Hughes and (back) Roy Nelson.

City

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"There is still some movement of money," he said, "just not as much."

Pitner said the new budget includes a 3 percent cost of living raise for city employees. He said there is no increase in benefit costs. He noted that health insurance costs have not risen in the past two years, saving the city money. The city's employment retirement fund expense, however, has increased.

The general fund is expected to receive \$10,855,439 this next fiscal year. Expenditures are projected to be \$12,114,118.

The \$1,258,679 shortfall will be made up through bond proceeds, the vehicle replacement fund, the dumpster replacement fund, parks donations and the existing fund balance.

At \$506,629.36, the fund balance being used is essentially the cost of improving and maintaining city streets.

The city has budgeted \$584,000 for streets, Pitner said. That includes seal coating and basic repairs, new equipment and a \$30,000 pole barn.

The pole barn, Pitner said, is expected to pay for itself through protecting equipment and supplies.

The city manager said that in the past Pampa has lost a lot of material to weather. The pole barn should pro-

tect much of that material and cuts costs to the city.

The city's operating budget without the capital improvements is in the black, Pitner said.

The capital improvements funding is being carried over from this fiscal year for projects not yet completed, primarily from bond money.

Pitner said that M.K. Brown Auditorium is operating on a tight budget, but it should generate revenues of \$378,500 with costs of \$377,598.

The library, he said, would have been operating in the black until a roof problem resulted in a \$44,000 expenditure, putting it \$35,981 in the red. Pitner said he thinks that can be covered with grants and donations.

Even with new fee increases, the water and wastewater department shows revenues of \$6,514,314 and expenditures of \$7,700,271, but \$1,209,000 in bond money that is part of the city's waterline repair project from last year puts that department more than \$23,000 in the black.

The solid waste, or landfill, budget projects \$5,658,200 in revenues and \$5,454,523 in expenditures, leaving it more than \$200,000 in the black, although Pitner said that does not include all the money needed for opening a new cell at the landfill.

The golf course is expected to have revenues of \$439,750 and expenditures of \$439,722, leaving it some \$28 in the black.

Cattle

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storm surges earlier this week. Ike made landfall on Sept. 13 at Galveston.

Contributions of hay, water troughs and feed-stocks such as range cubes are needed. Cash contributions are also being accepted.

"We need water troughs, hay, feed, portable panels and assistance trailers for livestock," said Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia in a request to the Governor's State Operations Center.

Fences were destroyed and many of the cattle that survived the flood waters headed northward in search of fresh water and feed, said Tyler Fitzgerald, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent in Chambers County.

"Fresh water is very hard to come by, especially since many of these sources have been overtaken by sea water as a result of the storm surge," he said.

Storm surges up to 20 feet caused flooding from Smith Point northward along FM 562 and FM 1985 east, destroying fences. Many cattle did not survive the storm, Fitzgerald said.

Round bales of hay have been dispersed along some farm-to-market roads where cattle are known to be displaced, he said.

Agencies coordinating relief efforts are AgriLife Extension in cooperation with the Texas Animal Health Commission, Texas Department of Agriculture, Independent Cattlemen's Association, Texas 2-1-1, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Southwest Cattle Raisers Association, Governor's Division of Emergency Management State Operations Center and Chambers County officials.

To make a tax-deductible cash or credit card donation, call 979-845-2604 or go to <http://agrilifevents.tamu.edu> and follow the prompts to "No Fences" Hurricane Ike Horse and Cattle Relief.

To make a donation of hay, feed, water troughs, transportation and other in-kind donations, call the Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay Hotline at 877-429-1998 or 800-835-5832 and press zero.

For more information, call the Gray County AgriLife Extension Office at 669-8033.

Power

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work in the Beaumont area, Reeves said.

Gustav made landfall Sept. 1 with 110 mph winds. The center, or eye, of the storm hit near Cocodrie, La.

Ike has been blamed for 145 deaths, primarily in Haiti. It made landfall at Galveston on Sept. 13 with an unusually large wind field. It had weakened to a Category 2 hurricane with winds of 110 mph by that time; its strongest period was as a Category 4 hurricane.

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heritage, the historical significance of the state's archeological sites, the importance of proper archeological practices and the contributions of professional and avocational archeologists," Pfeiffer said. For reservations, call 806-857-3151.

provided for parents as they tour the school. The open house will last from approximately 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and parents will visit every class period that their students have for five minute sessions with teachers, starting with first period at 7:05 p.m. and ending with eighth period at 8:15 p.m.

Students will bring home their schedules for parents to follow at the open house.

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Services

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a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Hobart and Brown streets. No injuries were reported.

6:58 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of North Nelson on a call for medical assistance.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

3:02 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of Varmon on a medical call.

5:23 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of South Faulkner on a call for medical assistance.

5:29 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Worrel and Charles on a call for medical assistance.

10:42 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of North Wells on a medical call.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

12:38 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to 1 Medical Plaza on a LifeStar Helicopter standby.

9:11 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 500 block of North Dwight on a medical call.

2:08 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of North Frost on a medical call.

2:10 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 500 block of

East Tyng on a call for medical assistance.

3:48 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of North Christy on a medical call.

Thursday, Sept. 18

5:05 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of North Sumner on a call for medical assistance.

3:40 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of North Hobart on a call for medical assistance.

6:29 p.m. — Three units and eight personnel responded to a structure fire in the 1800 block of Hamilton.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Sept. 15

7:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a location two miles East on Highway 60 and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

12:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Gray and transported a patient to BSA Hospice.

12:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Faulkner and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in

Amarillo and transported a patient to the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

4:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Hamilton and Kentucky streets. No transport.

5:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Highways 60 and 70. No transport.

7:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

3:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Dwight. No transport.

2:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Tyng and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Super Playground and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Christy and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 12000 block of East Highway 60 and transported a patient to PRMC.

Thursday, Sept. 18

5:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

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- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA weather radio with tone alert and extra batteries
- Manual can opener if kit contains canned food
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to "shelter-in-place" (see inside)
- Important family documents (examples inside)
- Items for unique family needs: daily prescription medication or pet food

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Viewpoints

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By The Associated Press

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On Sept. 19, 1796, President Washington's farewell address was published. In it, the nation's first chief executive wrote, "Observe good faith and justice towards all Nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all."

On this date:

In 1777, during the Revolutionary War, American soldiers won the first Battle of Saratoga.

In 1783, Jacques Etienne Montgolfier launched a duck, a sheep and a rooster aboard a hot-air balloon at Versailles in France.

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2 1/2 months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

In 1945, Nazi radio propagandist William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was convicted of treason and sentenced to death by a British court.

In 1957, the United States conducted its first contained underground nuclear test, code-named "Rainier," in the Nevada desert.

