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Pampa, CRMWA cities plan for next summer

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 After the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's (CRMWA) decision last week to stop pumping water to its member cities in the coming year, Panhandle cities are planning ahead for the next summer and the possibility of an extended drought.



Hooper

in Pampa," said Donny Hooper, Pampa's Director of Public Works. "We're currently in the process of drilling two new wells for our city to add to our well field that we already have in place. That should offset the amount that we took from the lake this year, should next year happen to be just as hot as it was this year and have as much usage as we had this year as well. We've already started planning for that." "The drought is the biggest thing that has caused us to have this problem," added Hooper. "It's not necessarily the usage. It's a combination of a bunch of

things. It's the drought, and along with drought comes high temperatures. Along with the lack of water comes people feeling the need for personal irrigation at their home and things like that, so it's really just a perfect storm of everything coming together." Eddie Edwards, Borger city manager, another CRMWA member city, plans to build three additional wells, but doesn't see CRMWA cont. on page 6

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Lorenzo Emilio of Tucumcari, N.M., guitarist and vocalist for Double Shot, plays during Saturday evening's Country Fair at the M.K. Brown Civic Center. Double Shot provided the musical entertainment for the night, bringing Fair attendees to their feet with their country dance stylings.

Library gets ready for Fall Festival

MOLLIE BRYANT
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 Halloween is just around the corner, and the Lovett Memorial Library is getting ready for its annual Haunted Library and Fall Festival. "Even if people came last year, people should be surprised with some of the changes we've made," said Marsha Rollins, Children's Librarian. Normally, the library schedules the Haunted Library and Fall Festival, both of which are free to attend, at the same time, but because of a large number of visitors last year, the festival will be held from 4 to 6 p.m., and the haunted house will run from 8 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, October 29. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by someone 16 or older. "The Fall Festival is geared toward elementary kids and younger," said Rollins. "They can play games and win prizes." Children can participate in activities like ghost bowling, ghost darts, pick-up ducks, witch hat ring toss, temporary tattoos, a bean bag toss, fishing booth and candy walk. The Haunted Library will happen later in the evening, and will feature a troop of scary characters like a mad scientist, a vampire, a spider lady, witches, a fortune teller and even a hall of hands. "We stress parental discretion with the Haunted Library," said Rollins, who recommends the spook house for older kids. "Last year we had over 700 people, so we're hoping to split up those LIBRARY cont. on page 2

Meet the '11 United Way campaign loaned executives

Bryan Guymon
 Past work with United Way: None.
 Employment: Attorney, Underwood Law Firm.
 Education: J.D., Texas Tech University School of Law; M.S. Personal Financial Planning, Texas Tech University; B.A. History, Utah State University; B.A. International Studies, Utah State University.
 Community activities: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Pampa Lions

United Way LOCAL OUTREACH
 Club, Pampa Young Professionals, Top O' Texas Goldcoats.
 Family: Wife Janelle, son Joshua, daughter Grace.
 United Way duties: "I am happy to serve as a Pampa United Way Loaned Executive. I am focused primarily on gathering support from fellow attorneys here in the Pampa area."
 What do you think of the United Way effort in Pampa?

"The more I learn about the Pampa United Way program, the more impressed I am with all of the great services provided by the 18 local agencies who receive United Way funds. I feel that this is a great way to be involved in the community and to help serve the residents of Pampa."
Barry Haenisch
 Past work with United Way: past United Way board member, Allocation Committee Chair for one year.
 Employment: Superintendent, Pampa Independent School District.
 Education: Eden High School, Eden, EXECUTIVES cont. on page 2


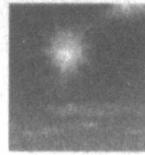

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Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 64. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 39. East northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south southeast.

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Obituaries

Mava Jo Martin, 77

Mava Jo Martin, 77, passed away Saturday, October 15, 2011, at her home in Odessa.

She was born November 11, 1933 in Whittenburg, to George Cleveland Blalock and Josephine Leigh Salyer Blalock.

She was raised at the Phillips 66 plant South of Pampa, and attended Pampa High School. She married Tommy G. Martin on October 27, 1951, in Clovis, N.M. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Monahans for 18 years. She was a member of Second Baptist Church in Odessa for 35 years. She was a homemaker, seamstress, great cook, librarian and a won-



Martin

derful example for her family.

Survivors include her husband, Tommy Martin of Odessa; her daughter, Jan and Billy Hammitt of Monahans; son Steve and Ann Martin of Waxahachie; grandchildren, Don and Ashley Hammitt of Austin, Kimberly Hammitt of Waco, Roby Martin of Allen, and Audra Martin of Portland, Ore.; two great grandsons, Witten and Lincoln Hammitt of Austin; one sister, Bernice Cervini of El Paso; and numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family is scheduled from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at Sunset Funeral Home in Odessa. Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at Second Baptist Church with Randy Duckett officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com.

Halliburton gets boost from more drilling

NEW YORK (AP) — A five-month slump in oil prices hasn't spooked the petroleum industry so far.

Halliburton Co., a major provider of oil industry services, said its profit increased 26 percent in the third quarter as drilling activity rose in the U.S.

The Houston-based company is the first big player in the industry to report third-quarter results.

The number of drilling projects grew 6 percent in the U.S. from the second to third quarter, Halliburton said. The company expects producers to continue to drill aggressively for oil in the U.S., particularly the rich underground shale deposits such as the Eagle Ford region of Texas and the Bakken region in North Dakota and Montana. New technologies have allowed companies to cheaply produce oil and natural gas from those fields, sparking a rush to drill despite a 24-percent drop in the price of benchmark crude since May.

Oil companies may eventually cut back, but Halliburton CEO Dave Lesar said he doesn't see "any meaningful changes" in the industry for now.

"I continue to believe in the long-term prospects for our business," he said.

A plunge in oil and natural gas prices three years ago forced many companies to scale back on drilling. The number of active rigs dropped by more than half as gas lost two-thirds of its value from July 2008 to July 2009. Oil dropped from \$147 to \$61 per barrel in that period.

This time will be different, Lesar said. Oil giants like Exxon, Chevron and Royal Dutch Shell have become increasingly involved in America's oil and gas fields in the past three years, and they usually don't change course because of a short-term fluctuation in prices. Drillers are also increasingly focusing on shale fields that are rich in oil, and oil has held its value better than natural gas, even though its price has fallen from near \$114 a barrel in early May to more than \$86 Monday.

With benchmark crude above \$86, "oil is still high enough to sustain activity" in the U.S., Argus Research analyst Phil Weiss said. Weiss estimates oil producers wouldn't start losing money until crude prices slumped below \$60.

Three big acquisitions over the past day show high expectations for the energy industry. Norwegian oil company Statoil ASA announced Monday that it would buy Brigham Exploration Co. of Austin, Texas for \$4.4 billion in cash, giving it control of fields in North Dakota. Less than three hours later AmeriGas said it would pay \$2.9 billion for the propane operations of Energy Transfer Partners.

