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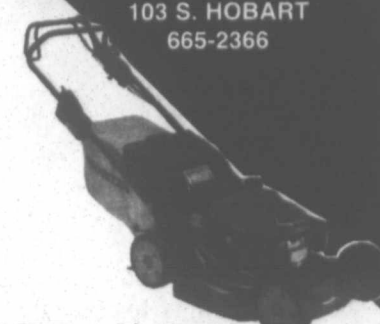
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City Commission Officials deny utility's request for rate hike

by David Bowser
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The Pampa City Commission this week denied Southwestern Public Service's rate hike request.

In answer to the request, made in June, the city commission said no during a special meeting Monday afternoon.

The city joined oth-

ers in the electric utility's service area to retain consultants to study the proposed rate hike. Those consultants reported that the increased rates being sought are not justified.

According to the city's experts, SPS failed to reasonably calculate its consolidated tax savings adjustment, thereby overstating its revenue requirements. The experts also

said the utility overstated its revenue requirements with regard to non-fuel production operations and maintenance expenses.

In addition, the consultants said, SPS failed to adjust its test-year energy sales to account for abnormal weather and overstated its cost of equity by seeking an excessive return.

SPS was seeking to

increase its base rates by about \$84.2 million region-wide. That would give the utility an 11.25 percent return on equity.

The utility also asked for a Municipal Franchise Fee, a surcharge limited to ratepayers within the city limits of the towns it serves, not from all customers.

The consultants said that if approved the

base rate would increase about \$11.98 for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month.

An increase in the residential customer charge from \$5.10 to \$6.50 a month would equate to an increase of about 27 percent, the consultants said.

In other business, the commission approved an amendment to the budget from last fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, and carried over funds into the new fiscal year.

The capital carryover from the General Fund was \$45,000. The carryover from the water/waste water fund was \$1.7 million. The carryover from the

landfill fund was \$44,978.

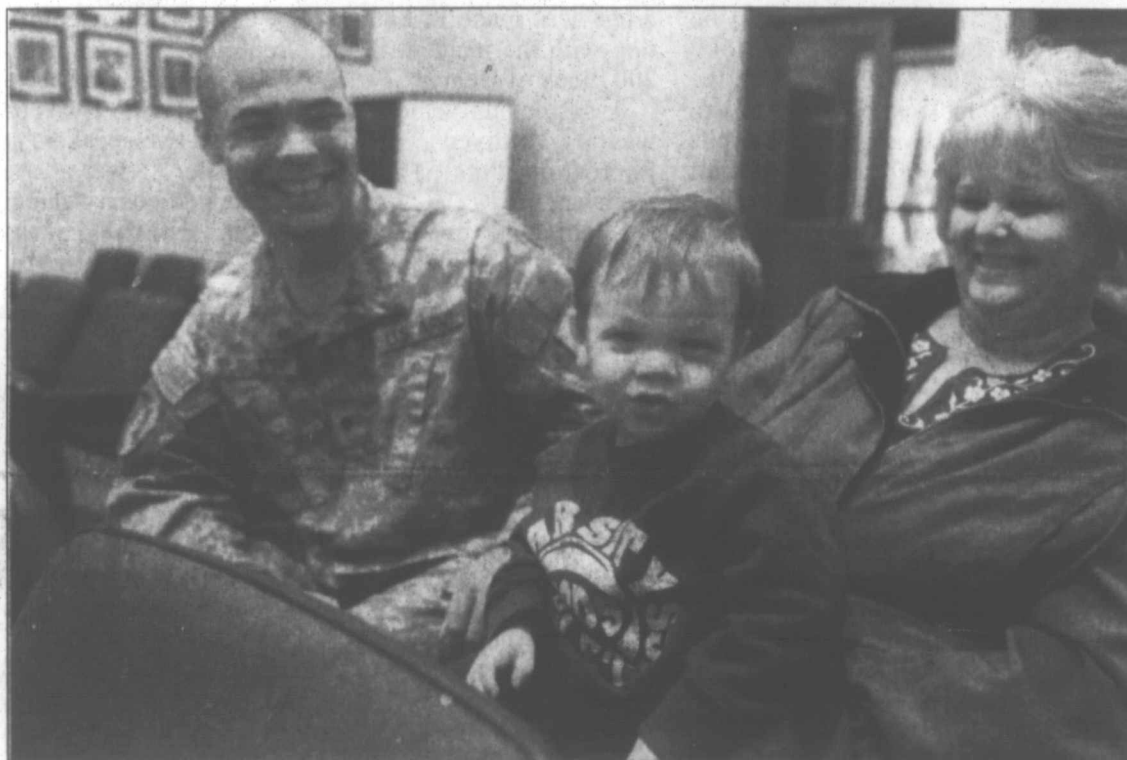
The funds are from projects for which the funds had been appropriated but not spent.

The commission also reappointed a number of people to the city's boards and commissions.

Kevin Cree and Harold Taylor were reappointed to the Lovett Memorial Library Board for two-year terms.

Wayne Jones and OK Lee were reappointed to the Hidden Hills Golf Course Advisory Board. This still leaves the advisory board with two vacancies.

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staff photo/David Bowser

Conner Sublett stole the show at the Pampa City Commission Monday as he sat with his grandmother Shari Sublett, right. His father, SPC Chad Sublett, left, was honored by the city for his participation on the Army's Ten Miler Team.

Pampan in critical condition after brawl

by Marilyn Powers
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A Pampa man is in critical condition in an Amarillo hospital as the result of a fight which occurred at a rural Gray County location.

Gray County sheriff's deputies Steven White and Zach Kidd were in the parking lot at Pampa Regional Medical Center at 12:49 a.m. Saturday when

they observed a vehicle which arrived there. There were an unspecified number of females in the vehicle, and they had brought an unconscious male with them, according to GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

The deputies were told that the man had been assaulted at a party at a location on County Road G, west of



Dominguez

LifeStar helicopter to Northwest

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Rowlett man arrested after bar incident

by Marilyn Powers
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A Rowlett man is free on \$1,500 bond after he was arrested and charged with criminal mischief and public intoxication

in connection with an incident at The OCB, or Other Corner Bar, on Sunday.

Gray County sheriff's deputies were dispatched

See Arrest, Page 3

Gray County commissioners to convene next meeting

by Marilyn Powers
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A request by 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer to replace Bill Boden, an investigator for her office who has resigned his position, will be heard by Gray County commissioners at

their 9 a.m. meeting Wednesday in the second-floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Bids for repairs to White Deer Land Museum will be opened at 10 a.m. The repairs include painting trim on the building.

A request to purchase a motor grader for Precinct 1 will be heard. The county treasurer and county clerk will give their reports, and the county treasurer will review the county's Tex Pool investments.