'There is no such thing as conversation. It is an illusion. There are intersecting monologues, that is all.'

— Dame Rebecca West
Irish-born novelist (1892-1983)

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev reacted angrily during a visit to Los Angeles upon being told that, for security reasons, he wouldn't be allowed to visit Disneyland.

In 1960, Cuban leader Fidel Castro, in New York to visit the United Nations, angrily checked out of the Shelburne Hotel in a dispute with the management; Castro accepted an invitation to stay at the Hotel Theresa in Harlem.

In 1982, Carnegie Mellon University professor Scott E. Fahlman proposed punctuating humorously intended computer messages by employing a colon followed by a hyphen and a parenthesis as a horizontal "smiley face." :-)

In 1988, Israel succeeded in launching a test satellite, the Ofek ("Horizon") 1, over the Mediterranean Sea.

Ten years ago: Susan Barrantes, mother of Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, was killed in a car crash in Argentina; she was 61. Miss Virginia Nicole Johnson, a 24-year-old diabetic who wore an insulin pump on her hip, was crowned Miss America 1999.

Five years ago: Former Hurricane Isabel raced from Virginia to Canada, delivering far less rain than expected but leaving millions without power. Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's defense minister, Sultan Hashim Ahmad, surrendered to U.S. forces.

One year ago: The Senate blocked legislation that would have regulated the amount of time troops spent in combat, a blow for Democrats struggling to challenge President Bush's Iraq policies. A powerful bomb killed anti-Syria lawmaker

Campaign jokes are telling

If there's truth in humor, what do late-night jokes tell us about the presidential campaign?

John McCain is old. Most jokes about him dwell on his age. None of the jokes are biting, however, and many are laugh-out-loud funny:

"Earlier today, John McCain released 1,200 pages of his medical records. Or, as his doctor calls it, Chapter One." — Conan O'Brien

"Cindy McCain sprained her wrist. Doctors say it's nothing serious — she probably did it cutting John McCain's meat into little tiny pieces." — Craig Ferguson

"Good news for John McCain — his poll numbers are up 4 percent, liver spots down 3 percent." — Jay Leno

Where jokes are concerned, there hasn't been much interest in Democratic vice-presidential candidate Joe Biden, but that may change if he keeps making gaffes:

"Joe Biden put his foot in his mouth the other day. He told a crowd that Hillary is as qualified or more qualified than he is. Plus she still has her original hair." — Jay Leno

However, there's tremendous energy surrounding Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

Initially, the Palin jokes were nasty and targeted her political positions aggressively. Several jokes attacked Palin by way of her 17-year-old daughter, as reflected in this Conan O'Brien line:

"Vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin has many views. She says she's opposed to same-sex marriage. Yeah, Palin says everyone knows marriage isn't for gay people; it's for pregnant teenagers."

Other jokes tried to frame her as a good-looking ditz, a gun-toting nut job and a white-trash hick:

"The McCain people believe Americans will disregard her inexperience because they will fall in love with her story. She was a runner-up in the 1984 Miss Alaska Pageant, which may sound trite, but you try walking in high-heeled snow shoes." — Bill Maher

"I saw that they're selling Sarah Palin action figures. Sad incident at Toys R Us today — a Sarah Palin doll shot My Little Pony." — Jimmy Kimmel

"We're learning more about Sarah Palin. It turns out she and her entire family once had a chair-throwing brawl on 'Jerry Springer.'" — David Letterman

Now that Palin has upended the election — notions of her as a ditzzy religious-right radical are not sticking — the tenor of the Palin jokes appears to be changing. There appear to be fewer biting jokes — fewer in which she is the butt of the gags, as reflected in this line:

"Sources in North Korea say that dictator Kim Jong Il is very sick. He may have to shift power to one of his three sons. Still, there's an out-of-the-box chance he'll pick Sarah Palin." — Conan O'Brien

A recent New York Times report examined why comics are having trouble getting a comedic bead on Obama. Is it because he's the new guy on the block and deserving of some slack? That he's the first black presidential candidate? That some in the audience are so attached to him they don't laugh at jokes about him? Or that he hasn't yet slipped up badly enough to give comics a fat, juicy theme?

Whatever the cause, comics use Obama to set up jokes, but he's hardly ever been the butt of them. Here's a very funny example:

"Barack Obama gave a speech in Germany and 200,000 people showed up. There were so many Germans shouting and screaming that France surrendered just in case." — Craig Ferguson

Now that Obama's fortunes have shifted — he's no longer the front-runner and trails in various polls — the jokes appear to be changing. His rock-star status is the butt of this one:

"They're saying that Barack Obama is starting to slip in the polls. But don't worry. He has a plan. He's going to go back to campaigning in Europe." — David Letterman

Some accuse late-night comics of hitting Republicans harder than Democrats, but, for the most part, they go wherever the laughs are — their jokes often reflect what America is really thinking.

