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City discusses sewer, water rate increases

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Several rate increases were given first reading approval during Thursday's regular meeting of the Pampa City Commission, and the city approved a 2010-2011 fiscal year operating budget for the Pampa Economic Development Corporation (PEDC).

The first reading of an ordinance that would increase sewer rates was heard and approved by

the commission. City Manager Richard Morris said the minimum sewer charge will be increased from \$12.26 to \$12.86 under the measure. The increase in rates is necessary (as well as the other rates addressed in the meeting), he told the commissioners, due to increased operating costs of the systems.

The commission also approved the first readings of ordinances that would increase monthly rates for solid waste removal (from \$19.08

to \$20.08 per month for a single family dwelling), increase the dumping fees at the city's landfill (from \$33 per ton to \$36 per ton), and increasing the month rates for the city's water system (minimum charge would be \$19.66).

The PEDC's total operating budget for the coming year (effective Oct. 1) shows expected expenditures to be \$2,109,570 and it was given approval by the commission.

In other business, the commission:

- Adopted a resolution approving a \$25,000 grant from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation to the City of Pampa for the benefit of the Gray Pampa Community Fund to be paid to the Amarillo Area Foundation. The board also approved the first reading of an ordinance amending the EDC's 2009-2010 fiscal budget to include the money for the grant (increasing the EDC total budget from \$2,211,268 to \$2,236,268).

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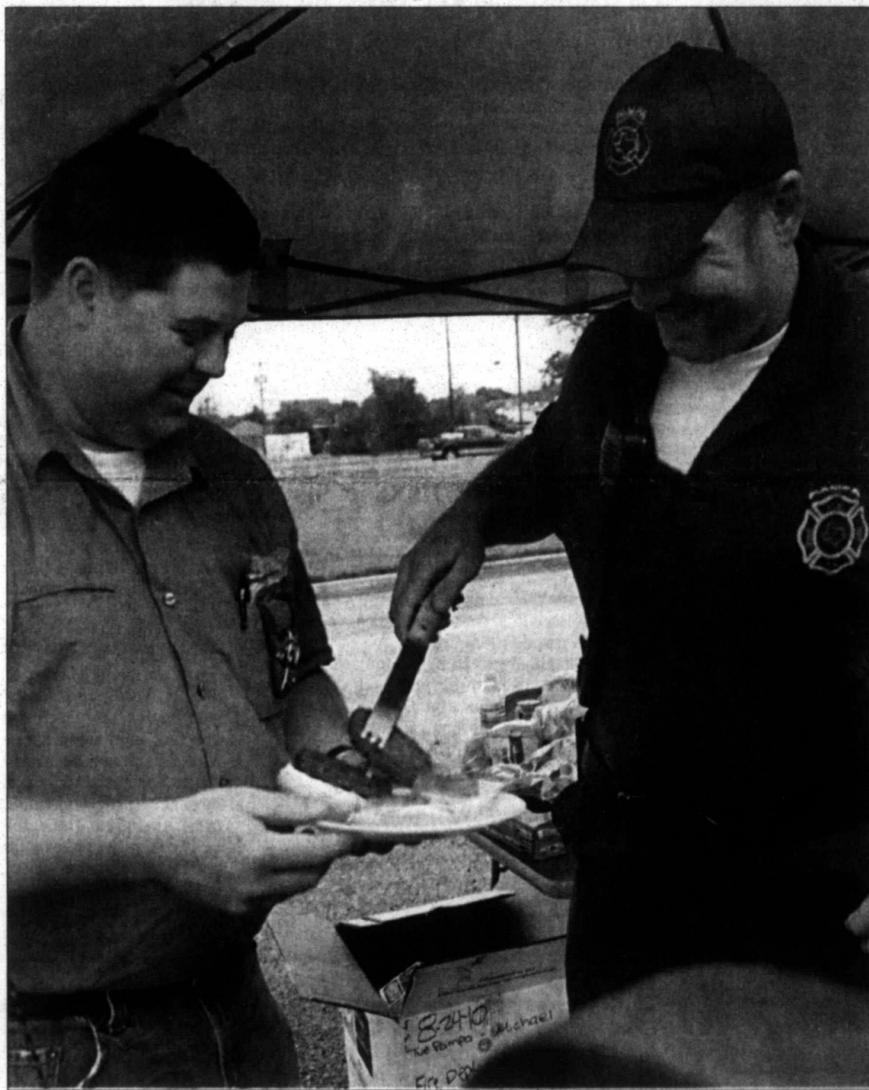
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Gray County Chief Deputy Cary Rushing enjoys a couple of hamburgers served by Pampa firefighter Travis Dosch after donating blood to Coffee Memorial Blood Center at Clarendon College on Tuesday. The Blood center received 91 donations at Clarendon, with another drive scheduled for tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Culberson Stowers.

Fifth Sunday Sing set for this Sunday

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

The Ministerial Alliance of Pampa is sponsoring a Fifth Sunday Sing at 6 p.m. Sunday at Briarwood Full Gospel Church.

The public is cordially invited to attend and to worship with the group.

Originally started as a source of unity and brotherhood among the local churches and congregations in Pampa, many churches from the community will be represented by a musical selection from their individual memberships.

"The Fifth Sunday Sing has become a source of reverence, praise, and celebration for all believers in our city," said a release from the Ministerial **SING** cont. on page 3

Nonprofit workshop on Sept. 14

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

The Nonprofit Service Center of the Amarillo Area Foundation will present a workshop, "Keys to Fundraising Success", on Tuesday, Sept. 14 in Pampa.

The session will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce building. Katharyn Wiegand, Director of the Nonprofit Service Center and Patricia Ward, CFRE, nonprofit Consultant, will facilitate the workshops.

Nonprofit staff members, board members and volunteers are **WORKSHOP** cont. on page 3

Parent shares ideas on junior high traffic issues

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Jennifer Peet said this week that she has some ideas about solving the traffic problems surrounding the new Pampa Junior High School.

She indicated that she plans on taking them to the school board.

Peet said she was told that the school system was trying to work out the kinks in the traffic system around the new junior high school.

While the morning drop-off problems appear to have been alleviated, Peet said people are still being trapped in the afternoon in the school's parking lot as parents wait for their children along with the school system's buses. "All the parents are upset," Peet said.

She said she is concerned that the snarled

traffic would delay or trap emergency vehicles if they were needed at the school.

Peet termed the scene after school sheer chaos and fears the situation will worsen as fall weather turns to winter with ice and snow.

She said that to her it doesn't appear that the school system is addressing the problem.

Peet said that as she waited in the parking lot for her children, she witnessed vehicles backing up and almost hitting other vehicles.

"It's a bad situation," Peet said.

She said it doesn't seem to be getting any better.

While rumors are flying about what is being done, Peet said that it appears to her that land is the issue. The school needs another entrance or exit.

Peet indicated that she is upset because the school system had all summer to work these

problems out.

"There has to be something," she said. "I don't know all the options."

Peet said she fears there is an agenda somewhere and the school system isn't leveling with the parents.

"It doesn't make sense," she said.

Peet questions whether there will have to be another bond issue.

The situation presently presents a safety issue, she said, and the parents with whom she's spoken are willing to press the issue.

Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haenisch said the school system has been trying to work out the traffic snarls and steps will continue to be taken to do so.

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Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.		
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 89. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.		
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.		
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Windy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.		
Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.		
Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 92. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.		
Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.		

