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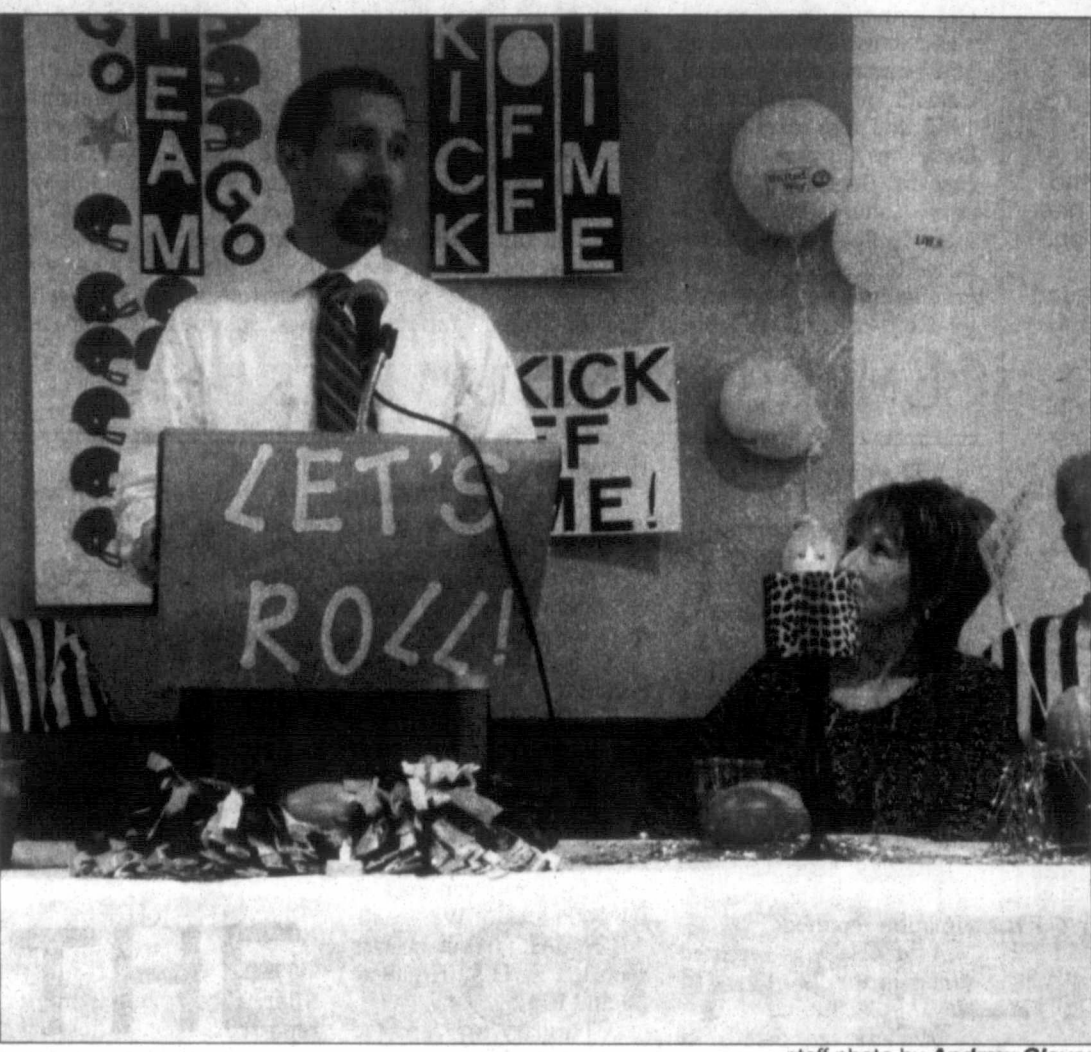
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2009 United Way campaign kicks off



First Presbyterian pastor Kenny Rigoulot speaks during the United Way campaign kickoff luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, September 22. The 2009 campaign goal is to raise \$315,000.

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa United Way kicked off their 2009 campaign during a luncheon at the M.K. Brown Room in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

This year's goal is set at \$315,000. Mike Ruff said that number was determined in a budget allocation meeting in the spring.

"Each of the 19 agencies present their budget requests to the committee," Ruff said. "It's an all day meeting. The groups bring their financial statements and the committee decides what is allocated."

Ruff said most of the money received goes to the United Way agencies.

"Eighty-three percent of the money we receive goes to support the agencies," Ruff said. "The other 17.5 percent goes to administrative costs."

The room where the luncheon was held was decorated with a football theme. Ruff and Pampa businessman Dick Stowers were dressed in referee outfits.

Stowers started the meeting by introducing the United Board members. Ruff introduced the agency's and introduced the speaker, Kenny Rigoulot, pastor of First UNITED WAY cont. on page 3

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Gray County Child Welfare Board needs volunteers

A dedicated group of volunteers are looking for a few more people willing to work to improve the lives of abused and neglected children in Gray County.

The Gray County Child Welfare Board needs several volunteers to join the board, which works with Child Protective Services (CPS) to ensure that the needs of the county's abused and neglected children are met. The board is involved in several activities, including providing Christmas gifts to abused children and helping kids out with expenses, such as graduations.

Board Chairman Paul Searl said the board currently has six members, but could use four or five more to help. Board members are needed who can spend a couple hours a month helping out children.

"We're just there to help kids and do what needs to be done to help them out," Searl said. "It's really all about the kids."

Child abuse is a problem across the nation, and Gray County is no exception. In Fiscal Year 2008, CPS completed 257 investigations in Gray County and found 67 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect. In the Panhandle/High Plains region, 4,156 children were found to have been abused after 7,418 investigations.

In the effort to decrease the prevalence of child abuse, volunteers are a key ally, said Greg Cunningham, CPS spokesman.

"Child abuse is a community problem that requires a community-based solution," Cunningham said. "We need people in every city and county willing to dedicate their time to make sure our most vulnerable population - our children - are safe and protected."

The board will be holding a meeting at noon on Oct. 6 in the CPS office, 1517 N. Banks in Pampa. Anyone interested in joining can attend the meeting or contact Cindy Vandiver, Department of Family and Protective Services community initiatives specialist, at 806-655-3071 Ext. 25.

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Resident presents petition apposing aquatic park site

BY BETSY PHILLIPS
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Pampa resident Joseph Neil spoke at the regular meeting of the Pampa City Commission Tuesday afternoon in opposition to the location of the proposed aquatic center.

Neil brought a petition to the council with 128 names, and said there were more people circulating the same petition, but who did not make it to the 4 p.m. meeting.

Neil said he feels traffic and danger to children playing in the neighborhood would increase if the aquatic center is built at Inez Carter Park, and feels the city owns enough land to build the project elsewhere, without paying \$100,000 for the parcel of land it will purchase to place the center at the Inez Carter location.