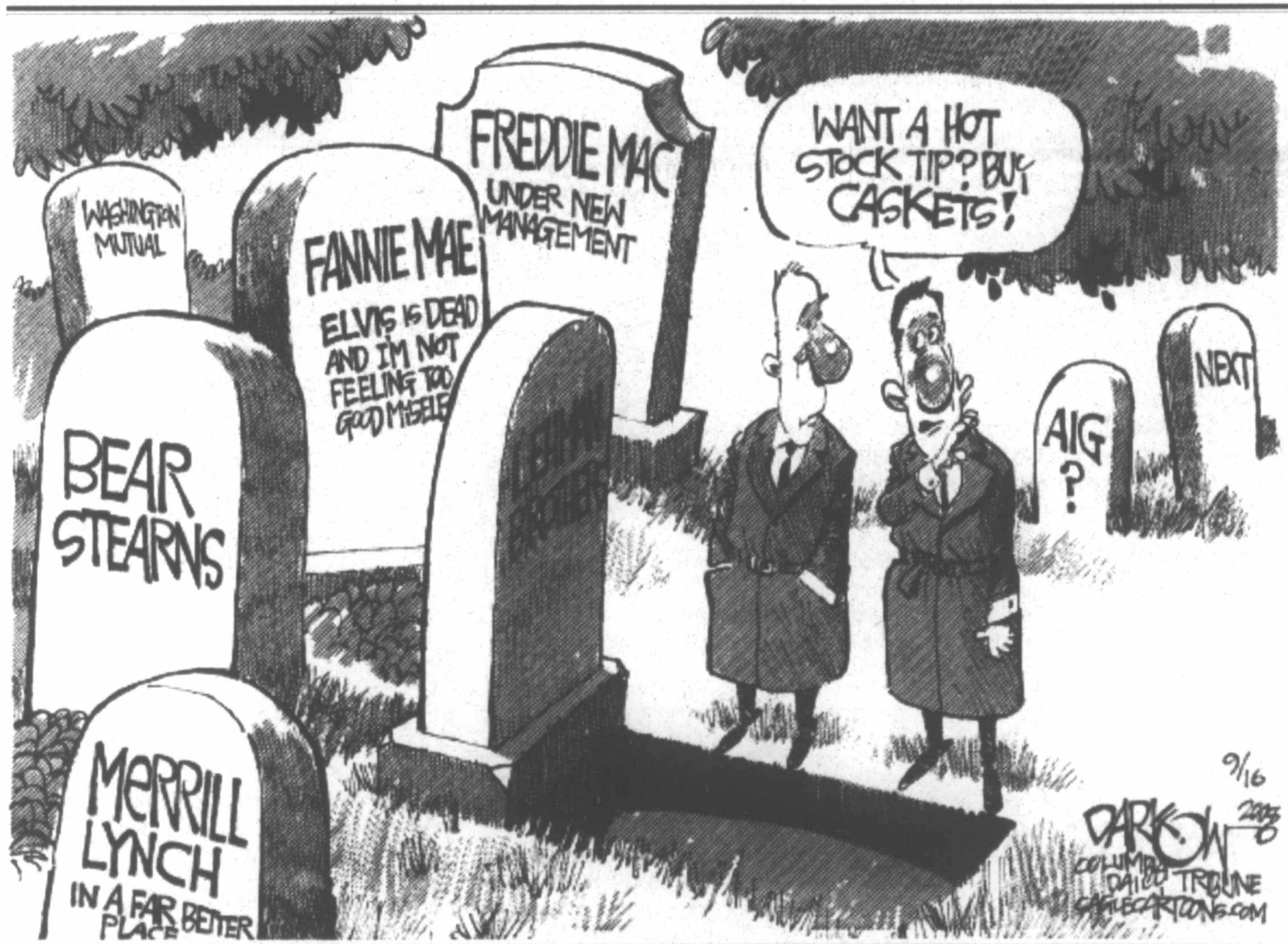
If Obama starts becoming the butt of jokes — if the comics begin mocking his inability to win, as they did John Kerry in 2004 — that won't bode well for his chances in November.

I doubt Obama supporters will find anything funny about that.

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Tom Purcell
Columnist



Thoughts from around the nation

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around the nation:
■ Sept. 9

The Tampa (Fla.) Tribune, on the government taking control of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae:

Congratulations, or perhaps condolences, fellow taxpayers. On Sunday we all became mortgage bankers.

Plunging confidence in the housing and financial markets forced the federal government to seize control of its quasi-public mortgage agencies, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. The takeover will keep them from going under and pulling much of the financial world down with them.

Taxpayers assume all the risks to reassure the world that the United States remains a safe place to invest. The alternative is unthinkable. ...

A major flaw in the model was the accurate assumption that the companies that handled half the nation's mortgages were too big to be allowed to fail. The implied federal guarantee led to risky innovations. Both stockholders and taxpayers went along, not knowing that the roof was about to fall.

James B. Lockhart, director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, now

in charge of Freddie and Fannie, says the executives running the mortgage giants "did not create the inherent conflict and flawed business model embedded in the enterprises' structure."

Maybe not, but no one can say they did a good job of protecting either their stockholders or the public interest. ...

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson promises a new philosophy. The companies "will no longer be managed with a strategy to maximize common shareholder returns."

That's no big surprise. The new shareholders are no one important, just common taxpayers.

On the Net:
<http://tinyurl.com/5c6kh5>

■ Sept. 8
The Daily Sentinel, Grand Junction, Colo., on the economy and the presidential campaign:

Just after the starting gun has sounded for the final dash to the White House, new unemployment figures provide plenty of ammunition for both candidates to use on the campaign stump. They are not pleasant numbers to contemplate.

The national unemployment rate rose to 6.1 percent in August, up from

5.7 percent in July and 4.7 percent a year ago. It's the highest unemployment rate in five years.

Additionally, there was a net loss of 84,000 jobs in August, bringing the total to 605,000 lost jobs so far this year, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Both candidates were quick to attack their opponents with the news:

Sen. Barack Obama said, "John McCain's answer is more of the same" — tax cuts for big corporations and oil companies and nothing for middle-class families.

Sen. McCain countered, "When our economy is hurting, the last thing we should do is raise taxes, as Barack Obama plans to do."

It's the classic liberal-versus-conservative dispute. Will more taxes and higher federal spending stimulate the economy best? Or are lower taxes and fewer government obstacles to private investment the answer? ...

Both candidates must provide far more information than they have to date to convince voters that they each have solid plans to alleviate the economic woes.

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FIREWIND

First Assembly gearing up for revival services

First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler, will host revival services Sept. 28-Oct. 1 with Firewind Ministries. Services will get under way at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 and continue at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29 through Wednesday, Oct. 1 at the church.

Firewind Ministries is the name of the ministry of Mikey and Shereen Cheshier and family. The Cheshiers are evangelists who have traveled throughout much of the world, ministering in dozens of countries. "God used this ministry to touch the lives of thousands upon thousands, from the

tragedies that the Cheshier family has overcome, through the power of God," said a press release from the church. The public is invited to attend the upcoming services.



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Mikey, Shereen and Serenity Cheshier.

Minister's musings

How firm are your convictions?

Have you ever seen the movie "Chariots Of Fire?" If not, run out, get it and bless your life. It is mostly based on the true story of two of Great Britain's greatest athletes ever - Harold Abrahams and Eric Liddell.

Harold Abrahams ran for personal pride and winning. In his own words, "If I can't win then I don't want to run." He was the epitome of the self-centered athlete, thinking of no one but himself.

Eric Liddell ran for a different reason. Why did he run? In a conversation with his sister Jenny, who was pressuring him to quit his running because she feared that he would forget his calling to be a missionary to China, Eric revealed, why he ran.

"Jenny, I believe that God made me for China, but He also made me fast. And when I run, I feel His pleasure."

Not even his beloved sister could deter his pursuit of what he believed to be God's will for his life. But that was not to be his greatest hurdle in staying on God's course.

On the journey to Paris for the 1924 Olympic Games, Eric discovered that his qualifying heat would be on Sunday. He held a strong personal conviction against competing on Sunday. Eric refused to run and chose rather his faithfulness to God. The story became a worldwide

news item. If he did not qualify, he could not run for his country.