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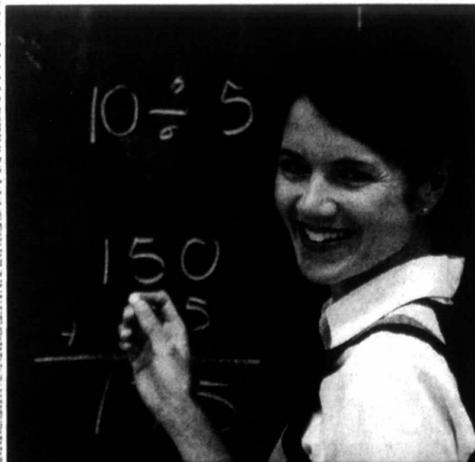
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On Wednesday August 25, 2010, Pampa EMS responded to six calls within the city limits of Pampa with no calls in the county.



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Betty Jo Duke Garren, 86

NEWNAN, Ga.—Betty Jo Duke Garren, 86, died August 24, 2010, in Newnan, Ga.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 28, 2010, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, with John Curry, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Garren, a long-time resident of Pampa, was born October 7, 1923, in Ada, Okla. to Parley and Viola Parks Duke. She was the youngest of four children. She attended college at East Central State in Ada and met her husband, LeeRoy "Red" Garren while in school. They were married on April 5, 1942, and he preceded her in death in 1988. Betty was active in the United Methodist Church throughout her adult lifetime, as well as a Life Master in Contract Bridge. She enjoyed golf, skiing, and traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe. She and Red were avid Pampa Harvester and Oklahoma Sooner football fans.

Survivors include two sons, William Duke Garren and wife Gloria of Newnan, Ga., and John Roy Garren of Elk City, Okla.; one niece, Jo Nell Marshall of Houston; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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



Garren

Lacy Eloise Decker Ayres, 94

ABILENE—Lacy Eloise Decker Ayres, 94, died August 25, 2010, in Abilene.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 28, 2010, at First Christian Church in Pampa, with Rev. Gail Davidson, her granddaughter from Orlando, Fla., officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Ayres was born January 25, 1916, in Sapulpa, Okla., the daughter of Cora Mae Zinn Decker and Denton Wilson Decker. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1934 and married John B. Ayres on September 21, 1936. Lacy worked for 17 years as secretary at B. M. Baker School, retiring in 1970. She was active in Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts, and the Parent Teacher Association. Lacy was a member of First Christian Church in Pampa for 44 years before moving to Amarillo in 1989 where she was a member of First Christian Church in Amarillo. She then moved to Abilene in 2006 and was a member of First Christian Church in Abilene. She was preceded in death by her husband; two sons, Lt. Col. James (Jim) Ayres and Capt. John D. Ayres; a daughter, Mary Helen Ayres Callarman; one sister and one niece.

The family wishes to thank Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center and Hendrick Hospital for their dedicated care of Lacy.

Survivors include her daughter, Dorothy Davidson; daughter-in-law, Brenda Ayres; son-in-law, William G. (Bill) Callarman; grandchildren, Steve Ayres, Jim Ayres, Allison Johnson and husband Tom, Gwen Parish and husband Mark, Gail Davidson, Julia Fulwood and husband John, and Michael Callarman; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson; one niece, three nephews, and many friends, including Ron Weidler and Debbie Weidler Sharp.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065, First Christian Church, 1420 N. 3rd, Abilene, TX 79601, or Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center, 6050 Hospital Drive, Abilene, TX 79606.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 27, 2010, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral

Home in Pampa.

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

Don Johnson, 62

Don Johnson, 62, died August 25, 2010, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 28, 2010, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Matt Dillon and Ray Hudson, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with military honors courtesy U. S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Johnson was born August 24, 1948, in Paris. He attended Clarendon schools, graduating from Clarendon High School in 1966. He joined the U. S. Army in 1968 and was honorably discharged in 1970. Don married Linda Jones on March 27, 1971, in Goodwell, Okla. They moved to Pampa in 1974 with Mobil Oil where Don worked for 25 years, retiring in 1994. He then went to work for Universal Compression, and later for Forrest Oil Company. He was a member of Highland Christian Church. He enjoyed fishing and especially spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Johnson of the home; a daughter, Sonee Johnson of Canadian; a son, Lance Johnson and wife Tracie of Canadian; three grandsons, Mason Moore and Jacob Meek, both of Canadian, and Triston Johnson of Corpus Christi; a granddaughter, Sierra Moore of Canadian; brother, Jerry Roy Johnson of Mound Ridge, Kan.; sister, Carol Jones of Amarillo; and numerous nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Mary Ford and Shirley McKinney, both of Clarendon.

Memorials may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 2201 Civic Circle, Amarillo, TX 79109.

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

Mary Lou Glass, 76

McLEAN—Mary Lou Glass, 76, died Wednesday, August 25, 2010, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 28, 2010, in First United Methodist Church in McLean with Rev. Dave Stout, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Howardwick, officiating.

Interment will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean.

Mrs. Glass was born November 19, 1933, in Norman, Okla. to Roy Virgil and Eva Geraldine Roysden Miller. She had been a resident of McLean since 1956. She married James Dale Glass on August 17, 1958, at Friona. She was a home economics teacher most of her life having taught at Pampa, O'Donnell, McLean, Alanreed, Lakeview, and then at the Jordan Unit in Pampa before her retirement. She was a member of the Pioneer Study Club, Beta Sigma Phi, Singing Women of Texas [SWOT], several area bridge clubs, and was a volunteer with the Loaves and Fishes Ministry in McLean. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Howardwick.

Mrs. Glass was preceded in death by her husband on July 30, 2009.

Survivors include five daughters, Maridale Glass Morgan and husband Steve of Plano, Sherry Kay Glass Kramer and husband Marvin of Skellytown, Jamie Lou Glass of Fort Worth, Terri Gaye Glass Luna of Clarendon, Angela Ruth Glass Burrus and husband Roddy of Dumas; one son, John David Glass of Dallas; three sisters, Linda Miller Tims and husband Clyde of Sunray, Donna Miller Mears and husband Sam of Friona, Jan Miller of Los Alamos, N.M.; 10 grandchildren; and was expecting the birth of her first great grandchild very soon.

The family suggests that memorials be to the Loaves and Fishes Ministry in McLean or the First Baptist Church in Howardwick.

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U.S. birth rate drops for second year

The U.S. birth rate has dropped for the second year in a row, and experts think the wrenching recession led many people to put off having children. The 2009 birth rate also set a record: lowest in a century.

Births fell 2.7 percent last year even as the population grew, numbers released Friday by the National Center for Health Statistics show.

"It's a good-sized decline for one year. Every month is showing a decline from the year before," said Stephanie Ventura, the demographer who oversaw the report.

The birth rate, which takes into account changes in the population, fell to 13.5 births for every 1,000 people last year. That's down from 14.3 in 2007 and way down from 30 in 1909, when it was common for people to have big families.

"It doesn't matter how you look at it — fertility has declined," Ventura said.

The situation is a striking turnabout from 2007, when more babies were born in the United States than any other year in the nation's history. The recession began that fall, dragging stocks, jobs and births down.

"When the economy is bad and people are uncomfortable about their financial future, they tend to postpone having children. We saw that in the Great Depression the 1930s and we're seeing that in the Great Recession today," said Andrew Cherlin, a sociology professor at Johns Hopkins University.

"It could take a few years to turn this around," he added, noting that the birth rate stayed low throughout the 1930s.

Another possible factor in the drop: a decline in immigration to the United States.

The downward trend invites worrisome comparisons to Japan and its lost decade of choked growth in the 1990s and very low birth rates. Births in Japan fell 2 percent in 2009 after a slight rise in 2008, its government has said.

Not so in Britain, where the population took its biggest jump in almost half a century last year and the fertility rate is at its highest level since 1973. France's birth rate also has been rising; Germany's birth rate is

lower but rising as well.