Kinder Morgan plans to buy El Paso Corp. for \$20.7 billion in a deal that would create America's largest natural gas pipeline operator. One area of concern is natural gas drilling, which has stalled in the U.S. as prices for the fuel dropped to less than a third of their value in 2008. Lesar said drilling activity has been flat and could stay that way.

Halliburton's prospects also were clouded by troubling legal news.

The company may be forced to pay millions or billions of dollars as part of its role in last year's Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Halliburton, which was hired to do cement work on the well, has shared the blame for the disaster with well owner BP and rig owner Transocean. Halliburton has denied that it is at fault, but analysts say it may pay BP anyway to clear itself from any future legal claims.

A stake holder in the well, Anadarko Petroleum Corp., on Monday

agreed to pay BP \$4 billion.

BP already has accepted a \$75 million settlement from contractor Weatherford International Inc. and a \$1 billion settlement with MOEX Offshore 2007 LLC, which owned 10 percent of the well.

Shares fell \$2.95, or 7.9 percent to close at \$34.48 Monday.

Canaccord Genuity analyst Scott Burk said the stock price decline follows a sharp rise last week. Some investors were anticipating profit increases similar to the first half of the year, when Halliburton nearly doubled its net income. Halliburton may have exceeded analyst expectations in the third quarter, but "it wasn't a blowout quarter," Burk said.

The Houston oil services company reported earnings of \$683 million, or 74 cents per share, for the three months ended Sept. 30. That compared with \$544 million, or 66 cents per share, for the same period in 2010. Revenue rose 40 percent to \$6.55 billion.

Income from continuing operations was 94 cents per share. Analysts, who tend to base estimates on continuing operations, were expecting earnings of 91 cents per share or revenue of \$6.35 billion, according to FactSet.

The company said costs rose for materials, logistics and labor in North America, and project delays in Iraq and Libya slowed down its international business.

Profit at Halliburton's completion and production business increased 75 percent to \$1.07 billion.

The company's drilling and evaluation business saw profit increase 36 percent to \$369 million.

Schlumberger Ltd. is expected to release its financial results on Friday while Baker Hughes Inc. will post its results on Nov. 1.

Library

crowds," said Rollins, who added that the library is still looking for volunteers for the event.

For more information or to volunteer, call the Lovett Memorial Library at 806-669-5780.

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Executives

Texas; B.S. Degree, McMurry University; M.Ed., Texas Tech University

Community activities: First United Methodist Church.

Family: Wife Linda; two grown children.

United Way duties: "Serving as a Loaned Executive for the United Way, I look forward to working with local companies to provide resources for a better way of life in Pampa."

What do you think of the United Way effort in Pampa?

"Many United Way agencies provide direct services to youth and children in Pampa. As an educator, I appreciate all organizations that have a heart for children and their situation. The Pampa United Way of Pampa helps these organizations achieve their mission."



Haenisch

David Hall

Past work with United Way: None.

Employment: Director of enrollment services, Clarendon College Pampa Center.

Education: MA, Psychology, West Texas A&M; BA, Psychology, WTAM.

Community activities: Pampa Chamber of Commerce, Pampa Community Blood Council, Pampa Lions Club, Pampa United Way Board.

Family: Wife Heather; kids Cambrey and Jack.

United Way duties: "My duty to United Way is to raise awareness about United Way and the agencies we represent, and also to raise funds to support the missions of our agencies."

What do you think of the United Way effort in Pampa?

"The United Way in Pampa is a great cause. It is a simple effort. People of Pampa helping people of Pampa."

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Gold prices down, but they're not out

Occupy FW protesters arrested

FORT WORTH (AP) - Several Occupy Fort Worth protesters were arrested after refusing to leave a tent that had been unlawfully erected at a park.

Police said four people were arrested Saturday. But Rick Griffin, a Fort Worth lawyer helping providing legal support for the group, tells the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that five protesters were arrested.

He says they were released Sunday after posting \$750 bail each.

Griffin says they are expected to be charged with interfering with the duties of a public servant, a Class B misdemeanor.

A police report says officers allowed them to leave the tents up during a march with the understanding that they would bring them down after.

A city ordinance prohibits tents in the park.

Anywhere from 10 to several dozen protesters have been at the park.

Boys arrested in BB gun spree

HOUSTON (AP) - Police say several boys armed with BB guns and compressed gas cartridges have been arrested after they allegedly drove around their Houston-area town shooting and injuring pedestrians and damaging property.

Dickinson police say the boys, ages 12 to 16, were charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon Sunday.

They allegedly shot at several bystanders, including a 49-year-old man struck above his right eye, a 17-year-old boy hit in the back and a 39-year-old woman who was fired at several times while walking down the street.

Dickinson police say the boys may be responsible for shooting out several car and home windows this weekend.

The Houston Chronicle reports that police found six BB guns, 18 carbon dioxide cartridges and a supply of BBs inside the boys' truck.

Wrongful conviction probed

AUSTIN (AP) - A prosecutor says the Texas attorney general's office will lead the re-investigation of a murder case that sent a man to prison for nearly 25 years on a wrongful conviction.

Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley said Monday he also urged county officials to cooperate with a separate investigation into allegations that evidence was hidden to ensure Michael Morton's conviction.

Morton was released this month based on new DNA evidence after serving 24 years of a life sentence in the 1986 murder of his wife. His attorneys allege he never would have been convicted if not for prosecutorial misconduct.

The prosecutor in Morton's trial, Ken Anderson, is now a district judge. The DNA evidence shows that whoever killed Morton's wife likely also killed another woman in 1988.

Red Tide appears in Gulf

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) - An algae bloom known as red tide that is killing fish and making throats scratchy up and down the Texas Gulf Coast did not surprise researchers who knew the ongoing drought made conditions ripe.

Texas Parks and Wildlife marine biologist Meridith Byrd said Monday the geographic scope of this red tide -- from Galveston to South Padre Island -- is the largest since 2000.

Byrd and other scientists started preparing early in the summer because they recognized the state's brutal drought was creating the warm, salty waters closer to shore that the algae love.

The Cameron County health department warned people with respiratory illnesses, including asthma, to avoid South Padre Island and Boca Chica beach Sunday until further notice.

The last red tide along the Texas coast was 2009.

KM to buy El Paso Corp.

NEW YORK (AP) - Kinder Morgan plans to buy El Paso Corp. in a \$20.7 billion deal that's expected to create America's largest natural gas pipeline operator.

Kinder Morgan Inc. is expanding its reach as the U.S. becomes increasingly reliant on natural gas. Drillers are pumping ever-increasing amounts from underground shale deposits across the U.S. Natural gas prices have dropped to less than a third of their level of three years ago, and power companies are using more of the fuel because it emits fewer greenhouse gases than coal.

The deal also adds to founder and CEO Richard Kinder's energy empire. Kinder, 66, started the company with friend William Morgan after leaving his post as president of the now-defunct Enron Corp. Forbes lists his net worth at \$6.4 billion.