"I was born here," Neil told the commissioners. "I had planned to use (the value of) my home as part of my retirement."

Mayor Lonny Robbins told Neil the commission would "process" the information "based on the city charter."

Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes gave an update on the project saying the Pampa Economic Development Corporation Board met Tuesday morning and voted to approve the final \$250,000 for the project. Stokes said it is fully funded now.

The majority of the funds to build the aquatic center is from bonds purchased by the city last spring.

He reiterated points from a "fact sheet" published in the Monday Edition of the Pampa News.

"The City of Pampa plans to build its new outdoor aquatic facility at Inez Carter Park, located just north of the Pampa Youth & Community Center between Harvester Street and Randy Matson A venue. Several concerns have been expressed recently by a few citizens that live in that area. This fact sheet will attempt to address each of those concerns."

Decreased property values: Studies have shown in other cities that property values not only do not decrease but in most cases, increase with the CITY cont. on page 3

PISD gets superior audit rating

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Pampa Independent School District achieved a Superior Achievement rating in the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, more commonly known by the acronym FIRST.

The district ranked strongly in the 24 indicators of the program, PISD Business Manager Carol Fields told the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees last night during a public hearing prior to the school board's regular monthly meeting.

The district scored 82 out of a possible 85 points in their audit.

Fields said the district was scored on such things as debt, district management practices, student-teacher ratio, student-staff ratio, administrative-cost ratio and tax collections.

During the meeting, the board heard a presentation by Cherie Christen on an employment recognition program known as "You Made Pampa Proud."

The program is designed to improve morale on PISD campuses.

Approved by the board, the employment recognition program will be implemented beginning Oct. 1.

The school board heard reports on the high school renovation project, which is winding down, and the new junior high project, which should be enclosed by the time winter weather hits the area.

The board approved a \$22,500 bid for a PISD cont. on page 3

CrimeStoppers seeks tipsters to claim rewards

There are some people that Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers owes money to who have not come forward to claim their rewards. No information is kept on the tipsters, but they have a reward coming to them. Please contact Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers, (806) 669-2222, if one of these is your code number.

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| High 66 Low 50 | High 75 Low 57 | High 81 Low 59 |

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. Calm wind becoming west northwest between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. Calm wind becoming south southwest between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 81. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. East northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south southwest.

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Teacher killed in stabbing at high school in Tyler

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Tyler police say a stabbing today at John Tyler High School in Tyler has left a teacher dead.

Police spokesman Officer Don Martin confirmed a male teacher was dead and a juvenile was taken into custody after Wednesday morning's attack. Further details were not immediately released.

Martin said a stabbing was reported around 9 a.m. Wednesday and that Tyler police were assisting school police.

Martin referred questions to Angela Jenkins, a spokeswoman for John Tyler High School. Jenkins did not immediately return messages left by The Associated Press.

Donald Yarborough dies at 83

HOUSTON (AP) — Donald Yarborough, a Houston lawyer who ran unsuccessfully for Texas governor three times in the 1960s, has died. He was 83.

His daughter, Sophie Yarborough DeVise, said Yarborough died Wednesday. DeVise said he had suffered from Parkinson's disease for many years.

Yarborough, a liberal

Democrat, was born in New Orleans in 1925. He made his first run for governor against three-time incumbent Price Daniel and John Connally. Connally won in 1962, and was wounded when campaigning with John F. Kennedy in Dallas the next year.

Yarborough ran twice more for governor, but never succeeded.

3 die in wreck in Orange County

VIDOR, Texas (AP) — A two-vehicle wreck in Orange County left three people dead and one hurt.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says the accident involved a pickup and an SUV on a Farm-to-Market road near Vidor.

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger on Wednesday identified the dead as 33-year-old pickup driver Kelly Marie Dutta of Beaumont and a passenger, 61-year-old Margaret

Jane Cottom of Jasper. A 3-year-old girl in the vehicle was injured. Her name and condition were not immediately available.

Vinger says the wreck Tuesday night also killed the SUV driver, 47-year-old Kathy Harrison Viator of Orange.

Troopers say the pickup was southbound and attempting to make a left turn when the collision happened.

Texans receiver Jones pleads guilty to DWI

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Texans wide receiver Jacoby Jones has pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated over a 2008 traffic incident.

A judge in Houston on Tuesday sentenced Jones to one year in a new diversion program for first-time DWI offenders.

Jones must attend alcohol education classes

in the yearlong program that includes an alcohol detecting device put in his vehicle. Completion of the program could lead to dismissal of the case.

Jones was in his car, but stopped in a downtown Houston traffic lane, when he was arrested on March 16, 2008.

Obituaries

Leta Carruth Jeffers, 73

Pampa— Leta Carruth Jeffers, 73, died peacefully in her home in the early morning hours of the first day of autumn — September 22, 2009, surrounded by her loving husband and family.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Jeffers was born July 18, 1936 in Ralston, Oklahoma, to Wayman and Vera Staus. At the age of 16, she married John Lloyd Carruth on December 21, 1952 and they made their home on the family farm east of Pampa. A few years later, they moved into Pampa where they raised four children together, moving away for a time to Houston and Liberal,

Kansas, and returning to Pampa in the mid-1970's. John preceded her in death in February of 1993. Leta was blessed with a second marriage and the loving companionship of Warren "Gene" Jeffers on December 24, 1997. She was a homemaker and a member of Highland Baptist Church. Leta loved God, spending time with her family, her church, sewing, crafts and music, playing games of all kinds with kids, grandkids and adults, fishing, and laughter. She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers: Billy Ray Staus and Jim Staus.

Survivors include her husband of 12 years, Warren "Gene" Jeffers of

the home; a daughter, Judy Praytor and husband Robert of Newalla, Oklahoma; three sons, David Carruth and wife Dee of Louisville, Kentucky, Paul Carruth and wife Marquetta of Pampa, and Mike Carruth of Casper, Wyoming; two stepsons, Bob Jeffers and wife Phyllis of Pampa, and Joe Jeffers and wife Terri of Tulsa, Oklahoma; a stepdaughter, Leigh Ann Crain and husband Mike of Pampa; 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Linda Bogert of Gillette, Wyoming, and Dorothy Edmondson and husband Tony of San Antonio; numerous nieces and nephews, countless friends and



Jeffers

a precious church family.

Leta requested that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Highland Baptist Church Building Fund, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

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

There were 13 traffic-related reports and two accidents.

Animal control reported six animal-related calls.

There were four medical calls.

Tuesday, Sept. 22. There was a narcotics violation reported.

A vehicle was reported stolen in the 700 block of North Powell.

Officers assisted a motorist at Foster and

Hobart.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1000 block of South Christy.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1800 block of North Nelson.

A theft was reported to police.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of West Gwendolyn.

A theft was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

Criminal trespass was reported at U.S. Highway 60 and Ripley.