"Our birth rate is still higher than the birth rate in many wealthy countries and we also have many immigrants entering the country. So we do not need to be worried yet about a birth dearth" that would crimp the nation's ability to take care of its growing elderly population, Cherlin said.

The new U.S. report is a rough count of births from states. It estimates there were 4,136,000 births in 2009, down from 4,251,095 in 2008 and more than 4.3 million in 2007.

The report does not give details on trends in different age groups. That will come next spring and will give a clearer picture who is and is not having children, Ventura said.

Last spring's report, on births in 2008, showed an overall drop but a surprising rise in births to women over 40, who may have felt they were running out of time to have children and didn't want to delay despite the bad economy.

Women postponing having children because of careers also may find they have trouble conceiving, said Mark Mather of the Population Reference Bureau, a Washington-based demographic research group.

"For some of those women, they're going to find themselves in their mid-40s where it's going to be hard to have the number of children they want," he said.

Heather Atherton is nearing that mark. The Sacramento, Calif., mom, who turns 36 next month, started a home-based public relations business after having a baby girl in 2003. She and her husband upgraded to a larger home in 2005 and planned on having a second child not long afterward. Then the recession hit, drying up her husband's sales commissions and leaving them owing more on their home than it is worth. A second child seemed too risky financially.

"However, we just recently decided that it's time to stop waiting and just go for it early next year and let the chips fall where they may," she said. "We can't allow the recession to dictate the size of our family. We just need to move forward with our lives."

AFTERNOONRUSH Economic growth sluggish in spring

Candidates invited to debate

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The state's largest daily newspapers and public television station KLRU are inviting Republican Gov. Rick Perry and Democrat Bill White to participate in a debate Oct. 19.

The *Austin American-Statesman* reported that invitation letters were being delivered to both gubernatorial candidates on Friday and that the event would take place even if only one candidate shows up.

White has been pressing for a debate, but Perry has said he won't debate until White releases income tax returns dating to his time as deputy energy secretary in the mid-1990s. White has released income taxes from 2004 to 2009, when he was mayor of Houston.

The candidates maintained those stances Friday after receiving the invitation letters.

"Yes, Bill is going to accept the opportunity," said White's spokeswoman, Katy Bacon.

Perry spokesman Mark Miner said Perry will only debate if White releases more tax returns.

State to seek education aid money

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas will apply for about \$830 million in education aid from Washington even though officials are expecting a legal fight over the money.

Gov. Rick Perry has said that to comply with a provision in the bill that put stiffer requirements on Texas would be a violation of the state constitution.

But Perry Chief of Staff Ray Sullivan told the *Austin American-Statesman* that they'll look for ways around the requirement that the Texas governor assure that the state would maintain a level of education spending for the next three years. Other states had to provide that assurance for only one year.

Texas education leaders were meeting with federal education officials Friday.

The money is intended to help school districts cope with the economic recession and avoid layoffs.

Woman saves child from dogs

MANSFIELD (AP) — Johnson County authorities say a woman saved her 3-year-old nephew by lying on him as pit bulls attacked them outside her house near Mansfield.

Sheriff Bob Alford says the boy was severely hurt in Thursday's attack and was transported to a Fort Worth hospital. The woman was also taken to a hospital. Investigators on Friday declined to release names of the victims or further details on their injuries.

Authorities say the woman and the boy managed to get into her house before rescue personnel arrived. Alford says arriving deputies also were attacked by the dogs, who lived at the woman's residence, and killed one of the animals.

Mansfield is about 15 miles southeast of Fort Worth.

Another car bomb in Mexico

SAN FERNANDO, Mexico (AP) — Two cars exploded early Friday, in front of the offices of a major Mexican television station and a transit police station, in a northern state where officials are investigating the massacre of 72 Central and South American migrants.

There were no injuries in either explosion, though both caused some damage to buildings and knocked out the signal of the Televisa network for several hours in Ciudad Victoria, the capital of the drug gang-plagued state of Tamaulipas. The explosion outside Televisa was felt for several blocks.

The network described the explosion as a car bomb, but an official with the state attorney general's office couldn't confirm the type of explosions, just that two cars caught fire and blew up. The official was not authorized to speak publicly about the incidents.

If confirmed, it would mean a total of four car bombs in Mexico this year — a new and frightening tactic in the country's escalating drug war.

BP engineer won't testify

HOUSTON (AP) — A BP drilling engineer who was a key decision maker at the rig in the Gulf of Mexico that blew up in April has refused to testify before a federal panel investigating the incident.

Mark Hafle exercised his constitutional right not to testify on Friday.

The U.S. Coast Guard and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulations and Enforcement have been holding hearings since Monday in Houston. Their goal is to determine what caused the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon rig that led to the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history. The panel also will make recommendations to prevent such a catastrophe in the future.

BP drilling engineer Brett Coales is testifying before the panel on Friday.

Prison for man in online sex case

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A federal judge has ordered 10 years in prison for an elderly Harker Heights man who online went by "seniorloverman" and sought to have sex with a 13-year-old girl.

U.S. Attorney Jose Angel Moreno on Friday announced the sentence for 73-year-old George Ivar Musick.

Musick in June was convicted of attempting to solicit a minor for sex. He was sentenced Thursday.

Investigators say Musick turned out to be chatting with Corpus Christi police, in a sting involving an officer who pretended to be a 13-year-old girl. Police arrested Musick after he traveled to Corpus Christi, about 285 miles from Harker Heights, in February to meet the person he thought was the child and have sex with her.

Baby tiger found in luggage

BANGKOK (AP) — Authorities at Bangkok's international airport found a baby tiger cub that had been drugged and hidden alongside a stuffed toy tiger in the suitcase of a woman flying from Thailand to Iran, an official and a wildlife protection group said Friday.

The woman, a Thai national, had checked in for her flight and her overweight bag was sent for an X-ray which showed what appeared to be a live animal inside, according to TRAFFIC, a wildlife trade monitoring group.

The woman was arrested at Suvarnabhumi Airport before boarding her Sunday flight. The cub, estimated to be about 3 months old, was sent to a wildlife conservation center in Bangkok.

"The cub arrived at our unit Monday," said Chaipyorn Chareesaeng, head of the Wildlife Health Unit at the Department of National Parks' Wildlife and Plant Conservation Center, where the animal was put under close supervision.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy grew at a much slower pace this spring than previously estimated, mostly due to the largest surge in imports in 26 years and a slowdown in companies' restocking of goods.

The nation's gross domestic product — the broadest measure of the economy's output — grew at a 1.6 percent annual rate in the April-to-June period, the Commerce Department said Friday. That's down from an initial estimate of 2.4 percent last month and much slower than the first quarter's 3.7 percent pace.

Shortly after the revision was announced, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the Fed will consider making another large-scale purchase of securities if the slowing economy deteriorates significantly.

But the Fed chief stopped short of committing to any specific action.

Bernanke described the economic outlook as "inherently uncertain" and said the economy "remains vulnerable to unexpected developments."

The lower estimate for economic growth and Bernanke's comments



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follow a week of disappointing economic reports. The housing sector is slumping badly after the expiration of a government homebuyer tax credit. And business spending on big-ticket manufactured items such as machinery and software, an important source of growth earlier this year, is also tapering off.

Most analysts expect the economy will grow at a similarly weak pace for the rest of this year.

"We seem to be in the early stages of what might be called a 'growth recession,'" said Ethan Harris, an economist at Bank of America-Merrill Lynch. The economy is likely to keep expanding, but at a snail's pace and without creating many more jobs. Harris expects the nation's output will grow at about a 2 percent pace in the second half of this year. As a result, the jobless

rate could rise from its current level of 9.5 percent.

