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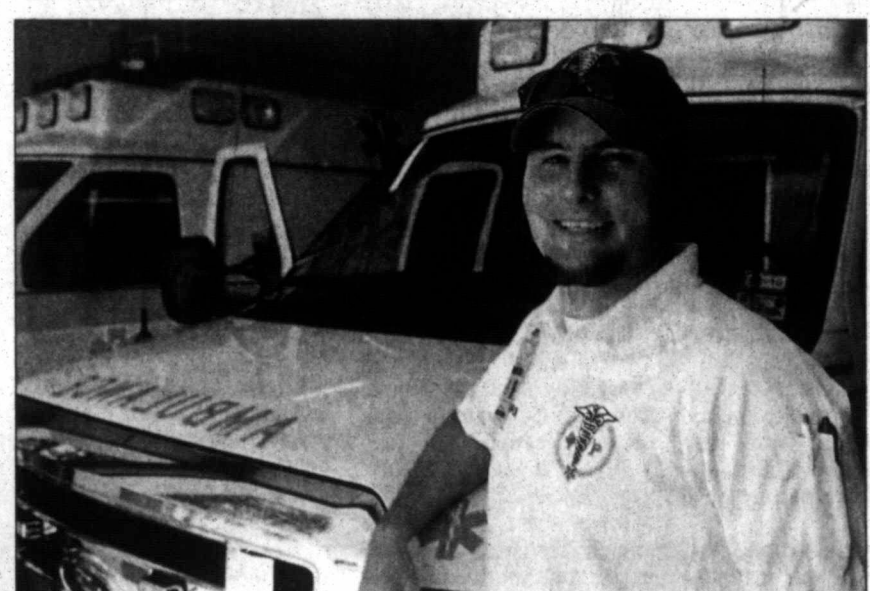
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Brent Aaron of Pampa EMS smiles next to one of the service's fleet of ambulances.

Aaron: Pampa EMS like family

DAVID BOWSER
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Sitting in the old fire station on the south end of town, Brent Aaron has the boyish charm of a panhandle youth. But when things start falling apart and people's lives are at risk, his demeanor becomes purely professional.

Aaron is part of the team at Pampa EMS, the company that provides emergency medical care for the city and county. "I'm originally from Stinnett," Aaron said.

His little brother still lives in Stinnett with his grandmother where she has a motel. Aaron's mother has moved to Oklahoma City.

Aaron laughed at the mention of his little brother. "He's bigger than me now,"



Aaron said. "He's fixing to be 20." Aaron has lived in Pampa for about five years. He came to Pampa to take a job at the previous ambulance service.

But the road from Stinnett to Pampa was one that ran through Oklahoma.

"I used to coach at Oklahoma Christian University," Aaron said. He was there for a couple of years.

"I started looking at other options," he said.

Initially, he looked at joining a fire department.

"One of the requirements for the fire department was EMT

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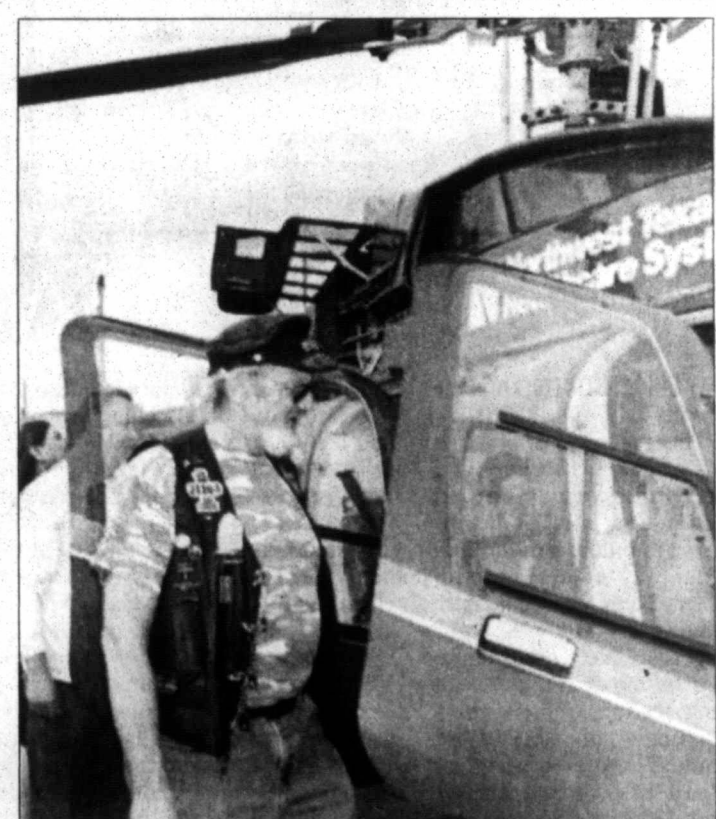


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Kingdom Kruisers President Ed Pshigoda checks out the Lifestar helicopter at Friday's blessing.

