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Shooting victim becomes murder victim

by Marilyn Powers
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The victim of a shooting which occurred early Saturday at a Pampa address has died of his injuries, and the charge against the alleged shooter has been upgraded to murder, according to Det. Casey Ingersoll of Pampa Police Department.

Carlos A. Hernandez, 19, of 115 N. Starkweather, died at about 10 p.m. Monday as a result of the injuries sustained in the shooting, Ingersoll said in a press release. Juan D. Cano, 25, of 514 N. Warren, who was already in Gray County Jail on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the shooting, has been charged with murder. Bond on the murder charge has been set at \$1 million, Ingersoll said.

Hernandez had been found lying on the floor of a residence in the 400 block of Perry Street with a gunshot wound to the head after PPD officers were dispatched to the scene at about 1:16 a.m. Saturday, according to PPD Sgt. Donny Brown. He had been taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo by LifeStar air ambulance and was listed in grave condition prior to his death.

Cano was arrested in the 300 block of Wynne, behind an abandoned house, and booked into Gray County Jail at 5:29 p.m. Saturday on the assault charge in connection with the shooting. Bond on that charge had been set at \$250,000.

Investigators believe that Cano and Hernandez got into an argument and Cano shot Hernandez in the head with a .22 caliber rifle, Brown said. A weapon was recovered near the scene of the shooting, said PPD Lt. Stephanie Raymond.

School board to meet

Revised plans for Pampa High School are one of the items on the agenda at Thursday's special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pampa Independent School District. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. in the Carver Center Administration Office located at 321 West Albert.

Also on the agenda is a proposal for fundraiser for the Pampa High School cheerleaders.



photo by Julie Ann Thompson

Pampa Fire Department responded to Travis Elementary School after receiving a call that smoke was in the building. The students were evacuated while fire fighters climbed to the roof to determine the cause of the smoke.

Reinvestment zone on commission agenda

by Marilyn Powers
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A public hearing concerning the formation of a reinvestment zone is once again on the agenda of Gray County Commissioners, who will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the second-floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell. The public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Following the hearing, commissioners will discuss creation of the reinvestment zone, which is being requested by the firm of Babcock and Brown. Babcock and

Brown owns the former Celanese chemical plant west of Pampa off Highway 60.

The issue of the possible reinvestment zone was first included in commissioners' Sept. 15 agenda, but representatives of Babcock and Brown were unable to attend that meeting and asked that the subject be postponed.

Another item on Wednesday's agenda which had been tabled at commissioners' Sept. 15 meeting is the sale of two tracts of county-owned land in Alanreed. Commissioners had held an executive session Sept. 15 concerning the

issue, but took no action following the session at that time other than to postpone their decision. An executive session may also be held at Wednesday's meeting concerning the contract for the possible land sale.

Also on Wednesday, commissioners will consider going out for bids on the county jail commissary, sale of a 140 Caterpillar motor grader from Precinct 1 and sale of a 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Precinct 2 after declaring it surplus property.

Commissioners will consider transfer of a hangar area lease of Lots 30 and 31 at Perry LeFors

Airport from HRM Enterprises to B&B Producing Co. They will discuss proposed repairs to White Deer Land Museum, a request by the county treasurer to take credit cancellation on juror checks and the county's 2009 holiday schedule.

Removal of a speed limit sign and other regulatory signs from County Road E west of Price Road to the Carson County line is also on the agenda. County employees who completed Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents training related to emergency management will be recognized.

Honorable Man March Shedding light on domestic violence

Deadline for nominations for Tralee Crisis Center's annual Most Honorable Man event is Friday. Nominees will be invited to participate in the center's Honorable Man March and reception on Oct. 7.

Honorable Man events are part of the crisis center's observance of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This is the sixth year for the Honorable Man recognition in Pampa.

The purpose of Honorable Man activities is to emphasize the important roles that both men and the

community play as a whole in ending abuse within the family, said Tralee Crisis Center Executive Director Dee Dee Laramore in a press release.

"Each year, a man is chosen from nominations submitted by family and friends," Laramore said. "The winner will be someone who lives a violence-free life and embodies the qualities of an 'honorable man.'"