That's "very disappointing relative to a normal business cycle," he said. "Usually you get a bigger bounce back."

The stock market rose after the GDP report was issued. Trading fluctuated shortly after Bernanke's speech was released, and the Dow Jones industrial average rose about 50 points in early trading. Broader indexes also edged down.

The widening trade deficit subtracted nearly 3.4 percentage points from second quarter growth, the largest hit from a trade imbalance since 1947, the government said.

Many economists expect that impact to lessen in the coming quarters. As businesses pare back their spending on inventories and reduce investment in new equipment, imports should decline.

The economy has grown for four straight quarters, but that growth has averaged only 2.9 percent, a weak pace after such a steep recession. The economy needs to expand at about 3 percent just to keep the unemployment rate from rising.

City

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- Approved the second and final reading of an ordinance amending the city's Flood Damage Prevention Plan. Added were definitions of the Flood Insurance Map Rate and Flood Insurance Study.

- Approved the second and final reading of an ordinance amending the city's Municipal Court fees. The move approved a fee of \$50 for the issuance and service of a warrant of arrest.

- Heard the first reading of an ordinance approving a two-year agreement between the city and the Pampa Chamber of Commerce to assist in the funding of the chamber's Tourism Committee. The agreement would provide 15 percent of the city's Hotel Tax up to \$50,000 annually.

- Approved the cancellation of the regular meeting on Sept. 14 and set special meetings on Sept. 16 and Sept. 21, both at 4 p.m.

Traffic

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"The morning is much better," he said.

But he admitted that there are still problems with picking up students after school.

"We're still working on that," Haenisch said Thursday afternoon, "but school is going very well."

He said one of the things the school system will do this weekend is paint new lanes in the parking lot. Haenisch said that will be done Saturday.

"It will help a lot," he said.

Other solutions may take longer.

No matter what is done, it's sure to be a hot topic at the next school board meeting.

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Alliance. "It is the desire of this Alliance that the people of God join as one voice to worship together, fellowship together, and to unite together, with the common thread being Jesus Christ."

Workshop

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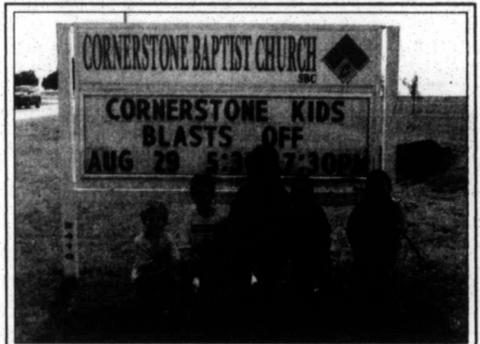
encouraged to attend, as this is the final workshop to be presented in Pampa under the 2010 Rural Workshop Series. Space is limited to 40 participants for each workshop. The workshop will also be presented in Dalhart, Childress and Hereford in the coming months.

Topics to be covered during the "Keys to Fundraising Success" workshop include grant research, grant writing and creating an annual development plan for your non-profit organization.

The fees for the workshop have been kept down thanks to underwriting from the David D. and Nona S. Payne Foundation, according to a statement from the Nonprofit Service Center.

A brochure on all the rural workshops being presented across the panhandle in 2010 is available on the Amarillo Area Foundation Web site, www.amarilloareafoundation.org

To register for the workshop, complete the registration form found in the brochure or contact Katharyn Wiegand at 806-376-4521 or katharyn@aaf-hf.org.



Pictured from left: A.J. Allen, Austin Allen, Katherine Maxwell, Cayson Steward and Brandon Maxwell.

If you are between the ages of 4 years and 5th grade, then come and join us on Sunday evenings from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. beginning on August 29th! For the Kick Off party on the 29th, come join in food, fun and fellowship and find out what will be happening in the coming months! For more information, contact Cornerstone Baptist Church office at 806-669-6509 or Maryoln Topper at 806-669-9539.

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Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The City of Pampa conducted public hearings on August 26, 2010 and September 7, 2010 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Pampa from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 8.49 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.626930 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,953,981.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.626930 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,176,864.

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The Pampa City Commission of City of Pampa is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 21, 2010 at City Hall, 200 W. Foster, City Commission Chambers, Pampa, TX 79065 at 4:00 pm.

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, Aug. 27, the 239th day of 2010. There are 126 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 27, 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa blew up; the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

On this date:

In 1858, the second debate between senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas took place in Freeport, Ill.

In 1859, Edwin L. Drake drilled the first successful oil well in the United States, at Titusville, Pa.

In 1892, fire seriously damaged New York's original Metropolitan Opera House.

In 1908, Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, was born near Stonewall, Texas.

In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In 1962, the United States launched the Mariner 2 space probe, which flew past Venus in December 1962.

In 1975, Haile Selassie, the last emperor of Ethiopia's 3,000-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at age 83 almost a year after being overthrown.

In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten and three other people, including his 14-year-old grandson Nicholas, were killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion claimed by the Irish Republican Army.

In 1989, the first U.S. commercial satellite rocket was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla. It carried a Delta booster carrying a British communications satellite, the Marcopolo 1.

In 2006, a Comair CRJ-100 crashed after trying to take off from the wrong runway in Lexington, Ky., killing 49 people and leaving the co-pilot the sole survivor.

Ten years ago: During a visit to Nigeria, President Bill Clinton said Africans had to "break the silence" about AIDS or risk losing hard-fought democratic and economic gains. Fire broke out in Moscow's landmark Ostankino television tower, killing three people. A botched Israeli military raid on an Islamic militant hide-out in the West Bank ended with three Israeli soldiers being accidentally killed by their comrades.

Five years ago: Coastal residents jammed freeways and gas stations as they rushed to get out of the way of Hurricane Katrina, which was headed toward New Orleans. President George W. Bush asked Americans in his weekly radio address to be patient with the U.S. military mission in Iraq as thousands of pro-Bush and anti-war demonstrators competed for attention in his tiny hometown of Crawford, Texas.

One year ago: Mourners filed past the closed casket of the late Sen. Edward Kennedy at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston. Jaycee Lee Dugard, kidnapped when she was 11, was reunited with her mother 18 years after her abduction in South Lake Tahoe, Calif. Alex Grass, 82, founder of the Rite Aid drugstore chain, died in Harrisburg, Pa.

