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Woody's celebration this weekend

Folk music center dedication
Saturday, family members
expected to attend

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Forty-two years ago next Saturday, folk music legend and former Pampa resident Woody Guthrie died in New York.

As it does every year, the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center on South Cuyler will mark his passing with their annual celebration of his life and his connection to Pampa with a three-day celebration.

This year, Thelma Bray, the driving force behind the folk music center, said that several members of the Guthrie family will be in Pampa for the celebration that begins Friday.

Saturday afternoon, Charles Henry with the folk music center will introduce Sam Doores, who is carrying Guthrie's tradition of a traveling troubadour. Bray said she is proud of the renovations to the old Harris Drug Store on Cuyler where Guthrie once worked as a soda jerk.

The building is now the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center and will be officially dedicated at 3

p.m., Saturday. The north half of the building was partitioned off when Guthrie lived in Pampa and was a barber-shop that was once owned by Don Russell's father. Today, a partial partition marks the old wall with separate front doors.

Bray said the original door has been re-installed in the Cuyler Street entrance where the barber-shop stood. A short barrier extends beyond the wall.

June Thomas, a board member of the center, donated the railing. It had been in the old McLean Hotel in McLean. The hotel had also been used as an early courthouse.

"It was the McLean Hotel," Thomas said, "but they used it as a district courthouse." Legend has it, Thomas said, that Sam Houston used to come there to watch his youngest son, Temple, argue cases in court there.

Bray has a photo of the original door at the barber-shop. "This door has been



staff photo by David Bowser
June Thomas was busy last week preparing for next weekend's Woody Guthrie Celebration. She was at the Woody Guthrie Center much of the time, doing such things as putting Sam Doores' pictures on posters.

in storage back here for many, many, many years," Bray said. "It was taken out. It was painted red."

It was restored earlier this year. A new tee shirt will go on sale during this

year's celebration features an old photo of the front of the building showing the door.

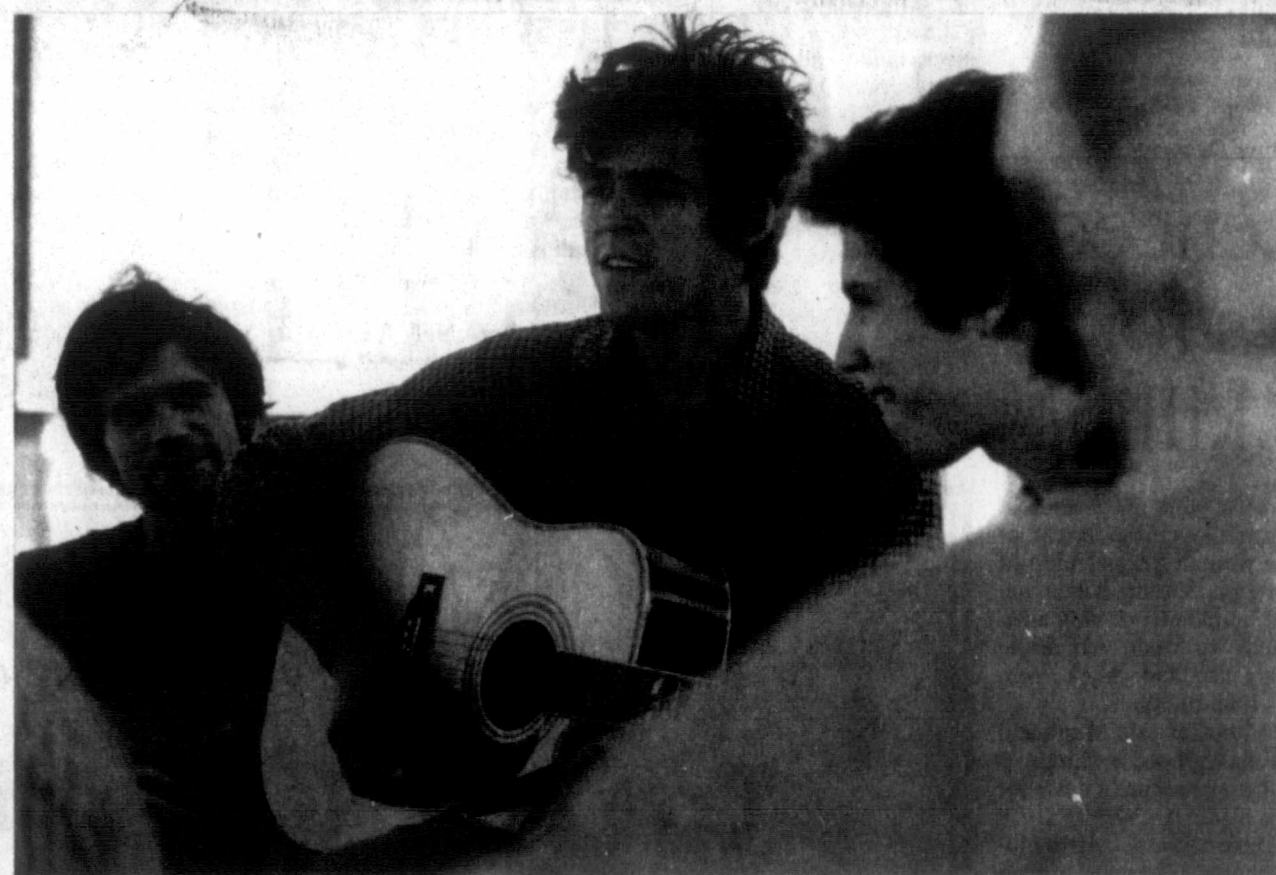
Below the picture of the front of the building with the multi-paned door will be "Woody Guthrie walked through this door and changed the world."