Kingdom Kruisers bless Lifestar EMT helicopter

ARNIE AURELLANO
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The Kingdom Kruisers, Pampa's branch of the Christian Motorcycle Association, know that piloting the Lifestar EMT helicopter is a tough job.

On Friday evening, they showed their appreciation to the flight team by blessing Lifestar's Bell 407 aerial ambulance at the helipad behind the Pampa Regional Medical Center. It's

the second such vehicle blessing the Kingdom Kruisers have done in the last few months, with the bikers coming out in full force last April to bless Pampa EMS' ambulances at PRMC.

"We weren't able to do the helicopter that same day because it was in Amarillo for maintenance," said Kingdom Kruisers Road Captain Jeff Leigh. "We're glad we got to

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Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 85. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 83. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Meredith Kaliszewski, 65

Meredith Kaliszewski, 65, died Thursday, July 1, 2010 in Pampa. There are no services scheduled. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Ms. Kaliszewski was born on Aug. 24, 1944

in Minneapolis, Minn. and graduated from North High School in St. Paul, Minn.. She lived in Minnesota and Kentucky before moving to Texas in 1978. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1990. She worked for the Texas

Department of Criminal Justice since the early 2000's. Meredith was working at Pizza Hut at the time of her death. Survivors include a son, Randy Kaliszewski of Greenville; four sisters and two brothers. She was preceded in

death by her parents, Raymond and Delores Hohenthaler. Memorials may be made to ASPCA, P. O. Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929.

Phyllis Winborne Botsford, 72

BORGER—Phyllis Winborne Botsford, 72, died July 4, 2010 in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, with Rev. Alan Wilson, pastor of First Baptist Church of White Deer, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Botsford was born July 2, 1938 in Pampa. She married

Sonny Botsford on April 3, 2003 in Whitesboro. She had been a resident of Borger for the past seven years. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church of Whitesboro.

Survivors include her husband, Sonny Botsford of the home; two sons, Kent McLaughlin and wife Debbie of Mobeetie, and James Bramer of Texas; three brothers, John Winborne and wife Sharon of Pampa, Bob Winborne and wife Allie of Sherman, and Chuck Winborne and

wife Diane of Lima, Ohio; three sisters: June Ruthardt of White Deer, Beth Bates of Iowa Park, and Erma Reeves of Sadler; sister-in-law, Shirley Winborne of Pampa. Phyllis was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathy Wallace; four brothers, Joe Winborne, C. L. Winborne, Roy Winborne and Speck Winborne; and two sisters, Virginia Patterson and Judy Mitchell.

The family will receive friends at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home



Botsford

in Pampa from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 2010.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Mary Katherine Ellis, 92

BEDFORD—Mary Katherine Ellis, 92, passed away peacefully June 25, 2010.

Graveside services were held Monday at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa. Mary Katherine was

born August 11, 1917. Survivors include her daughters, Sandra, Paula, Donna, Martha and

Cynthia; her son, Charles; and 11 grandchildren.

Randall Leighton Williams, 54

Randall Leighton Williams, 54, died July 6, 2010 in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at Fairview Cemetery with Rev. Bob Davis, pastor of Progressive Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of

Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Williams was born November 18, 1955 in Pampa where he was a lifelong resident. He married Janet Feazel on February 9, 1998 in Pampa. He was a member of Progressive Baptist Church. Randall was a heavy equipment operator and truck driv-

er in the oil business. His family would like to thank Debbie Douglass with Interim Hospice for her kind care.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Williams of the home; a daughter, Tamara Williams of White Deer; a son, Jesse L. Williams of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; a sister, Elaine

White of Pampa. Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Pkwy, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will receive friends at 1424 Hamilton in Pampa.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 7, 2010:

This year, you make a difference wherever you are. Others count on and depend on your ability to home in on the bottom line. Your way of dealing with others helps you make new friends and adds to your success. Network, share and be more in touch with your feelings. Others go to extremes. Your fiery nature comes out sometimes. Learn to pick and choose your battles. If you are single, you'll meet someone quite unique and exciting, most likely through your friends or your immediate circle. If you are attached, the two of you might share some sharp words, but ultimately will become closer. **TAURUS** comes through for you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Is there such a thing as too much energy? You might wonder, and today is an excellent day to

find out. Properly focused, you can move mountains. You feel the effort is worth it. Evidence to support that fact appears later today. Tonight: Now, what are you going to rearrange in the living room?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Creativity swarms in when you hit a hassle. You might not test out your ideas, but rather simply march on, handling this problem. Parents could find a child unusually belligerent. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ Knowing when you cannot do any more is more important than you think. You might want to rethink a situation more carefully than in the past. Your sixth sense tunes in to a financial matter. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Success follows when you get the support you want and need. Others have many ideas. Be smart -- listen. Consider incorporating an idea or two

into your plans. A meeting could provoke many ideas. Tonight: Know that you might be a little too energetic for a partner or a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Use your instincts with someone in charge. You have a strong skill set involving talents and assets. There is no time like the present to present your stronger talents. Listen to your instincts. Tonight: If you can, call it an early night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You have drive and get-up-and-go. You could be upset by everything that is going on. You realize that possibly you cannot change the situation. Try to pull back and detach some, which could be hard. Get other opinions. Find an expert if need be. Tonight: Where the fun is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ A partner makes a move that you might not be quite ready for. You don't want to initiate conversations until you think through your reaction. Not

everything is as it seems. Tonight: Go with a partner's suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Someone comes forward, and you might want to give this person the floor. More information is forthcoming, which could be important. Try to detach rather than trigger. The end results will be better. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You seem to feel unusually pressured to achieve a lot. A boss or higher-up could be on a tirade, affecting how you feel and think. Your sense of direction takes you down a new path. Listen to a trusted associate. Tonight: Do something just for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You seem to come through and solve nearly any problem, no matter what is happening. Your imagination merges with your intellect, finding great solutions. Others seek you out. They want your

feedback. Tonight: Where the fun is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ If you can work from home, you might get more accomplished. A difficult or somewhat overly assertive associate or partner could be pushing you very hard. Stay nonreactive. Tonight: Go to a neighborhood haunt. Make it easy and relaxing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your ability to start a conversation and help people relax could come forward. You might be rather tired of hearing the same old story over and over. Note the themes, and you will learn a lot about this person. Tonight: Meet up with a friend.

BORN TODAY Olympic figure skater Michelle Kwan (1980), artist Marc Chagall (1887), drummer Ringo Starr (1940)

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Utilities to fix pipelines?

AUSTIN (AP) — Utilities in Texas could be required to replace decades-old steel natural gas pipelines with plastic versions to help prevent explosions.

The Dallas Morning News reports Texas Railroad Commission member Michael Williams on Tuesday planned to propose that utilities replace the steel lines, which can shift and corrode.

Williams says Texas has at least 525,000 steel lines, in a replacement project that could reach \$500 million. The proposed upgrade would be the largest replacement program ever done by the three-member regulatory commission.

Woman charged in murder plot

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman has been charged with capital murder over the death of a man who was expected to testify that one of her relatives tried to rob him.

Sonya Amador was jailed Tuesday without bond. Harris County Jail electronic jail records did not list an attorney for the 24-year-old woman, who was booked Monday.

Police say Amador was charged in connection with the June 30 shooting death of 22-year-old Milton Flores. Investigators say Flores was expected to testify against the woman's 21-year-old brother over a June 6 aggravated robbery case involving a vehicle. The charge was dropped July 2.

Man dies in Trinity River

FORT WORTH (AP) — A passing bicyclist saved a woman and a 7-year-old girl from the Trinity River but was unable to rescue a man, whose body was later recovered from the water.

Fort Worth Fire Department spokesman Tim Hardeman says the family apparently had been on a rocky crossing when the girl fell into the water, and the husband and wife tried to save her.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office identified the man who died Monday afternoon as 47-year-old Richard Walker of Winnsboro.