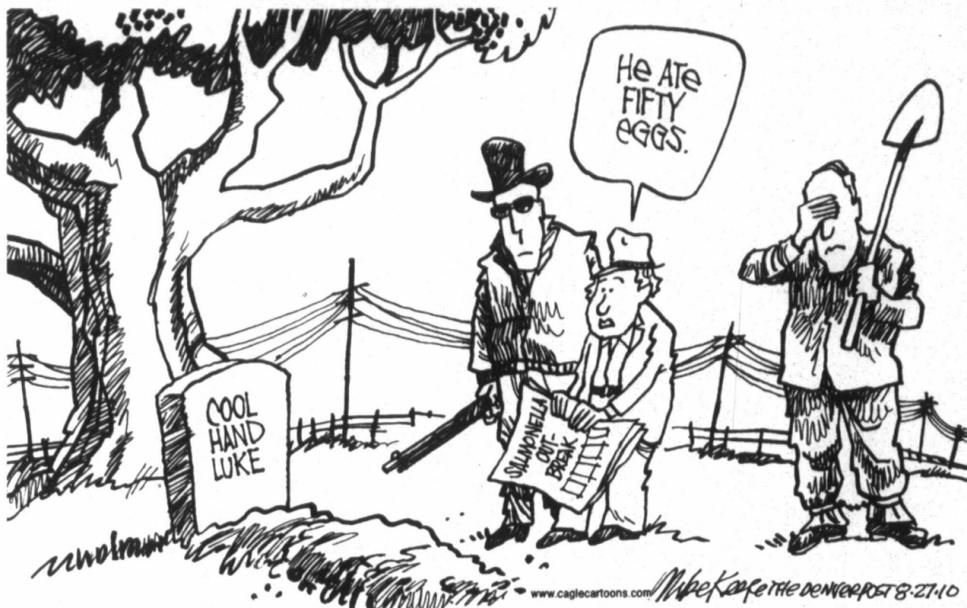
Today's Birthdays: Cajun-country singer Jimmy C. Newman is 83. Author Antonia Fraser is 78. Actor Tommy Sands is 73. Bluegrass singer-musician J.D. Crowe is 73. Musician Daryl Dragon is 68. Actress Tuesday Weld is 67. Rock singer-musician Tim Bogert is 66. Actress Marianne Sagebrecht is 65. Actress Barbara Bach is 63. Ex-porn star Harry Reems is 63. Country musician Jeff Cook is 61. Actor Paul Reubens is 58. Rock musician Alex Lifeson (Rush) is 57. Actress Diana Scarwid is 55. Rock musician Glen Matlock (The Sex Pistols) is 54. Pro golfer Bernhard Langer is 53. Actor Peter Stormare is 52. Country singer Jeffrey Steele is 49. Gospel singer Yolanda Adams is 48. Country musician Matthew Basford (Yankee Grey) is 48. Writer-producer Dean Devlin is 48. Rock musician Mike Johnson is 45. Rap musician Bobo (Cypress Hill) is 42. Country singer Colt Ford is 41. Actress Chandra Wilson is 41. Rock musician Tony Kanal (No Doubt) is 40. Actress Sarah Chalke is 34. Actor RonReaco (correct) Lee is 34. Rapper Mase is 33. Actor Aaron Paul is 31. Rock musician Jon Siebels (Eve 6) is 31. Contemporary Christian musician Megan Garrett (Casting Crowns) is 30. Singer Mario is 24. Actress Alexa Vega ("Spy Kids") is 22.

Thought for Today: "What is everybody's business is nobody's business - except the journalist's." - Joseph Pulitzer, Hungarian-born American newspaper publisher (1847-1911)

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Focus on what is right once in a while

As you read this column I am likely on my way back from attending the Chamber Basics course, sponsored by the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives in Austin. I have long looked forward to attending this course, and am glad for the opportunity. Maybe now I'll have some clue about what I'm doing.



JOE WEAVER

Lyndon Field came in my office a while back and we talked about what was appealing about Pampa—why someone would want to live here, and how we could impress that on others. He had been on the fast track in Dallas when he realized that living in the city and all that went with it was not what he wanted out of life, so he moved back to Pampa. Here he has a five minute commute (if that!) and gets to see friends on the way.

I was never on the fast track to anything, but I was living in Fort Worth with two children approaching school age when I realized I didn't want them attending the city schools. Also, if the end of the rainbow was there, someone had already beaten me to the pot of gold. We were struggling to get by and I had no prospects. I found a job back in my home town and moved back as fast as I could. The job I took did not work out as expected, but I found I had more good contacts after a few months than I had living ten years in the city. That town was Hereford, but the same holds true here—if you're active in the community, you know all kinds of folks—doctors, lawyers, merchants, chiefs (police and fire, at least!), rich men, poor men, even a beggerman (or would that be "Baggerman" in Pampa?) and yes, even a thief or two.

Lyndon further mentioned that he had old friends who had moved away who were saddened at what Pampa had "become". This always sits a little uneasy with me. I have found that most people who move away expect the town to never change, to stay exactly as it

was when they were in high school. I had an epiphany when I moved back to the Panhandle. Hereford was not the town I had grown up in, the town I had left over ten years before. I was sad and disappointed until I realized that town I remembered fondly was not the one that had nurtured my folks in the 1930s. I realized that change just happens. Besides, I had not been there to contribute to the town's well-being, so how could I complain?

And that's what bothers me a bit about the "prodigals" returning for a day or two and complaining. If it was important to you that the town be a certain way, why didn't you stay—or return after college—and invest yourself in it?

I went riding with a friend the other day who began pointing out some unsightly areas of town—derelict buildings, overgrown lots, piles of rusting junk. It was no shock to me—I drive a lot of the route every day. His concern was how it looked to prospective residents. He has a point—some places are downright embarrassing.

But it's important to note that the bulk of Pampa's economy is based on oil and gas—that's no revelation—and with that economy come cycles of boom and bust. In a boom a lot of building goes on. In a bust, buildings are vacated, some abandoned. When the economy booms again, nobody wants the old buildings, so they build new. The result is that Pampa (and we're not alone in this) comes out with a dingy—maybe even forlorn—appearance that is no reflection of the true economic spirit of the town.

I hate to see the boarded up Hughes Building, the Pampa Mall, and the large buildings around Coronado Center, but you don't have to look hard to find evidence of growth and vigor—a new junior high,

a renovated high school, additions at Clarendon College, the Aquatic Center, Hampton Village. New businesses like Anytime Fitness, Hampton Inn, Pak-A-Sak, Easy's Westside. Re-invigorated and re-designed businesses like Rasco Construction, Pampa Glass, Taylor Mart on Ballard, the Ammons Companies. And those that have been around a while, but have developed the habit of making their business (or residence) look good—United Supermarket, Ford Family Chiropractic Clinic, National Bank of Commerce, to name a few. And don't forget the old standbys that keep offering great service and community support. Places like Rheams Diamond Shop, Holmes Sporting Goods, Wayne's Western Wear, Texas Furniture, and so many others.

I'm not advocating that we ignore the ugly parts, but we do need to focus on what's right once in a while.

Have you ever considered...

...that if Jay Holmes, Terry Barnes, and Bill Bridges should form a construction company, they could call it "Holmes, Barnes, and Bridges"

...that Keith Black and Chuck White could run a Holstein operation and call it "Black and White Cows".

...or a boat shop run by Gloria Captain, Zebbie Sailors, and Darville and Myrna Orr would be "Captain, Sailors, and Ors"?

...or...OK, I'll quit...for now!

Joe Weaver is the Executive Director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

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What are you listening to in life?

Aloha in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. During our time on the beach each day while we were in Maui, we met some interesting people as we were walking along or just sitting in our chairs. Some have been easy to get to know while others seemed just a little bit distant. I'm not sure whether they knew how to take these two from the mainland that just wanted to visit.

Two are Paul and Jeri. Jeri was injured in a car accident 28 years ago in North Carolina. Since she lost the use of both legs, Paul brings her to the beach when he can so that she can swim in the ocean. They were so easy to visit with that it seems we had known them for a long time. I helped Paul get her into the ocean once and then get her back out another time.

We truly enjoyed getting to know some of the people that visit the beach daily. But for the most part the people come and went. They were tourists just like us who only had a short time in Maui. Many are dealing with the same things we all deal with in their lives.

As we sat in our chairs or laid on our beach towels, we had opportunity just to listen (please understand that these people were within a few feet of us so we weren't eavesdropping!!). One day we heard a man visiting about the cost of electricity and how it would eventually impact the economy in Hawaii. Another person was talking on their cell phone about something that was going on at work.

I began to have "just a thought." Many times through the course of a day we hear the voices of many around us. We hear them talking about the economy, the state of our nation, family issues, and at times even personal issues. These voices are heard by us and can influence our thought processes.