Thomas and Reed Echols came up with the wording, Bray said.

Doores will be the featured entertainer next weekend, Bray said.

Doores met Annie Guthrie, Woody Guthrie's

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staff photo by David Bowser

Sam Doores seen here with his guitar at a celebration last year in Pampa will be one of the guests during this year's Woody Guthrie Celebration this weekend.

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Income gap widens as poor take hit in recession

WASHINGTON (AP) — The recession has hit middle-income and poor families hardest, widening the economic gap between the richest and poorest Americans as rippling job layoffs ravaged household budgets.

The wealthiest 10 percent of Americans — those making more than \$138,000 each year — earned 11.4 times the roughly \$12,000 made by those living near or below the poverty line in 2008, according to newly released census figures.

That ratio was an increase from 11.2 in 2007 and the previous high of 11.22 in 2003.

Household income declined across all groups, but at sharper percentage levels for middle-income and poor Americans. Median income fell last year from \$52,163 to \$50,303, wiping out a decade's worth of gains to hit the lowest level since 1997.

Poverty jumped sharply to 13.2 percent, an 11-year high.

"No one should be surprised at the increased disparity," said Richard Freeman, an economist at Harvard University. "Unemployment hurts normal workers who do not have the golden parachutes the folks at the top have."

Analysts attributed the widening gap to the wave of layoffs in the economic downturn that have devastated household budgets. They said while the richest Americans may be see-

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Six jailed on drug charges

Six Pampans were in jail this morning after being arrested by Gray County deputies on drug charges.

A Gray County deputy saw a man for whom a

warrant had been issued jump from a truck and run into a house east of downtown about dusk yesterday.

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All Huntsville ISD schools closed due to flu

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — All schools in the Huntsville Independent School District are closed until Thursday due to stu-

dents and staff being sick.

A statement on the school's Web site says classes and extracurricular

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 88 Low 57	High 73 Low 48	High 71 Low 44
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.		
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. Windy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.		
Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.		
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 73. Windy, with a west wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.		
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.		
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.		
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.		

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Man sentenced to 99 years for diabetic's killing

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Texas man was sentenced Monday to 99 years in prison for the murder of a diabetic who witnesses testified was beaten, deprived of insulin and dismembered.

Kelly Munn, 34, of Arlington, received the sentence from the same Tarrant County jury that convicted him last week of murder and engaging in organized criminal activity in the September 2007 slaying of Scott Sartain, 40. Jurors gave Munn two 99-year prison terms that will be served concurrently.

Orona and Munn beat Sartain over the arrest of the woman on suspicion of forgery. Sartain had given the unidentified woman a check to cash, which he allegedly had taken from his grandmother.

Witnesses said Munn and Orona chopped up Sartain's body. His remains have not been found.

Defense attorney Kathryn Haywood argued that there was evidence that Sartain is dead. She also disputed the witnesses' credibility.

Munn's co-defendant, Alejandro Orona, was sentenced to life in prison after being convicted of Sartain's murder in an earlier trial.

Witnesses testified that a woman, her husband,

Stanford being moved from site of jail fight

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas financier R. Allen Stanford, awaiting trial on charges he ran a \$7 billion Ponzi scheme, will be moved from the lockup where he got into a jail fight that resulted in him being hospitalized for a concussion.

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Obituaries

Jon Devon Bender, 54

Wiggins, Miss. — Jon Devon Bender, 54, died Friday, August 14, 2009, Hattiesburg, Miss. He was cremated and services will be held at Emanuel Baptist Church in Wiggins, Miss. on August 15.

Jon was born November 2, 1954 in Plymouth, Indiana, to Raymond and Dona Bender. Raymond preceded Jon in death in 2004.

John married Wilda

Joyce Minyard May 2, 1975 at Central Baptist in Pampa.

He worked in the oil field and lived in Pampa until 1990, when he moved to Colorado where he started a roofing. In 2005 he and his wife moved to Wiggins, Miss. where he was a handyman for Roger and Tamar White, who he loved dearly.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Bender, now

of Pampa; his mother, Dona Bellamy; a sister, April Tavender of North Liberty, Indiana; son Deon Bender and his wife Cristie Bristow of Aurora, Colo.; his daughter, Jessica and husband Ben Kohl of Denver, Colo.; and Zoe Addisyn Kohl, due October 17, 2009, who would have been his pride and joy.

Memorial are suggested to a favorite charity.



Bender

Becky Suzanne Helton, 49

Allison — Becky Suzanne Helton, 49, died Saturday, September 26, 2009 in Allison, Texas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at Reydon Community Church in Reydon, Okla., with Rev. Dr. Albert Helton, pastor officiating.

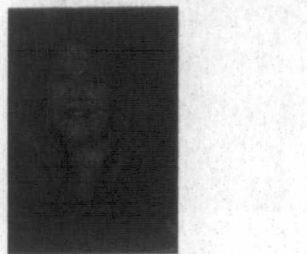
Burial will be in the Zybach Cemetery, Zybach,

Texas under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler.