Persons who wish to nominate someone as an

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Friends of Library planning sixth annual book sale

The Friends of the Library's sixth annual paperback book sale will be held during regular library hours Saturday and Sunday in the conference room on the north end of Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston. Library hours for those days are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Donations of books will be accepted

at the library before and during the sale. Both hardback and paperback books will be accepted, although only paperbacks will be sold Saturday and Sunday. New items will be added daily to those displayed for sale.

Donors who cannot bring their books to the library may call Roy Morriss at 665-4866 for free pickup. Donations of paperback and hardback

books are accepted year-round.

Proceeds from the sale benefit the Friends of the Library, a non-profit organization which supports various activities, programs and improvements at the library.

Friends of the Library projects include the summer reading program for children, the Pampa Area Literacy Council, and maintenance and




improvements at the library, including landscaping, furniture, cabinets, lighting, a microfilm reader, a sprinkler system for the grounds and binding of publications.

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The seasons come and go, and I'm
weary from the change.
I keep moving on, you know it's not the same.
And when I'm walking all alone
Do you hear me call your name?
Do you hear me sing the songs we used to sing?

You filled my life with wonder,
touched me with surprise.
Always saw that something special deep within your eyes.
And through the good times and the bad,
We carried on with pride.
I hold onto the love and life we knew.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

KEMPER, Ruth Marie — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Sherman George Cowan, 72

Sherman George Cowan, 72, of Pampa, Texas, died Sept. 30, 2008, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cowan was born March 6, 1936, in Mt. Holly, N.J., to Sherman Theodore and Emma Dolly Speaker Cowan. He married Dorothy Lyles on Aug. 23, 1957, in Pampa.

He was a pipeline superintendent for Enerpipe, LTD. Sherman was the mayor

of Pampa from 1985-1987 and was a member of the Moose Lodge #1385.

He was an avid fisherman, hunter and had the voice of an angel. He was a wonderful husband, father, brother and friend, and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Cowan, of the



Cowan

home; one daughter, Mandy Cummings and husband Bob of Pampa; two sons, Tim Cowan and wife Amber of Happy, and Sherman Norvell and wife Cindy of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters, Gwenda Peets of

Midland and Vicki Kelp of White Deer; one brother, Danny Cowan of Pampa;

nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and his two, four-legged best friends and loyal companions, Charlie and Blondie.

Sherman was preceded by his parents; a brother, Bobby Cowan; a sister, Jeannie Hart; and a son, Ted Cowan.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

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

Ruth Marie Kemper, 87

Ruth Marie Kemper, 87, of Pampa, died Sept. 26, 2008, at Pampa.

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Pastor James Wart, of Seventh-day Adventist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Aug. 14, 1921, in Beca County, Colo., Miss Kemper attended schools in Kansas, Texas and Colorado before coming to Amarillo as a



Kemper

She graduated high school in Lubbock and received her bachelor's degree in Goodwell, Okla. Miss Kemper taught school in Hereford until her retirement.

She moved to Pampa more than 25 years ago and

belonged to Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include a cousin, Rex Niehof of Silver Springs, Md.

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

Tralee

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Honorable Man may write a one-page letter describing the person, how he has made a difference by his non-violent leadership and why he deserves to be recognized.

Nominations must include the nominee's name, telephone number (to contact the winner) and a photograph of the nominee, along with the name and telephone number of the person submitting the nomination.

The nominee and/or his family members should be able to attend the Honorable

Man March to march and attend the reception afterwards. The march begins at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 7 in front of City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill.

Nominations may be faxed to 669-1137, e-mailed to tralee@amaonline.com or dropped off at the crisis center offices at 310 S. Cuyler.

"Everyone who supports the concept of honorable men and ending domestic violence are encouraged to attend and participate in the Honorable Man March," Laramore said.

Last year's march began at City Hall and ended at the Knights of Columbus Hall, where a reception and recognition of Honorable Man nominees was held.

Tralee Crisis Center offers crisis intervention and 24-hour safe shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes in Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Donley,

Gray, Hemphill, Roberts and Wheeler Counties.

From July 1, 2007, to July 1, 2008, the center provided services to 18 clients from Carson County, 61 from Childress, 32 from Collingsworth, 37 from Donley, 43 from Hemphill, 65 from Wheeler, 152 from outside the Panhandle and 571 from Gray. Of these, 548 were victims of domestic violence.