The British government was embarrassed that one

Mike Sublett

Hi-Land Christian



of their own would even consider not putting their country first, much less actually do it. So a special meeting was called by the head of the British Olympic team to help Eric change his mind. The Prince of Wales was even brought in to add to the pressure against Eric's conviction. They tried their best to talk him out of his beliefs and into their selfish national concerns. Eric stood his ground. It was a stand-off.

Then at the last moment, his teammate Lord Andrew Lindsey proposed to trade places with Liddell so that Lindsey would represent Great Britain in the 100m, while Liddell would instead compete in the 400 meter race on the following Thursday, thus averting his need to run on Sunday. Liddell agreed and the rest is history. The "Flying Scotsman," a 100-meter runner, won the gold medal for the 400-meters at the 1924 Olympics in Paris.

In the movie, one of

those who tried to intimidate Eric into changing his mind put it best: "He did have us beaten, and thank God he did! The lad, as you call him, is a true man of principle and a true athlete. His speed is only an extension of his life, his force. We sought to sever his running from himself."

Great Britain could not have the runner without the Christian, as Liddell's running was a mere extension of his Christian faith.

In a day and age when compromise is more often praised than conviction, those with convictions as firmly established as Eric's are called crazy extremists. We live in a time when a Christian president hosts a yearly banquet in honor of the Islamic holy time of Ramadan. We read of famous Christian preachers who invite Islamic clerics and Jewish rabbis to fill their pulpits. Our times would be accurately described by that famous Rodney King line, "Can't we just all get along!" God help us!

We who profess to be Christians had better one, know what our Bibles teach; two, know which teachings are critically important; and three, be ready to live and die for those convictions. Then and only then will we be unshakable like Jesus was. And like Eric Liddell! God bless.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

MOM SHOULD SHARE IN DAUGHTER'S MARRIAGE TO LONGTIME PARTNER

DEAR ABBY: I am a 50-year-old woman, soon to marry my longtime partner, "Julie," in San Francisco. We have the blessing of her family. Although Julie and I have always gotten along well with my elderly mom, we have not yet told her that we are a couple because we are not sure she understands and accepts gay relationships. Our friends feel Mom deserves the benefit of the doubt and should be included in this important event in her daughter's life. If she can't adapt, so be it — but at least she'd know. Besides, my friends say she'll find out anyway, sooner or later, and be hurt and angry to have been excluded. What should we do, Abby? — **BEWILDERED IN THE BAY AREA**

DEAR BEWILDERED: Listen to your friends because they are right. If you and Julie have been partners for a "long time," the chances are great that your mother already knows the score. Give her the good news and the chance to stand up and be counted. You may be pleasantly surprised, and if you're not, at least you'll know where you stand. It's the honest thing to do, and we're decades removed from the era when someone's sexual orientation was a guilty secret.

DEAR ABBY: I just got off the phone with a friend who makes me envious. "Sally" is a nice person with a great attitude. She married an intelligent, confident man who has become successful and has always been crazy about her. She lives in a beautiful home and has never had to work. She has a close and loving family who travels all over the world together, celebrating every occasion. When she finishes telling me about her wonderful life, she then asks about mine. But, Abby, I just can't bring myself to tell her about my boring job, my unsuccessful husband, my parents who fight constantly and my average children.

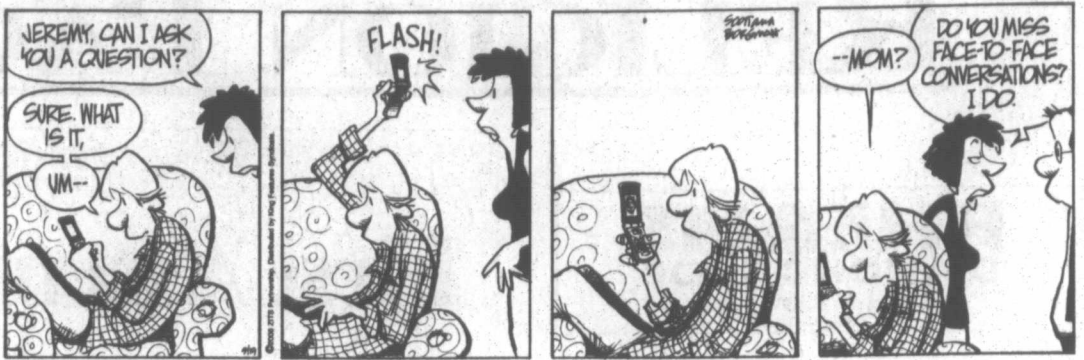
So I lie and say that everything is "fine," and after I hang up I feel like a miserable failure. Sally is one of my dearest friends, and I would hate to end the friendship, but every conversation with her makes me feel worse. What should I do? — **ENVIUS OF SALLY**

DEAR ENVIUS: First of all, stop measuring yourself and your life against your friend, who may or may not be telling you EVERYTHING that's going on in her life. The fact that Sally's house is bigger, her husband makes more money than yours does and they travel often does not make her more "successful" than you. What you need is an attitude adjustment. Grab a piece of paper, sit down and start listing the blessings in your life, starting with your health and that of your family. Your husband is working and so are you. Many people aren't so fortunate. Your children may not be straight-A students or star athletes, but are they productive? Reasonably well-adjusted? Happy? OK, so your parents fight. If they're still together after battling all these years, could it be the way they communicate? What I'm trying to help you see is that although your life is different from your friend's, you are successful, too. And the next time Sally asks you about your life, you should level with her and let her really get to know you.

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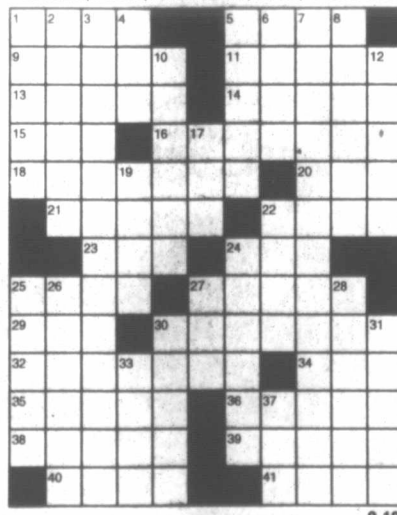
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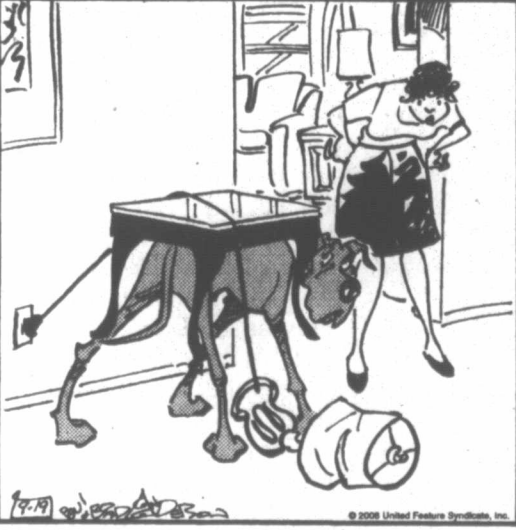
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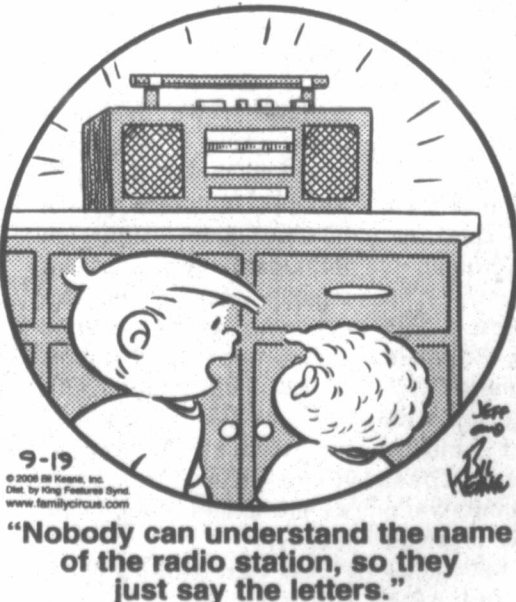