Kinder Morgan will more than double the size of its pipeline network by purchasing El Paso. The new pipeline system would stretch 80,000 miles - long enough to wind around the globe three times. Kinder Morgan's pipelines in the Rocky Mountains, the Midwest and Texas will be woven together with El Paso's expansive network that spreads east from the Gulf Coast to New England, and to the west through New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and California.

TERRY SAVAGE
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The speculators have now learned that all that glitters isn't gold — or silver. Gold futures dropped 5.8 percent on Friday, and silver plunged 18 percent. Gold closed at \$1,638, down from the all-time inter-day high of slightly over \$1,900 just two weeks ago. Silver settled just above \$30 per ounce.

Is this the end of the line for the precious metals? Not by a long shot. But it could be an expensive derailment for those who bought on margin — or for those who received margin calls on other investments, and needed to sell their profitable gold positions to raise cash.

Last week's market action in the precious metals serves as a reminder that no market is a one-way street. The term "safe haven" as applied to gold means only that it is "safe" when there is a total loss of confidence in all paper money.

And to include silver in the category of "precious metal" is to forget that it also has industrial uses as a significant part of its demand. In an economic slowdown, a decline in industrial demand adds pain on the downside — one reason this column has long focused primarily on gold.

This discussion about gold is not about trading or market timing. In fact, every time gold has been mentioned here — starting at well under \$500 an ounce — the argument for gold has been as a long-term "hedge" against paper currencies.

But all trading markets swing to extremes — based on emotion, and on a rational analysis of the situation. The bears on gold prices have several good, immediate, arguments:

Recession: If there's a recession, with continuing financial failures and defaults, there's little chance of immediate inflation. So why own gold?

Capital needs: Investors ranging from European banks to hedge fund managers may be forced to liquidate profitable gold positions to raise cash for liquidity purposes. They may regret parting with their gold assets — but they have no choice.

Sentiment: There is nothing more negative than a dream that is dashed. Two years ago, most investors wouldn't have known the daily price of gold, or cared if it declined. In fact,

gold dropped 25 percent in the fall of 2008 — from over \$1,000 an ounce to about \$750 an ounce. It never made headlines because everyone was worried about the financial system collapse. Now that gold has become more popular, every decline makes headlines.

Long-term investors know there is still a bullish case to be made for gold. And current events have only increased the strength of that argument.

It's a simple fact: No government can "create" gold — but every government can, and eventually will, create paper money (or these days, banking "liquidity") to bail out its economy from financial woes.

Until President Nixon closed the gold window in August 1971, the dollar was as good as gold — at least for international banking transactions. Central banks that held dollars could come knocking at the Treasury and demand gold in exchange for their paper dollar holdings.

That's exactly what Charles de Gaulle did in 1973 when he noticed the United States was creating an excessive amount of dollars, leading to inflation. He asked for gold. Nixon slammed the gold window shut — and ever since then, the dollar has not been directly convertible into gold at the Treasury.

In fact, it wasn't until Jan. 1, 1975, that U.S. citizens could legally own bullion gold or bullion gold coins (as opposed to "collector's" coins like the old U.S. \$20-dollar gold pieces). All bullion bars and bullion coins and gold certificates were confiscated by the government in May 1933, when holding gold was made a crime. Owners of those gold coins and bars were given \$20.67 per troy ounce in payment. The next year, the official price was raised to \$35 per ounce, netting the government a nice profit.

Today, the world's freely trading markets value gold at over \$1,600 an ounce, but the United States carries the gold it owns in Fort Knox at a price of \$42.22 an ounce. During the current crisis, the dollar is seen as the world's

safe haven. But if the world panics out of all currencies, the only way to restore confidence might be to once again make the dollar convertible into gold — at much higher prices!

So what is the current "backing" for the U.S. dollar, if it's still not convertible into gold through the Treasury? The paper money says it is backed by the "full faith and credit" of the Treasury.

For many years, the dollar was officially backed by IOUs from the federal government — Treasury bills, notes and bonds. That's what the Fed took into its portfolio as collateral for newly created credit through its "open market operations."

Three years ago, as part of the TARP and TALF bailout, the Fed decided it would take mortgage-backed securities from Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae as collateral to save the banking system. And it also accepted a loan portfolio from AIG in exchange for newly created liquidity in the system. Today a substantial portion of the Fed's "portfolio" is holdings of loans that were so bad the banks had to get them off their books!

What's next? You don't have to look far to figure that out. Two weeks ago, in an attempt to calm global fears, the Fed announced it would be a source of liquidity for foreign central banks, accepting euros and other bank assets in exchange for dollars to keep the global system afloat.

So now your dollar will be — partly — backed by loans that European banks made to Greece! They couldn't get the Germans to back all the potentially defaulting debt — so the Fed stepped in.

That is the greatest argument for owning gold long term. As the legendary goldbug, James Dines, once said, "When my girlfriend asks for a bracelet made out of paper, I'll know paper is as good as gold."

And that's The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and is on the board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. She appears weekly on WMAQ-Channel 5's 4:30 p.m. newscast, and can be reached at www.terrysavage.com. She is the author of the new book, "The New Savage Number: How Much Money Do You Really Need to Retire?"

Halliburton: Third-quarter profits rise 26%

AP - Halliburton Co.'s profit jumped 26 percent in the third-quarter as oil and gas drillers expanded their operations in North America.

The company, which provides drilling and other services to oil producers, is the first big company in the industry to report quarterly results. They show an industry underperformed by a 12.5 percent drop in oil prices from the second to third quarter.

The drop may have unsettled oil investors, but the industry is pressing forward, CEO Dave Lesar said.

"I continue to believe in the long-term prospects for our business," Lesar said.

Halliburton said the industry is aggressively tapping for oil and natural gas in the U.S., particularly the rich underground shale deposits such as the Eagle Ford region of Texas, the Bakken region in North Dakota and Montana.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 18, the 291st day of 2011. There are 74 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 18, 1961, the movie musical "West Side Story," starring Natalie Wood and Richard Beymer, premiered in New York, the film's setting.

On this date:

In 1685, King Louis XIV signed the Edict of Fontainebleau, revoking the Edict of Nantes that had established legal toleration of France's Protestant population, the Huguenots.

In 1867, the United States took formal possession of Alaska from Russia.

In 1892, the first long-distance telephone line between New York and Chicago was officially opened (it could only handle one call at a time).

In 1931, inventor Thomas Alva Edison died in West Orange, N.J., at age 84.

In 1944, Soviet troops invaded Czechoslovakia during World War II.

In 1962, James D. Watson, Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins were honored with the Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology for determining the double-helix molecular structure of DNA.

In 1969, the federal government banned artificial sweeteners known as cyclamates because of evidence they caused cancer in laboratory rats.

In 1971, the Knapp Commission began public hearings into allegations of corruption in the New York City police department (the witnesses included Frank Serpico).