Sale of two tracts of county-owned land in

Alanreed is once again on the county commissioners' agenda. The sale was first discussed during commissioners' Sept. 15 meeting, and the issue was tabled at that time and at commissioners' Oct. 1 meeting.




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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
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Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of showers, mainly before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. North-northwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. North-northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. Calm wind becoming south-southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. South-southeast wind around 5 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Tom H. Glover, 92



Glover

PLANO, Texas — Tom H. Glover, 92, died Oct. 12, 2008, at Plano. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Glover was born Jan. 17, 1916, in Wilson, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1938. Tom married Leona Sexton on June 10, 1940, in Ada, Okla.

He worked for Cabot Corporation for 35 years, retiring in 1974. He was active in the Optimist Club baseball program in the 1950s and 1960s, having served as both a manager and commissioner. Tom also

managed a teenage league team and the semi-pro baseball team.

Tom and Leona moved to Plano in 2002 to be near family and because of health issues. Even though Tom moved from the Panhandle, he was the consummate Pampa goodwill ambassador. He couldn't tell enough people how proud and blessed he was to have called Pampa his "hometown." He was a member of

Central Baptist Church in Pampa.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Leona Glover, of the home; two sons, DeWayne Glover and wife Janie of Frisco, and Jerry Glover and wife Kathy of Scottsdale, Ariz.;

one sister, Joyce Trabue of Hemet, Calif.; one brother, Harold Glover and wife Jeanie of Konawa, Okla.; six granddaughters, Debi Means and husband Michael, Julie Hobert and husband Randy,

Tiffany Glover, Tammy Black and husband Walter, Julie Wiggins, and Beth Monty and husband Bryan; eight precious great-grandchildren, Samantha, Emily, Abigail, Bradley, Chelsea, Kennedy, Lauren and Roxanne; along with numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

MEMORIALS: Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 12:01 a.m. Sunday to 7 a.m. Monday.

Sunday, Oct. 12
 Eighteen traffic stops were made. A stop in the 300 block of East Frederic resulted in at least one arrest.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred on Highway 60 West, the 1500 block of North Faulkner, the 2100 block of Mary Ellen, the 900 block of South Wells and the 900 block of East Frederic.

Warrant service was

attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one arrest.

An arrest was made as a result of a follow-up investigation in the 500 block of North Nelson.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 400 block of North Sumner, the intersection of Scott and Finley streets, and the 200 block of Henry. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 200 block of Henry.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

Silent/abusive 911 calls

were received from the 500 block of West Kentucky and twice from the 800 block of Barnes.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of Hamilton and the 1800 block of Coffee.

Criminal mischief was reported at McDonald's Restaurant, 1201 N. Hobart. An egg was thrown against a wall of the building.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pizza Hut, 855 W. Kingsmill. The back window of a vehicle was broken out, and two speakers and an amplifier were taken. Estimated cost of damage is \$400. Estimated value of

loss is \$460.

Telephone harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of East Francis.

One alarm was reported. Burglary was reported in the 100 block of North Ballard.

Monday, Oct. 13
 Seven traffic stops were made.

A call concerning an animal occurred in the 1100 block of Huff Road.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 800 block of South Hobart and the 600 block of North Somerville.

Fire

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

Saturday, Oct. 11
 4:11 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to 1 Medical Plaza on a LifeStar standby.

6:02 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 600 block of East Craven on a call for medical assistance.

8:15 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of Roberta on a call for medical assistance.

Sunday, Oct. 12
 9:10 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of Williston on a call for medical assistance.

11:46 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2000 block of Coffee on a call for medical assistance.

4:56 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to an unauthorized burn in a back yard in the 100 block of North Houston.

8 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a fire alarm in the 100 block of East Harvester. The alarm was falsely activated by leaking rain water and electricity was shut off to the area.

7:44 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and Crane streets on arching power lines.

Monday, Oct. 13
 8:28 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a possible structure fire in the 1900 block of Duncan. The smoke was caused by an overheated motor on a furnace.

9:26 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of North Hobart on a public education program.

1:21 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 900 block of West Gwendolyn. No injuries were reported.

7:42 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 400 block of Frost. No injuries were reported.

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Water

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Pitner said that final numbers haven't been released, but the remaining costs would range from about \$21 million to as low as \$17 million.

Pampa's prorated share of the costs

would be about \$786,000.

The new pipeline, which would transport water from Roberts County to the existing aqueduct, marks the importance of the well field.

CRMWA officials said that even with rising lake levels due to recent rains, Lake Meredith, which in the past has provided a majority of the water for the member cities, could reach a point where it would no longer be a viable source of water.

The flow of water into the lake has set record lows.

"That's a major concern," Morris said.

No matter what happens, he said, it will probably mean a rise in the cost of water for Pampa.

"The good news is we can get it," Morris said of the water. "The bad news is it will be at an increased cost."

City

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Matt Hinton, Mike Albus, Larry Baker, Hugh Hall and John Wagner were reappointed to the Construction Board of Appeals.

Cleo Meaker, Lyndon Field and Kevin Hunt were reappointed to the Board of Adjustments. This leaves the board with three vacancies.

Annie Hall, Lance DeFever, Darville Orr and David Hutto were reappointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The commission also recognized SPC Chad Sublett, a Pampa native,

for his participation in the Army's Ten Miler Team, and they proclaimed this week Texas Chamber of Commerce Week.

In an executive session, the commission discussed a proposal concerning the U.S. Bus Building, 822 E. Foster, but no action was taken.

Fight

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Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Hoard declined to identify the man at this time, other than that he is a Pampa resident and is 20 years of age.

Justice of the Peace Joe Montgomery issued a warrant for the arrest of a suspect in the assault, and

Gerardo Dominguez, 17, was arrested early Saturday at his home in the 2100 block of Christine.

"The defendant in this case was also injured and was taken by deputies to PRMC, where he was treated and later released to our custody again," Hoard said. The defendant's injuries occurred at the same time that the victim was injured, he said.

Dominguez was booked into Gray County Jail on a charge of aggravated

assault causing serious bodily injury, according to jail records. He was released Sunday on \$100,000 bond which had been set by Martinez.

"The case is still under investigation, and we are still taking statements from witnesses," Hoard said. "Some 30 to 40 persons were at the party, according to information we received."

Arrest

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Sunday to the bar, at 2302 W. Alcock, concerning a possible fight in the bar's parking lot.

"When they got there, no fight was in progress, but a female came up to the officers and said a person had jumped on top of her car, causing damage to the roof," said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard. "The suspect was still there and was standing in the street. He was arrested for public intoxication at that point. The complainant said he was the one who had caused the damage."

Aaron Benton Watson, 21, was booked into Gray County Jail on a charge of public intoxication. He was later charged with criminal mischief over \$500 and under \$1,500 after the woman who owned the damaged car signed a complaint against him, Hoard said.