Becky was born July 24, 1960 in Carson City, Nevada to Danny Daniels and Beverly Jo Hopkins. Becky lived in Allison for five years moving from Frederick, Okla. Becky was a high school graduate and a housewife. She was a member of Reydon

Community Church.

Survived by her husband Justin Helton of Allison; two children, Dusty and Chad Corgill of Midland; two grandchildren Casion and Raelynne Corgill; her mother, Jo Hamman of Sulphur, Okla. and two sisters, Kathleen Miller of Arkansas City, Kansas, and Bettye Hamman of Sulphur, Okla.



Helton

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Mable (Morgan) Pearston, 86

Mable (Morgan) Pearston, 86, passed away Saturday, September 26, 2009, in Weatherford.

Memorial Services will be held 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at White's Chapel of Memories in Weatherford.

Mable Pearston was born

Feb. 9, 1923, in Forsyth, Montana, the daughter of Theo and Minnie Morgan. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Mrs. Pearston was a longtime resident of Skellytown, Texas.

She was preceded

in death by her parents, husband, Miles; great-granddaughter, Alyssah Freeman; four sisters; and three brothers.

Survivors include, son, David Pearston of Weatherford; granddaughter, Dawn Freeman and husband Mitch of Baton

Rouge, Louisiana; grandson, Donald Pearston and wife, Gyoung of Lincoln, Nebraska; great-granddaughter, Hannah Morgan Freeman; and great-grandson, Kai Leon Pearston.

Services are in care of White's Funeral Home Weatherford, Texas.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa police department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

There were 11 traffic stops made and two accidents reported.

Officers responded to 10 animal-related calls.

Monday, Sept. 28.
 A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Authorities launched a fire investigation in the 200 block of West Craven.

Officers had escort duty in the 100 block of West 30th.

Identity theft involving

\$3,000 on a debit card was reported.

Officers are investigating a theft at the Dollar General Store.

A man was arrested on drug possession charges after a reported assault call in the 600 block of East Frederic.

Credit card fraud was reported in the 1800 block of North Faulkner.

A dumpster fire was reported in the 100 block of South Russell.

A man was arrested for public intoxication.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight.

A welfare check was performed in the 1000 block

of Crane.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 100 block of West 28th.

Pampa police officers assisted Gray County deputies in the 1000 block of East Foster.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of North Rider.

An assault was reported in the 500 block of North Lowry.

A burglary was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

An assault was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at Wheeler and Miami.

Disorderly conduct was reported at 20th and Williston.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of South Hobart.

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FDIC expected to ask banks to prepay \$36B in fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Looking to shore up the diminishing fund that insures bank deposits, the FDIC may take the unprecedented step of requiring banks to prepay three years' worth of premiums: about \$36 billion.

The insurance fund has been sapped by billions from a rash of bank failures that began in mid-2008. The board of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. likely will call for "prepaid" bank insurance premiums at its public meeting Tuesday to discuss the issue, three industry executives and a gov-

ernment official said. The banking industry prefers that option over a special emergency fee — which would be the second this year.

The executives and the official spoke on condition of anonymity Monday because the decision had yet to be made public.

It would be the first time the FDIC has required prepaid insurance fees. Under the plan, banks would have to pay in advance their insurance premiums for 2010-2012, bringing in about \$12 billion for each of the three years, two of the executives said.

That is the normal amount of insurance fees, though it could vary somewhat according to growth in total insured deposits — the basis for determining the fees.

Off the table, at least for now, are the options of tapping the agency's \$500 billion credit line with the Treasury Department and the agency borrowing billions of dollars from healthy banks by issuing its own debt, the industry executives and the government official said.

FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair said earlier this month that she was "considering

all options, including borrowing from Treasury," to replenish the insurance fund. Yet she is generally perceived as considering that the most unpalatable approach.

Ninety-five banks have failed so far this year as losses have mounted on commercial real estate and other soured loans amid the most severe financial climate in decades.

Some analysts expect hundreds more banks to fail in the coming years and the FDIC forecasts the fund will need \$70 billion through 2013 to deal with those losses.

Drugs

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After calling in other deputies and Pampa police officers, authorities were allowed into the home where they found what appeared to be methamphetamines.

Authorities said today that Gray County Deputy Rhett Rollins saw Matthew Gilbert Maul, 38, jump from a rental moving truck and run into the house at 1005 East Foster about 8 p.m. Monday.

Knowing that there were traffic warrants out for Maul, Rollins called Deputy Brady Christian and Pampa police officers to the house.

They were granted entrance to the home, arrested Maul on warrants charging him with failure to appear and driving without a valid driver's license.

But they also found evidence of drug activity.

The occupants of the house were arrested and taken Gray County jail.

Matthew Gilbert Maul, 38, was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$25,000 bond on charges of possession of more than four grams but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance. Maul was also sentenced to eight days on the

traffic warrants.

Matthew Wade Hopkins, 40, was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$25,000 bond on charges of possession of more than four grams but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance.

Brooke Nicole Pyle, 27, was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$25,000 bond on charges of possession of more than four grams but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance.

Eryca Sovanah Annette Zeek, 19, was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$25,000 bond on charges of possession of more than four grams but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance.