Basic," he said. His aunt, who was down in Clarendon at the time, had an EMT Basic course opening at the time.

"She enticed me to go ahead and do the class," Aaron said. He decided that he'd be that much ahead of the game if he decided to go to work at the fire department.

"That's how I got involved," Aaron said. "I just enjoy it." There's EMT Basic, EMT Intermediate and Paramedic. Since taking that first EMT class, Aaron's completed the other two.

Today, the 30-year-old paramedic is one of the supervisors at Pampa EMS.

"I love the emergency services," Aaron said. Every day, he continued, is different.

Aaron said the people at Pampa EMS are great, particularly Dr. James Hall, the president of the Emergency Services Foundation of Texas, the parent company of Pampa EMS, and Joe Anstey, the company's chief operating officer.

"They're doing a great thing for the community," Aaron said.

He says that the group has become a readily accepted part of the community in Pampa.

"They've brought a lot of new people here," Aaron said of Hall and Anstey.

Besides his supervisory duties, Aaron spends one 24-hour shift once a week on the ambulance. He's also the on-duty supervisor two days a week and every third weekend.

"The one thing that I've noticed about Pampa," Aaron said, "is that it's always been a family atmosphere."

He said that the team at Pampa EMS is also a close-knit family.

"That's what has kind of kept me here," Aaron said. While he's had chances to leave Pampa, he wants to stay here and be a part of the team as Pampa EMS grows with the community.

The ambulance crews at Pampa EMS get a few false alarms, Aaron said. They also get a few patients that just want a paramedic to check them out after an accident.

"We probably transport five or six a day on average," Aaron said.

Although they've recently expanded to Boy's Ranch, Pampa EMS operates two ambulances here, and Aaron said they have one backup ambulance and crew and that number could grow.

LifeStar

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do it on Friday. We did the helicopter last year, and we wanted to recognize them again this year."

Leigh said that the Cruisers make an effort to reach out to emergency crews every year to let them know their work is appreciated in the community.

"These people perform a community service that puts them

in harm's way basically on a daily basis," said Leigh. "We can't say enough about the job that these people do, and we want them to be recognized for it."

"Nobody realizes what they do. We just want them to have God's protection."

CORRECTION

A photo in the weekend issue of *The Pampa News* showed some Wal-Mart employees with a check donation listed in error.

The donation, for \$1,000, was made by the company to the Pampa Junior High School Reading Lab.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, July 6, the 187th day of 2010. There are 178 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 6, 1885, French scientist Louis Pasteur tested an anti-rabies vaccine on nine-year-old Joseph Meister, who had been bitten by an infected dog; the boy did not develop rabies.

On this date:
In 1535, St. Thomas More was executed in England for high treason.

In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Mifflin.

In 1809, French troops arrested Pope Pius VII, who had excommunicated Emperor Napoleon I; the pope was confined for about five years.

In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence and Auda Abu Tayi captured the port of Aqaba from the Turks.

In 1928, the first all-talking feature, "Lights of New York," had its gala premiere in New York.

In 1944, an estimated 168 people died in a fire that broke out during a performance in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Conn.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom.

In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title as she defeated fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2.

In 1988, 167 North Sea oil workers were killed when a series of explosions and fires destroyed a drilling platform.

In 1989, the U.S. Army destroyed its last Pershing IA missiles at an ammunition plant in Karnack, Texas, under terms of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

Ten years ago: The German parliament offered a formal apology to Nazi-era slave and forced laborers as it passed a bill setting up a \$5 billion compensation fund.

Five years ago: New York Times reporter Judith Miller was jailed after refusing to testify before a grand jury investigating the leak of undercover CIA operative Valerie Plame's identity (Miller was jailed for 85 days before agreeing to testify).

Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Nancy Reagan is 89. Actor William Schallert is 88. Singer-actress Della Reese is 79. Actor Ned Beatty is 73. Singer Gene Chandler is 70. Country singer Jeannie Seely is 70. Actor Burt Ward is 65. Former President George W. Bush is 64. Actor-director Sylvester Stallone is 64. Actor Fred Dryer is 64. Actress Nathalie Baye is 62. Actor Geoffrey Rush is 59. Rock musician John Bazz (The Blasters) is 58. Actor Grant Goodeve is 58. Country singer Nanci Griffith is 57. Actress Allyce Beasley is 56. Former first daughter Susan Ford Bales is 53. Hockey player and coach Ron Duguay is 53. Rock musician John Keeble (Spandau Ballet) is 51. Actor Brian Posehn is 44. Actress Tia Mowry is 32. Actress Eva Green is 30. Actor Gregory Smith is 27. Rock singer Kate Nash is 23. Actor Jeremy Suarez is 20.