There is no known connection between the complainant and Watson, Hoard said. Watson was released to pay later concerning the public intoxication charge. Bond on the criminal mischief charge had been set at \$1,500 at the time of his arraignment, and Watson was released Sunday.

Meeting

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Commissioners will consider approval of a bond for the county auditor and approval of a bond for the assistant county auditor.

Other agenda items include payment of bills and salaries.


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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 14, the 288th day of 2008. There are 78 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Oct. 14, 1908, the Chicago Cubs won the World Series as they defeated the Detroit Tigers in Game 5, 2-0, at Bennett Park.

On this date:

In 1066, Normans under William the Conqueror defeated the English at the Battle of Hastings.

In 1890, Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th president of the United States, was born in Denison, Texas.

In 1908, the E.M. Forster novel "A Room With a View" was first published.

In 1912, Theodore Roosevelt, campaigning for the presidency, was shot in the chest in Milwaukee. Despite the wound, he went ahead with a scheduled speech.

In 1933, Nazi Germany announced it was withdrawing from the League of Nations.

In 1944, German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel committed suicide rather than face execution for allegedly conspiring against Adolf Hitler.

In 1947, Air Force test pilot Charles E. ("Chuck") Yeager broke the sound barrier as he flew the experi-

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— George Washington Carver
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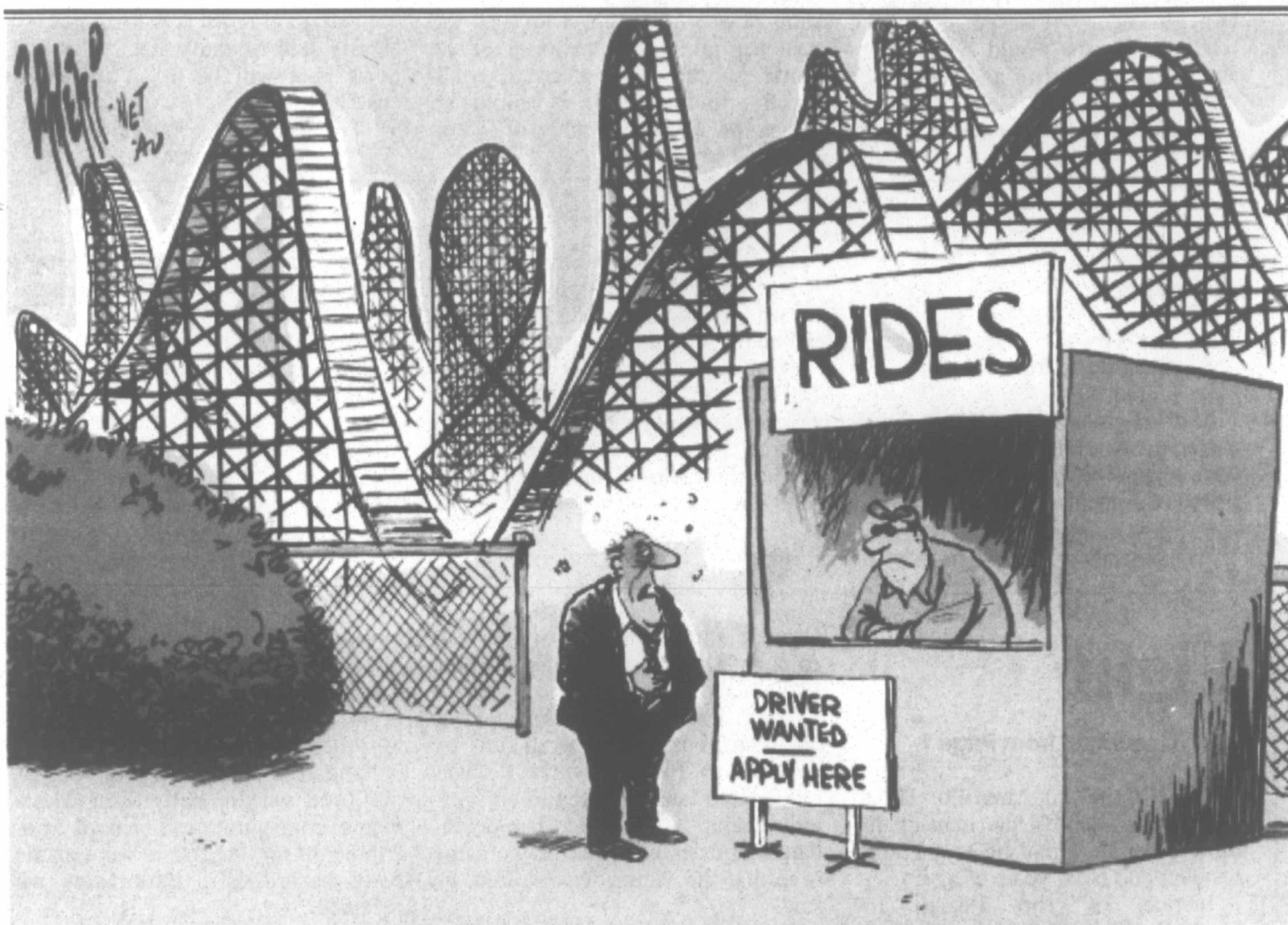
In 1960, the idea of a Peace Corps was first suggested by Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy to an audience of students at the University of Michigan.

In 1968, the first successful live telecast from a manned U.S. spacecraft was transmitted from Apollo 7.

In 1987, a real-life drama began in Midland, Texas, as 18-month-old Jessica McClure slid 22 feet down an abandoned well at a private day care center. (Hundreds of rescuers worked 58 hours to free her.)

Ten years ago: Amartya Sen won the Nobel Prize in economics. "Polka king" Frankie Yankovic died in Tampa, Fla., at age 83. Animal rights advocate and author Cleveland Amory died in New York at age 81. The San Diego Padres won the National League pennant, defeating the Atlanta Braves 5-0 in Game 6 of their championship series.

Five years ago: John Allen Muhammad pleaded innocent to murder as the first trial in the deadly Washington-area sniper rampage got under way in Virginia Beach, Va. (Muhammad was later convicted and sentenced to death for killing Dean Harold Meyers.) The United States vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution that would have condemned Israel for building a barrier that cut into the West Bank. In Game 6 of the National League Championship Series, a Cubs fan inadvertently deflected a foul ball away from the outstretched glove of Chicago outfielder Moises Alou; the Florida Marlins, down 3-0 at the time, rallied to win the game and went on to win Game 7 and advance to the World Series, where they beat the New York Yankees.



"I USED TO BE A STOCKBROKER BUT I'M LOOKING FOR A GIG A LITTLE EASIER ON THE STOMACH..."

Time to take a new path

We all have periods in our lives when we are faced with choices that will dictate the direction our paths will take.