Patrick Lee Herr, 45, was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$30,000 bond on charges of possession of more than four grams but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance.

Angela Diann Brown, 38, was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$20,000 bond on charges of possession of more than four grams but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance.

Gap

ing reductions in executive pay, those at the bottom of the income ladder are often unemployed and struggling to get by.

Large cities such as Atlanta, Washington, New York, San Francisco, Miami and Chicago had the most inequality, due largely to years of middle-class flight to the suburbs. Declining industrial cities with pockets of well-off neighborhoods, such as Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Buffalo, N.Y., also had sharp disparities.

Up-and-coming cities with growing middle-class populations, such as Mesa, Ariz., Riverside, Calif., Arlington, Texas, and Henderson, Nev., were among the areas showing the least income differences between rich and poor.

It's unclear whether income inequality will continue to worsen in major cities, said William H. Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution. Many Americans are stay-

ing put for now in traditional cities to look for jobs and because of frozen lines of credit.

"During the years of the housing bubble, there was middle-class movement from unaffordable metros with high-income inequality," Frey said. "Now that the bubble burst, more of the population may be headed back to the high-inequality areas, stemming their middle-class losses."

Among other findings: —Income at the top 5 percent of households — those making \$180,000 or more — was 3.58 times the median income, the highest since 2006.

—Twenty-one states and the District of Columbia had higher poverty rates than the national average, many of them in the South, such as Mississippi (21.2 percent), Kentucky, Arkansas and Louisiana (each with 17.3 percent). That's compared with 19 states and the District of Columbia that ranked

above U.S. poverty in 2007.

—Use of food stamps jumped 13 percent last year to nearly 9.8 million U.S. households, led by Louisiana, Maine and Kentucky. The increase was most evident in households with two or more workers, highlighting the impact of the recession on both working families and unemployed single people.

—Pharr, Texas, and Flint, Mich., each had more than a third of its residents on food stamps, at 38.5 percent and 35.4 percent, respectively.

—Between 2007 and

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2008, income at the 50th percentile (median) and the 10th percentile fell by 3.6 percent and 3.7 percent, respectively, compared with a 2.1 percent decline at the 90th percentile. Between 1999 and 2008, income at the 50th and 10th percentiles decreased 4.3 percent and 9 percent, respectively, while income at the 90th percentile was statistically unchanged.

—Plano, Texas, a Dallas suburb, had the highest median income among larger cities, earning \$85,003. Cleveland ranked at the bottom, at \$26,731.

Flu

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lar activities Tuesday and Wednesday at the eight campuses, with about 6,300 students, are canceled "due to a high rate of absences."

Concerns about swine flu and other illnesses have led

to numerous absences at schools statewide.

Huntsville, with a population of about 37,000, is 60 miles north of Houston.

Woody

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great-niece, at the center last year during the annual celebration, Thomas said.

Thomas said that when Doores first showed up in Pampa two years ago, he stopped by the folk music center and introduced himself.

"He said, 'Hi, I sing,'" Thomas laughed.

So many young men come through the front door and say that, Thomas asked to hear something, not expecting much.

"He sat over there and sang, and I about fell over off the chair," Thomas said.

Tim Justice, another board member had heard Doores at the Woody Guthrie celebration earlier that summer at Okemah,

Okla.

"Tim told us about him," Thomas said, "but I didn't realize it was the same person."

Thomas said Echols heard him and Bray heard him and within a week they had him in a recording studio.

"He was so good," Thomas said.

Annie Guthrie took Doores to her father, Arlo Guthrie, where Doores spent Thanksgiving.

"He spent Thanksgiving at Alice's Restaurant and spent the night at Arlo Guthrie's home up there," Thomas said.

"Doors are opening for him," Bray said of Doores, "because he has the talent."



Mrs. Silhan's Class, Lamar Elementary

Back row- Matthew Stover, Dabria Smith, Kysia JaJa, Julian Ruiz, Montan Villareal; middle row- Mallory Loner, Christian James, Memorie Session-Davis, Gisell Mendoza-Morales, Drake Reed, Lillian Soliz; front row- Bryson Solis, Kaiden Perez, Ebony Jernigan, Macey Hatfield, Carlee Swift. Not pictured Avery Boling.

When I grow up I want to be...

Macey Hatfield— Cheerleader, because I love cheerleading and I think I can shake and when I get bigger I can wear a suit.
Memorie Davis — a teacher because I want to teach the kids.
Lillian Soliz— Ice skater teacher, to teach everyone to ice skate, because ice skating make people happy.
Gisell Mendoza-Morales— Cheerleader, because I have a cheerleader skirt.
Avery Boling— A cheerleader because they do flips and they are awesome.
Julian Perez— Want to work with cows because I like

cows.
Ebony Jernigan— Cheerleader, I like to cheer for people.
Kysia JaJa— Brain doctor, to make sure people are thinking right.
Matthew Stover— Mechanic, race car drive. I love cars.
Christian Eubanks— Hip hop dancer, I like to do neat dance trick moves because I love being a hip hop dancer.
Drake Reed— Football guy, because I love football.
Bryson Solis— A painter because I want to paint. I never paint.
Carlee Swift— A ballerina, because I like to dance. I also love the outfits and dance shows. I like the music and have lots of fun.
Dabria Smith— Super model, because they are pretty and wear pretty clothes.
Montana Villareal— Teacher, because I will let people learn and it's awesome.
Mallory Loner— Firefighter, because they rescue people and they have a hose and put out fire and they get to drive those big trucks.
Kaiden Perez— Walmart man, because they get a lot of money, they give you a hundred of money and I'm gonna buy a house and get my license and car keys and a computer.