Tralee's victim services also include accompaniment to hospital, shelter and court; crisis counseling; transportation for legal, medical, work and school reasons; and assistance in obtaining food, housing and clothing.

For more information, call the center at 669-1131. The hotline number, answered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, is 669-1788 or 1-800-658-2796.

Lawyer: Obese defendant's trial can't be in court

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — The trial of a nearly half-ton woman facing a murder charge in the death of her 2-year-old nephew will have to be held in a building separate from the courthouse because of the defendant's weight, her lawyer said.

The defense attorney's claim Monday is the latest challenge facing South Texas authorities in pursuing

charges against Mayra Rosales, who suffers from a thyroid disease.

Rosales, whose weight has been estimated between 800 pounds and 1,000 pounds, was arrested and charged at home because the Hidalgo County sheriff's department did not have a large enough cell or a way to transport her to jail. After she was indicted for capital murder, a state district judge allowed her to skip arraignment and another court appearance because of the difficulty of getting her to the courthouse.

Her lawyer, Sergio Valdez, said at a hearing Monday that Rosales could die before trial because the government cut off medical care, believing she's in custody instead of under house arrest.

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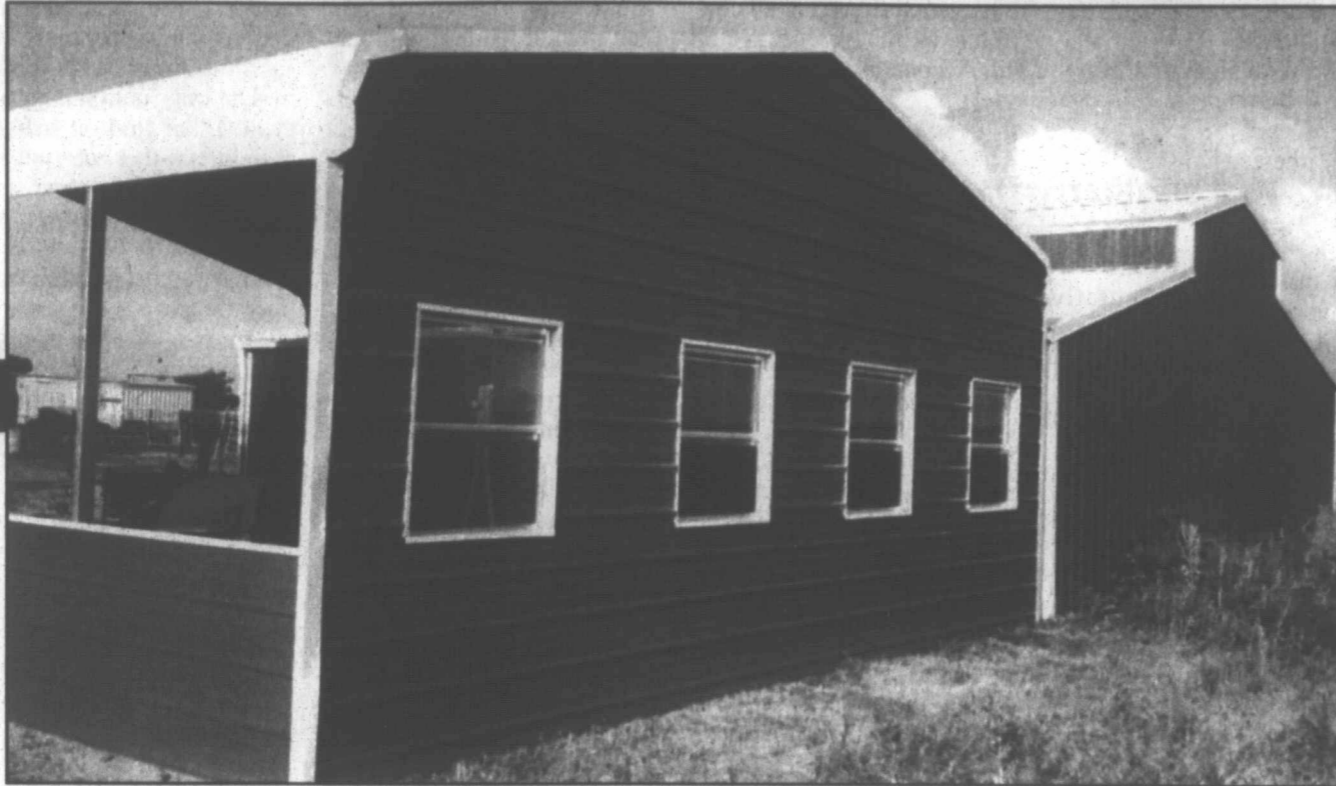
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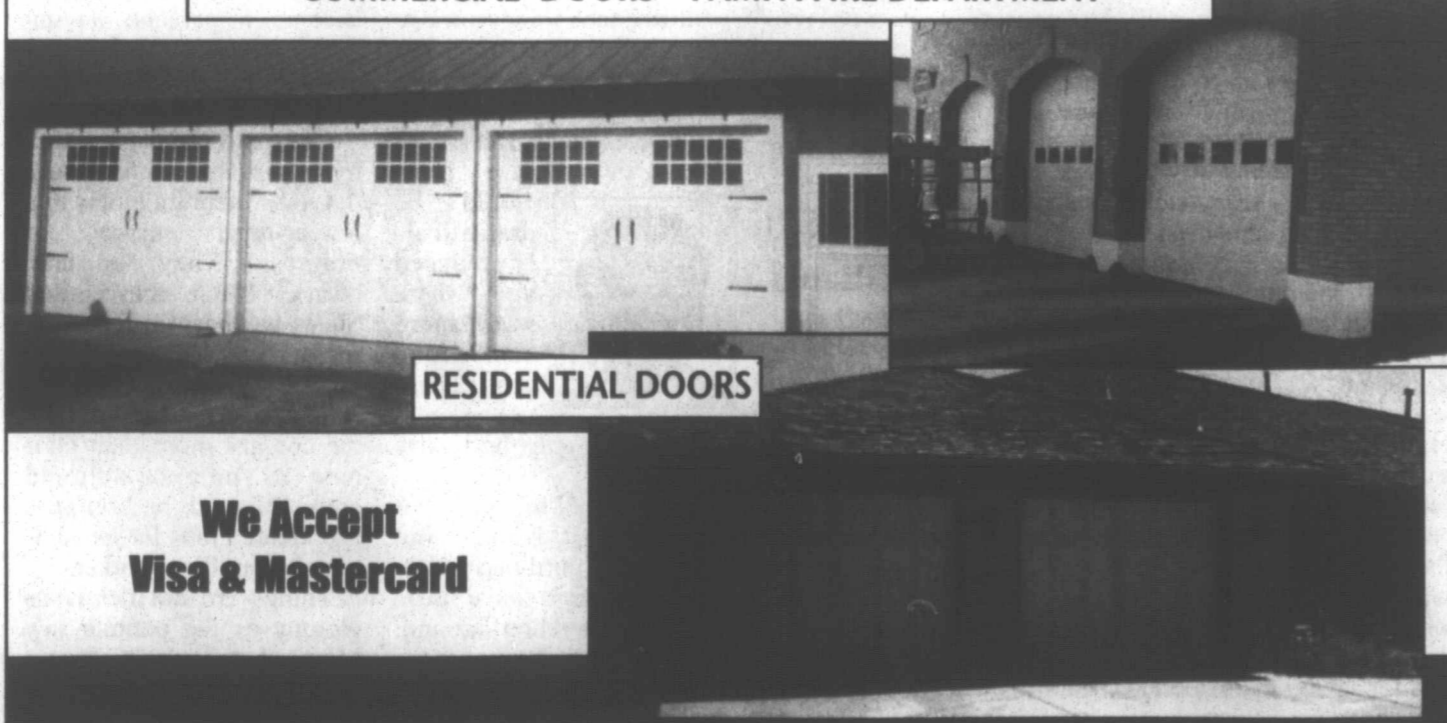
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Viewpoints

Thornberry responds to vote

(Editor's Note: Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) yesterday issued the following statement to the Speaker after H.R. 3997, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, failed to pass the House by 23 votes)

The issue before us is one of the most difficult decisions I have faced during my time in Congress. The reason it is so difficult is the concern about what will happen to our economy if this bill is not passed. But the bottom line is that this bill is an unprecedented intrusion by government into the economy of the country and is contrary to the common sense principles in which I believe. I have carefully weighed the opinion of many different sources, including those who have spent their professional lives in the financial sector and the American taxpayers I am

privileged to represent. I am convinced that the United States faces a serious economic crisis, centered on Wall Street and high risk financial institutions but with shock waves that could extend throughout the country. I am further convinced that in this situation some sort of government action is needed and appropriate.