I have been given one of those choices, and I have made my decision after much contemplation and soul-searching. That is why Friday will be my last day here at The Pampa News.

I am not going to a different job. I have the opportunity to get some things done at home that need doing, and I am taking advantage of that opportunity.

This was not an easy decision for me. I have always loved to write and to take photos. I have always especially loved seeing my work and my name in print. And what I have loved most is to get reactions to my work, because then I know people are looking at my photos and reading my stories.

I first got interested in

journalism in high school, when I became editor of the high school newspaper and worked on the staff of the annual.

In college, I majored in journalism with a minor in English and a lot of enough credits for a second minor in history. I was advertising manager, staff writer and ultimately editor of The Prairie, West Texas State University's campus newspaper.

During my junior year in college, I was a summer intern at The Amarillo Globe-News. I was hired as a staff writer there immediately after I graduated from WTSU, which is now West Texas A&M University. I continued my journalism

career at The Borger News-Herald, Focus Magazine and The Pampa News. I also have done volunteer work

such as a newsletter for the local diabetes association when it was active here.

My previous work at The Pampa News was throughout most of the 1980s, over two periods of several years each with a break in between. I like to call my current employment here, which began in 2003, my "third tour of duty."

I have said how much of a kick I get out of seeing my work in print and getting reactions to it. There are other things about my work that are also enjoyable for me. I have met a wide variety of people and creatures

that I would otherwise have never gotten to know, and each has enriched my life. Each has offered a learning experience that can't be found through most other jobs.

Being a staff writer for the newspaper also allows me to indulge my curiosity and gives me a level of freedom that is a sharp contrast to being behind a desk in an office for eight hours a day. In order to do my job right, I have to be out and about, going places and talking to people, and that can be a wonderful thing.

If you have read my stories or looked at my photos, thank you. Because you are reading this, thank you. And to The Pampa News for giving me this opportunity not once but three times, thank you.

Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer



Walter Williams
Columnist



Lessons from the nation's financial bailout

In my more cynical moments, I think that we Americans deserve what we get from our politicians, many of whom can be generally described as nothing less than loathsome. You say, "Williams, that's a pretty heavy putdown." My question to you is how else would you describe these congressmen who are now blaming the financial mess on the failure of the free market?

Starting with the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, that was given more teeth during the Clinton administration, Congress started intimidating banks and other financial institutions into making loans, so-called subprime loans, to high-risk homebuyers and businesses. The carrot offered was that these high-risk loans would be purchased by the government-sponsored enterprises Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Anyone with an ounce of brains would have known that this was a prescription for disaster but there was a congressional chorus of denial.

Five years ago, Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.) vouched for the "soundness" of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and said, "I do not see any possibility of serious financial losses to the treasury." In 2004 congres-

sional hearings, where the Bush administration sought greater oversight over Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) said, "We do not have a crisis at Freddie Mac and particularly at Fannie Mae," adding that "the GSEs have exceeded their housing goals."

Congressman Gregory Meeks (D-N.Y.) said, "There's nothing wrong with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac." In these hearings Barney Frank said that he doesn't see "anything in the reports that raises safety and soundness problems." Earlier this year, Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.) praised Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac for "riding to the rescue" to help people get home mortgage loans, adding that they "need to do more" to help high-risk borrowers get better loans.

The financial collapse of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is not a failure of the free market because lending institutions in a free market would not have taken on the high-risk loans. They were forced to by the heavy hand of government. The solution

is not a taxpayer-financed bailout. The solution is to let them fail and allow the people who invested in them, as well as the people who purchased homes they couldn't afford, suffer the losses. Of course that takes a level of political courage that is in short supply. There are other measures that should be taken as part of a second-best solution.

In 2002, when the Enron and WorldCom scandal broke, the Congress held hearings and some chief executives were jailed. Who did what was the big story in the major news media almost every night. Congress rushed to enact the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, also known as the Public Company Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act of 2002. The act placed unnecessary, onerous and costly accounting standards on American businesses.

The Enron and WorldCom debacle is a drop in the bucket compared to the financial mess that Congress has created through Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, in the name of "affordable" housing. Have you heard Congress calling for hearings? They haven't

called for hearings because many of them, both Democrats and Republicans, receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars, were in cahoots with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. If Americans are going to be on the hook to bail out these government-sponsored enterprises, at the minimum congressional hearings ought to be held to find out who did what and when.

Corporations employ accounting practices promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) that established Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and government agencies have accounting practices that don't come close to, and never did, the honesty of private accounting practices. Accounting fraud and deception are the dominant features of government agencies. If a private business kept and cooked the books, like government agencies do, the top executives would go to jail. Shouldn't the accounting standards businesses have to meet be applied to Washington? My answer is yes and if a congressman says no, I'd like for him to tell us why.

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

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Dear Abby...



By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: May I point out something to "Mannerly Mom in Cumberland" (July 23)? She's the woman who, after thanking someone, becomes offended when she hears, "No problem," rather than, "You're welcome." In many languages, the literal response to "Thank you" translates to, "It was nothing." So a reply of "No problem" is not entirely inappropriate. In fact, it makes more sense to me than, "You're welcome," which I don't understand at all. I am welcome to what? If "Mannerly Mom" is really worried about teaching her children proper manners, shouldn't she be more concerned that they DO respond in acknowledgement rather than insist that they use the proper words? To me, that would be a much more valuable lesson. - **DENNIS IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.**

DEAR DENNIS: According to Webster's New World Dictionary, "You're welcome" means, "You're under no obligation for the favor given." But allow me to share with you that the topic of whether it's appropriate to respond to a "Thank you" with "No problem" is one that energized more than a few of my older readers to say they find it offensive. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I never realized how often "No problem" was used until last year, when a speaker at our customer service seminar drew our attention to the issue. Since then, our company has set national standards against the use of "No problem," which has become a standard response to "Thank you." I would like to suggest an alternative: "My pleasure," which conveys a completely different feeling. Saying this to customers makes them feel as though you were happy to be of service to them. -- **JUST A NOTE FROM KANSAS**

DEAR ABBY: I agree with you that language is evolving, but one reason is that so many cultures are present -- and becoming more prevalent -- in the U.S. In Spanish, the

literal translation of "de nada" is "It's nothing." Surprisingly, in England, "You're welcome" is not commonly used. I'm married to a Brit and found it strange that my flawlessly mannered mother-in-law would just smile and nod. My husband has taken to saying, "No worries," which is quite Australian. -- **APRIL IN MAPLE GROVE, MINN.**

DEAR ABBY: Here in the South, the common response to a thank you (especially with younger service-industry people) is "Uh-huh." Oh, how I long to hear "No problem." If I take the time to thank people for service, please make some effort to acknowledge my thanks. "Uh-huh" sounds absentminded, as though the speaker has already mentally moved on. -- **PREFERS "NO PROBLEM"**