Editor's note: One of the pictures for yesterday's special section, "When I grow up," was inadvertently switched. We want to correct that for the students and parents of Mrs. Silhan's class at Lamar Elementary, so at left is a full reprint of the information.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, September 29, the 272nd day of 2009. There are 93 days left in the year.

- Highlights in history on this date:
- 1567 - Second War of Religion begins in France between Huguenots and King Charles IX.
 - 1650 - France's Parliament imposes peace on Bordeaux, which virtually ends second Fronde revolt.
 - 1789 - The U.S. War Department establishes a regular army with a strength of several hundred men.
 - 1829 - London's reorganized police force, which becomes known as Scotland Yard, goes on duty.
 - 1875 - Rebellion in Cuba leads to deterioration of U.S.-Spanish relations.
 - 1911 - Italy declares war on Turkey, eventually conquering Libya.
 - 1918 - Allied forces score decisive breakthrough of German Hindenburg line in France.

'Most of the shadows of this life are caused by standing in our won sunshine.'

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, American essayist and poet

- 1923 - Britain begins ruling Palestine under a League of Nations mandate.
 - 1967 - International Monetary Fund's 106 members, meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, approve major reform of world monetary system.
 - 1972 - China and Japan normalize relations.
 - 1976 - Syrian troops in Lebanon drive out Palestinian guerrillas from most of their key mountain positions east of Beirut.
 - 1978 - Pope John Paul I is found dead in his Vatican apartment just over a month after becoming head of the Roman Catholic Church.
 - 1988 - The space shuttle Discovery blasts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, marking America's return to manned space flight following the Challenger disaster.
 - 1990 - The United States meets with Vietnam in the first high-level meeting between the two nations since the Vietnam War. It is a sign of the improved relationship between the countries, which had not maintained diplomatic relations since the war.
 - 1991 - Explosion rocks Georgia's broadcasting center that is held by opponents of the republic's President Zviad Gamsakhurdia.
 - 2002 - The United Nations World Food Program says it is cutting off grain rations to 3 million North Koreans because of a shortfall in food aid from donor nations.
 - 2006 - A Brazilian jetliner clips a smaller jet in midair and crashes into the Amazon jungle, killing all 155 on board in the nation's worst air disaster.
 - 2008 - Egyptian and Sudanese troops, backed by European commandos, rescue a tour group that had been kidnapped in Egypt and taken on a 10-day dash across the Sahara to the frontier of Chad.
- Today's Birthdays:
- Jacopo Tintoretto, Italian artist (1518-1594);
 - Robert Clive, English soldier-statesman (1725-1774);
 - Horatio Nelson, British admiral (1758-1805);
 - Enrico Fermi, Italian physicist (1901-1954);
 - Enver Pasa, Turkish soldier (1881-1922);
 - Anita Ekberg, Swedish actress (1931--);
 - Lech Walesa, Polish president and Nobel Peace Prize winner (1943--).



First Lady Anita Perry urges support for veterans, the military and their families

AUSTIN — Several months ago — just 10 days after the birth of his daughter — Staff Sgt. Jonathan Wayne Taylor, left his posting with the Governor's Emerging Technology Fund to serve as a medic in the U.S. Army. After Jonathan's deployment, friends and colleagues around the office sent a care package.

The parcel was loaded with pretzels; candy to hand out to the local children; Gatorade packets; socks; books and magazines; batteries and headlamps; as well as beef jerky. A few of us also wrote letters.

While writing my letter to Jonathan, I was reminded how every single one of us is touched by the wars and conflicts around the globe. Co-workers, neighbors, friends, cousins, aunts, spouses, sons and daughters; it seems we all know someone in the military.

Less than two months from now, Texas and the nation will celebrate Veterans Day. On Nov. 11, we will honor and thank all who served our country. We'll attend parades and celebrations and will volunteer time, money or items for care packages as a way to say thank you, knowing that these things are but a drop in the bucket towards repaying these brave men and women for their service.

Whether fighting in Iraq or Afghanistan, mobilized in the U.S. or back in the swing of civilian life, our soldiers and veterans and their families need our support — on Veterans Day and every day — and as many resources as possible to get through good and bad times.

Try as I might, like most people, it's hard for me to imagine being away from Rick, our children and other loved ones for months at a time or living in a war zone with the pop of gunfire and the threat of attack around every corner, every second of every day and night. But, our men and women on active duty, reservists and veterans and their loved ones deal with or have dealt with this and so much more. Thankfully, when it comes to resources there are scores of organizations dedicated to the needs of the military and their families.

That said, with so many options,

it can be mighty hard to know where to even begin, especially if you already are overwhelmed with the stressors of military life.

A great place to start (day or night) is the Partners Across Texas TexVet Web site (visit www.texvet.com or call 2-1-1). A collaborative effort of federal, state and local organizations — including the U.S. Department of Defense, the Veterans Health Administration, Texas Military Forces and state programs and agencies, including the Health and Human Services Commission's 2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network and the Texas A&M Health Science Center — TexVet brings a wealth of resources and information to our military members and their loved ones.