A burglary was reported in the 900 block of East

Barnard.

A structure fire was reported in the 1000 block of North Frost.

Harassment was reported to police.

A gas drive off was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Officers checked an open door in the 2600 block of North Navajo.

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

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests in the 24-hour peri-

od ending at 7 a.m. today.

Lionel Ray Nash, 25, was sentenced to 60 days in county jail.

Justin Wade Dittiro, 18, was arrested by Pampa police officers for failure to appear.

Salvador Rodriguez, 32, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of assault and family violence.

Wednesday, Sept. 23.

Casey Dean Cordell, 49, of Amarillo, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of wrong or altered vehicle registration.

Dell foundation gives \$10M for data system

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Michael & Susan Dell Foundation said Tuesday it is giving \$10 million to help Texas create a \$60 million data system to track student performance, giving educators access to academic, attendance, disciplinary and state testing records for individual students.

Texas Education Agency officials said the system will allow teachers and principals to intervene early with struggling students. Officials said they will apply for \$50 million in federal stimulus funds to help pay for the system.

Such data systems are a key part of the Race to the Top, a competitive \$4 billion federal grant program that rewards states that create education innovations.

Barbara Knaggs, the Texas Education Agency's associate commissioner for state initiatives, said having a philanthropic donation jump-start the initiative helps Texas compete for the federal grant. She told the Austin American-Statesman that creating what is being called the Texas Student Data System is one of the agency's top

priorities for the next four years.

With the system, the data will be in one record that a teacher can access, even for students who move from different schools or districts.

Lori Fey, a director of policy initiatives for the foundation created by Dell Inc. founder Michael Dell and his wife, Susan, said various levels of information would be displayed in the system, depending on who — a parent, principal or policy maker — is accessing the database.

The new system will build on the state's current one, which includes student performance, demographic and school personnel information.

Family foundation officials said the new system would save Texas school districts about \$323 million, the cost of gathering and reporting information to the Texas Education Agency under the current system.

The \$10 million gift is the single largest education grant the Dell family foundation has given the state of Texas.

Sentencing set in green-card marriage scam

DALLAS (AP) — A Fort Worth grandmother is set to be sentenced Wednesday after admitting to running a scheme in which her family members married foreigners seeking to stay in the United States.

Federal prosecutors say Maria Refugia Camarillo arranged the green-card marriages for more than two decades. She recruited

her children, nieces, nephews, and even her three teenage grandchildren to be the American spouses of would-be immigrants.

The U.S. Attorney's Office says Camarillo pleaded guilty in July to a count of conspiracy to commit fraud in connection with immigration documents. She faces up to five years in prison.

Convicted Garland cop killer set to die

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Kenneth Mosley already was wanted in the Dallas area, sought for holding up a fast-food restaurant, when he was recognized inside a Garland bank as the man who robbed it more than a month earlier.

Garland police got a 911 call and Officer Michael Moore responded within five minutes. Mosley was standing in line as Moore approached him and said he'd like to speak with him.

Mosley resisted. The pair struggled and fell through a window.

Mosley pulled a 9 mm pistol and opened fire, killing the officer.

The 51-year-old Mosley is set to die Thursday evening for the February 1997 slaying. He'd be the 19th convicted killer executed this year in Texas and the second this week in the nation's most active death penalty state.

OSHA claims BP failed to make plant improvements

TEXAS CITY, Texas (AP) — Federal regulators warned BP that it failed to make all required safety improvements at its Texas City refinery where a 2005 explosion left 15 people dead.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, in a letter dated Aug. 3, gave the oil company until Wednesday to complete the changes.

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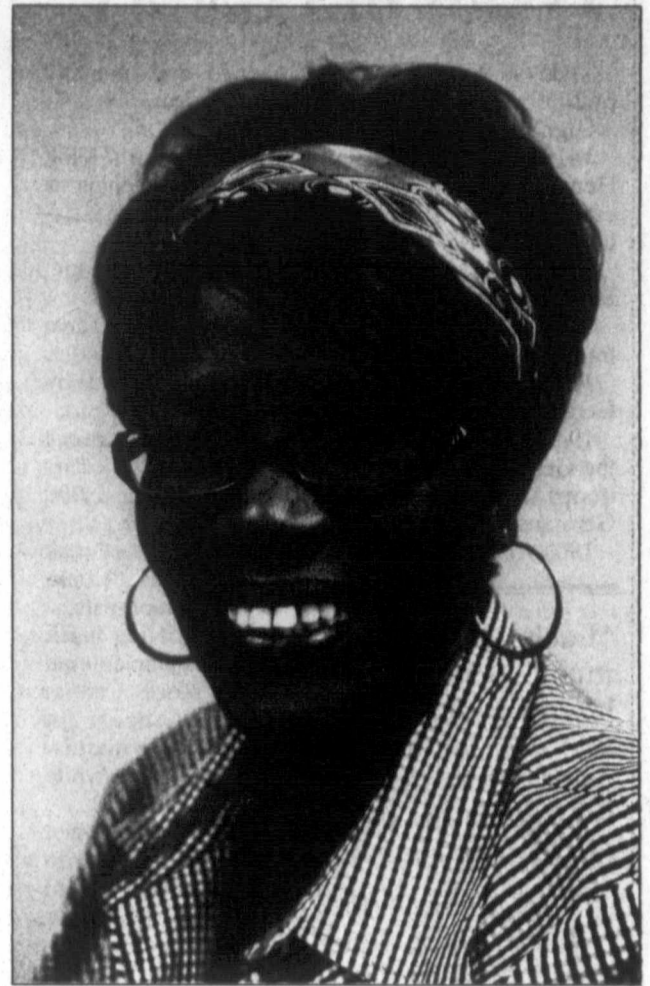
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Pat Montoya, Mrs. and Mr. Dick Stowers, Janet Stower, Richard Stowers and Loyd Waters show off T-shirts for "Silver Serenade," the 25th annual Country Fair event sponsored by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. The October 17 event is a fundraiser for the chamber. Tickets are on sale for \$30 each through the chamber, 669-3241.

City's Karen Price volunteers for United Way's Loaned Executive program

City of Pampa Secretary Karen Price is one of several local executives who have volunteered to join the Loaned Executive program to raise money for this year's United Way Campaign.

"The local United Way, aside from the financial support they provided for citizens in need in our community—the emotional support the agencies provide is second to none. In the times we live in today it is good to know that if there is a need, United Way Agencies will be there to help," Price said.

The Loaned Executive is loaned to the United Way by the company they work for, to call on the Major Firms Division that has 10 or more employees. They encourage employers to ask company employees to donate to the campaign. Most LE's are responsible for the company they are representing as well as four other accounts.



Karen Price

PISD

concession stand at the softball field.