In 1977, West German commandos stormed a hijacked Lufthansa jetliner on the ground in Mogadishu, Somalia, freeing all 86 hostages and killing three of the four hijackers.

In 1982, former first lady Bess Truman died at her home in Independence, Mo., at age 97.

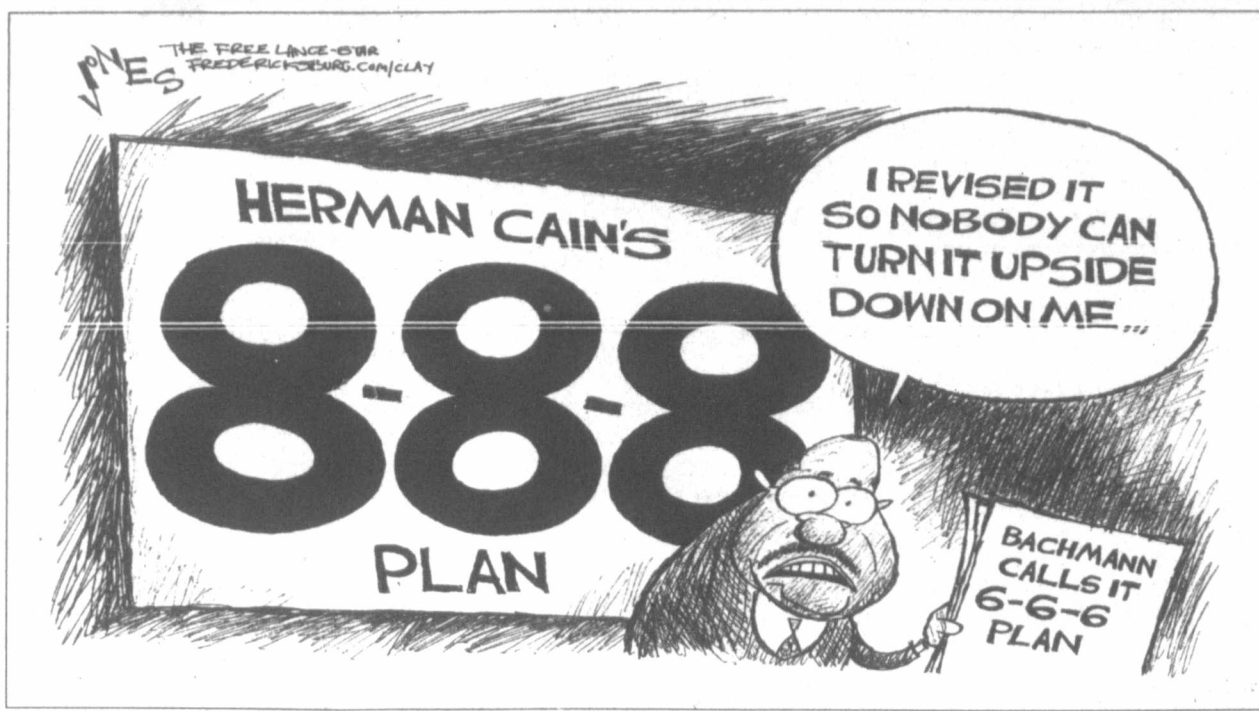
Ten years ago: CBS News announced that an employee in anchorman Dan Rather's office had tested positive for skin anthrax.

Five years ago: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, visiting Tokyo, said the United States was willing to use its full military might to defend Japan in light of North Korea's nuclear test.

One year ago: Four men snared in an FBI sting were convicted of plotting to blow up New York City synagogues and shoot down military planes with the help of a paid informant who'd convinced them he was a terror operative.

Today's Birthdays: Rock-and-roll performer Chuck Berry is 85. Actress Dawn Wells is 73. Actor Joe Morton is 64. Actress Pam Dawber is 61. Author Terry McMillan is 60. Writer-producer Chuck Lorre is 59. Gospel singer Vickie Winans is 58. International Tennis Hall of Famer Martina Navratilova is 55. Actor Jean-Claude Van Damme is 51. Actress Erin Moran is 51. Jazz musician Wynton Marsalis is 50. Actor Vincent Spano is 49. Rock musician Tim Cross is 45. Tennis player Michael Stich is 43. Singer Nonchalant is 38. Actress Joy Bryant is 37. Rock musician Peter Svenson (The Cardigans) is 37. Actor Wesley Jonathan is 33. Country singer Josh Gracin is 31. Country musician Jesse Littleton (Marshall Dyllon) is 30. Jazz singer-musician Esperanza Spalding is 27. Actress-model Freida Pinto is 27. Actor Zac Efron is 24. Actress Joy Lauren is 22. Actor Tyler Posey is 20.

Thought for Today: "Only those ideas that are least truly ours can be adequately expressed in words." - Henri Bergson, French philosopher (1859-1941).



A little impression lasts a long, long time

The "S" at the Allison Quick Lube at the Coronado Center is upside-down.

I drive by it every day on my way to work. Check for yourself if you don't believe me; take a good look at it and you'll notice that the top curve of the "S" is broader than the bottom, when it should be the other way around.

I used to make a note to stop by the car lot and rib Bill Allison about it, but obviously it's too late now, and that's why I bring it up today.

You meet a lot of people in this business. I think it's true even moreso now, since journalism as a whole has become a very nomadic line of work. Already I've written in three states and freelanced in another, and I'm not even 30.

A lot of people often ask me how I keep track of all of the people I talk to, or even if I can. I've spoken with nine-year-olds, college students, teachers, pilots, homeless people, professors, musicians, doctors, cops, convicts, CEOs, actors, professional athletes and politicians from the municipal to the national level. It's tough, to say the least. I've forgotten a few names and faces, and I'm sorry to those who've ended up on that list.

Sometimes, though, you come across an interview — a conversation — that you always remember. One of those for me was Dan Wheldon, IndyCar driver, two-time Indianapolis 500 winner and 2005 Indy Racing League champion. He died on Sunday after a fiery, horrific accident just minutes into the season-ending IndyCar race at Las Vegas that launched his car airborne and into a metal fence. He was 33 and had just signed a contract with a new race team literally that morning, and he leaves behind a wife and two boys.

Now, I grew up in Indianapolis, so I was bred to like when cars go in circles for three hours at ludicrous speed, but Dan was one of the best. The two Indy wins are evidence of that, but anyone with an appreciation of what it takes to pilot those cars could tell you that he had a singular gift. With only 11 laps in the books before that fateful wreck on Sunday, he'd already passed 10 cars

before he ultimately lost his life. He was as tenacious on the track as I'm told he was gregarious off it, driving like he was shot out of a cannon and always smiling after the ride.

I was already a big fan before I'd spoken with him; he was an expat Englishman like me, so I could relate. If I hadn't been one before we met, I'd have surely been one afterwards. Great big sporting events are rugby scrums for journalists, and the Indy 500 was no different. Yet there he was, thick in the running for the championship that year, and still classy, affable and grinning from ear to ear, happy to speak to some kid in a ratty shirt and torn jeans who looked like he found his press pass on the street.