In fact, Congress is partly responsible for this situation. Over the years, some in Congress have pushed government agencies and lenders to provide more loans than many could repay. Too many people borrowed too much money. Yet, those laws and regulations which helped to create this problem are not corrected in this legislation.

Despite the fact that action is needed, I am not convinced that the bill before us is the type of government action that is appropriate or that it

will be effective in solving our problems.

In order to support a measure of this size and scope, there should be some reasonable belief that it will work — that it will solve the underlying causes of the problem. Of course, there are no "guarantees," as we keep hearing, but \$700 billion of taxpayer money should not be used as a hopeful experiment.

Yet, many believe that this bill will not be effective in preventing an economic downturn, and, in fact, does nothing to address the underlying issues that created the problems we face. It does little to bring more private capital into the market. It has no systemic reform of the regula-

tory agencies that helped contribute to the problem. The Fair Accounting Rules, which

are widely believed to have aggravated the situation, are only studied, not changed.

The bill is far better than it was as originally offered and now has more oversight and some checks and balances. But there is still enormous discretion with the Secretary of the Treasury, more power than seems wise to give to anyone.

The core of the plan is to have the federal government buy assets which cannot be sold to anyone else. Those who have the most of these assets, often based on "zero-down loans" and "no doc/low doc" mortgage loans, will obviously benefit the most.

Those who were more prudent in their lending will benefit less.

I understand that any measure will be somewhat unfair in that some of those who took the excessive risks and made unwise decisions will be protected from the full consequences of their decisions. Some degree of unfairness is inevitable.

But it is important to keep foremost in our minds that the foundation of the American economy is not Wall Street traders or multi-national banks. The foundation of our economy is American businesses and workers who pay their bills and taxes on time, who borrow responsibly and take reasonable risks, and create economic value, jobs, and a higher standard of living. If this measure damages them, it damages our present economy and our future. I am afraid that this bill does damage

well-run companies and institutions, and it certainly damages the American taxpayer.

The only compelling argument I can find on behalf of this bill is that we will confront a credit crisis and severe recession if it does not pass. Obviously, I hope that will not happen. But failure of this specific proposal should not mean that we stop trying to find common sense answers to support our economy. Congress can return to work immediately, listening not just to the Secretary of the Treasury this time, but to commercial bankers and economists and taxpayers across the country. There are a number of good ideas which can be considered in a thorough but timely way. We should not rush into a flawed proposal that will have consequences that last for generations.

Mac Thornberry
U.S. Representative



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 30, the 274th day of 2008. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 30, 1846, Boston dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time as he extracted an ulcerated tooth from merchant Eben Frost.

On this date:

In 1777, the Continental Congress — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pa.

In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria.

In 1938, after co-signing the Munich Agreement allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain praised the accord on his return home, saying, "I believe it is peace for our time."

In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

In 1952, the motion picture "This Is Cinerama," which introduced the triple-camera, triple-projector Cinerama widescreen process, premiered at the Broadway Theatre in New York.

In 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, Calif.

In 1958, the police drama "Naked City" debuted on ABC-TV.

In 1962, black student James Meredith was escorted by federal marshals to the campus of the University of Mississippi, where he enrolled for classes the next day.



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Pols excel at scaring populace to death

There is a H.L. Mencken quotation that captures the essence of this year's politics: "The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed, and hence clamorous to be led to safety, by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary."

The media, economic "experts" and both presidential candidates are making bad-talking our economy key features of their campaign messages. For politicians and their hangers-on, keeping the populace alarmed is a strategy to seize more control over our lives. It's so important that Sen. John McCain took his economic adviser, former Sen. Phil Gramm, to the woodshed for saying that America had "become a nation of whiners" and described the current slowdown as a "mental recession." Had Sen. Gramm added that economically today's Americans are better off than at any time in our history, he might have lost his job altogether. Let's look at it.

