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Finance ruling on PISD board agenda

Public hearing set on state's rating of district fiscal accountability; also

By **DEE DEE LARAMORE**
 Editor

Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education plans to discuss a recent ruling that the state's method of funding public education is unconstitutional at the September meeting set for 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 23, at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

A week ago, State District Judge John Dietz took only moments to rule

that Texas' system of funding education violates the Texas Constitution by failing to provide equal educational opportunities.

Judge Dietz's ruling came as the result of a lawsuit brought against the state by 300 school districts, both rich and poor.

Pampa ISD, considered a poor district which benefited from the current funding system, had been a party in the lawsuit. School board members had voted last year to contribute to

the side that held the current system was constitutional.

Many districts from the area, including Miami and Wheeler ISDs, both considered rich districts that were forced to send millions of ad valorem tax dollars to Austin under the present funding plan, had taken the other side that the system, in effect, constituted a state income tax and was therefore against the Texas Constitution.

Local school board members and

Superintendent Barry Haerisch were on their way to the annual Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) and Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) meeting at the time Judge Dietz made the ruling Sept. 15.

State officials have said they plan to file an appeal of the ruling.

The state's financial accountability rating for Pampa ISD will be the sub-

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Deaths

Douglas L. Greer, 58, Celanese retiree.
Hollie Seitz Hodges, 83, services pending.
Chester C. Tackett, 78, WWII veteran.

Texas Today

Judge issues order on rape documents

HOUSTON (AP) — Prosecutors must turn over documents related to the case of a man sent to prison 17 years ago for a kidnapping and rape after new DNA tests raised questions about his conviction.

State District Judge Belinda Hill on Tuesday ordered the Harris County district attorney's office to turn over documents related to the case of George Rodriguez, who several forensic experts say was sentenced to 60 years in prison on the basis of unsound science. He remains in prison for the crime.

Hill issued the order during a hearing on Rodriguez's recent appeal, saying that prosecutors should allow defense attorneys to review the 17-year-old case file on the conviction in the abduction and rape of a teenage girl.

Rodriguez of Houston was sentenced to 60 years in prison after being convicted of kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault.

Indictments returned in PAC investigation

AUSTIN (AP) — Three political operatives and eight corporations face felony charges of violating the state's campaign finance laws in a political action committee's bid to bring a Republican majority to the Texas House.

After an almost two-year investigation, a Travis County grand jury on Tuesday handed up 32 indictments alleging campaign finance violations related to corporate money spent in the 2002 legislative races. The corporate donations were made to Texans for a Republican Majority, a political action committee created with help from Republican House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

The grand jury investigation began shortly after Republicans gained a majority in the Texas House for the first time in modern history.

Car cache contains \$17k cash

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 Staff Writer

Two New Mexico men remain in Gray County Jail as of press time today in lieu of \$5,000 bond each after being charged with money laundering.

Jessie Saiz, 21, Albuquerque, N.M., and Phil Lujan, 20, Moriarty, N.M., were arrested at 8:44 p.m. yesterday by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers after their 2001 Toyota was stopped on the westbound side of Interstate 40 for an alleged traffic violation.

Troopers reportedly found \$17,000 in U.S. currency hidden in an empty space in one of the seats. The space is a feature of the seats in the vehicle, according to a DPS spokesperson.

"It was concealed and packaged in a way that is consistent with drug trafficking," the spokesperson said.

Lujan was also charged with no driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Arizona man survives first crash, dies in second wreck

AMARILLO — An Arizona man died early Tuesday after he was crushed between two cars involved in an earlier accident late Monday night on Loop 335, south of Amarillo.

According to Texas Department of Public Safety reports of the fatal accident, shortly before 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, a non-injury crash occurred between two vehicles at Loop 335 and Foxtail Street.

The wreck left one of the vehicles, a 1973 Chevrolet Corvette, disabled and facing east in the westbound lane of Loop 335.

The Corvette's driver, Victor Ray Hastings, 32, of Vail, Ariz., was inspecting the damage to his vehicle along with the driver of the other vehicle involved.

Moments later, a 1996 Chrysler van traveling westbound on the Loop, driven by Lewis Blaine Yell of Amarillo, collided with the Corvette, crushing Hastings between the vehicles. The other man, who was not identified by the DPS, was able to jump clear before impact.

DPS officials said no lights were visible on the disabled Corvette.

Hastings was flown by LifeStar medical helicopter to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where he later died at 1:17 a.m., Tuesday. No other injuries were reported according to the DPS.

— Dee Dee Laramore, Editor



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Good day for chili ... and cobbler!

Glenda Roberts, an employee of the business office at Pampa Regional Medical Center, samples some peach cobbler in the hospital's cafeteria today, where a chili and cobbler tasting was held to raise donations for United Way. The hospital staff chose an Old West theme for this year's United Way fund-raising campaign, and decorations throughout the hospital reflected the theme. For a \$2 donation, anyone could get a cup with which to sample either homemade chili or cobbler.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Making a splash

This pickup makes a splash at the intersection of Foster and Frost streets this morning. Rainfall in the Pampa area created watery intersections and curbsides for drivers last night and today.

First UW check-in on tap for Thursday

First check-in for the Pampa United Way annual drive is set for 12 noon, Thursday, Sept. 23, in the large meeting room of the Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

To date, \$13,590.88 has been raised toward this year's campaign goal of \$312,000, reports Katrina Bigham, local UW executive administrator.

Sponsors of the first check-in luncheon are American Red Cross, Boy Scouts - Golden Spread Council and Girl Scouts - Five Star Council.