We'd gotten to talking about England and he asked where my accent was.

"When you're a little Asian kid with an English accent in Indiana in fourth grade, you don't get to keep your lunch money much," I said.

He laughed.

"First time working Indy?" he said. I nodded.

"You did real good, man," he replied. "I'll see you again."

I wasn't watching the race on Sunday, but I found out through a friend that Wheldon had died in the hospital from the injuries from the wreck. I never spoke to him again after that one time, but I'll always remember that fair bit of encouragement he gave me. I'm heartbroken for his family, and I'm sad that I never got to take him up on that return interview.

That brings me back to Bill, in a fairly roundabout way. I thought about him again on my way home from the office on Sunday; I was thinking about people I'd worked with that passed on when I drove by that upside-down "S."

I'd spoken to Bill more than I'd spoken to Dan Wheldon, obviously, but



ARNIE AURELLANO

I'm sad I never got to know him that well. What I did know was that he was a good quote and an even better guy, and that he was one of the people that really welcomed me to town.

I remember the first time we met, after lunch at the country club. He came up to introduce himself, and he smiled and pointed at my ear.

"That's a nice earring," he said. "You get that in the women's section?"

I looked back at him for a second without saying anything before I finally opened my mouth.

"That's where all the nice earrings are, Bill," I said.

He looked back at me, and then he smiled a friendly smile under that big white moustache of his and laughed, and we shook hands.

"I'll see you at the City Commission meeting," he said.

I showed up to City Hall that Tuesday and sure enough, there he was. Same big smile, same friendly handshake, then he introduced me to Clay Rice and Kelly Rushing and maybe five other people. He went out of his way to introduce them all personally, and I'll always appreciate that he took the time.

"Glad you're here," Bill said after he'd finished showing me around.

"Me too," I replied.

As a reporter, you often don't get to spend a lot of time with the people you talk to, but they always make an impression, and a few of those last a while. It gives you pause when one of those people is lost, even if you never really knew them well at all. But for one thing, it makes you realize as a journalist how lucky you are in the work that you do to meet such extraordinary people on a daily basis, whether they're driving cars at 200 miles an hour or selling them to their neighbors in town.

Rest in peace, Dan and Bill. Glad to have met you both.

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Herman Cain: GOP hopeful, tax-code killer

Herman Cain is the only GOP presidential candidate who wants to kill the tax code. That's right. Put a knife in it. Junk the entire system. And people are cheering as he rises in the polls in his quest for the nomination.

Cain's 9-9-9 plan is not perfect. But then again, the good should never be the enemy of the perfect.

Rep. Paul Ryan gives the plan a thumbs-up. Supply-side mentor Art Laffer tells me it would be "far, far better than the current system." And Chris Chocola, president of the free-market Club for Growth, calls it "a truly revolutionary tax reform that would amount to a massive job-creating tax cut on investments, savings and income."

As the world now knows, 9-9-9 translates to a 9 percent income-tax rate, a 9 percent value-added net sales tax rate on business and a 9 percent national sales tax overall. Like many conservatives, I am troubled by the national sales tax piece. It reminds me too much of Europe. It could start low and then build on top of the other taxes. But I

totally support the first two nines on personal income and business. In my view, these are vast improvements.

For his part, Cain argues that the sales tax nine would pick up revenue and help to lower the rate for everybody, especially the middle class. His economic adviser Rich Lowrie told me in a CNBC interview that the sales tax is a replacement tax, not an add-on tax like you'd find at the state level. This is a key point. Lowrie said, "All we are doing is pulling out taxes that are invisible. We're cutting them back in at lower rates."

Lowrie is referring to the payroll tax, which in the Cain plan will go from 15 to 9 percent. That constitutes a net tax cut and a good deal more transparency regarding costs and prices that are embedded in the current code. I'm not sure I buy into this point entirely, but it's an interesting argument.

Liberals oppose the sales tax because they say its regressivity will hurt middle- and low-income people. But the Cain plan partially deals with this by

exempting everybody below the poverty line. Cain also states that sales of existing goods would be exempt. I have no knowledge, however, of the treatment of services, and I am somewhat skeptical about enforcement complexity overall.

Nevertheless, a mammoth drop in marginal tax rates for individuals (35 to 9 percent, or 18 percent including the sales tax) and for businesses (also 35 to 9 percent) would supply an incredibly strong economy-wide growth incentive.

Lowrie argued further that the 9-9-9 plan will add \$2 trillion to U.S. gross domestic product, create 6 million jobs, increase business investment by a third and lift wages by 10 percent. "And if you fold all that growth together," said Lowrie, "federal revenues go up by 15 percent."



LAWRENCE KUDLOW

I'm still a flat-tax guy, and I can't vouch for these numbers. But I can vouch for the proposition that greater marginal incentives will drive economic growth into high gear. I know there are many skeptics on this. But as always, I point to the Harding-Coolidge-Mellon tax cuts of the 1920s, the John F. Kennedy tax cuts of the 1960s and the Ronald Reagan tax cuts of the 1980s.

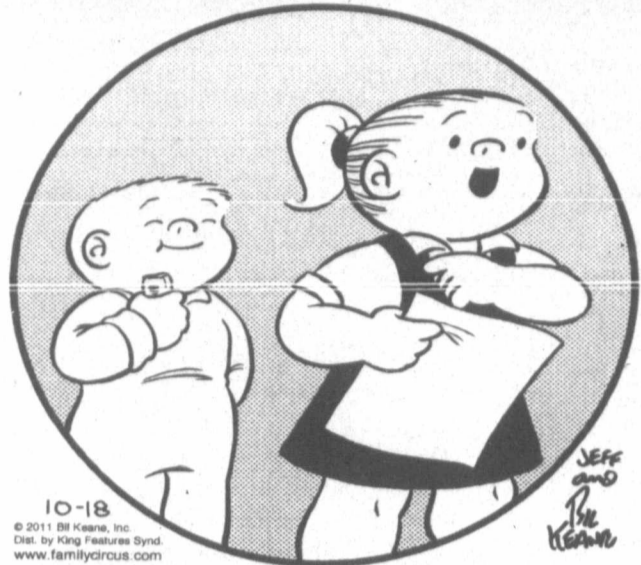
Remember, too, that the Cain tax plan would eliminate the double-tax on saving and investment by removing capital gains, estates and dividends from the tax code. All this would throw off strong economic incentives.

Given the current economic malaise, which in large part can be traced to the weakened balance sheets and net worths of families suffering from the multi-year slump in stock prices and home values, increasing returns to saving and investment through a much lower marginal tax rate will boost asset values. Just what the doctor ordered.

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"I taught PJ to erase in case he ever makes a mistake."