Dr. W. Michael Cox and Richard Alm, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, in the July/August 2008 edition of *The American*, have an article titled "How Are We Doing?" (<http://www.american.com/archive/2008/july-august-magazine-contents/how-are-we-doing/>). Wages and income are frequently used to measure progress, but Cox and Alm say that a better measure is consumption.

For example, while gasoline prices have skyrocketed, the average worker has to work about two hours to earn enough to purchase 10 gallons. In 1935, it was six hours and in 1950, over two hours. A basket of groceries that took four hours of work in 1950 to purchase now takes 1.7 hours. Annual hours of work have fallen from 1,903 in 1950 to 1,531 today. Real total compensation — wages plus fringe benefits, both adjusted for inflation — have been rising steadily for several generations. Fringe benefits have become a greater share of our earnings, thus dampening statistics on wage increases.

Walter Williams
Columnist



Today's Americans are healthier than ever. In 1950, life expectancy was 67 compared with today's 78. Death rates from diseases, once considered a death sentence, are in steep decline. With advances in medicine and medical technology, we're receiving much better health care. The increase in quality explains part of the higher health care costs. But health care costs would be dramatically reduced if there were more competition and less government intervention and third-party payers.

Recall that during President Carter's last year in office in 1980 what was called the "misery index", which was defined as the sum of the inflation and unemployment rates, was about 22 percent — inflation averaged 14 percent, unem-

ployment was 7.5 percent. Today's inflation just became 5 percent, having been between 1 and 3 percent for a decade, and unemployment is 6.1.

Cox and Alm say that today's problems "will turn out to be mere footnotes in a longer-term march of progress." They add that, "Since 1982, the United States has been in recession for a mere 16 months, the present slowdown notwithstanding. Over that period, the country more than doubled its inflation-adjusted output of goods and services and created jobs for an additional 50 million workers."

Things are not nearly as gloomy as the pundits say. Most of today's economic problems, whether it's energy, health care costs, financial problems, budget deficits or national debt, are caused by policies pursued by the White House and Congress. As my colleague Dr. Thomas Sowell suggested in a recent column, we don't look to arsonists to put out fires that they've created; neither should we look to Congress to solve the problems they've created.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a nurse, writing in response to the letter from "Flabbergasted Parents in New Mexico" (July 19). I have worked in small community hospitals and in the emergency rooms of trauma centers in larger cities. Over the years, I have seen many young ladies in their early 20s come into the ER with abdominal pain. When asked if there is a "possibility" that they could be pregnant, they say no. Even after a pelvic exam, when they are being taken up to labor and delivery, they deny they are having a baby. This is like a pseudo-pregnancy, where the person thinks she is pregnant and has all the symptoms but isn't, in REVERSE. In their minds, these ladies feel that the possibility of pregnancy is not an option -- so mind-over-matter takes over. "Taryn," the girl in the letter, was probably not lying. She just could not face the truth until her baby actually came. Our bodies are amazing vehicles when you think about it. -- **TRISHA IN NORTH BALTIMORE, OHIO**

DEAR TRISHA: And so are our minds, apparently. I have a stack of mail on my desk verifying the fact that it's not unheard of for a woman to carry a baby well into pregnancy -- and even to term -- without knowing she's pregnant. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As an RN, I have seen this happen several times. Most interesting was a middle-aged mother of two teenagers. Because both had been delivered by scheduled C-section, she had never experienced labor pains. She had always been "chubby" and had been premenopausal with irregular periods for some time. She thought she had finally entered menopause and that the strange sensations she had been experiencing for the past few months were just "gas." Now she was truly scared, thinking the pain she was experiencing meant something was dreadfully wrong. She and her husband were shocked at the diagnosis -- a full-term pregnancy in active labor!