Athletic Director Stuart Smith said the concession stand would be located at the gate of the softball field and would double as a ticket booth.

Randy Stephenson, who oversees construction for the district, told the board he is meeting with the agriculture instructor with regard to building an ag barn.

In other business, the board approved a \$53,012.50 Safari Montage Video Distribution System at Pampa High. It is a server-based system on the school's network.

While initially for the high school, the system can be expanded to include the junior high and elementary schools.

Doug Ware appeared before the school board to request that graduation next spring be moved from the football stadium indoors to McNeely Field House.

The school board discussed moving the ceremony and changing the time from 10 a.m. Saturday to the Friday night before, but Supt. Barry Haenisch

said that might not be possible because of the school schedule and state mandates.

Some 225 students are expected to graduate next spring.

Action on the question of where and when to hold graduation was postponed until the October meeting.

The board approved a request by the high school Drama Club to change their planned travel schedule next spring.

Because of a faltering economy, the club will now travel to San Antonio instead of New York for their Spring trip.

The board approved a bid of \$5,334 by Audio-Video Corporation for an intercom, paging, bell and clock system for the new junior. The money will come out of bond funds.

Haenisch told the board that there had been some concern over students after class dismissal at Pampa Junior High because of problems in past years, but so far this year there has been no problems. The junior high students are supposed to leave the campus by 4 p.m. unless other arrangements have been

make.

The school superintendent said that he's been monitoring the students at the end of the school day and by 4 p.m., they've pretty well left the school. Those who are still awaiting rides are sent to specific areas until their ride arrives.

"The days I've been there," Haenisch said, "students have been well behaved."

The school board approved a measure that would allow health professionals to use schools, particularly gyms, during pandemics or other medical emergencies.

The administration also asked for suggested names from the board for the Gray County Appraisal Board. The nominees will be vetted and presented to the board for approval next month.

The board approved the Student Health Advisory Committee members.

Proposed revisions to the grading and progress reports to parents and student activities will be voted on next month.

The board will also take up the PISD Belief

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Statement at next month's meeting.

The board approved on second reading reports on guided services and report on transportation.

They approved a change in signatures for Wilson Elementary and Pampa Learning Center faculty accounts.

The board also approved a resolution to allow Gray County 4H personnel to act as adjunct PISD staff. They also approved applications for admissions the PISD Education Aide Exemption Project.

They also heard reports on enrollment, Texas Education Agency, expenditures and preparedness on H1N1 flu.

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City

installation of well maintained city parks.

Only playground in that area of town:

If you have seen the conceptual drawings of the proposed facility, you would see that the new park will have a new, larger and much nicer playground area that will be open to citizens year round free of charge.

Increased noise from the park's rides:

There is a misconception that this park will be a large amusement park with mechanical rides and roller coasters. Fact is, this will be a new swimming pool with slides and play features for people of all ages, from tots to adults.

The only increased noise in the area will be that of children having fun. The park will rarely, if ever be open passed 10 PM and the original layout of the park has been changed moving the aquatic facility to the center of the property and the playground to the north end nearest the homes in the area.

Increased trash in neighborhood:

Most of the trash will be contained within the aquatic facility. Any trash that gets on the grounds outside the fenced area will be policed on a regular basis.

Increased traffic in the area:

This is one concern that really cannot be argued.

There will be an increase in traffic in the area during the hours of operation of the aquatic facility (usually 10 AM to 9 PM). However, the facility will only be open during the summer months and the city plans to address different ways to control the speed and flow of traffic. If we look at the overall benefit to the city, the increase in traffic equates to an increase in tax revenues, increase in hotel/motel tax revenues and increase revenues for local businesses.

In other business, the commission adopted ordinances

- Levying an Ad Valorem tax of \$0.62693 for the fiscal year 2009-10.
- Setting rates for solid

waste disposal.

• Setting water rates for customers.

The commission approved items on the consent agenda, including reappointing Dick Stowers to a two-year term to the Board of Adjustment, a zoning appeal board, Tim Roberts and Bobby Burns to the Construction Board of Appeals, Sara Carmichael, Jerri Ericson, Sharon Haynes and W. Wesley Green to the Lovett Memorial Library Board, Janie Shed, Harold Price and Willie Nickleberry to the Planning and Zoning Committee and Rusty Tapp, Marvin Allison and Oscar Sargent to the Hidden Hills Golf Advisory Board.

Ride for the refugee reaches fifth year

The Ride for the Refugee, a ministry of First Christian Church of Amarillo and First Christian Church of Pampa, is celebrating its fifth anniversary October 1-4. And what a ride it has been. Beginning as a dream of Johnny Harper from Lefors to have a motorcycle ministry, it has grown to include two semi-trailer trucks, a van, a trailer and, of course, motorcycles.

The Ride for the Refugee is an annual trek covering 950 miles from Liberal, Kansas to Los

Fresnos, Texas in two days. The caravan picks up donated furniture, clothing, food and money at Disciples of Christ churches along the way. This year's donations come from Liberal, Kansas; Pampa; Amarillo; Abilene (Wylie Christian Church);

Burnet; Victoria; Corpus Christi (Central Christian Church); and Kingsville, Texas.

The items are delivered to Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in Los Fresnos. The Rev.

Filiberto Pereira is one of the contact persons that the US embassy uses to help refugees seeking political asylum from Central America, South America, Cuba and Mexico. He helps the refugees get the proper documentation and assists them through court proceedings.

These people literally arrive with only the clothes on their backs.

Rev. Pereira understands the plight of these people. He, himself, was a political refugee from Cuba. He was imprisoned by Fidel Castro and suffered intolerable conditions before

making his way to the United States with his family.

The SWGSM helps people with clothing, food, and a place to live during their plight to find a new life. The ministry has also built "casitas" in nearby Bayview. This is where much of the larger donated items are delivered.

Each of the churches involved with the Ride for the Refugee put together school kits and health kits. These not only benefit the refugees, but, also, an orphanage and a medical clinic across the border in Matamoros, Mexico that is sponsored by SWGSM.

These people are "the poorest of the poor" as Rev. Pereira often states. They try to find survival in a disease infested dump and sewage filled water canals. The "Cuidad de

Derechos Humanas" (the Colony of Human Rights) is the lofty name for such a God-forsaken place. Along with the trash and rotting animal carcasses. Every living thing (if you can call it living) is extremely skinny - horses, donkeys, dogs, children.

The First Christian Churches of Pampa and Amarillo want to thank all those who have donated to this year's "ride": T-Shirts and More; Pampa Office Supply; Dr. William S.

Buck, DDS; and those individuals who made this year's trip monetarily possible.

Robbie Pepper, chairperson, of this year's endeavor commented, "We Americans should never take for granted what we have. For, but by the grace of God, go I."

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, September 23, the 266th day of 2009. There are 99 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1518 - During the reign of Great Britain's King Henry VIII, the Royal College of Physicians is established to protect citizens from medical charlatans and quacks.