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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011:

This year your community and/or professional image increases. Whatever your activity might be, it takes a lot of time and patience. You will feel pressured often and will need to reorient your plans and thinking accordingly. A partnership plays a significant role. If you are attached, your sweetie adds to the dimension of your life. You could develop a newly discovered closeness. If you are single, you need to decide what type of relationship you want. The right person will surface. **CANCER** often gives you additional responsibilities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You visualize the possibilities, but to act on them might mean a change in your view and perspective. Don't think that anything is impossible. Develop greater security. Start telling yourself what you do well, as opposed to what you need to work on. **Tonight:** So many invitations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Keep communication flowing, though you could hit a boulder in a relationship. You could get stuck and decide to think in terms of accepting this person as he or she is. Communication flourishes and allows you to gain financially and emotionally. **Tonight:** Catch up on a friend's news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Listen to your instincts with a controlling individual. Push comes to shove. Your sense of well-being expands. You are more willing to take a risk right now. Think about your long-term desires. Also, be sensitive to others. **Tonight:** Time for a treat!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You share a lot of feelings. A controlling individual in your life could push you away or attempt to stop you from emoting. Everyone's style is different. Your feelings are your own. Many people cannot tolerate feeling that deeply — hence their reaction. **Tonight:** The world is your oyster.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Rethink a personal matter. You could choose to say little but think a lot. Reflect, test out an idea and perhaps use detachment in order to gain understanding. Though you are passionate, there are times to be cool and logical. You encounter one of these periods. **Tonight:** Know that you don't need to be busy all the time!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A meeting — whether with a group, several friends or one person — sets the tone for the day. Recognize that if you can think of something, it probably is possible. Enthusiasm is contagious. Go ahead and share your excitement; others will join in. **Tonight:** Where people are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You could push paper around into little piles on your desk, or you could dig in and resolve some of the issues. Return messages and answer questions. Remain open to a partner. This person makes you laugh and loosen up sometimes. **Tonight:** Burning the midnight oil.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others have a different vision from you. They also might not have the ability to understand what you want to present. Learn from how each individual communicates. When speaking to each person, try to think and communicate like him or her. You might get better results. **Tonight:** Follow the music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Deal with each individual directly. You could be surprised by what happens. Most people flourish with personal attention. Someone reveals a lot more than usual. At this point, an important discussion can happen. Communication blossoms. **Tonight:** Be with a favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might schedule a meeting, but you could be surprised by someone with the same idea. People are unusually innovative and open. Communication will flourish if you resist controlling games and power plays. Caring abounds as well. **Tonight:** Where the fun is.

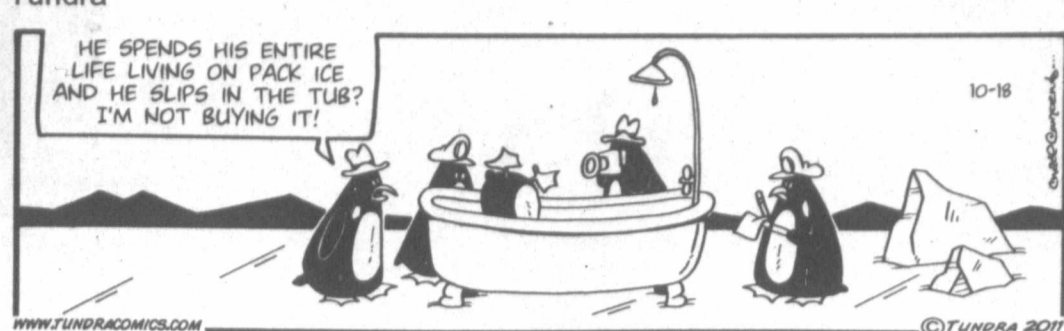
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Be willing to cancel a get-together in order to complete a certain amount of work. You could be too tired to cover all the bases, nor do you need to. Be willing to defer or eliminate. You will want to be 100 percent present. Don't allow yourself to settle for less. Put your feet up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your creativity emerges no matter which way you turn. A romance or loving relationship could become more intense or rewarding. Funnel your unusual ingenuity into what makes a difference for you. Open up a conversation. Reveal your feelings. **Tonight:** Midweek break.

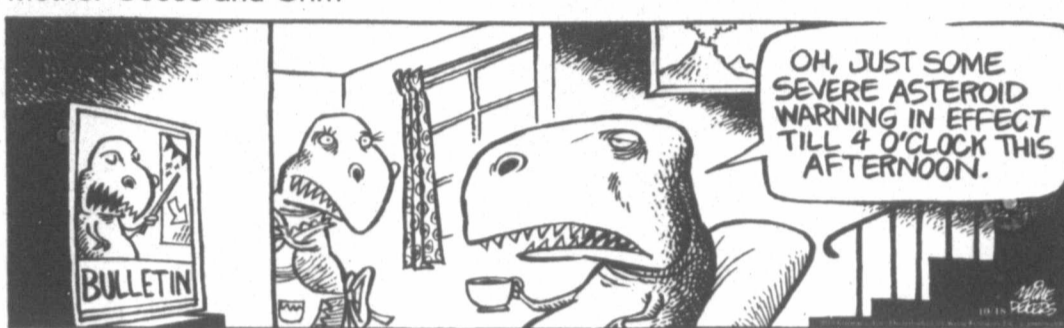
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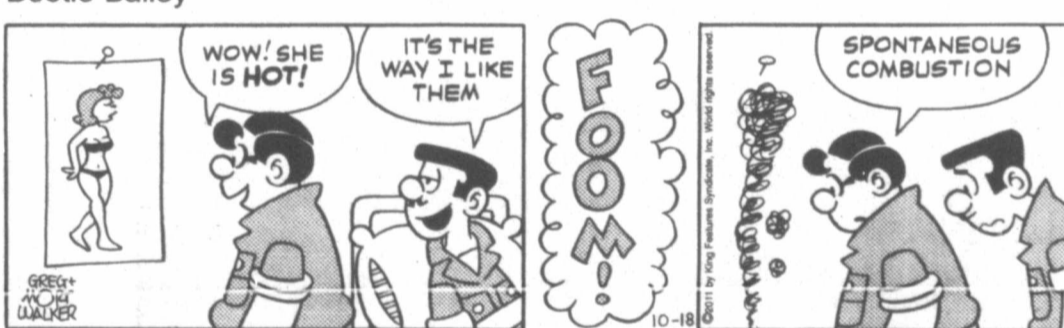
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Marvin



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CRMWA

much trouble ahead. "Even with loss of water from the lake, next summer we don't plan any restrictions or even voluntary restrictions," said Edwards. "We have conservation information on our website with tips on how to conserve. We encourage people to use water wisely."

Mike Gilliland, Public Works Director for Plainview, a CRMWA member city, said his city is looking at adjusting their rate structure and reusing waste water, in addition to drilling two new wells.

"We're all in the same boat now, and the rest of Texas is in the boat with us for a change. We just ask that people do their best to conserve water," said Gilliland.

Protecting the Panhandle's water resources has made conservation an important issue for municipalities and citizens alike.