Needless to say, she was taken to surgery for another C-section. -- **RN IN TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: In late November of 1964, I went to my M.D. with a horrible backache. I'd had my periods all along and no abdominal discomfort. After examining me, he congratulated me on my near-term pregnancy! Needless to say, I was caught off guard and questioned the diagnosis. My daughter was born two months later. You could call it the shortest pregnancy ever. By the way, I'm a nurse and have seen this happen more than once. -- **SHERRY IN NEVADA**

DEAR ABBY: I had my period the whole nine months. I only learned I was pregnant at seven months because I passed out. I also know of an OB nurse who didn't know she was pregnant until she delivered. (Boy, was SHE surprised!) If the girl in that letter got pregnant because of rape or sexual abuse, she may have blocked the memory of it happening. As for not knowing what was happening during and after delivery -- if she had blocked out the traumatic event, then she may have blocked out the birth process as well. -- **FUTURE COUNSELOR IN SPRINGFIELD, OHIO**

DEAR ABBY: I worked for a school of medicine in the Southwest for seven years, and I was amazed at the number of women who had no idea they were pregnant or how it had happened. Sadly, there are still groups of people out there who don't discuss sex, and the consequences of unprotected sex, with their children. Unlikely as it seems, that poor girl may have been telling the truth when she said she "didn't know what was going on." Hopefully, she will now become better educated about such things. -- **CONNIE IN COLORADO**

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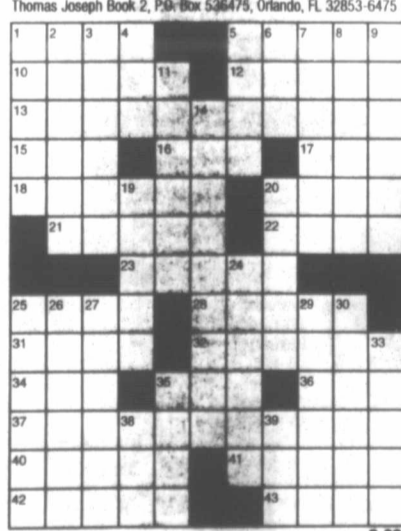
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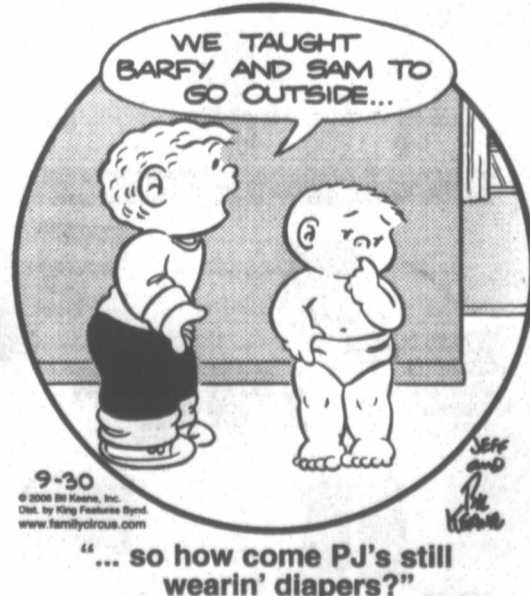


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Sports

Special Olympics Golf Tournament



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Linda Lou Pierce competes in the chipping individual skills competition while her coach, Shannon Loter observes.

Local scores a hole in one

Marci Welborn made a hole in one on Tuesday, September 23 at the Pampa Country Club. The shot was made on hole number 16. The distance for the hole totals 80 yards. Welborn used a Callaway Big Bertha eight iron.

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Ashley Abbe and partner Leslie Jones won the gold for the 18 hole alternate.

Athletes compete in Special Olympics

The Pampa Special Olympics Golf Tournament was held recently at Hidden Hills Golf Course. Teams from Amarillo and Pampa played in the tournament.

Ashley Abbe and Unified Partner Leslie Jones placed first in the 18 hole alternate. Cody Dyer and Unified Partner Marvin Allison placed first in the nine hole alternate.

Individual skills winners in first place were: Michelle Blodgette, Liberty Bloxum, Chris Bradley, Bobby Garcia, Cole B. Nall, Kevin Reece and Cordelle Schneider.

Individual skills winners in second place were: Hector Estrada, Tammy Marshall, Amy Hammer, Kasey Smith, Jamie Roberson and Kinsey Smith.

Individual skills winners in third place were: Tollie Jinks, Linda Lou Pierce and Wauneta Reece.