Listening is something that we must do, but we must be careful to which voices we listen. Look what happened to Adam in Genesis 3:17 — "Then to Adam He said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.'"

Psalm 81:8 says "Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you; O Israel, if you would listen to Me! God wanted the people to listen to Him so that He could admonish (teach) them. Now let's see what Psalm 81:11 says — "But My people did not listen to My voice, and Israel did not obey Me."

In Mark 4:24 we find these words — And He was saying to them, "Take care what you listen to. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you; and more will be given you besides." Luke 8:18-21 Jesus even makes things a little clearer. He says "So take care how you listen; for whoever



PAUL NACHTIGALL

the good word

has, to him more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him." And His mother and brothers came to Him, and they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd. And it was reported to Him, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wishing to see You." But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

In 1 John we find John sharing with the Christian community. In chapter 4 we find him telling them to "test the spirits". But look at 4:4-6. He writes — You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us by this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error."

We hear the voices of this world all around us and many times are drawn away from God by what we hear. Scripture tells us that we are to "take care how you listen" (Luke 8:18a). While it is important for us to pay attention to the voices around us so we can discern where they come from, we must be diligent to listen as God speaks to us.

I don't know whether others stop to think about the voices they hear through the day, but as Christians we should. We need to be able to "test the spirits" as John exhorted the first century Christians to do. We need to be able to filter out the things of this world and focus on the word that God is speaking to us.

Today you may have heard some things that have placed you on a path that God doesn't want you to be on. You may be struggling with issues that have arisen because you have listened to the wrong voice. Even now I would urge you to "test the spirits" and "take care how you listen" so that you'll be able to hear as Holy Spirit speaks to you.

Holy Spirit will speak to you and as you listen, He will always lead you in the path of truth. Children of God will be able to differentiate between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. One will lead to life eternal and one to death. What are you listening to in your life? It's "just a thought."

Paul Nachtigall is the pastor of Highland Baptist Church.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Kidder to start at Bible Church

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Brad Kidder will begin a new journey Sunday morning as he takes the pulpit at the Bible Church of Pampa.

The 24-year-old is the new pastor of the church. A native of Hastings in Central Western Michigan, Kidder recently graduated from the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

Last week, he packed up his wife, Sarah, and two-month-old daughter, Lucy, and drove from Chicago to Pampa.

"I grew up in a church in the Hastings area," Kidder said. About his freshman year of high school, he said, he felt the gifts he had been given were moving him in the direction of the ministry.

After discussion his career plans with close friends and his pastor, Kidder decided to go to The Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

He's worked with Pastor Erwin Lutzer in the ministry in Chicago for a while before being invited to the Bible Church of Pampa.

"The right thing happened at the right time," Kidder said, "and we ended up with you all."

He said he thinks there is the possibility of new life in Pampa. "I'm really excited to see what God's going to do," Kidder said.

He said the church has open doors to all sorts of people. "God's word can change anyone's life," Kidder said. "All you do is come do. You offer yourself up for God's changing."

He and his bride and new baby will leave Chicago on Thursday and expect to be in Pampa late Friday.

"We hope and pray that people will stop by and meet us," Kidder said.

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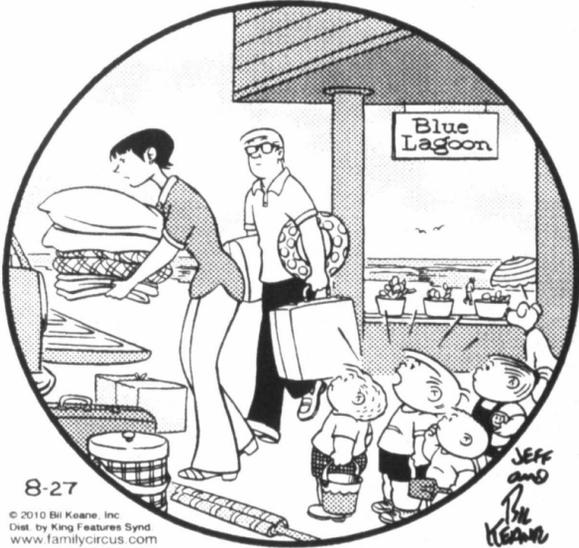
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"Keep an eye on him."

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By Bil Keane

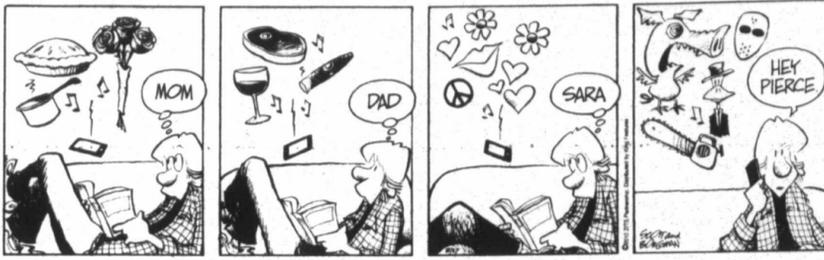


"Do we HAFTA leave? This place was just gettin' to feel like home."

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Feds to remove cap from blown-out well

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The federal government said engineers will start work Monday to remove the temporary cap that stopped oil from gushing out of BP's blown-out Gulf well so that crews can raise a key piece of equipment from the seabed.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man for the spill response, told reporters Friday that engineers must remove the cap so they can raise the failed blowout preventer. The blowout preventer is considered a key piece of evidence in determining what caused the April rig explosion that unleashed the gushing oil.

The leak was first contained when engineers were able to place a cap atop BP's well. Workers then pumped mud and cement in through the top in a so-called "static kill" operation that significantly reduced pressure inside the well. Officials don't expect oil to leak into the sea again when the cap is removed, but Allen has ordered BP to be ready to collect any leaking crude just in case.

The Department of Justice and other federal investigators are overseeing the work to remove the blowout preventer, Allen said. The 50-foot, 600,000-pound device — which was designed to prevent such a catastrophe — will be taken out of the water with the well pipe still inside to ensure the pipe doesn't break apart any more than it already has.

Keeping the blowout preventer intact is important because it's considered an essential piece of evidence in determining what caused the blast aboard the Deepwater Horizon on April 20. After the explosion, 206 million gallons of oil spilled into the Gulf of Mexico until the temporary cap stopped the flow. The explosion on the rig — which was owned by Transocean Ltd. and being operated by BP PLC — killed 11 workers.

Engineers are hoping the blowout preventer can be detached easily, but they are prepared to exert 80,000 pounds of pressure if needed, Allen said.

A new blowout preventer will be placed atop the well once the one that failed is raised. After that, the goal is to drill the final 50 feet of a relief well beginning Sept. 7, Allen said. From there, it will take about four days for drilling crews to reach their target.

The relief well has been called the ultimate solution to plugging the well. Once the relief well is drilled, engineers will be able to pump mud and cement in through the bottom of the well, plugging the one that gushed oil once and for all.

Meanwhile, the U.S. government said Friday that it is reopening more federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico for commercial and recreational fishing that had been closed because of the spill. The government is reopening 4,281 square miles of waters off the coast of western Louisiana.

Oil sheen has not been seen there since July 29, and scientists found no oil or dispersants on samples of the area's shrimp and finfish.

Twenty percent of federal waters in the Gulf remain closed.

"We're sort of nibbling at the edges if you will, areas that have been free of oil for the longest time and were oiled the least," Lubchenco said.

The news came as hearings continued in Houston before the joint U.S. Coast Guard-Bureau of Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement investigative panel. On Friday, Mark Hafle — a BP drilling engineer who was a key decision maker at the now-sunken rig — exercised his constitutional right to refuse to testify.

The panel's goal is to determine what caused the explosion. The panel also will make recommendations to prevent such a catastrophe in the future.