"I think this drought has brought (conservation) to the forefront of people's minds, where it may not have ever been there before, so it can do some good things for

us. People are going to have to conserve and watch what they're doing, and we should be just fine," said Hooper.

For over ten years, Pampa has reduced water usage by repurposing 95 percent of treated wastewater for the grass at the city's golf course. Since the summer, they have also cut watering at city parks by 50 percent, a practice which will continue until the drought ends.

Although water inflow into Lake Meredith has been below average since 2000, the state of the lake, with a current depth of 30 feet, still is staggering.

"I grew up here in the Texas Panhandle, and I remember as a kid the lake levels had dropped from 90 feet to around 70 feet, and everyone was in a panic that we were going to lose the lake," said Hooper. "I remember that being a fear of mine even as a kid, and it's so unfortunate that we've reached that point that the lake is no longer going to be providing water for anybody, at least until there's going to be some kind of

change in the amount of rainfall that they get."

Miami and Lefors, which aren't CRMWA members, both rely on wells for water, and neither city saw a strained supply during the summer.

"We didn't have to go through our drought contingency plan, although we did ask citizens to watch their usage, so water usage has been way down this (past) summer," said Susan Oldham, mayor of Lefors.

But some Panhandle cities like Canadian, which also isn't a member of CRMWA and won't be affected by its allotment changes, are planning for the summer ahead, according to Tommy Wyatt with the City of Canadian.

"We're working on a drought contingency plan, because they're saying (the drought) will last a couple years," said Wyatt. "The population is growing, we're expanding, and we've really got to start looking into drilling wells this winter."

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BANANAGRAMS!

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- ROWED
- MUTED
- MUSES

Yesterday's Answer: AMOeba, BEATEN, OVERDO, HIATUS

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As for businesses, not only would they get a globally super-competitive 9 percent tax rate, but they'd receive 100 percent expensing for new purchases of capital equipment.

Former Treasury hands Gary and Aldona Robbins priced out the Cain plan on a static basis and discovered it to be revenue neutral.

Essentially, they found a \$26 trillion tax base yielding \$2.3 trillion in revenue for a 9.1 percent overall rate. Hence, 9-9-9.

In essence, the Cain plan combines the flat tax (with its single marginal rate) and the fair tax (which uses the national sales tax). I don't know if this is really possible. But in terms of first principles, throwing out the tax code, lowering marginal

tax rates, getting rid of the carve-outs and deductions that make the current code impossible to understand, and providing an economic-growth tonic to heal our current

funk, it makes a lot of sense.

That Herman Cain is rising in the polls is no surprise.

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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.

10-18 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Level: Beginner



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have a dear friend, "Angie," who lost her father to suicide several years ago. Whenever life throws her a curveball, she talks about "ending it all." This bothers me tremendously because I went through the heartache and distress with her when her father took his life.

Angie has a loving family — mother, sister, beautiful children and a boyfriend. I, on the other hand, am completely alone, yet I muddle along without threatening suicide at every bump in life.

How can I get my friend to stop and realize how lucky she is to have such a wonderful support system when there are those of us who have no one — yet we find the strength to carry on? — NOT GIVING UP IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR NOT GIVING UP: You can't, although I'm sure you have tried. You have inner resources that it appears Angie does not. However, if a friend of mine whose relative had committed suicide told me repeatedly that she was considering doing the same, I would report it to her family and urge them to see that she got professional help. That's what you should do, in case depression and suicidal impulses run in her family, as is sometimes the case.

DEAR ABBY: I appreciate frugality, especially now that we all have to watch our spending. However, my neighbor is incredibly frugal. She often asks if she can "borrow" something instead of buying whatever it is she needs.

Her latest request was for socks — yes, socks! — for her

daughter's dance recital. I put socks in the same category as underwear, something a little too personal to be lending out. Before that, it was leggings, a CD — the list goes on and on. She always returns the items, but enough is enough!

I work, she doesn't. I feel as though I'm expected to provide for them because I have a job. I don't know if I should say anything to her about her constant borrowing or simply say "no" to all future requests, which, of course, there will be. Please share your thoughts. — WHAT NEXT?

DEAR WHAT NEXT?: If your neighbor isn't working because she chooses not to, then say no. If she's not working because she hasn't been able to find a job — a circumstance in which millions of people in this country find themselves — then treat her as you would want to be treated if you were in her shoes.

DEAR ABBY: My father, who is happily married to his third wife, recently came across some photos of his first wedding to my

mother in 1961. Apparently, the walk down memory lane didn't stop there for him. He asked his wife, who evidently agreed, if he could have a party to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this event.

I am appalled and kind of nauseated by the thought. Do you think I'm overreacting? I have considered refusing the invitation. Should I just suck it up, or tell my father I think the idea is narcissistic, insensitive and foolish? — SICK TO MY STOMACH

DEAR SICK TO MY STOMACH: Your question is a first. Why your father would consider throwing a golden anniversary party to celebrate a marriage that turned to lead and "sank" is mystifying. Equally so is his current wife's willingness to go along with it.

While you and I might consider his idea to be ill-conceived, resist the urge to indulge in name-calling. Let him hear from others that the idea is narcissistic, insensitive and foolish. And, by the way, you are not obligated to accept every invitation you receive.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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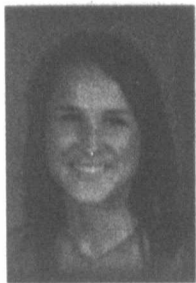
VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

No. 13 Lady Harvesters closing in on district title

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In the last leg of the district race, the No. 13 Pampa Lady Harvesters hope to close the door on a second consecutive district title when they face the Borger Lady Bulldogs 6 p.m. Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa can clinch district with a victory or a Dalhart loss. By clinching district, the Lady Harvesters will have a bye in the bi-district round of playoffs. Head coach Libby Garza said her girls are focused on their goals.



Garza

"That's ultimately what they are trying to do," Garza said. "They want to achieve their goals."

The Lady Harvesters (26-8, 6-0) beat Borger (19-17, 1-5) in four in their first meeting in Pampa on September 27, winning their games by at least seven. Pampa swept the October 8 meeting in Borger (25-20, 25-22, 25-20) but the scores were closer as they didn't win by more than five. Senior McKinlee Stokes said she is looking forward to the game.

"I'm excited," Stokes said. "We should do good."

Senior Caitlin Sieck said the team should expect Borger to play its best.

"Everyone wants to beat us because we are on top," Sieck said. "Last year we were 9-0. It's expected."

Garza said it will be key for her team to follow the game-plan.

"We've struggled with that this year, following a game-plan and being successful with it," Garza said. "So we are going to set up a gameplan and come back to it, every time we stray from it."

On Saturday, Pampa has its final road game in district against Perryton 3 p.m. Saturday. In the first game at Perryton on October 1, Pampa swept the Rangerettes (10-20, 1-5) winning two of the games by double digits. The Lady Harvesters also swept the second meeting but the scores were less decisive (25-16, 25-9, 25-18).