DEAR ABBY: It has been my experience that young people use the phrase indiscriminately for every statement or question put to them. "No problem" -- like some four-letter words -- betrays a lack of vocabulary or unwillingness (born of laziness) to use more precise language. In addition, this response implies that the other party might have thought there was a possible problem when that implication was not intended. -- **DANIEL IN KISSIMME, FLA.**

DEAR ABBY: Your readers might be interested in the way "Thank you" is responded to in other countries. In England, there is no response. The service has been rendered, the server thanked, the transaction is complete. In French- or Spanish-speaking countries, the proper response is, "It's nothing." In Arabic-speaking countries it's, "No thanks for doing my duty," and in China it's, "No thanks are necessary." My favorite: When I said "Thank you" in my best Korean to a young Korean woman, she replied, "No problem!" -- **INDIANA LINGUIST**

Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ocean motions
 - 6 Filch
 - 11 Grownup
 - 12 Explosive
 - 13 Shimmy expert
 - 15 Utter
 - 16 Set fire to
 - 17 Possessed
 - 18 Strong feeling
 - 20 Long stories
 - 23 One of the Great Lakes
 - 27 "Moby Dick" captain
 - 28 Coal source
 - 29 Orlando team
 - 31 Intolerant sort
 - 32 Took to impound
 - 34 FBI worker. Abbr.
 - 37 Stadium cry
 - 38 Relaxing retreat
 - 41 Hip-hop performer
 - 44 Bender
 - 45 Minimal amount
 - 46 European viper
 - 47 Cavalry posts
- DOWN**
- 1 Folder parts
 - 2 Notion
 - 3 Properly
 - 4 Building wing
 - 5 PDA pointer
 - 6 Grab greedily
 - 7 Light metal
 - 8 Engrave
 - 9 Region
 - 10 Manor head
 - 14 Racket
 - 18 Custom
 - 19 Muggy
 - 20 Sleuth
 - 21 Spade
 - 22 Joke
 - 24 Outfit
 - 25 Music's Yoko
 - 26 Badminton
 - 30 Remarkable one
 - 31 Sake
 - 33 Gum mass
 - 34 "Mamma Mia" group
 - 35 Crossword part
 - 36 Watch over
 - 38 Surgery souvenir
 - 39 Nuisance
 - 40 Museum topic
 - 42 Get older
 - 43 "The Matrix" hero

Answers to Yesterdays Sudoku

1	8	6	2	4	3	7	9	5
5	9	3	6	1	7	2	4	8
2	7	4	5	8	9	1	6	3
7	5	9	3	2	6	8	1	4
3	4	1	7	9	8	6	5	2
8	6	2	4	5	1	3	7	9
4	2	7	8	6	5	9	3	1
9	3	8	1	7	4	5	2	6
6	1	5	9	3	2	4	8	7

Yesterday's answer

24	Outfit	35	Cross-
25	Music's	word	
	Yoko	part	
26	Badminton	36	Watch
	over		
	need	38	Surgery
30	Remark-	souvenir	
	able one	39	Nuisance
31	Sake	40	Museum
	topic		
33	Gum	42	Get older
	mass	43	"The
34	"Mamma	Matrix"	hero
	Mia		
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	Matrix		
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	Matrix"		
43	hero		