1642 - Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, holds its first commencement.

1817 - Spain signs treaty with Britain to end slave trade.

1846 - The planet Neptune is discovered by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle.

1942 - The Russians launch a counterattack against the Germans in Stalingrad after being reinforced by troops that had crossed the Volga. More than 2,000 Germans are killed.

1951 - United Nations forces capture "Heartbreak Ridge" in Korea from Communists.

'Each generation imagines itself to be more intelligent than the one that went before it, and wiser than the one that comes after it.'

— George Orwell (Eric Blair), British author

1957 - Nine black students who entered Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas withdraw because of a white mob outside.

1967 - The Soviet Union pledges to send military and economic assistance to North Vietnam, including aircraft, ground-to-air mis-

siles and rocket equipment.

1972 - President Ferdinand Marcos declares martial law in the Philippines. It lasts for more than eight years.

1973 - Juan Peron is elected for his third and last presidential term in Argentina.

1978 - Egypt's President Anwar Sadat returns home to hero's welcome after Camp David summit that resulted in agreement on framework for peace with Israel.

1980 - The U.N. Security Council calls on Iran at 1993 - The South African parliament approves a law giving blacks their first official say in the running of the country, authorizing the creation of a transitional executive council before the first universal elections.

1994 - The U.N. Security Council eases sanctions on Yugoslavia for 100 days after Serbia promises to support a peace plan for Bosnia and accept civilian monitoring of the Serbian-Bosnian border.

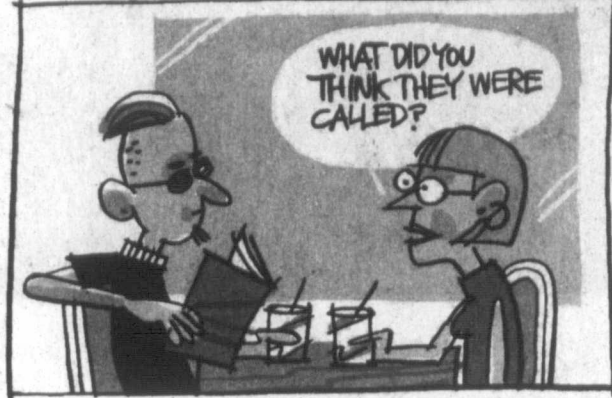
2000 - Military troops use cannon to pound areas of the Philippine island of Jolo where two groups of Muslim rebels were seen fleeing with hostages.

2005 - Simon Wiesenthal, who spent decades tirelessly tracking down Nazis hiding throughout the world, is laid to rest in Israel.

Today's Birthdays:

Augustus Caesar, first Roman emperor (63 B.C.-14 A.D.); John De Witt, Dutch statesman (1625-1672); Raymond Chandler, U.S. writer (1888-1959); Haile Selassie I, emperor of Ethiopia (1892-1975); Mickey Rooney, U.S. actor-entertainer (1920--); Ray Charles, U.S. singer-composer (1932-2004); Julio Iglesias, Spanish singer (1943--); Bruce Springsteen, U.S. rock singer (1949--); Ani DiFranco, U.S. singer (1970--).

SAYS HERE PEOPLE WHO OBEY STRANGE DISEMBODED VOICES COMMANDING THEM TO DO BIZARRE THINGS ARE CALLED SCHIZOPHRENICS.



Time grows short for climate deal

CHARLES J. HANLEY
AP SPECIAL
CORRESPONDENT

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The man from the middle of the Indian Ocean, from one of the tiniest of nations, told his fellow presidents he knew "you are not really listening."

But a desperate Mohammed Nasheed of the Maldives, a scattering of islands amid the rising seas of global warming, took to the podium nonetheless at Tuesday's U.N. climate summit to urge his global neighbors, after "20 years of complacency," to "seize the historic opportunity that sits at the end of the road to Copenhagen."

That opportunity in Copenhagen, at a pivotal negotiating conference this December, is a chance to forgo a comprehensive new accord to combat climate change. But increasingly Nasheed's road seems likely to stretch beyond the Danish capital, and beyond 2009, as world governments grapple with this immensely complex and volatile issue.

Some 100 heads of state and government took part in the one-day summit, the largest ever to deal with global warming.

They heard from Nasheed and leaders of other states threatened with flooding, drought and other expected impacts of a warming world. "If things go as usual, we will not live. We will die," the Maldivian said of his low-lying islands, a nation of 300,000 people.

Summit participants heard, too, from U.S. President Barack Obama and leaders of other industrialized nations, who

spoke of their determination to take new steps to halt climate change.

But with a mere 76 days to go before the Copenhagen meeting, it appeared an interim agreement might be the most that can be expected this December, leaving difficult details for later talks.

Tuesday's gathering was the latest effort in a long, cumbersome process dating back to the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, when national leaders signed on to something unprecedented, a treaty committing them to work "to protect the climate system for present and future generations."

Scientists had produced persuasive evidence that the carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gases that industry, transport and farming were pouring into the atmosphere were trapping heat and raising global temperatures, with potentially damaging effects from a changing climate.

Five years after Rio, negotiators added the Kyoto Protocol to the treaty, with its first, modest reductions in emissions by industrialized countries. The U.S. Senate repudiated the pact, however, and the process entered an eight-year slowdown as the U.S. administration of President George W. Bush resisted global pressure for deeper concerted action.

The U.S. opponents complained emissions reductions would crimp the American economy, and objected to Kyoto's excusing of China, India and other poorer countries from having to reduce their energy use.

As the diplomacy decel-

"If things go as usual, we will not live. We will die,"

Mohammed Nasheed of the Maldives

erated, climate change accelerated.

Average global temperatures had risen 0.74 degrees C (1 degree F) over the past century. The pace of sea-level rise, from heat expansion and melting land ice, increased in the late 20th century. And just last week, scientists reported that one of recorded history's greatest losses of Arctic sea ice to summer melt occurred this year. Scientific forecasts are growing ever more bleak.

While waiting for change in Washington, diplomats in 2007 set a two-year timetable for replacing the Kyoto pact, which expires in 2012, aiming at a new overall deal at the annual U.N. climate conference this December. The election of Obama, who pledged U.S. action, put new life in the process. But time was working against that timetable.

The House of Representatives in June did pass the first U.S. legislation to cap carbon emissions. The Senate, however, embroiled in the U.S. health care debate, delayed addressing the issue. Without U.S. domestic action, the rest of the world isn't likely to commit to an overall, detailed post-Kyoto accord.

Instead, it appeared increasingly that Copenhagen, at best, may

produce a framework for further talks, while pieces fall into place in Washington and elsewhere, and Kyoto's formulas are perhaps extended.