Thought for Today: "Fear is forward. No one is afraid of yesterday." — Renata Adler, American writer

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We've become a nation of adolescents

Ah, July, the wedding season. What a great time of the year to NOT marry.

So suggest Jessica Bennett and Jesse Ellison in the June 11 edition of Newsweek magazine.

The two young, urban women write that marriage no longer makes sense — they cite an anthropologist who says humans are wired for a series of relationships over time.

They say that, thanks to the feminist movement, women no longer need husbands for financial security.

They say that divorce rates are high — that with our life expectancy into the high 70s it is unrealistic to commit to one other person for life.

They cite all kinds of statistics and anecdotes to document why they believe marriage no longer works.

Of course they're looking at the institution of marriage from the vantage point of youth. When you get older, you realize most people are better off married.

Men who are single too long are a scourge on society. We take chances, eat badly, smoke too much and are far likelier than married men to wake in a pile of newspapers still clutching the bottle of tequila we began sipping from just before the party broke up.

We forget important dates — we arrive at our parents' 50th wedding anniversary a week AFTER the celebration occurred.

Single women do better, but not a lot better. The longer they go without marrying — the more relationships they pass through in their pursuit of the perfect man — the more cynical and disappointed they will become.

The average male can barely drink a beer and rub his belly at the same time. How the heck can he ever fulfill the job requirements of "soulmate?"

The women who penned the Newsweek article believe we have been liberated by our enlightened, progressive era — our era of unlimited choice and freedom.

I think the opposite is mostly true. With all our wealth, you see — the recession notwithstanding — we are strangled by choice.

When we wake in the morning, we choose among hundreds of breakfast cereals, drinks, coffees, toothpastes, shampoos, towels, clothes ...

Picking out a lousy pair of blue jeans — stone-washed, acid-washed, relaxed fit — can take an entire Saturday if you're nutty enough to allow it.

And now we're applying the same approach to dating, relationships and marriage in our fruitless search for our "soulmates?"

Sorry, but there is no soulmate, this lazy sense that someone will enter your life and keep you in a perpetual

state of bliss.

Isn't human love as much the result of work, commitment, kindness and sacrifice as it is chemistry or dumb luck?

Unlimited choice — holding out for our soulmates — isn't making us miserable. Rather, the act of making, and sticking by, a decision to love and care for someone — before your family, your community and your God — is the only way meaningful happiness can be found.

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TOM PURCELL

Tools for battling recession diminished

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just when they might be needed the most, the rescue ropes that hauled the nation out of the Great Recession have become badly frayed.

A much-feared "double dip" economic downturn would find interest rates already slashed to near zero by the Federal Reserve and lawmakers leery of voting for billions of stimulus dollars as they face re-election.

The recent government jobs report added to the gloom and the sense that the recovery is losing steam. The Labor Department said private employers added about 83,000 jobs last month, considerably fewer than the 112,000 analysts had forecast.

That signals that could be years — not months — before the employment rate returns to pre-recession levels.

"We're adding jobs but at an excruciatingly slow pace," said labor market economist Heidi Shierholz of the Economic Policy Institute, a think tank. "Double dip or no, this is going to be an enormously long slog."

The traditional mechanisms for blunting economic pain and nurturing a recovery are no longer available or are just not working:

- Unemployment benefits for hundreds of thousands of Americans are running out or have already expired. Successive congressional attempts to extend them anew have failed amid par-

tisan wrangling on Capitol Hill.

- Lower taxes, often used as a quick remedy for economic distress, have already been tried. Now taxes are probably going up. The special homebuyer tax credit expired on April 30, and a wide range of income and investment tax breaks — pushed through Congress by former President George W. Bush — are due to expire in 2011 without congressional action to extend them.

- Mortgage rates have sunk to their lowest level in more than five decades. That should be good news for the battered housing industry and put cash into the hands of homeowners as they refinance. But a wave of refinancing hasn't materialized.