Obama to reaffirm commitment to Gulf

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass. (AP) — President Barack Obama will use the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina to reaffirm his commitment to the Gulf Coast amid lingering questions over his administration's response to the BP oil spill.

Obama ends his Martha's Vineyard vacation Sunday and heads to New Orleans, five years to the day from when Hurricane Katrina raged ashore, busting through crumbling levees and flooding 80 percent of the city, killing more than 1,600 people. Then-President George W. Bush's was harshly criticized in many quarters for not responding aggressively enough to the disaster.

The unfinished business of helping make New Orleans whole is Obama's responsibility now. On Sunday, he will have the delicate task of commemorating the ravaging storm while reassuring residents who may still believe the government has failed them — both when it comes to Katrina and to the BP spill.

"He inherited a legacy problem with New Orleans rebuilding just like so many incredible challenges with the economy," said Beth Galante, director of the New Orleans office of Global Green USA, a sustainable building initiative active in the city since the hurricane struck. "It does really put the burden on him to acknowledge the failures and make sure there's a serious and ongoing federal commitment to righting those problems."

Obama will speak at Xavier University, a historically black, Catholic university that was badly flooded by the storm. Deputy Press Secretary Bill Burton said Obama would commemorate the lives lost in the flooding, celebrate progress made in recovering, and "recommit the nation to the Gulf region and to all those still working to rebuild lives and communities."

Obama will also discuss the BP spill, which spewed more than 200 million gallons of crude into the Gulf for three months, dealing a fresh blow to New Orleans' tourism- and oil industry-dependent economy. The blown-out well was finally capped in mid-July.

The one-day visit comes at a sensitive time for the president, as he tries to set a fall agenda heading into crucial midterm elections. He's also preparing for an Oval Office address Tuesday on ending combat missions in Iraq that presents a challenge similar to the one awaiting him in New Orleans. He'll be paying homage to the troops for an action started by Bush that he has now taken over, amid public concerns he is botching the follow-on action in Afghanistan.

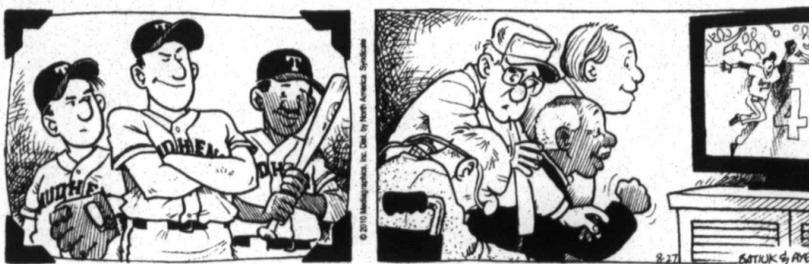
New Orleans residents are welcoming Obama's decision to highlight the Katrina anniversary with a presidential visit. But many are also angry over jobs lost from the deep water oil drilling moratorium he ordered in the wake of the oil spill, and looking for more federal action to save precious wetlands that were eroding fast even before BP's well blew. They will be listening for specifics.

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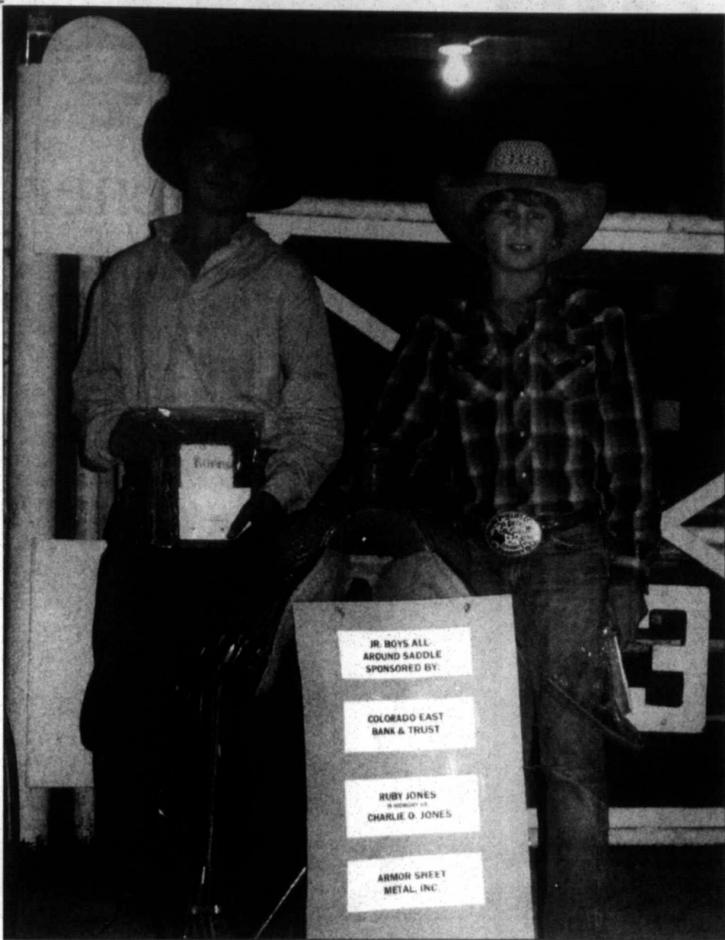


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PHS Freshman team drops opener to Iowa Park Hawks

ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvesters freshman team played close but lost to the Iowa Park Hawks 8-0 Thursday at Iowa Park. Head freshman coach Dennis Doughty said the team played well.

"I felt like our team played hard," Doughty said. "The defense played extremely well." Doughty said the top defensive players were Larry Ragen, Cager Osborne and Andrew Jimenez. The freshman team (0-1) visits Lubbock Estacado 5 p.m. in Lubbock.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Our son, "Jason," has decided to leave college with only two semesters left in order to pursue his love of river guiding and outdoor programs. While he was in school, his father and I paid for his cell phone, health and car insurance, and his rent because we wanted his focus to be on his studies. We also paid his tuition.

Jason has a part-time job. Now that he has decided to leave school, our view is that he should find another job and assume these expenses.

My husband and I disagree about who should pay for any future education Jason wants. If he goes back to school, his tuition will be paid for, says Dad. I think we would be enabling him if he thought we were always standing by to foot the bill.

We are heartsick that Jason has made this decision, but his mind is made up. Any advice from you would be appreciated.

— UNHAPPY MOM IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR UNHAPPY: I agree that Jason should shoulder the responsibility for his living expenses. However, do

not make any hard and fast decisions about his tuition while you are still angry at him. This situation will play out. If and when Jason decides to complete his education, discuss the matter of tuition then.

DEAR ABBY: Do you know what a speech-generating device is? A lot of people don't. It's a specialized computer that speaks for people who are unable to communicate verbally.

We're a group of campers from Camp Courage who use speech-generating devices to talk. Sometimes people are uncomfortable with our unique way of communicating. We'd like to share some ideas to help them understand:

1. Please be patient. It takes us a little bit longer to get our messages out than it does you.
2. Feel free to ask questions. Don't pretend to understand us if you don't.
3. Do not think we are stupid. Have you ever tried to communicate using one of these things?
4. If it looks like we're having trouble, ask if we need help.
5. Treat us like adults

— just as you would want to be treated.

6. If you're curious, you can look at our devices. It's OK to ask. We're not all the same.

7. Be our friend. If you do, you'll find we have a lot of interesting things to say.

Abby, thanks for helping us communicate our message. We hope to speak to you again! — CAMILLE, HEATHER, JOEL, JOHN, NAT AND NICOLE

DEAR CAMILLE, HEATHER, JOEL, JOHN, NAT AND NICOLE: I'm pleased to help spread the word. For people who are vocally challenged, you have written an eloquent letter.