Answers to Yesterdays Sudoku

Sudoku

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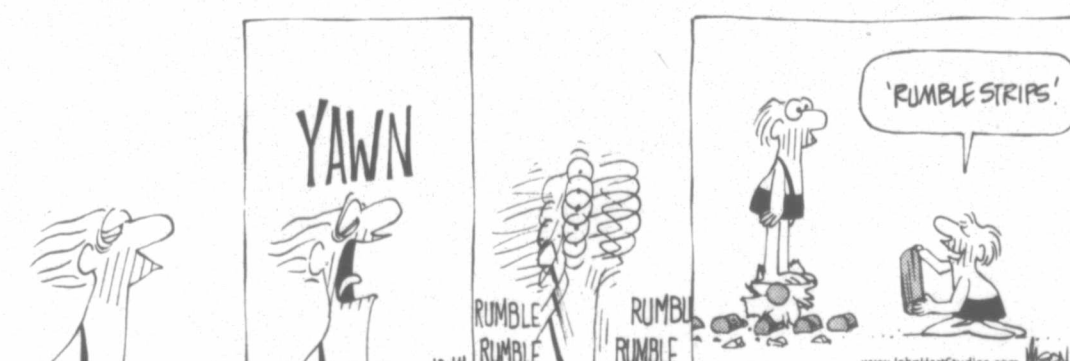
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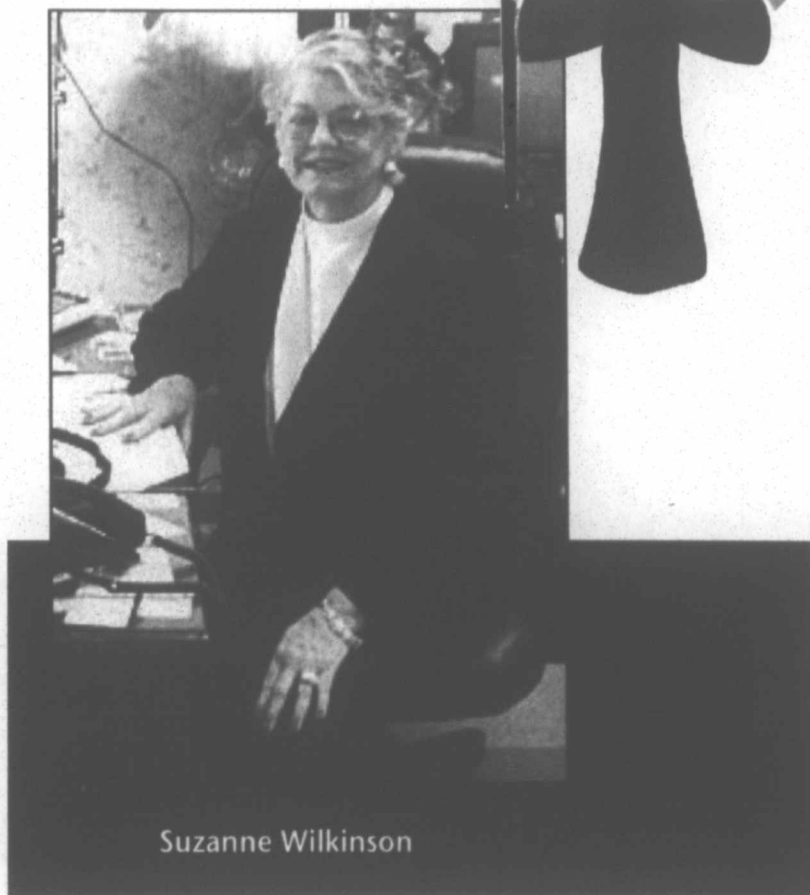
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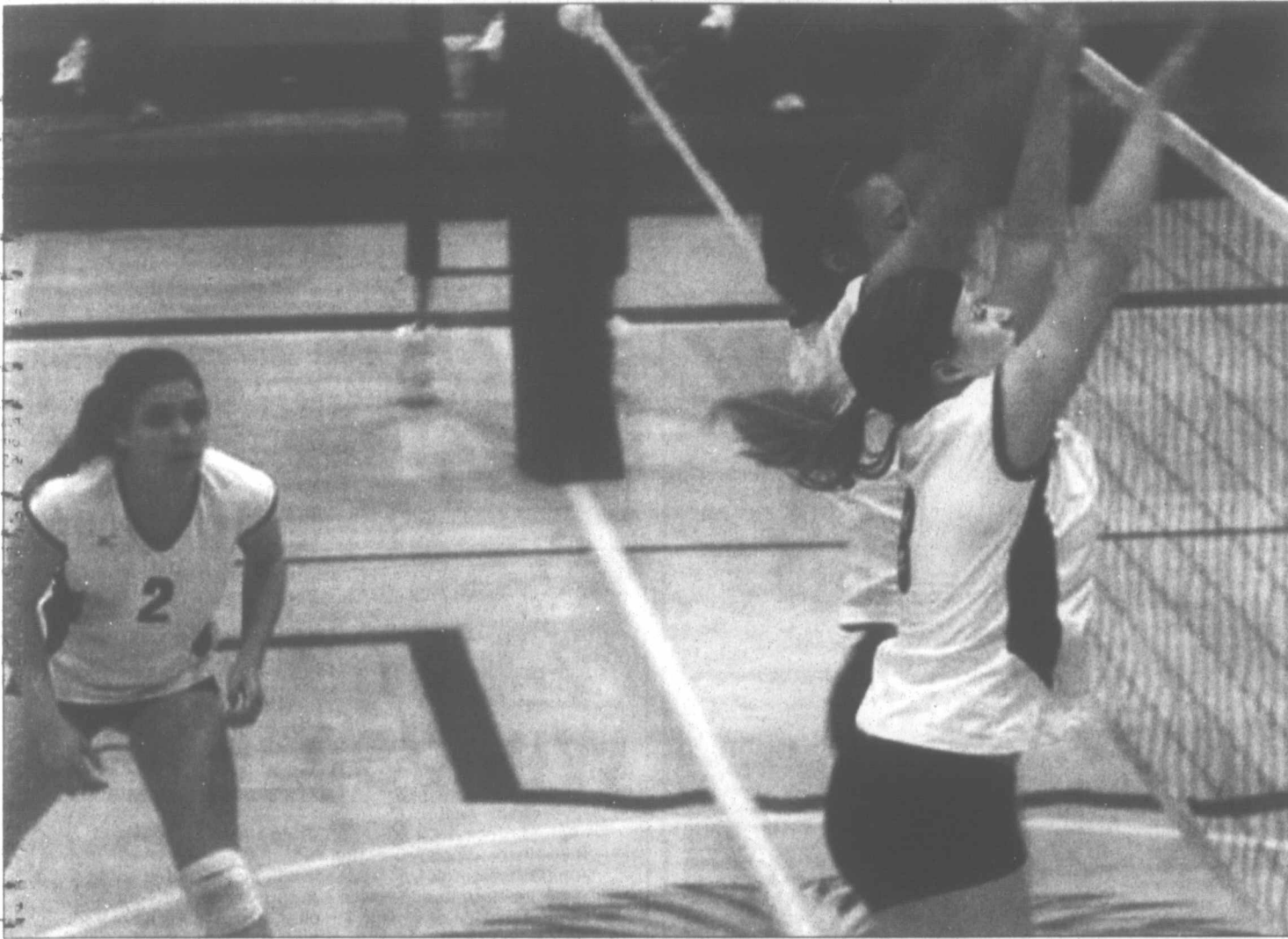
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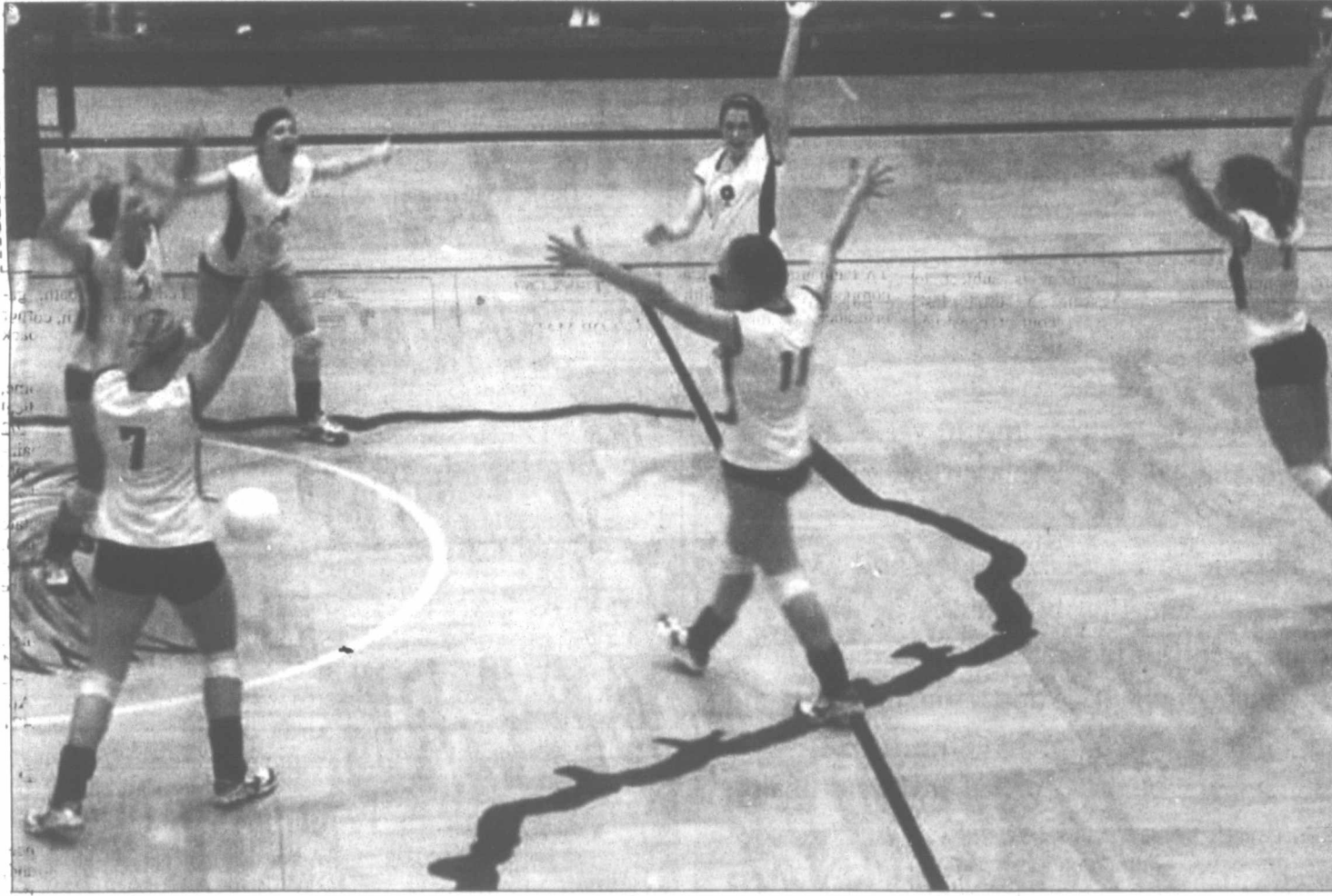
Sports