- The Federal Reserve, in holding a key short-term interest rate that it controls at near zero percent since December 2008, has lost its ability to spur growth with further rate cuts.

- Federal aid to cash-strapped states, including Medicaid grants and money to avoid layoffs, is drying up, and efforts by President Barack Obama and his congressional allies to extend and enhance them have so far been thwarted by bitterly partisan battles in Congress.

- Obama's plea to stimulate economic growth now and cut deficits later got a mixed response from world leaders at the G-20 summit in Toronto last weekend. And,

with polls showing rising concern among U.S. voters over government red-ink spending, Congress hasn't been a whole lot more receptive. Republicans are showing near-solid opposition to any new stimulus spending.

Although the jobs report was widely seen as disappointing, Obama said it showed the nation headed in the right direction in terms of job creation — but "not headed there fast enough."

The Labor Department report showed the overall jobless rate fell to 9.5 percent in June from 9.7 percent in May. But that was largely because many people gave up looking for work. Employers cut a net 125,000 jobs last month, a loss driven by the end of 225,000 temporary government census jobs.

Economist Mark Zandi, founder of Moody's Economy.com, said those unemployment numbers "make me nervous. They show that the labor market is losing momentum. And right now, we're in such a precarious situation."

Zandi said he thinks the economy will continue to grow, and not slip back into recession, "but it's going to be close," especially if Congress doesn't come up with more help for states or extend unemployment insurance.

In his February budget, Obama proposed \$266 billion in new stimulus spending over the next few years.

But it has been whittled to just \$34 billion in a thus-far-futile attempt to win over a few Senate Republicans.

GOP filibusters have derailed the measure in the Senate three successive times, and now Congress is gone for its weeklong Independence Day recess. Christina Romer, who heads the White House Council of Economic Advisers, predicts lawmakers home for the break will get an earful from unemployed workers on how "devastating it is" to be kicked off unemployment rolls.

Most of last year's \$862 billion stimulus package — the price tag grew from the original \$787 billion — has either been spent or is committed. While the administration and many economists credit that stimulus for helping to bring the economy back from the brink of another Great Depression, Republicans contend there is little to show for it in terms of new jobs — and are using that line as midterm election ammunition against majority-party Democrats seeking re-election.

"The economic recovery is clearly faltering," says Peter Morici, an economist at the University of Maryland.

And what if it falls into double-dip territory? "We stay there," he said. "If we have a negative quarter or two, we may not recover. The economy just doesn't have enough momentum this time."

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Sports

The boys are back: Pampa alumni team starts practice

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Zach Thomas once told a group of Harvesters before a 1995 playoff game to leave it all on the field, because once their high school years are over, they're over.

On Saturday, some Harvester alumni got started re-living that high school glory, if only for one game.

Saturday was the first practice for a game in which the Pampa Alumni will face the Borger Alumni, tentatively scheduled for 7:30 p.m. August 14 at Harvester Field. Pampa's all-time rushing leader, Marques Long, who graduated from Pampa in 1997 said it's a great ordeal to play another game.

"All these guys are excited," Long said.

The team held their first practice on a rainy Saturday afternoon, but that didn't bother any of the players. One of them said this is football weather.

For about an hour and a half, they scrimmaged against each other. Luis Martinez, who graduated in 1996, said there wasn't a lot to do in Pampa.

"Optimist football and Tiger League was our first impression of sports," Martinez said. "We continued to play football in middle school. Being a Harvester was a fantasy. It's a great honor to show the younger generations the pride and tradition of the Harvesters."

Ramon Martinez who graduated in 2000, is the team captain and said his former coach, the late Dennis Cavalier, believed in him.

"He saw something special in me," Ramon Martinez said. "I came out and proved myself, and became the first starting Hispanic rusher for Pampa. That's something I live with."

The team captain said it will be fun to experience the Borger rivalry again.

"It's a dream come true to do it once again," Martinez said. "It's always been turmoil between Pampa and Borger since I was a kid watching Pampa football."

As of press time 39 Harvester alumni from 1990-2009 have signed up.



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Johnny Cortez scans the field for an open receiver during Pampa's alumni team's first practice Saturday. Pampa alumni will play Borger alumni.

Marques Long looks to gain yards on a rush during Pampa's alumni team practice. Long graduated from Pampa in 1997 and holds the single season and single game rushing records..