Such a Copenhagen plan might set an aggregate goal for emissions reductions by richer countries, with 2020 and 2050 targets, and envision "policy-based" commitments by China and other developing countries — for example, not reducing emissions directly, but reducing "carbon intensity," or fossil-fuel use per unit of economic growth.

Depending on how well the world is rebounding from the current economic slump, richer nations might also declare their readiness to boost financial support for developing countries to switch to clean energy technologies, and to adapt to climate change's impact on their crops, their shorelines and their economic lives.

At Tuesday's summit and earlier, China, India, Brazil and other developing nations indicated they're prepared to take such steps. The Europeans and Japan's new government, meanwhile, say they'll deepen their emissions cuts. And the Americans, 17 years after Rio, may be prepared to adopt their own reductions.

But December looks too close, and the issues look too complex, for it all to mesh into a single sweeping deal in Copenhagen.

Tuesday's summit was a "step in the right direction," said Danish Prime Minister Lars Loekke Rasmussen, who will host the world in December. "And yet we are still far from a solution."



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STYLE SHOW OCT. 3 Students to back legalization of high school graduates



Lisa Clifton models a fall outfit from Carousel Expressions to be shown at the Altrusa Style Show on October 3, 10:30 a.m. at M.K. Brown Heritage Room. (submitted photo)

DALLAS (AP) — Students throughout Texas plan to rally, presentations and petition drives in support of a bill to allow high school graduates to either join the military or go on to higher education as a way to become legal immigrants.

The events Wednesday are part of the nationwide Back-to-School DREAM Act Day efforts.

The Development Relief and Education for Alien

Minors tries to help those brought to the U.S. as children and educated here. It was introduced in the Senate and House in March.

The bipartisan bill is for

students who graduate high school, have a good moral character, arrived in the U.S. before turning 16 and continuously lived in the country for at least five years.

Advocates estimate more than one million undocumented immigrant young people can't obtain a driver's license or work despite their educational achievements.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY:
For 15 years I was a happily married homemaker with a wonderful husband. "Duncan" and I attended church together, frolicked through the fields, even exterminated rodents together. He was my best friend. It was bliss.

Last year I found out my father had had an affair with Duncan's mother the year I was born, which makes him my half-brother! The news was too much for my husband. He had a fatal heart attack not long after.

What should I put on his gravestone -- "Loving Brother" or "Loving Husband"? -- **GRIEVING IN MASSACHUSETTS**

D E A R GRIEVING: Neither. How about "He was 'Everything' to me"? That should about cover it.

DEAR ABBY:
I'm in a relationship with a man I met online who lives out of state. He has been to see me a dozen times over the last three years. We say we love each other and want to spend the rest of our lives together. But over the last 18 months I have realized we have NOTHING in common -- and our views on life, policy and politics are completely opposite.

For three years we have talked every single day, mostly about how much we love each other. It's when we try to have a real conversation we start to disagree. He says we're entitled to our own opinions, and I agree, but I can't help but wonder what kind of future we could have together when we cannot discuss anything but how we feel about each other. -- **SECOND THOUGHTS IN ANAHEIM**

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: It's a shame you two can't spend some extended time together because the answer to your question would become evident. From where I sit, I think there would be conflict on a daily basis regardless of how much you "love" each other. I put the word love in quotes because love is something that grows from mutual respect, and I'm not sure how long you would remain mutually respectful in light of the fact your worldviews are completely different.

DEAR ABBY:
My father died two years ago and asked that I administer my mother's finances. She has now burned through two-thirds of the savings he left her, and she refuses to accept any advice I have tried to give her about her spend-

I have told my mother repeatedly that I do not have the resources to take care of her when she runs out of money. I know she assumes that I will because she is my mother.

How do I deal with a parent who is narcissistic and out of touch with reality? I have told her I'll gladly hand over her finances to my brother, but she doesn't want him to get involved. I have asked him for advice, but he won't respond.

Do I just let her go through everything and struggle in the end, or stick to my guns? After all, it's her money and I can't refuse to make it available to her. Please advise. -- **MOTHER'S KEEPER IN SAN DIEGO**

D E A R MOTHER'S KEEPER: I suspect your brother is acting the way he is because he's miffed at not being asked to handle the finances to begin with, or he simply wants to stay out of it. But you cannot allow your mother to continue spending her inheritance at the rate she is. Consult the attorney who drafted your father's will and ask if there's a way to not only put the brakes on her, but also take some of the responsibility off your shoulders.

Fort Bragg-based soldier from Texas dies in NC

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — A soldier from Austin, Texas, who was training for Special Forces at a North Carolina Army post has died while exercising at a gym in Fayetteville.

Army officials said Wednesday that doctors pronounced 28-year-old Specialist Jay Sevier dead at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

An Army spokesman said the cause of death is still under investigation but that no foul play is suspected.

Sevier was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group, Airborne, at Fort Bragg.

He joined the Army in 2007.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

PHS renovation nearing final stage

By Dave Bowman

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees met Tuesday night to approve the final budget for the Pampa Junior High School renovation project. The board also approved the final contract with the construction company...

City, PEDC to team up against trash

By Peter Phillips

Hooper gave a short recap of ways the city has combated trash since 2001. "Sometimes I think we don't do our own best enough," Hooper said.

Debate on name of PJHS mascot favors unity

By Dave Bowman

Earlier this year, after months of debate, the school board had selected the name "The Rangers" and had received several proposed logos for the new junior high before the end of school...

Open meetings violation suit filed against PISD

By Dave Bowman

March 23 meeting, the board voted to terminate her contract. Terrell, a history and geography teacher, questioned why her evaluations by school administrators were lower than evaluations by regular staff.

Perry says he will call special session

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry said Tuesday he will call a special legislative session to let voters decide whether to allow the state to issue bonds to pay for a new highway bridge over the Red River.