Assistive technologies have come a long way in recent years to ensure that people with disabilities are more fully able to participate in business as well as society. These advances are constantly evolving -- and as they do there must also be an "evolution" on the part of the larger community toward acceptance of people who are perceived as different.

Tech AD Myers announces retirement effective in May

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech athletics director Gerald Myers, who brought Hall of Famer Bob Knight to the West Texas campus and got caught up in the contentious final year of football coach Mike Leach's tenure, is retiring.

The school said Thursday the former Red Raiders basketball coach will step down in May.

"Together we have accomplished a lot since the Big 12 started in the fall of 1996 and it has truly been a team effort," Myers said. "I feel like now is the time to turn this job over to someone else and I will be supportive of that person in every way that I can."

The 74-year-old Myers told The Associated Press he chose the timeline for his retirement and wanted to stay for another year to be with Tommy Tuberville in his first season as football coach. He also said the other consideration was the reconfigured Big 12, which will soon lose Nebraska and Colorado.

"I thought it was not a good to change ADs with all the scheduling and rebranding and revenue sharing and all the new issues that we'll face with 10 teams," he said.

Texas Tech won two Southwest Conference titles and went to four NCAA tournaments in Myers' 20 years as coach, but he put the program on the national map by hiring Knight 11 years after he left the bench.

Knight led the Red Raiders to 20-plus wins his first four seasons -- a first at the school -- and four NCAA tournaments in six years, including a round of 16 appearance in 2005.

On Jan. 1, 2007, Knight got win No. 880 on Texas Tech's home court to surpass former North Carolina coach Dean Smith as the winningest Division I men's coach.

He resigned in midseason in February 2008 with 902 wins.

Myers became athletic director in 1996, four years before he hired Leach in hopes that a pass-happy offense would bring life to a football program that had grown stagnant under Spike Dykes.

Leach's fan-friendly persona and high-scoring offense did the trick, culminating in the school's highest-ever national ranking at No. 2 in 2008 before a loss to Oklahoma derailed Tech's championship hopes.

Messy contract negotiations, including testy e-mail exchanges between Myers and Leach's representatives, became public knowledge the following off-season. Leach was fired late last season after he was accused of mistreating a player with a concussion. Leach denied the allegations and has sued the university.

Myers recalled how he was fired as basketball coach in 1991 and was working as an administrator in the athletic department in 1993 when Marsha Sharp led her Lady Raiders basketball team to the university's lone national title.

Myers said he always had coaching in his blood.

"I never intended to be an AD. I intended to be a coach," Myers said. "I thought I would be one forever."

He has come to view the job differently after 14 years at the helm.

"Looking back on it it's just as rewarding and gratifying as coaching," Myers said. "In this job something's going to come up about every week. If you have a week and nothing happens, that's unusual."

Guy Bailey, the university's president, said in a statement that Myers will always be a part of the

Texas Tech family. "He is well respected by his peers throughout the Big 12 Conference and across the country, and has represented Texas Tech well," he said.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Pirates down Hedley on road in season opener

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The Lefors Pirates jumped out to a 20-point lead but had to hold off a late rally to win their opener 33-27 over the Hedley Owls.

The Pirates and Owls were in the same district last season, but the Owls moved to District Two this season.

Lefors head coach Joey Czubinski said it was a tough but great game.

"A lot of guys stepped up and answered the call," Czubinski said. "They played with their hearts on both sides of the ball."

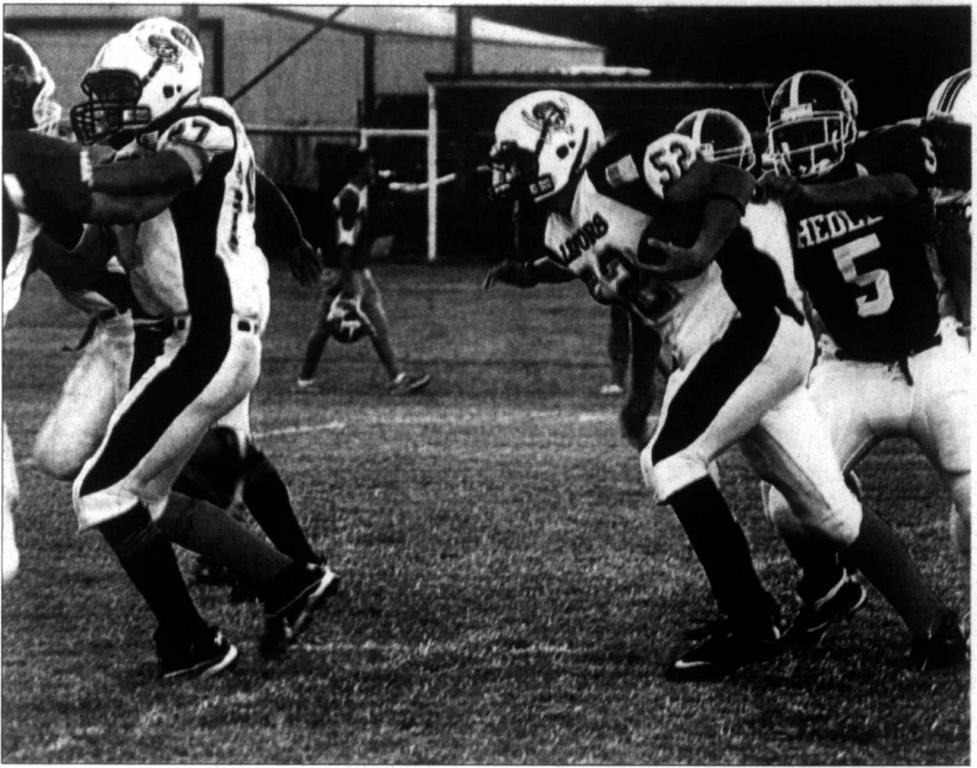
Joey Johnson led the Pirates in rushing with 83 yards on 19 carries and scored one touchdown. Johnson also caught three passes for 23 yards and one touchdown, which was the first score of the game. Seth Scully ran for 41 yards and passed for 73 on five completions and one touchdown. Spencer Nicholson completed seven passes for 82 yards, threw three touchdowns and one interception. Dennis Sprouse led the team in receiving with three receptions for 52 yards.

After Lefors scored first to take a 6-0 lead, Hedley took the lead on a 32-yard run and converted the one-point pass. The Pirates struck back in the second quarter with Johnson scoring his second touchdown of the night on a two yard run. Hedley tied the score at 13 on a 51-yard kickoff return. Lefors took the lead for good when Seth Scully threw a 15-yard pass to Gatlin Reagan, to give the Pirates a 19-13 halftime lead.

After a scoreless third quarter, Zach Williams caught two touchdown passes from Nicholson that provided the Pirates a 33-13 lead. Czubinski said they were glad they won the game.

"First game, on the road, hostile environment, four new starters on both sides of the ball, and we won it."

The Pirates (1-0) host district opponent Fort Elliott for a non-district game and homecoming Thursday at Shaw Field. The Owls (0-1) host Jayton 7:30 p.m. Sep. 3.



Senior Joey Johnson (52) carries the ball for the Pirates while Colten Helfer (27) and Spencer Nicholson (10) block for him Thursday against the Hedley Owls in Hedley. The Pirates won 33-27 and are 1-0. photo courtesy of Emily Sprouse



Staff photo by Emily Sprouse
Sophomore Spencer Nicholson (10) gets off a pass before Hedley defender Chris Blackburn (36) gets to him. The Pirates beat the Owls 33-27 Thursday.

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