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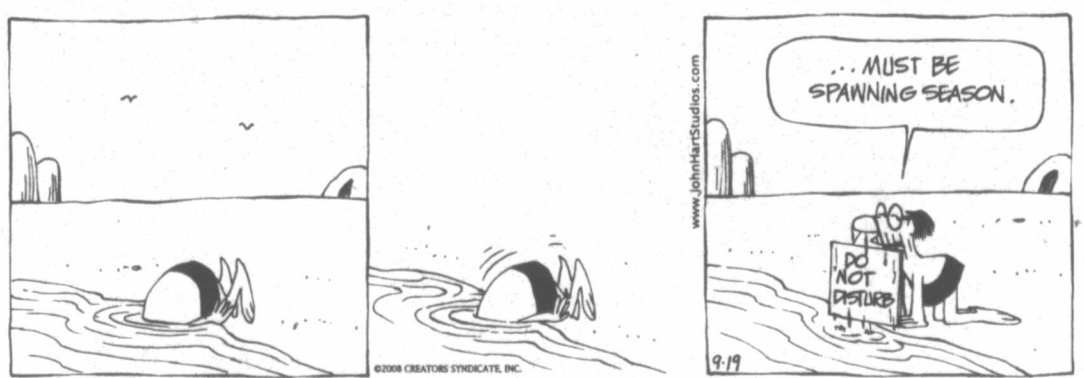


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Sports

Harvester JV and freshman teams rope the Rangers



by Bob Erickson
The Pampa News

Last night, in a freshmen game against Perryton, the Harvester football freshman team started things off by pulling out to an early 38-14 lead at half-time. The team continued its dominance in the second half, finishing the Rangers off by a score of 44-28. The freshman have a record of 2-2 for the season so far.

Following the freshman game, the JV team took to the field to battle Perryton. The first half went by quickly as Perryton took the lead in the game, leaving the Harvesters at half-time with a 6-0 score.

The beginning of the third quarter saw the offenses come to life. Pampa started by scoring a touch-down with 6:02 in the third quarter to take the lead 8-6. Pampa scored a second time to stretch the lead to 15-6. Perryton answered back with a touchdown of its own, narrowing the gap to 15-14 with 1:54 left in the third.

Perryton took possession of the ball again on a short field and drove for another score with seconds to go in the third to regain the lead 22-15. The Harvester's scored with 4:47 left in the game, retaking the lead 23-22 on a 25 yard run by Kendrick Alexander and a two point conversion by Jonathan Polasek.

The game was ultimately won in the trenches by the big dogs up front, namely on offense Kyle Keith, Tyler Hooper, Ramon Jimenez, Justin Kenney and Juan Martinez. Perryton mounted a last minute drive but came up short when Brandon Voyles stripped the ball from the Ranger running-back, and Pampa knelt to run out the clock.

The JV improves its record to 3-0-1.

Harvesters (from left) Trevor Smith, Tyler Hooper, Ryan Pearson, Cody Parks and Steven Botello defending the line during the JV game against Perryton last night.

Friday sports in brief

NEW YORK — Miami Heat rookie Michael Beasley was fined \$50,000 by the NBA on Thursday after acknowledging that he was involved in an incident involving teammate Mario Chalmers and Memphis' Darrell Arthur at the Rookie Transition Program this month.

The NBA said Beasley, the No. 2 overall pick, originally failed to cooperate with the league investigation of the matter. The Heat said Beasley eventually chose to reveal that he was part of the incident.

Chalmers and Arthur, former Kansas teammates, were fined \$20,000 apiece last week after being banished from the rookie symposium. They were found in a room at the resort where the event was taking place with two women — which violated NBA policy for the event. Security at the resort said the scent of marijuana was detected, but no drugs or drug paraphernalia were found, and Chalmers and Arthur both insisted they were not using any illegal substances.

Beasley's involvement in the incident is not clear. He filed papers to dissolve the relationship with his agent, Joel Bell, last week, and was not available for comment.

PRO FOOTBALL
PITTSBURGH — A billionaire suitor withdrew his offer to buy a majority stake of the Pittsburgh Steelers, saying the Rooney family needs more time to consider its options about the future ownership of the team.

Stanley Druckenmiller issued a statement Thursday night saying he "removed himself from the process" and that it is clear that the Rooney family, which owns the Steelers, needs more time to consider its options.

The Rooney family approached Druckenmiller seven months ago about buying their shares of the team to help resolve estate planning and NFL ownership matters, Druckenmiller said.

At least three of the five Rooney brothers, sons of team founder Art Rooney Sr., want to sell their equal shares. Dan Rooney — who has run the team since the early 1970s — also owns only 16 percent himself.

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. —

Prosecutors in Georgia filed two counts of simple battery against Broncos wide receiver Brandon Marshall stemming from a 6-month-old domestic violence complaint.

The charges were filed Sept. 10 in Fulton County State Court. Police allege Marshall threw his ex-girlfriend on a bed, slapped her and damaged an Atlanta apartment on March 4.

Marshall said Thursday he had been waiting for charges to be filed, but it wasn't clear why they came so long after the complaint.

BASEBALL
WASHINGTON — A congressional panel has taken tough swings at the New York Yankees and New York City government over a new stadium for the Yankees. But neither the team nor the city budged from their positions on the \$1.3 billion structure.

Rep. Dennis Kucinich said Thursday he found "waste and abuse of public dollars" in the financing of the new stadium under construction in the South Bronx.