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: On May 13, "Diana in Lakewood, Calif.," asked you how to reuse or donate little jewelry boxes. You offered some great tips, but you should have let folks know about two terrific resources for giving away or recycling odd things.

Freecycle.org is an online network where people can give away or find free stuff in their local neighborhood. It is a great way to recycle items -- like the jewelry boxes -- to a local thrift store, a crafter or a teacher.

Earth911.com is also an amazing directory of local reuse and recycling options. I work at a thrift store for home improvements. (Instead of donating clothing or furniture, some people give us lumber, kitchen cabinets, hardware, etc.) Most people don't know that stores like ours exist. Reusing items from your neighbors wastes no energy and builds a sense of community. Abby, thanks for touching on this important topic. — RUTHIE M. IN EDMONSTON, MD.

DEAR RUTHIE: Many readers wrote to remind me that one man's trash is another man's treasure, and we all must do whatever it takes to keep items out of landfills. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am an activity director at a small long-term-care facility and would love to receive those jewelry boxes. People don't realize how grateful we are to provide a home for their extra greeting cards, craft supplies, fabric scraps, wrapping paper, games, cards -- the list goes on and on. Diana should consider contacting her local nursing home activity director and put those boxes to good use.

Budgets are tight. With every cut our state and federal governments make to nursing homes, activity directors are always happy to give new life to no-longer-needed items. — THE ACTIVITY GOD-

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DEAR ABBY: I have another suggestion for Diana in Lakewood. Quit buying so much stuff!

Recycling is only a partial solution to a wasteful lifestyle. Millions of tons of plastic, no matter how many times it is recycled, end up in our oceans, where Texas-sized flotillas of plastic goo will outlast us all. The key is to generate less in the first place.

When considering a purchase, consider all four "R's": Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Repair. In this case, the option to "Reduce" should be observed by either buying less jewelry, or asking the vendors to quit over-packaging the stuff. — DR. JAMES HAYES-BOHANAN, PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL GEOGRAPHY

DEAR ABBY: Diana should donate the boxes to Goodwill, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, preschools, Girl Scouts and Sunday schools -- not the landfill! — ELSIE K., OAK RIDGE, TENN.

DEAR ABBY: Perfectly good items should never be tossed into a landfill. There is always someone who can use whatever it is as long as it's in good condition (and sometimes even when it's not). It should be the responsibility of the consumer to find that someone. While it may not be a legal responsibility, it is the right thing to do. — ROSIE W. IN DENVER

DEAR ABBY: Most malls and department stores open gift-wrapping booths at holiday time. They are usually set up to raise funds for a specific charity. Diana can contact mall management and find out if it plans to have one and if so, what agency will be operating it. Then she can contact the agency and arrange to donate all of the boxes. Believe me, small boxes are always needed. — LYNN IN CAMBRIDGE, ONTARIO