Lady Harvester Volleyball



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The varsity volleyball team defeated Amarillo's Palo Duro High School in three games, 25-13, 26-24 and 25-14. Their next homegame is Tuesday, Oct. 21 against Amarillo's Caprock High School. Above: Jessica Miner and Kara Stephens helped the Lady Harvesters defeat Palo Duro last Saturday with a block while Kelby Doughty looks on. Below: Celebration of a hard fought victory in game number two - Chelsie Douglas #7, Lariet Lowery #3, Kelby Doughty #8, Taryn Eubank #9, Jessica Miner #2 and Kara Stephens #11.



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The Pampa Select 10 and under team, sponsored by Titan Specialties, finished third out of seven in its division in NRC league play. It finished with a 6-2 record. Due to rainouts the season was cut short. Pictured are: Back row (L to R) - Coach Ty McCoy, Daniel Zuniga, Zach Wilson, Jordan Green, Bryson Burrell, Rhett Harden, Zach Hill, Coach Jackie Martindale and Coach Chris Engle. Front row (L to R) - Boy Mason Wilson, Zane McCoy, Brandon Sieck, Cade Engle, Brenden Woelfle and Logan Martindale.

Homer by Matt Stairs lifts Phillies past Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pinch hitter Matt Stairs swung for the fences, as he always does. The result was a towering drive that landed more than halfway up the right field pavilion at Dodger Stadium.

And with that, the Philadelphia Phillies had all the offense they would need to move within one win of the World Series.

Stairs connected off Jonathan Broxton with two outs and a runner on base Monday night, capping a four-run eighth and lifting the Phillies to a 7-5 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers and a 3-1 lead in the NL championship series.

Shane Victorino, who ducked a pitch thrown over his head the previous day, hit a two-run homer off Cory Wade earlier in the inning to tie the game. Broxton relieved Wade after a two-out single by Carlos Ruiz and tried to sneak a 3-1 fast-ball past the 40-year-old Stairs.

It didn't work. "It's definitely the top pinch-hit home run of my career," Stairs said.

Lefty ace Cole Hamels, who won the series opener, can pitch the Phillies to their first World Series since 1993 in Game 5 on Wednesday night. He'll be opposed by Game 2 loser Chad Billingsley.

Broxton allowed only two homers in 69 innings during the regular season. This one was a no-doubter the moment it left Stairs' bat.

"I fell behind in the count and made a mistake over the plate and he cashed in," said Broxton, the seventh Dodgers pitcher. "He's a home run hitter. You've got to wipe it out and get ready to play them again."

Stairs has played for 11 teams in his career. Philadelphia picked him up from Toronto on Aug. 30.

"My whole career, even back in the early days, my approach was try to hit the ball out of the ballpark," he said. "And it's something I enjoyed doing. In batting practice, I try to hit every ball out of the ballpark. I'm not going to lie, it's fun. I try to hit home runs and that's it. I'm not going to hit a single and steal second base. So I think the biggest thing is to get up there, swing hard and elevate."

Brad Lidge got his first four-out save for the Phillies, remaining perfect this season. It was the first time the visiting team has won a game in 12 meetings between the clubs this year.

"This was the biggest game we've won so far," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "But the next one is even bigger. That's kind of how we look at it."

After squandering a pair of leads, Manny Ramirez and the Dodgers have a tough task ahead. Only 11 teams in major league history have come back from 3-1 deficits to win a best-of-seven postseason series — two in the NLCS.

There were no brushback pitches or other trouble Monday night, unlike Game 3 when the benches and bullpens emptied in the third inning, moments after Dodgers starter Hiroki Kuroda threw a pitch over Victorino's head in retaliation for Philadelphia's high-and-tight pitches earlier in the series.

Victorino was one of seven people fined Monday for their conduct during the near-scuffle.

"My emotions obviously kind of got to me last night," Victorino said. "But going into today's game you turn the page and you forget about it. It was just going out there, trying to get a win and getting one step closer to the World Series. But it's still far from over."

It was appropriate the Phillies used the long ball to win. They hit an NL-leading 214 homers during the regular season and have nine in eight playoff games, good for 17 of their 35 runs.

Lidge, the Phillies' sixth pitcher, earned his fifth postseason save in five chances — but it wasn't easy.

A perfect 41-for-41 in save opportunities during the regular season, Lidge entered a game in the eighth in a save situation for the first time this year when he came in with two outs and nobody on. Ramirez greeted him with a double, and Russell Martin struck out but reached first on a wild pitch before James Loney flied out.

Lidge retired the side in order in the ninth, making the Phillies 85-0 when leading after eight innings this year, including six wins in the postseason.

"We didn't need to talk about it because I knew that at some point, this would happen," Lidge said of pitching in the eighth. "I've been ready for it all year. I've warmed up in the eighth inning before, but our bullpen's been so good in the eighth inning and done the job, I haven't had to do it this year. But I've done it a ton in the past."

Dodgers manager Joe Torre said he wouldn't have handled his bullpen any differently.

"We just didn't get the job done," he said. "Cory Wade's numbers against left-handed hitters this year have been really good. He threw a breaking ball and it stayed up and Shane just knocked the hell out of it."

Torre canceled the Dodgers' workout on Tuesday.

"These guys are fighting their hearts out, and just I told them to be back here on Wednesday to be ready to play baseball," he said. "We have to win the remaining games. We can only do it one at a time. I sense we'll be back right here with the right attitude."

Ramirez extended his record streak of getting at least one RBI in league championship series games to eight. He reached base in all five plate appearances on a single, double and three walks — two intentional.

It wasn't good enough.