Kucinich is an Ohio Democrat who heads the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. He charged that city officials misrepresented to the IRS the value of the property, helping them to get special tax deals from the federal government and in effect dumping the cost of construction onto taxpayers. No one from the either the city or the Yankees spoke at the hearing.

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds will host the majors' first two regular-season Civil Rights Games. Major League Baseball made the announcement at Great American Ball Park.

The Reds' game against the Chicago White Sox on June 20 will serve as the first one to be held during the season, followed by another to be played in Cincinnati in 2010.

The first two Civil Rights Games, intended to raise awareness of the civil rights movement and baseball's part in it, were held before the season in Memphis, Tenn.

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Flyers signed veteran goaltender Jean-

Sebastien Aubin to a one-year contract. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

The 31-year-old Aubin was 5-6-1 with a 3.19 goals-against average in 19 regular-season games last season with the Los Angeles Kings. In 218 career NHL games over nine seasons with Pittsburgh, Toronto and Los Angeles, Aubin is 80-83-16 with a 2.93 goals-against average and seven shutouts.

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Flames assistant coach Wayne Fleming resigned on Thursday to become the head coach of Omsk in Russia's new Continental Hockey League.

The new league has already attracted several NHL players, including former New York Rangers captain Jaromir Jagr, who signed a lucrative deal this summer with Omsk.

Golf Europe holding tenuous lead at Ryder Cup

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Looking to reclaim the Ryder Cup for the first time since 1999, the Americans pulled even with the Europeans in foursomes Friday morning.

As the first group made the turn in the alternate-shot competition at Valhalla Golf Club, each team was ahead in one match and the other two were all-square.

Ian Poulter, the most disputed choice to the European team, teamed with fellow Englishman Justin Rose to go 3-up on Stewart Cink and Chad Campbell through seven holes. But Americans Justin Leonard and Hunter Mahan rallied from an early deficit in the most back-and-forth match of the morning, holding a 2-up lead on Henrik Stenson and Paul Casey after eight holes.

Europe is seeking its fourth straight win in Ryder Cup, the last two coming by huge nine-point margins. The Americans, with six rookies on their 12-man squad, haven't won since a remarkable comeback on the final day produced "The Miracle at Brookline" nine years ago.

Of the 28 points available, Europe only needs 14 to retain the cup. The Americans must win outright to regain it, and they'll have to do it without Tiger Woods. The No. 1 player in the world is recovering from knee surgery, but it should be noted that his country wasn't winning even when he did play.

Local favorite Kenny Perry and steady American

Jim Furyk were hanging tough with the most fearsome European team, finding themselves tied with Sergio Garcia and Lee Westwood after Furyk rolled in a long par putt to win the sixth hole.

Padraig Harrington, who won golf's last major championships, went out with Robert Karlsson in the first match of the day against Phil Mickelson, the highest-ranked member of the U.S. team, and rising star Anthony Kim.

The European duo, plagued by plenty of errant tee shots, won the very first hole but never had more than a 1-up lead on the front side. The U.S. pair squandered a great chance at No. 6 when Mickelson pushed his second shot 25 yards left of the flag, then lipped out a 10-foot putt to save par. A disgusted Lefty snatched up his ball.

But Mickelson made up for it with a great shot out of a bunker at the ninth, the Europeans conceding the gimme par. Harrington still had a chance to win the hole, but his 5-foot birdie spun off the edge.

Harrington, winner of both the British Open and PGA Championship, appeared to be having some troubles with his neck. A physical therapist massaged it after the Europeans lost the eighth hole.

Mahan got off to a shaky start. The first shot of his Ryder Cup career veered off into a runoff area left of the green.

7th grade football teams in action

by Bob Ericson
The Pampa News

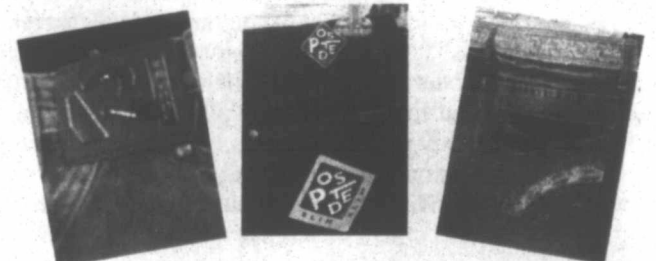
Both of Pampa's 7th grade football teams were in action Tuesday night against Westover at Westover Jr High. Both teams played well for their first game against outside competition but the A team lost 14-0 and the B

team fell 26-6.

Coach Kaleb Snelgrove was pleased with what he saw considering the competition. Snelgrove said he "saw some good things" that he felt he could build on this season.

Both teams will travel to Hereford this Tuesday to do battle against the Herd.