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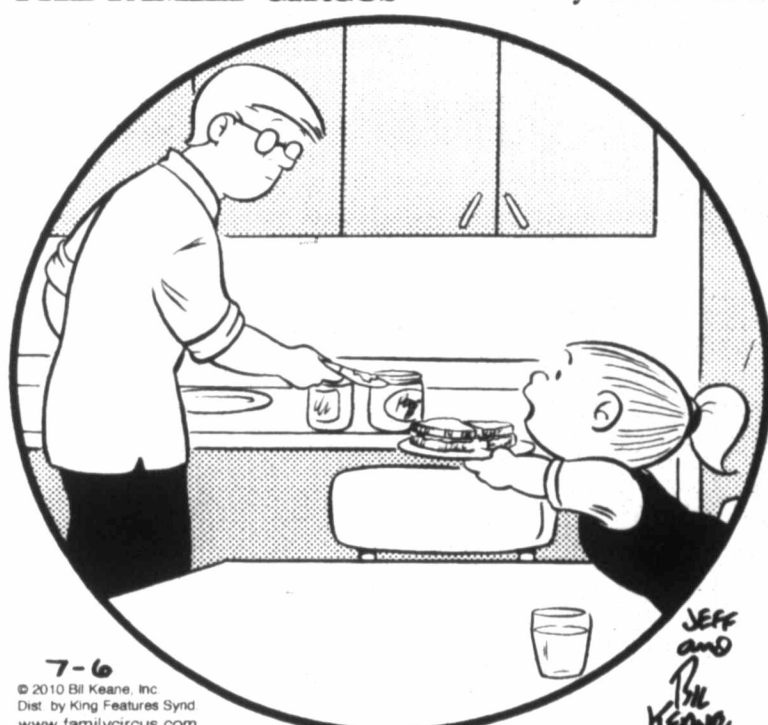
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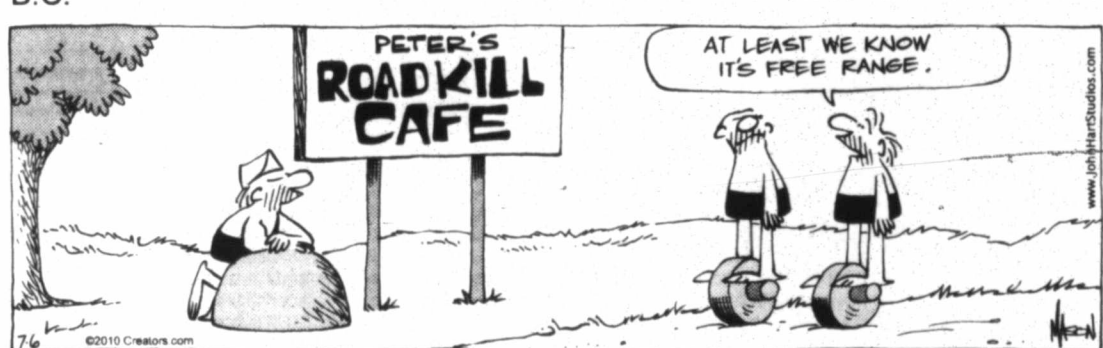
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Accounting Technician / Receptionist
This position performs a variety of tasks in support of the City of Pampa Finance Department. To qualify for this position you must have a high school diploma or equivalent with specialized course work in general office practices such as typing, accounting and data processing. Working knowledge of computers, modern office practices, procedures and equipment, and working knowledge of governmental accounting principals and practices. Work schedule: Monday thru Friday 8am-5pm. Applications accepted through Friday, July 9, 2010.

Heavy Equipment Operator
To qualify for this position you must have a high school diploma or equivalent, a Class B CDL, and be able to obtain and maintain a class B or C solid waste certification within one year of hire. One year experience operating heavy equipment, i.e. scraper, compactor and blade.

Water Distribution Heavy Equipment Operator-Crew Leader
To qualify for this position you must have a high school diploma or equivalent, valid Class A CDL, and be able to obtain and maintain a Class C water certificate. Must have a telephone in working order at all times. General knowledge of plumbing, pipe fitting and welding desired. High tolerance for cold and wet operations typical of this job. Must have the ability to follow instruction, lead a crew and operate a backhoe.

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Telecommunications Operator
This position performs a variety of routine and clerical administrative and technical work in receiving and dispatching routine and emergency information, keeping official records and assisting in the administration of the standard operating procedures of the dispatch center. To qualify for this position you must have a high school diploma or equivalent, working knowledge of computers and electronic data processing and modern office practices and procedures. The ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing and the ability to handle stressful situations.

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2528 Charles	\$138,500	3/1.75/2 - 2132 SF/GCAD
2720 Seminole	\$133,500	3/2/2 - 1416 SF/GCAD
2541 Christine	\$129,500	3/1.75/2 - 2050 SF/GCAD
2207 Chestnut	\$125,000	3/1.75/1 - 1950 SF/Measured
2020 Christine	\$107,500	3/1/3 - 1607 SF/GCAD
1301 Charles	\$99,900	4/2/2 - 1732 SF/GCAD
1826 Williston	\$99,500	4/2/2 - 2590 SF/GCAD
2614 Cherokee	\$95,000	3/1.75/2 - 1855 SF/GCAD
2218 Williston	\$95,000	4/1/1 - 1384 SF/GCAD
1722 Chestnut	\$94,900	3/2/1 - 1423 SG/GCAD
2236 Dogwood	\$79,900	3/1.75/1 - 1264 SF/GCAD
1445 Seminole	\$75,000	3/1.75/2 - 1284 SF/GCAD
1445 N Russell	\$65,000	3/1.75/2 - 1504 SF/GCAD
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704 E 16th Ave	\$54,900	3/1.5/2 - 1323 SF/GCAD
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