Gov breaks collarbone in biking accident

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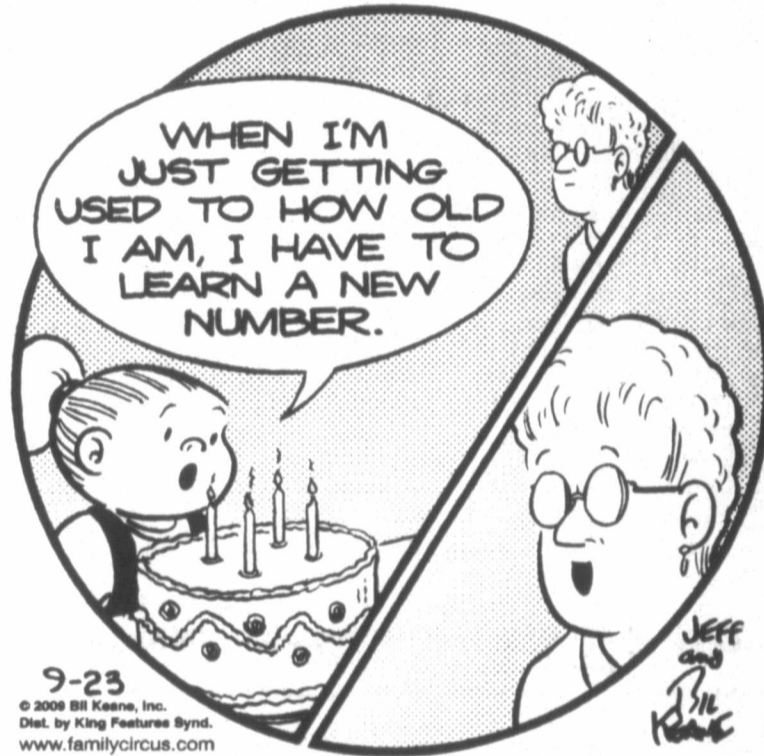
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"He can separate a 5-gram pill from 2 pounds of kibble in 10 seconds."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Tell me about it, Dolly."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 19 Hitting a three-bagger
- 22 Barking beast
- 23 Pearl Harbor setting
- 26 Insignificant
- 29 Hogwarts messenger
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Sports

Randall raids Harvester varsity tennis team 14-5

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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Head Tennis Coach Sarah Corse said Randall High School's girls tennis players were strong and it would be a challenge for her team. Corse was right as the Pampa girl tennis players won one match in a 14-5 loss to the Randall Raiders.

The Pampa girls were swept in the doubles matches. Sammi Finney and Holly Gage lost 3-6, 6-3, and 3-6. Alyssa Hoelting and Robin Fernuik lost 7-5, 1-6, and 0-6. Hilary Acker and Erin Buck lost. In singles Fernuik was the only Harvester to win a match, 6-2 and 6-0.

Corse said she knew the girls from Randall were going to be tough and her team didn't win enough in the guys matches.

"A few guys took care of business," Corse said. "David (Moore), Myles (Foreman) and Aaron (Silva) did a good job. We had several matches we won the first set and didn't close the match out and that hurts."

One of those matches was Fernuik and Hoelting's double match.

"They played really good and won that first set," Corse said. "They didn't close it. You win those matches right there it changes the complexion of the match."

Moore and Silva won their doubles match against Randall's James Lopez and Devin Movelos 6-3, 0-6 and 6-3. Both Moore and Silva thought they played well.

"We started good and won the first set 6-1," Moore said. "We had a letdown in the second. We talked with coach, got motivated and won."

"It was a tough match but we pulled it out," Silva said.

Moore won his singles match against Stephen Townsend 6-2 and 7-5, to get his first singles victory in district. Moore said his singles match was similar to his doubles match.

"Starting off I was really nervous," Moore said. "I hadn't won a match in district yet. So I tried as hard as I could and won the first

set 6-2. I had a letdown in the second game like in doubles. I got up 4-1, it went back to four all... I didn't want to play a third set. I got up 5-4 and he won the next game. All I thought about was winning this game and getting it to 6-5. I saw he was really nervous with the game starting 6-5 and he double faulted the first two points. I took advantage and got the last two points."

Silva won his singles match 6-4, 2-6, 6-4. Silva said his singles match was tough.

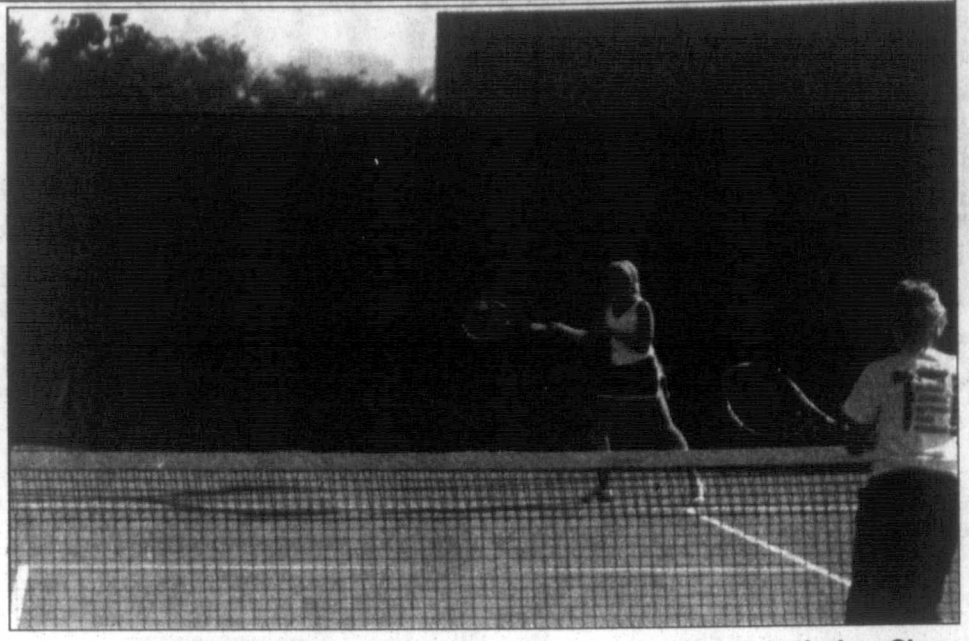
"I kept fighting and pulled it out," Silva said.

Myles Foreman won his singles match 6-3, 4-6 and 6-4.

Corse said she will have to find what kind of team she has going into Saturday's match against Palo Duro.

"Next three days we're going to have to hit it hard," Corse said. "See if we can refocus and start off and go from here."

The Harvesters will play at Palo Duro 9 a.m. Saturday morning.



staff photo by Andrew Glover
Robin Fernuik returns a ball in her doubles match with Alyssa Hoelting (not pictured). Fernuik and Hoelting lost the match and Pampa lost 14-5 to Randall.

Football Booster News

PHS Football Boosters...

We are coaches, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and friends with kids at all levels and involved in many sports and/or activities. Involved kids spend hours devoted to their chosen sport and all strive to do their best when out on the field, on the court or in the arena... It's all about the journey not the outcome! It's about molding good men and women, about having Harvester Spirit!

Positive Attitudes... Good Sportsmanship... Taking Ownership... are just a few of the attributes we have witnessed from our football coaches and players so far this season.

As a proud parent who watches her son shake the

hands of his opponents at the end of the game, then come to the sideline with his chin up to chant The Harvester Fight Song with the fans. My, what Harvester Spirit!

Kudos to the fans that stay till the end...

What positive energy! What great encouragement! Give a player a high five!

DVD's of each of the games are available for purchase through the athletic office. Call 669-4830 to order the game(s) of your choice.