Individual skills are challenging. There are six areas: short putt, long putt, chip, pitch, iron and wood. The higher the score the better a player scores. Each area is marked and they are scored accordingly.

Cleburne team remembers athletic legacy

CLEBURNE, Texas (AP) — Fans far and wide saw the Cleburne Yellow Jackets play football in 1958.

So did a musical prodigy named Elvis.

Presley, an Army private stationed at Fort Hood, was on hand when Cleburne traveled to Killeen for a district showdown. He picked a good game, at least from a Cleburne perspective.

The Yellow Jackets prevailed, 6-0.

"Killeen had a very good team, and that was when only one team went to the playoffs," said Pat Culpepper, a '58 standout. "They had a great running back. Our defensive ends, Robert Parks and Lynn Morrison, wouldn't let him get outside."

"Elvis was at that game. Elvis saw the '58 Yellow Jackets play. He signed autographs for a while before he went to the press box."

Elvis wasn't on hand Friday night, but a number of gracefully aging '58 Yellow Jackets were in attendance at the homecoming game, during which they were honored.

It's been 50 years since they romped and stomped ... and they romped and stomped over most everyone. They didn't lose until the semifinals against Kingsville. They were tied twice in the regular season by Paschal and Garland.

The '58 team was special in many ways. Five players Culpepper, David McWilliams, Timmy Doerr (all Texas), Lynn Morrison (TCU) and Paul Knott (SMU) played in the Southwest Conference.

"It was a very talented team, and the players came up in a football environment," Culpepper said. "We had watched a lot of great players at Yellow Jacket Stadium. I remember watching Jerry Tubbs of Breckenridge (later Oklahoma) play center-line-

backer in 1950. Breckenridge won 6-0 on a late pass.

"I remember watching Bobby Boyd of Garland (later Baltimore Colts), Ray Masters of Brownwood (later SMU) and Larry Hickman of Kilgore (later Baylor). That was besides our Cleburne players, who were outstanding. So many good players had played at Yellow Jacket Stadium that we could see what it took to be a good player."

The '58 season ended in the 12-2 loss to Kingsville on a windy, 32-degree December afternoon. Kingsville was paced by two of the state's top backs, Doug Harvey (Rice) and the legendary Preacher Pilot (New Mexico State).

The Yellow Jackets had won two shutouts at home to start the playoffs. Head coach Brooks Conover won both home-and-home coin flips. He lost the third flip, a bad omen.

"It was cold, and they ran the single wing, which we had never really seen," Culpepper said. "It kept us off-balance. Harvey and Pilot were good, and they had some good linemen. We had opportunities to win the game. We were down on the goal line and didn't score, and we had a punt block but somebody lined up offside."

The springboard to '58 was a win over Palestine and scab-back Jimmy Saxton in '57, Culpepper said.

"They were 8-0, and we had lost to Temple. Morrison hit Saxton right in front of our bench on a bootleg. Saxton was woozy the rest of the game. We took a punt back and won the game."

"Coach (Conover) did a great job rallying the team at halftime. He kept saying, 'You can do it. What are you going to do about it?' Bobby Manasco, blood on his arm, said, 'I'm gonna play hard-er.'"

The '57 and '58 Yellow

Jackets were a step away from the championship game. The '59 Yellow Jackets shared the state title with Breckenridge. It was an era in which Cleburne expected to be successful.

"We were (sophomores) when the '56 team won district," Culpepper said. "Some of us got to play in '57. By '58, most of us had been on a playoff team and gone to the semifinals. The pattern had been set."

The pattern included Conover, a fiercely competitive taskmaster.

"Coach had a firm hand on us," Culpepper said. "There weren't going to be any problems. If you wanted to play football, you were going to do

it his way."

That included a game in '58 against Stephenville at Yellow Jacket Stadium. Cleburne was heavily favored and trailed 6-0 at the half.

"Their players went in the dressing room yelling," Culpepper said. "The Stephenville fans were going crazy. We went in the dressing room. We would always put our helmets in front of us. Coach (Conover) started kicking helmets."

"By the time we got out of there, I don't think Vince Lombardi's Packers could have stood up to us. In the second half, we scored every time we had the ball and several times when they had it. We won, 79-6."

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