Notes: Orel Hershiser, one of the Dodgers' stars in the 1988 World Series, threw out the ceremonial first pitch to son Jordan. ... Dodgers starter Derek Lowe, pitching on three days' rest for the fifth time in his career, allowed six hits and two runs in five innings. Phillies starter Joe Blanton also went five innings, giving up seven hits and three runs. ... Casey Blake's solo homer leading off the sixth off Chad Durbin gave the Dodgers a 4-3 lead, and they scored another run later in the inning on first baseman Ryan Howard's throwing error. The Dodgers had a chance to break the game open when they loaded the bases with one out, but second baseman Chase Utley speared Martin's liner and turned it into a double play.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ As others give you their two cents, you are ready to greet them with yours. This "discussion" could become extremely creative or could develop into the War of the Roses. Which one do you want? This one is your call. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Take your time making a decision that is long overdue. You are easy and relaxed. Investigate alternatives with care. More facts could come to light all day long. Be more in touch with your long-term desires. Tonight: Slow down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Friends come through, though it might not be easy. You could feel overwhelmed and wonder what you can do to relax. Push through a disagreement or a problem meeting. Let go of negativity. It

could work if you give up dogma. Tonight: The fun times are here.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Take a stand, fully knowing what you want to accomplish. You could surprise yourself when you look at the possibilities. Be direct and caring with someone in your family. Someone still could be irritating if you take his or her comments personally. Tonight: Fun and games.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to head in a different direction when you understand the liability of moving into a new space. Not everything can happen the way you would like. Realize your limits and that perhaps you do not want to try an innovative solution. Tonight: Go for an escape from the here and now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might like what is happening within your immediate circle. Think in terms of growth and change within a key association. Though this person can irritate you, he or she makes you think. Tonight: Take a positive view of what is happening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your ability to accomplish a lot is clearly defined by your ability to push through a problem and not allow others to get to you. Also, whatever you do not need to handle, you shouldn't. Do only what you want and can do well. Tonight: Say "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others might demand a lot, but don't you do the same? Do not cop an attitude. Give 100 percent, and in the long run, you'll be building stronger foundations in your relationships. This is the only way to go, if you look at the

quality of life. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You have idea after idea, and trying to resolve what is happening takes talent and energy. Others might have a rough edge because they are frustrated, but not necessarily with you. Tonight: In the thick of living.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Basics count. You are able to make headway because you want to. Do not push yourself too far. Know what works, and do not hesitate to ask for more of what you want and need. Lighten up. Tonight: Home is your castle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You speak your mind, and others might listen. Sometimes you are so bombastic that others cannot listen or have built a defense against your powerful mind. Consider another approach. What would work? Tonight: Chat and catch up on news.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Do not worry so much about finances, yet be willing to say "no" to spending until you get the complete picture. You could be overwhelmed by what does happen, if you relax. Claiming your power does not mean arguing. Tonight: Learn to not trigger by simply saying "no."

BORN TODAY
Author Arthur Schlesinger Jr. (1917), businessman Lee Iacocca (1924), novelist Mario Puzo (1920)

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AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

10-14 CRYPTOQUOTE

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I A H S L D F J A C D Y Y L D Q H D Y
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High court turns down Ga. death row inmate

ATLANTA (AP) — The Supreme Court has cleared the way for a Georgia man to be put to death for killing a police officer two weeks after it halted his execution to consider his appeal.

Troy Davis asked the high court to intervene in his case and order a new trial because seven of the nine witnesses against him have recanted their testimony. Former President Jimmy Carter and South Africa Archbishop Desmond Tutu are among prominent supporters who have called for a new trial.

The justices granted Davis a reprieve on Sept. 23, less than two hours before his scheduled execution. But they declined Tuesday to give his appeal a full-blown hearing. It was not immediately clear when his execution will be scheduled.

Davis' supporters, who erupted in joy when his execution was halted last month, said they were heartbroken when they received word of the decision.

"Oh, God. I think it's disgusting, terrible. I'm extremely disappointed," said Martina Correia, Davis' sister. "Well, we still have to fight. We can't stop."

Davis was convicted of the murder of 27-year-old officer Mark MacPhail, who was working off-duty as a security guard at a bus station. MacPhail's family said they were relieved.

"I was hoping that would be the decision," said MacPhail's mother, Anneliese MacPhail. "I'm hoping that soon we will have some peace, that this will all be over."

A divided Georgia Supreme Court has twice rejected Davis' request for a new trial, and had rejected his appeal to delay the execution on Monday afternoon. The Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles also turned down his bid for clemency.

Events calendar

• **Top O' Texas Knife & Fork Club** will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 14 at Pampa Country Club. For more information, call 665-2255.

• **Hospice Care of the Southwest** will host a free grief support series from 5:30-7 p.m. Oct. 14, 21, 28 and Nov. 4 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky. The series will be conducted by Danny Mize, bereavement coordinator for the hospice. Mize has more than 25 years of training and experience in the field. Topics will include "Introduction to our grief journey"; "How we deal with our changing feelings"; "How we cope with all the changes"; and "How we handle anniversaries, holidays and special days." Participants are encouraged — but not required — to RSVP. For more information, call (806) 356-0026 or e-mail dannyimize@fmclp.com.

• **Top O' Texas Republican Women** will meet from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 15 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. All are invited to attend.

• **Moms In Touch International** will host an informational meeting for working mothers at 6:15 p.m. Oct. 15 at Sacred Grounds Coffee Shop in Pampa. Moms In Touch is a ministry of two or more mothers coming together one hour each week to pray for their children and their schools. For more information, call Tonja Stowers at 669-7713.

• **Red Hat Dollies Society** of Pampa will convene for luncheon meeting and program at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 16 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 669-9297 or 669-3580.

• **Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument** will conduct a free open house from 1-3 p.m. Oct. 18 at the park visitor center. The event will showcase the park's new exhibit panels, which provide information on the history and use of Alibates flint. The panels were created by Glendon Jett and Clay Renick. Refreshments will be served. For directions or more information, call (806) 857-3151.

• **White Deer Land Museum** of Pampa will celebrate the opening of a new annex with a series of programs slated for 2:30 p.m. Oct. 19 and 26. The program schedule will include "Dig at Courson Ranch" with Rolla Shaller, Oct. 12; "Dig at Round Tree Battle - Lefors" and book-signing with archeologist Brett Cruse, Oct. 19; and "Tale of a Buffalo Hunter" and book-signing with Delbert Trew, Oct. 26. The series is being co-sponsored by Gray County Historical Commission.

• **Harvester Lanes** will host a regional **Special Olympics** tournament from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 25 at the bowling alley in Pampa. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 665-3422.



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This panel is part of a "Whimsical Snowmen" quilt that will be given away as a door prize during Panhandle Piecemaker's Quilt Guild's 20th Anniversary Quilt Exhibit. The free event will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.



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