The game will be the Rangerettes' Senior Night. Sieck said that shouldn't affect them.

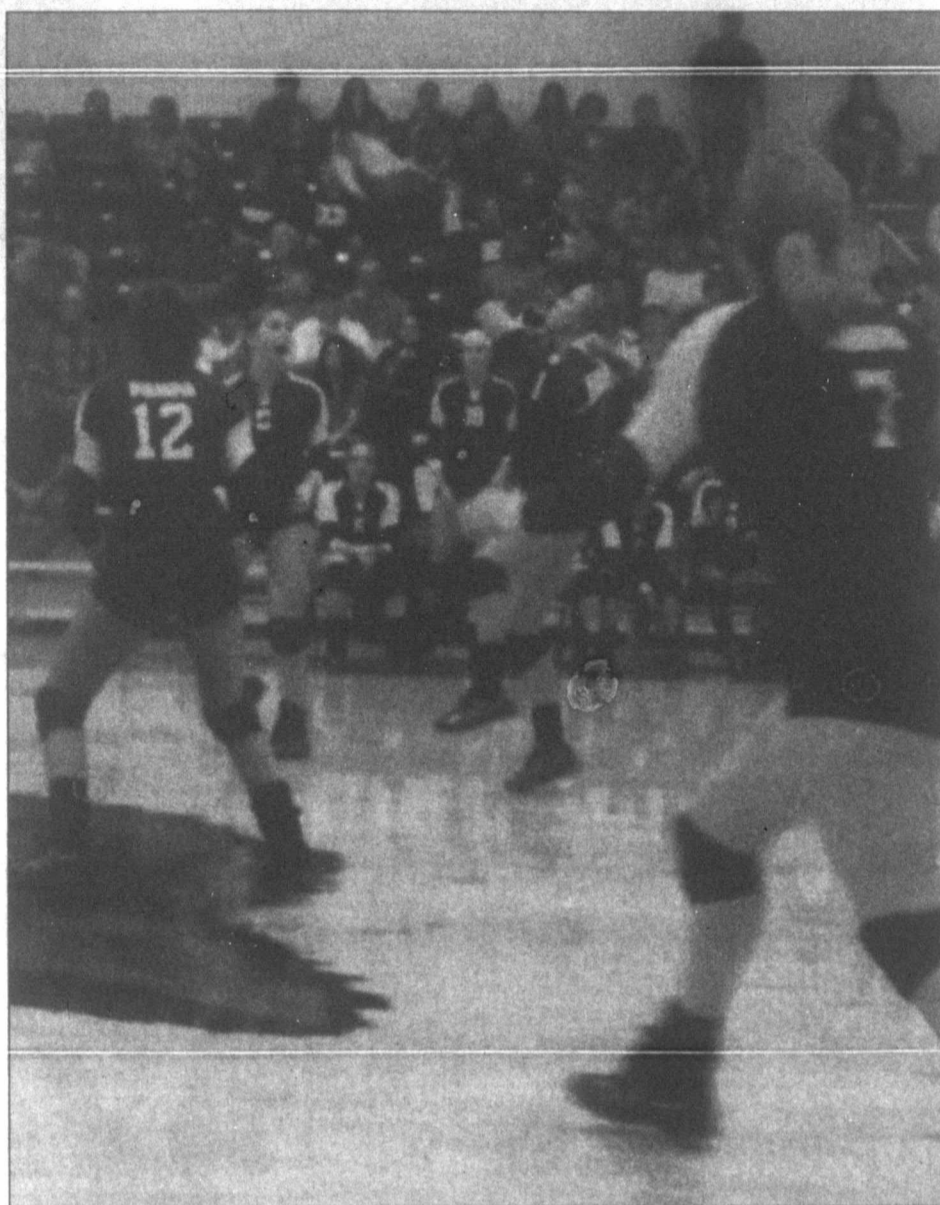
"I think we will play the same and more intense since it's their senior night," Sieck said. "Beating someone on their Senior Night is exciting."

Garza said her team should expect Perryton's best and hopes it takes care of business.

"I know Perryton has done a great job this year," Garza said. "I expect nothing but their best. I think for us it's just going in their and taking care of our side. If we take care of our side we're pretty tough to beat."



Sieck



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Senior McKinlee Stokes passes to a teammate against Dalhart Saturday. The Lady Harvesters can clinch district with a victory over Borger Tuesday.

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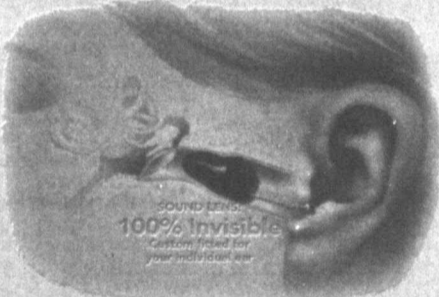
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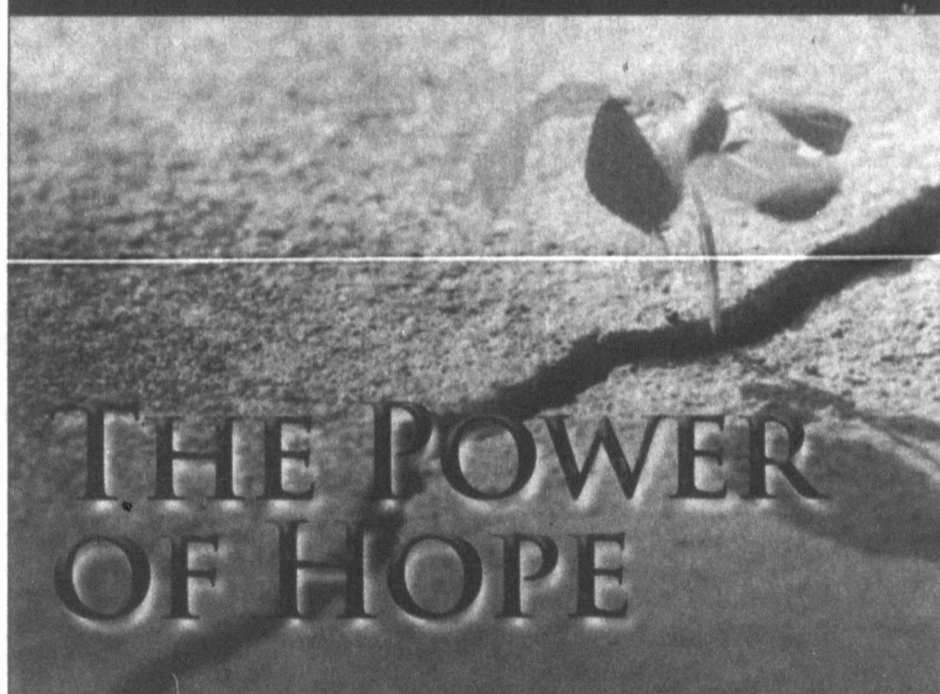
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