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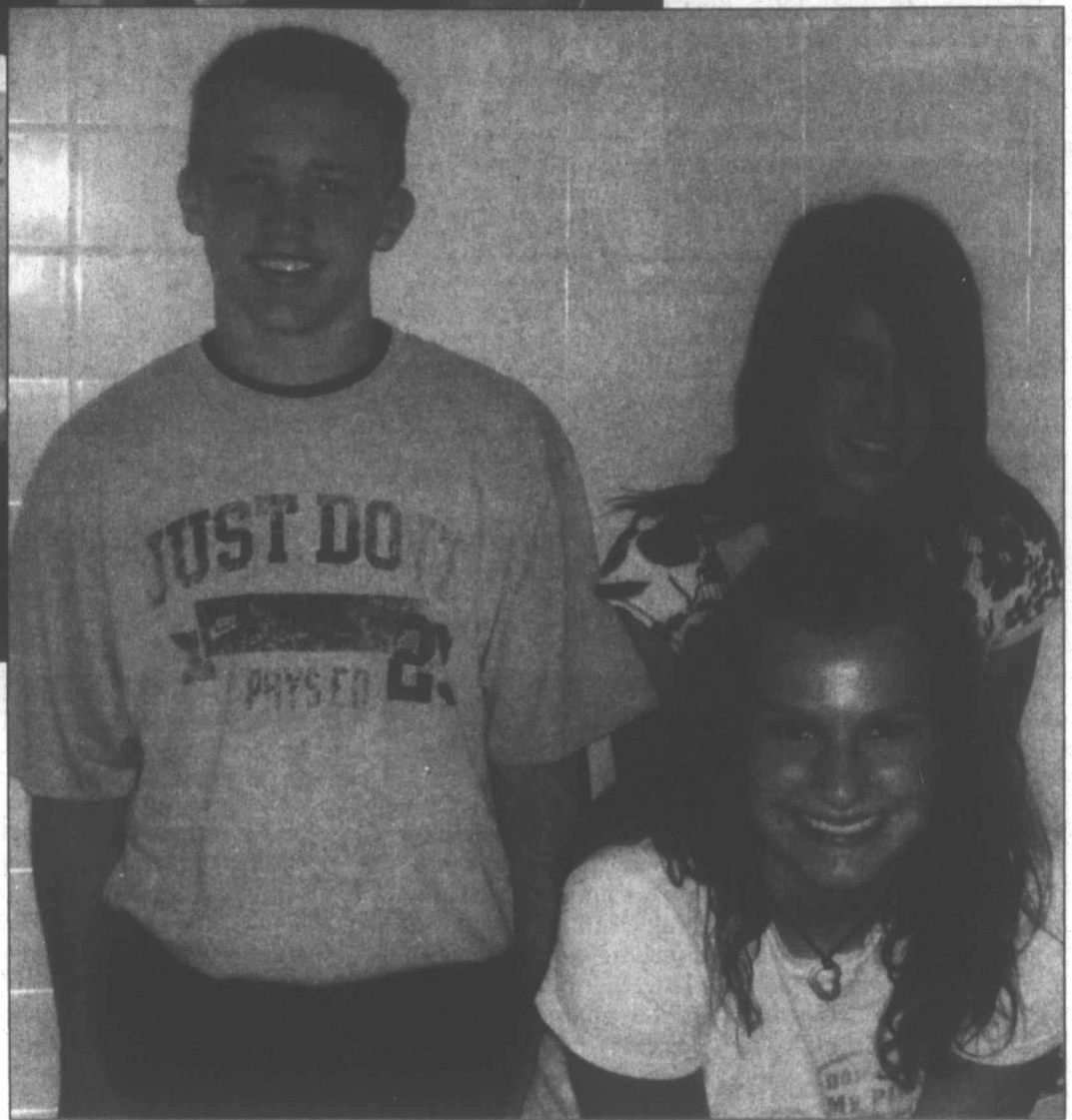


4 Pampa Junior High students in Molly Williams' seventh grade science class get a chance recently to look in microscopes and draw what they saw. Left to right: Ashlee Kleth, Macy Cochran, Evan Rucker and Dion Stewart.

Pampa Junior High

► National Junior Honor Society inductions will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 25 in the Pampa Junior High School auditorium. NJHS officers for the 2008-2009 are (back, from left) Ryan Smith, treasurer; JaCee Smith, secretary; and (front) Rachel Andrews, president. Not pictured: Vice President Allison Alexander.

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Gov't rushing to finish huge financial rescue plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration sketched out a multi-faceted effort on Friday to confront the worst U.S. financial crisis in decades, outlining a program that could cost taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars to buy up bad mortgages and other toxic debt that has unhinged Wall Street.

President Bush, flanked by Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, acknowledged that the program will put a "significant amount of taxpayers' money on the line."

The administration is asking Congress to give it sweeping new powers to execute the plan. Paulson said it "needs to be big enough to make a real difference and get to the heart of the problem."

Paulson gave few details but said he would work through the weekend with leaders of Congress from both parties to flesh out the program, the biggest proposed government intervention in financial markets since the Great Depression. Members of the Senate Banking Committee said they had yet to receive details of the proposal, but were ready to move quickly when they do.

The government's steps were welcomed by financial markets. As Paulson spoke, the Dow Jones industrials were up over 300 points and at one point had soared by 450 points. Global stock markets rose, too.

Before the markets opened, the government announced plans to temporarily insure money-market deposits and to block short-selling in financial securities. Short selling is a trading method that bets the stocks will go down.

Speaking to reporters at the Treasury Department, Paulson said that the new troubled-asset relief program that he wants Congress to enact must be large enough to have the necessary impact while protecting taxpayers as much as possible.

"I am convinced that this bold approach will cost American families far less than the alternative — a continuing series of financial institution failures and frozen credit markets unable to fund economic expansion," Paulson said in a prepared statement.

"The financial security of all Americans ... depends on our ability to restore our financial institutions to a sound footing," he said.

Paulson said mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will step up their purchases of mortgage-backed securities to help provide support to the crippled housing market.

He also said the Treasury Department will expand a program, announced earlier this month, to buy mortgage-backed securities, which have been badly hurt by the housing and credit crises.

"As we all know, lax lending practices earlier this decade led

to irresponsible lending and irresponsible borrowing. This simply put too many families into mortgages they could not afford," Paulson said.

At a news conference in which he only took three questions, Paulson was asked the approximate dollar size of the government intervention. "We're talking hundreds of billions," he said.

Paulson did not address specifics about the plan to buy back bad debt or whether the government would take a direct stake in troubled banks in exchange for its help.

"These illiquid assets are clogging up our financial system, and undermining the strength of our otherwise sound financial institutions. As a result, Americans' personal savings are threatened, and the ability of consumers and businesses to borrow and finance spending, investment, and job creation has been disrupted," Paulson said.

He said that the administration would present Congress with a proposed legislative package and then work with lawmakers "to flesh out the details through the weekend. And we're going

to be asking them to take action on legislation next week."

"This is what we need to do. Because for some time we've been saying that the root cause of the problems in our economy and our financial system is housing, and until we get stability in the housing market we are not going to get stability in our financial markets," he said.

Earlier, Bush authorized Treasury to tap up to \$50 billion from a Depression-era fund to insure the holdings of eligible money market mutual funds. And the Federal Reserve announced it will expand its emergency lending program to help support the \$2 trillion in assets of the funds.

Both moves are designed to bolster the huge money market mutual fund industry, which has come under stress in recent days.

The Fed said it is expanding its emergency lending efforts to allow commercial banks to finance purchases of asset-backed paper from money market funds, which should help the funds meet demands for redemptions.

HOMELESS

Florida men guilty in beating death

LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A jury found two South Florida men guilty on Friday of fatally beating a homeless man with a baseball bat and viciously attacking two others.

Surveillance video of the 2006 rampage captured Brian Hooks, 21, and Thomas Daugherty, 19, repeatedly hitting one of the victims, causing national outrage among the homeless community.

Hooks and Daugherty were found guilty of second-degree murder as well as two counts each of attempted second-degree murder with a weapon for beating two other homeless men.

Prosecutors said Norris Gaynor, 45, was sleeping on a park bench when the men, who were then teens,

beat him to death. Prosecutors said Hooks and Daugherty were drunk that night, concealed the bats in their pants and then hid before sneaking up on their victims.

The surveillance footage shows a surviving victim desperately trying to cover his body from numerous blows.

Defense attorneys had argued the teens never intended to kill Gaynor and urged the jury to consider a lesser charge of third-degree felony murder.