TexVet is for anyone who is serving or has served in any branch of the military, as well as others who care about a service member. The site offers resources in every area of life, including deployment, education, employment, family support, healthcare, medical care and mental health services.

Mental health services in particular are a sensitive proposition for members of the military and their families. Naturally, soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan are sometimes struggling to deal with cognitive and emotional traumatic brain injuries, often caused by blasts from improvised explosive devices, as well as combat stress, including post-traumatic stress disorder.

The numbers of service members needing help is expected to grow as deployments continue and more service members experience multiple deployments. In fact, according to 2007 Post-Deployment Health Re-Assessment (administered to service members 90 to 120 days after returning from a deployment) data,

38 percent of soldiers and 31 percent of Marines reported psychological symptoms. This is why it is vital that these men and women have a confidential, easy to use resource, such as the TexVet Web site and 2-1-1. It's free and available around the clock, so they can get the help they need, even in the darkest hours.

As patriotic Texans, we need to reach out to our servicemen and their families. It can be as simple as writing a letter to a soldier or to the family of a soldier; calling or visiting a vet; volunteering at your local USO or some other support group; donating money or care package items to an organization; or just stopping a soldier in the airport or on the street and thanking them in person.

The point is, on Veterans Day and on the other 364 days out of the year, we have to do whatever we can for our troops, our veterans and their families, because every single day, they are doing so much for us.



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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,
 Congress and the House of Representatives voted to give themselves a raise. President Obama said that all federal employees were going to get a 2.5 percent pay raise and then changed his mind and they are going to get a 2 percent pay raise. Social Security ain't gonna get nothin' for cola. What's up with that? My wife and I are on disability. She is getting Medicare and has her insurance. Myself, I have to wait two years before I get any insurance. We make less than \$2,000 per month and are broke in three days. My house needs windows, doors and a roof. I cannot afford to

have any of this done. I would love to see (members of) congress live on less than \$2,000 a month. No more than that. They also do not need to stay in office for a lifetime. Eight years is enough. I might not be able to work anymore, but I look at it

this way, I can still vote. I have that privilege to use it and vote them out! They can do what they do and keep having new faces to do it with. They work for us, not the other way around. so you guys keep doing your stupid stuff while you can, because you

won't be there for long. It doesn't hurt to read a bill and listen to the people who put you there. Thank you for letting me blow off some steam, Charlie Watson Pampa