Coach Parker and his staff have named the Players of the Week for the following grades: Against Westover

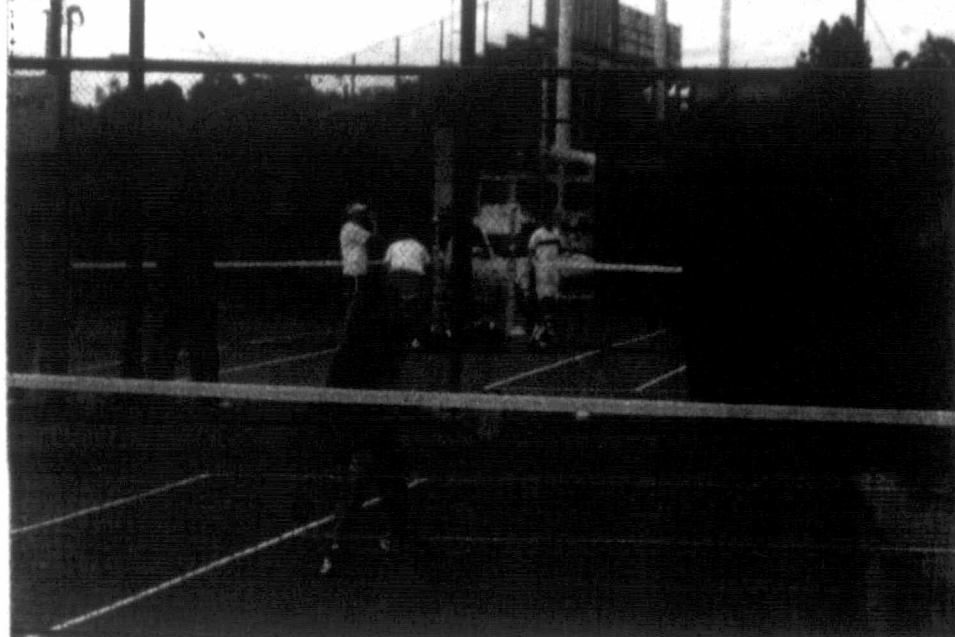
7th Grade - Christian Vizcaino and 8th Grade - Adrian Elam

Against Perryton
Freshman—Samuel Smith and Sophomore—Reid Miller;
Junior—Kendrick Alexander and Senior—Zach Organ

THIS IS OPEN WEEK at the High School Level
7th and 8th Graders play on Tuesday, September 22 against Hereford

NEXT MEETING:
Monday, 9-28 at 7:00p. The booster club meets in the Ready Room inside the Athletic Building (Val Halla) on Randy Matson Avenue. Parents of 7th—12th grade players are encouraged to attend and be a part.

PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR HARVESTERS!



staff photo by Andrew Glover
Collin McClendon swings to return a low ball in his doubles match with Kayla Ware.

PHS volleyball fall to Dumas Demons

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters volleyball team could not extend their win streak, losing to the Dumas Lady Demons (25-10, 18-25, 16-25) Tuesday at Dumas.

Head Coach Libby Garza said she was not happy at all that they lost.

"I would like for my team to step up against a good team," Garza said. "We are capable of greatness but we get in our own way."

Garza was pleased with how the offense played.

"We ended the game well," Garza said. "We just let them set the tone of the match."

Coach said after the first game they didn't pass as well the rest of the game.

"Our passing was too inconsistent tonight," Garza said. "Passing and defense wins games."

Garza said Kara Stephens, Taryn Eubank and Delaney Clendenning were the team leaders last night. Coach said all of her seniors played well along with Stephens.

"She's (Stephens) just our emotional leader,"

Garza said. "She leads by example. Emilie (Troxell), Natalie (Parker) and Cheyanne (Collins) all played for the most part consistent."

Garza said for her team to beat Caprock they need to beat the tempo of the match.

The junior varsity was swept by Dumas (8-25, 9-25). Coach Matt Embry said the team needs to improve on a lot of things.

"Our passing needs improvement," Embry said. "But we have a long way to go."

Although not a lot pleased Embry, he was pleased with the team's serving.

"That's about it though," Embry said. "We had very few service errors."

The junior varsity coach said his team has to be consistent to keep winning.

"In spurts we are showing signs of becoming a contending team," Embry said. "We have to show more of that and we have to do it now. There is no more time for moral victories, we have to produce now."

The freshman were swept by the Lady Demons (4-25, 5-25). Coach Deanna

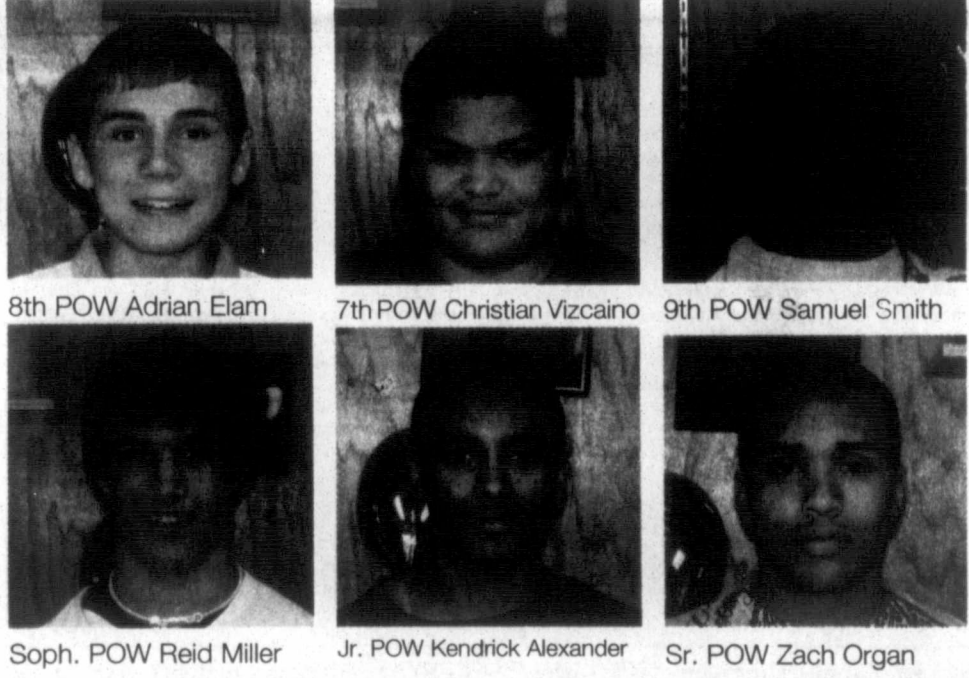
Polasek said she was pleased with how her team served.

"We didn't miss a serve," Polasek said. "We need to work on our communication on the court and defense."

Polasek said it's been a rough start for her team in district but her team will get better.

"We are going to work hard to change that and get a win," Polasek said.

The Lady Harvesters host Caprock on Saturday, with the freshman starting at 5 p.m.



8th POW Adrian Elam 7th POW Christian Vizcaino 9th POW Samuel Smith
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