They also tried to cast doubt on earlier testimony from William Ammons, 21, who pleaded guilty in May to felony murder and aggravated assault in the beatings. They said Ammons had a "biased interest to

fabricate facts in the case to save" himself and has admitted lying to police 80 times.

Ammons will face between 10 and 20 years in prison. He is awaiting sentencing.

Jacques Pierre, 61, was assaulted first in the attack captured on video.

Ammons confessed to hitting a third man, 51-year-old Raymond Perez, with a plastic sword and admitted that he fired shots from a paintball gun at Gaynor. A prosecutor said Ammons did not hit anyone with a baseball bat or other deadly weapon, a key factor in his plea to lesser charges.

Fourteen injured after light rail train crashes into bus in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A light rail train slammed into a bus near downtown during Friday morning's commute, injuring 14 people, none seriously, officials said.

The Metro Blue Line train was on a run to Long Beach while the bus was not in service. Fourteen people from the train, including the

operator, suffered minor injuries and were taken to a hospital, Metropolitan Transportation Authority spokesman Luis Inzunza said.

"We had an out-of-service bus turn in front of the train," said Marc Littman, another spokesman for the MTA, which operates both

the train and the bus. "We don't know who had the right of way."

The impact knocked the front car of the electric train off the track. The other cars remained on the track.

Inzunza said the speed limit for trains in the area is 35 mph. The bus was being driven by a mechan-

ic, who was not injured.

The crash comes just a week after a Metrolink commuter train smashed into a freight train in the San Fernando Valley, about 30 miles northwest of downtown, killing 25 people and injuring more than 130.

More than an hour after the acci-

dent, the smell of compressed natural gas leaking from the bus was still strong.

Chris Romero, 31, who lives nearby, said the screeching metal woke him up and he came running over. The crash, coupled with the Metrolink accident, has made him wary of taking the train.

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Gates: NATO must share cost of Afghan army

LONDON (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Friday at the conclusion of a NATO meeting he notified the allies that they will be expected to share the cost of a planned expansion of the Afghan national army.

"I let a number of my colleagues know that we would be in touch in terms of the importance of sharing the cost of the increased size of the Afghan army because, after all, the effectiveness of the Afghan security forces — and in particular the army — in the long term is NATO's exit strategy," he said.

The Afghan army is to grow from the current 80,000 soldiers to 134,000 as part of a strategy for building a security force that eventually can stand on its own to prevent the country from again becoming a haven for terrorists.

Gates spoke with reporters after signing two agreements with his Czech counterpart. One laid out the legal basis for U.S. troops to operate a missile tracking radar in the Czech Republic; the other was on strategic defense cooperation. Both deals are linked to U.S. plans for developing a European-based expansion of a missile defense network. The radar would be linked to 10 missile interceptors based in Poland.

Improving Afghan governance and civic development are important elements of the U.S. and NATO strategy, Gates said.

"But turning security responsibilities over to the Afghans themselves at some future date is really the goal that we all have in mind and we need to be prepared to share the cost" of getting to that point, he said.

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Earlier Friday, Gates participated in a NATO defense ministers meeting that focused on pushing forward with long-stalled plans to improve the alliance's ability to better use military forces. The talks produced no new agreements but were intended to pave the way for decisions next spring.

The defense chiefs also discussed the implications of Russia's armed incursion into Georgia in August.

British Defense Secretary Des Browne said NATO has shown a "unity of purpose" in response to the Russian incursion, but the alliance has fallen into "bad habits" in trying to adapt its military forces to 21st century warfare.

"We are lacking sufficient capabilities in key areas" such as airlift that would make the forces of each NATO member more useful beyond its own borders,

Browne said April.

Britain, among other NATO countries, has publicly backed Georgia, including its desire to join NATO.

"We have been able to say to him that we are in full support of the territorial integrity of Georgia," Prime Minister Gordon Brown said Friday following talks with Georgian Prime Minister Vladimir Gurgenzidze. "We will be giving financial and economic support to Georgia and urging other countries to do so."

Gurgenzidze told reporters he welcomes backing from Europe. "This is very important for Georgia at this time, as Georgia faces the existential crossroads of either staying the course as a young liberal European democracy with a vibrant market economy, or degenerating into something weighed down by

its Soviet past," he said.

Gates, a Soviet affairs during his career at the CIA, said he does not believe NATO faces the likelihood of war with Russia. "I think we need to proceed with some caution because there clearly is a range of views in the alliance about how to respond," he said Thursday.

Germany and others in Western Europe intend to block further U.S. efforts this year to give the go-ahead to put Georgia on a formal track toward membership, although they are leery of giving the appearance of caving in to Russia on this issue.

Gates also said that while Russia's more aggressive actions, including its incursion into Georgia, are worrisome to many in NATO, there is no expectation of war with Russia.

US urges NKorea not to restart reactor

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States on Friday urged North Korea not to continue preparations to restart its nuclear reactor, saying the country must decide whether it wants to have a better relationship with the world or "keep themselves isolated."

North Korea said earlier in the day it was making "thorough preparations" to restart the Yongbyon reactor and accused the United States of failing to fulfill its obligations, adding another hurdle to already stalled international nuclear disarmament negotiations.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack told reporters that North Korea has been "getting closer and closer" to the point where it will restart the reactor but has not gotten there yet. "We would urge them not to get to that point," he said.

The North did not say when the reactor might begin operating again. The comments marked the first time

the North has confirmed a reversal of steps taken since last year to disable its nuclear program. North Korea is angry over Washington's refusal to quickly remove it from a U.S. terrorism blacklist.

Asked why the North should deal with the Bush administration since it is in its final months in office, McCormack said, "I don't know who the next president, who the next secretary of state is going to be, but I would wager that they're not going to get a much different deal from the next administration as they're getting from this administration."

He also noted existing U.N. Security Council resolutions "that hold penalties for North Korea should they go down the pathway of, for example, missile testing, for example, further testing of any nuclear devices."

Under a 2007 pact, North Korea pledged to disable its nuclear program as a step toward its eventual dismantlement in exchange for

diplomatic concessions and energy aid.

In late June, North Korea submitted a long-delayed declaration of its nuclear activities and destroyed the cooling tower at Yongbyon in a show of its commitment to the nuclear deal. But the accord stalled in mid-August when Washington refused to take North Korea off its list of states that sponsor terrorism. The U.S. says the North first must accept a plan to verify its nuclear declaration.

McCormack said the United States and other members of the six nation negotiations continue to talk with North Korean officials.

The North, he said, has "a choice. They can go down the pathway of having a different kind of relationship with the rest of the world, receiving the benefits of that relationship, or they can keep themselves isolated, move the process backward."

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