We welcome your letters

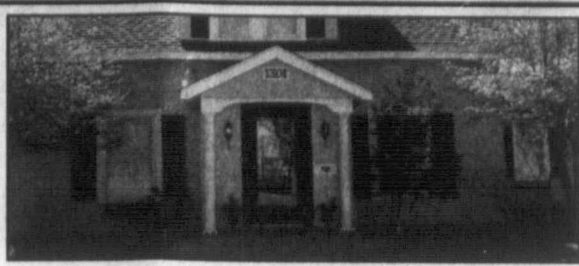
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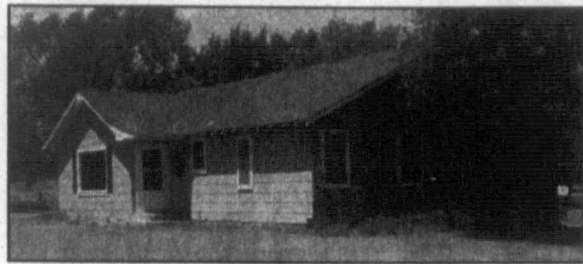
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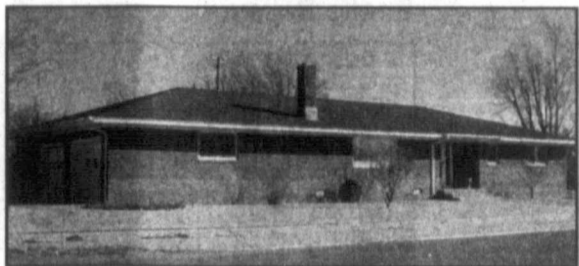
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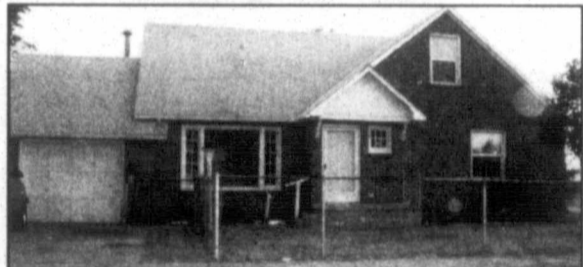
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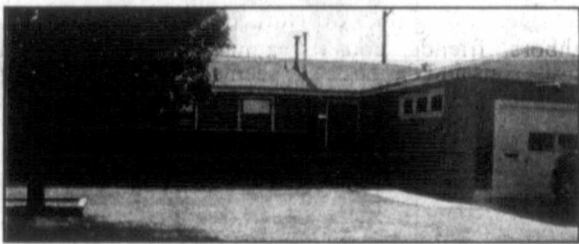
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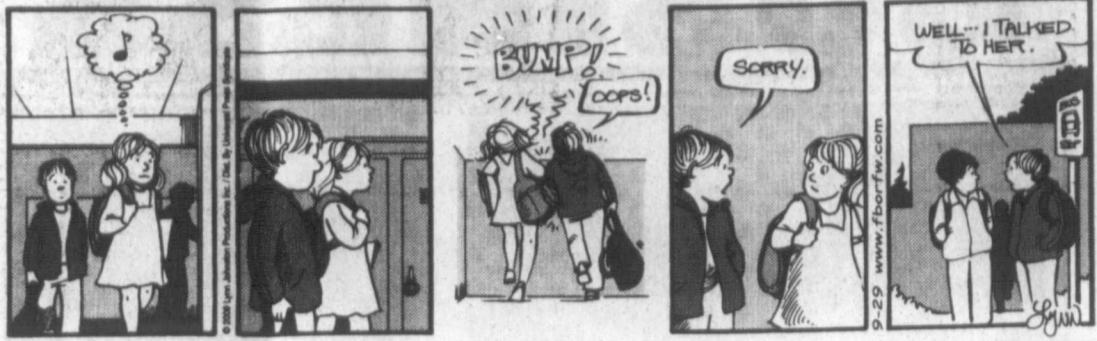
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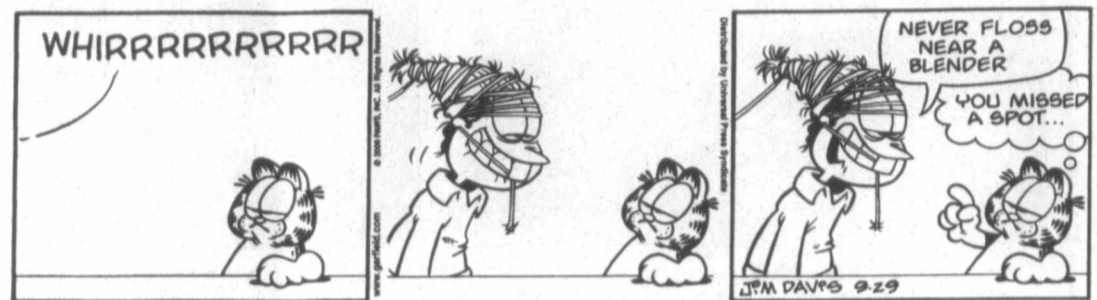
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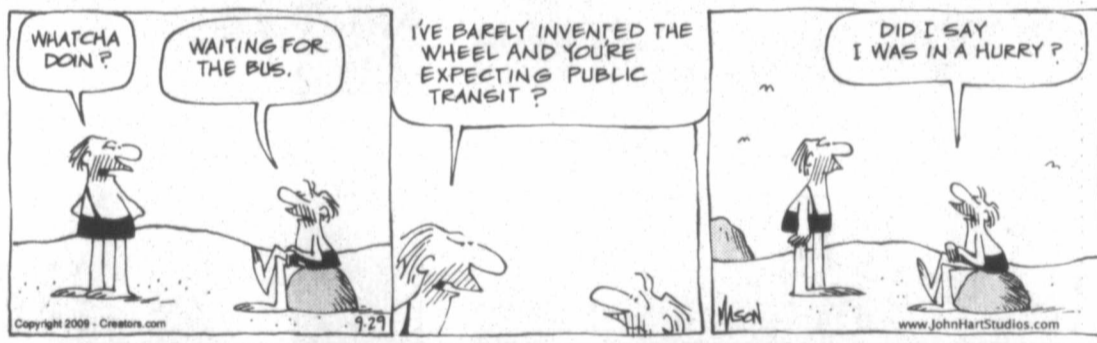
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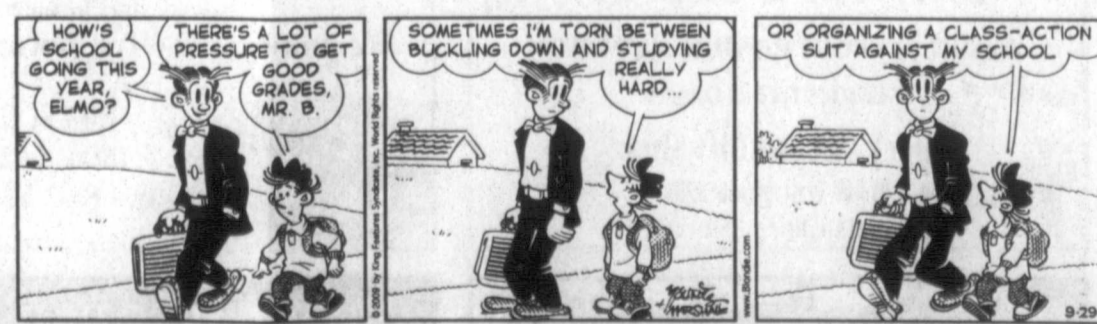
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By Bil Keane



"Mommy's new blouse was made by two ladies — Polly and Esther."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
42 Ship poles
43 Sow's mate

DOWN
1 Maze choices
2 Writer Susan
3 Short sock

11 Salad bar item
14 Cheesy snack
19 Foul tree
20 Gloss
24 One-horned beasts
25 Diminutive
26 Book parts
27 Betting amounts
29 Painter's place
30 Venus' sister
33 More dreadful
35 River stoppers
38 Have a bite
39 Fly catcher

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I need your help badly. I am 39 years old and live with my mother due to a physical disability. Mom becomes violent when she gets mad or upset. If she's having a bad day, I can expect her to be in my face (literally). She yells and screams, and if I refuse to yell back at her or try to ignore her -- the only way I know how to deal with the situation -- she gets even madder.

I have suggested counseling, but she insists that she is fine and that I'm the one who needs the help. What do I do? I can't keep on this way, and I am unable to go anywhere. -- CAN'T STAND THE VIOLENCE

DEAR CAN'T: Your mother is an emotional mess, but she is half-right. You DO need help. And the place you can get it is the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA). It's an organization that has been around for 20 years -- and has members in all 50 states as well as Canada. Here's how to find them: Go to www.apsnetwork.org. Next, click on "Report Abuse," then click on your state.

Your mother needs help, too, and the people at Adult Protective Services can help her face that reality. Please write again and let me know how you're doing. I care.

DEAR ABBY: The day before my wedding, my fiance's aunt left me a gift. After the wedding I opened it and read the card that was enclosed. It was lingerie, which seemed like a well-intentioned gift.

The card, however, was a bit puzzling. Turns out the lingerie was her own, and slightly used. On the card she said it had been "only used a few times." It struck me as inappropriate to receive "used" (and wrong-sized) lingerie from a new aunt-in-law. However, I do believe she was well-intentioned.

Abby, her gift made me uncomfort-

able. Am I wrong in thinking it was inappropriate? Any thoughts on how to write a thank-you card for such a gift? -- FLUMMOXED IN THE USA

DEAR FLUMMOXED: This new relative may be a "character," or she may not have had the means to buy you a wedding gift and gave you the nicest thing she could come up with.

My advice is to be gracious. Do not tell her the lingerie is the wrong size or criticize it in any way. Simply say: "Thank you for welcoming me into the family. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are appreciated, and I look forward to getting to know you in the years to come."

DEAR ABBY: With the support of my friend "Lynn," I left "Stephanie," my wife of 17 years -- after she admitted to more than two dozen affairs over the course of our marriage. I am now in a relationship with Lynn and very happy.

My problem is my kids think I left Stephanie for Lynn because that is what their mother has told them. As much as I despise what my wife has done, I would never tell them the truth. I tell them Mommy and Daddy had their "differences," but they know there is more to the story. Please advise. -- ALMOST HAPPILY EVER AFTER IN UTAH

DEAR ALMOST: Mommy and Daddy did, indeed, have their differences. And there is also more to the story. If Lynn hadn't been there supporting you, would you still be tolerating Stephanie's serial infidelity? If the answer is yes, then in a sense, you did leave Stephanie for Lynn, which may have been healthier for all concerned. But since your children already know there is more to the story, tell them you'll tell them the rest of it when they are older if they still want to know. And when they're adults, if they do, follow through.

Thompson takes scramble



Jennie Thompson won the Lady Scramble Sept. 19-20. (submitted photo)

Hidden Hills Lady Scramble Sept. 19-20
 First gross Jennie Thompson
 Second gross Betty Scarbough
 First net Joyce Epperson
 Second net Debbie Stroud

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

Sports

Pampa boys golf takes sixth

BY ANDREW GLOVER
aglover@thepampanews.com

The Pampa boys golf team finished sixth in the Plainview triangular on Saturday.

Pampa scored a 351 in 18 holes of golf. The

Harvesters were 13 strokes behind Plainview who finished fifth. Randall won the tournament with a 298.

Cole Buck had the best score from Pampa with an 88. Joseph Mechelay shot an 88, Logan Reagan shot

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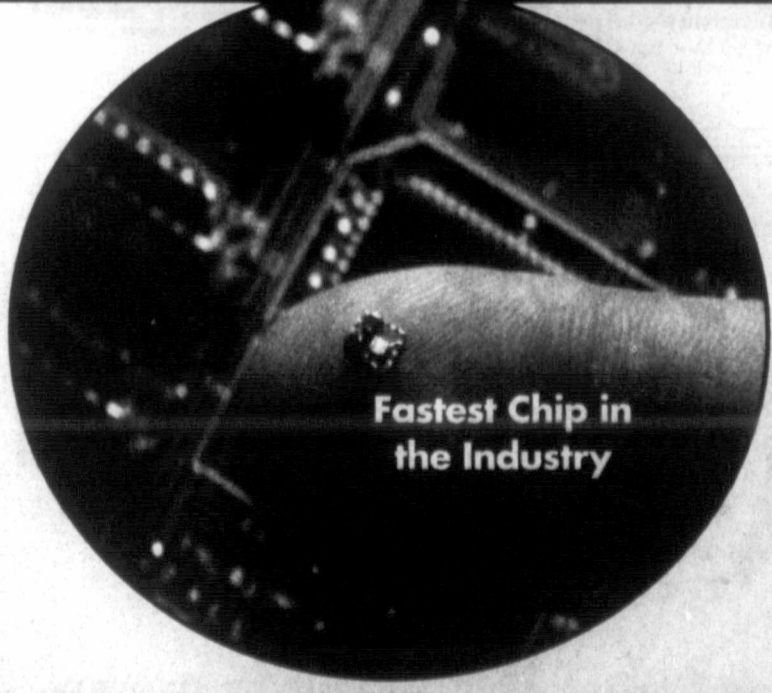
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