Bob Marx is chairman of the 2004 campaign.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Monday, Sept. 20

Indecency with a child was reported to the police department. The case was

referred to the Criminal Investigation Division and to Child Protective Services.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of Yeager. A television valued at approximately \$300 was taken.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

Criminal mischief/criminal trespass was reported at the water tower at North Crest and Cinderella streets. Damage estimated at \$100 was done to a door.

Assault by threat was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 800 block of Kingsmill.

Joe Max Wilson, 46, 1309 Coffee, was arrested in the 1500 block of Coffee for public intoxication.

Billy Wayne Morgan, 56, 434 Carr, was arrested in the 400 block of Carr for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Wednesday, Sept. 22

A vehicle reported stolen out of Amarillo was recovered in the 300 block of North Hobart. The vehicle was impounded and Amarillo Police Department was notified. Value of the vehicle was estimated at \$600.

accidents.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

7:46 a.m. — A 1997 Toyota Tacoma, driven by Christopher Lynn Hampton, 34, 2213 Zimmers, and a 1981 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Heather Lynn Cowan, 29, 721 N. Faulkner, collided in the 1400 block of West 23rd Ave. No injuries were reported. Hampton was cited for failure to control speed. Cowan was cited for no proof of liability insurance.

4 p.m. — A 1989 Ford Bronco, driven by Billy Wayne Morgan, 56, 434 Carr, collided with a trash dumpster in the 400 block of North Wynne. No injuries were reported. Morgan was cited for no insurance and driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, open container.

Wednesday, Sept. 22

12:26 a.m. — A 1997 Ford F-150, driven by Rafael Felix, 35, 1115 S. Nelson, collided with a guide wire which supports a utility pole in the 600 block of West Thut. The collision caused the pole to break approximately three-fourths of the way from its base. Felix then allegedly fled the scene. His vehicle was later located because the front license plate had been left where contact with the guide wire

was made, according to the report. No injuries were reported. Felix was cited for leaving the scene of an accident.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

Donald Bruce Hadley, Jr., 40, Fritch, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance.

John Layton, 28, Fritch, was arrested by DPS for possession of a controlled substance over 4 grams and under 200 grams.

Charlie Flower, 41, Borger, was arrested by DPS for an expired driver's license.

Jessie Saiz, 21, Albuquerque, N.M., was arrested by DPS for money laundering.

Phil Lujan, 20, Moriarty, N.M., was arrested by DPS for money laundering, no driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

8:41 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision at 23rd and Dwight. Firefighters cleaned up a small oil spill from the wreck.

1:47 p.m. — Firefighters performed blood pressure checks for U.S. Postal Service employees at the Post Office, 120 E. Foster.

6:56 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

7:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU was called out to an unknown location. The call was canceled en route.

11:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of North Hobart. No transport.

1:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Sierra and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following

Gray County Weather

Today: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 72.

South wind between 10 and 15 mph. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before 1 a.m. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

South southeast wind around 10 mph becoming north northeast.

New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anheuser-Busch of Pampa:

Wheat	3.33
Milo	3.21
Corn	1.07
Soybeans	1.72

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

QVY	85.80	0.55
BFP-PL ADR	87.66	0.11
Cabot Corp.	36.71	0.43
Cabot Oil Gas	43.96	0.60
Coca-Cola	40.69	0.04
VLO	76.07	0.25
HAI	32.22	0.05
TRI	33.88	0.02
NOI	32.83	0.25
KMI	61.14	0.58
NCH	17.11	0.09
Keen M. Gee	86.19	0.70
NOM	48.83	0.66
Limited	21.85	0.13
Williams	11.80	0.14
MCD	27.27	0.50
Amros	25.24	0.24
Procter Nat	33.30	0.14
W.P.	36.17	0.51
COP	81.86	0.82
SEB	66.64	0.29
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Obituaries

Douglas L. Greer, 58

Douglas L. Greer, 58, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Greer was born Dec. 13, 1945, at Pampa where he had been a lifelong resident. He married Jo Ann Scott on Aug. 31, 2002, at Corpus Christi. He worked in the maintenance department of Celanese, retiring in 1989.

Mr. Greer owned-operated the OCB in

Pampa and was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving during peace time.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eileen Blake.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Ann Greer, of the home; a son, Sean (Rat) Greer of Pampa; a stepson, Donald Rodgers of Corpus Christi; his father, Tex Greer of New London; and six grandchildren.

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

Hollie Estelle Seitz Hodges, 83

MOBETTIE — Hollie Estelle Seitz Hodges, 83, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at Pampa.

Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born March 11, 1921, in Gray County, Mrs. Hodges had been a lifelong Mobettie resident. She married Glen Hodges on Aug. 15, 1942, at Pampa; he died May 5, 2001.

She was a member of the First Baptist

Church of Mobettie.

Mrs. Hodges was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters and by a grandson, Anthony Hodges.

Survivors include, two daughters, Glenda Dickey of McLean and Gail Moke of Amarillo; a son, Eddie Ray Hodges of Durant, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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

Chester C. 'Chet' Tackett, 78

Chester C. "Chet" Tackett, 78, of Pampa, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Thursday in Memory Gardens West Mausoleum with the Rev. Don Hogan, of Henrietta, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

A longtime Pampa resident, Mr. Tackett was born Jan. 8, 1926, at Marshall, Ark. He married Rose Riley on July 25, 1964, at Mobettie. He worked for IRI International for 10 years and Electric Supply for more than 20 years.

Mr. Tackett was a member of Hobart Baptist Church and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a brother,

J.C. Tackett; a granddaughter, Kim Barbee; and a great-grandson, Cameron Barbee.

Survivors include his wife, Rose, of the home; three daughters, Sandra Byram of Amarillo, and Renee Abernathy and Chaleia Freeman, both of Pampa; a son, Rick Tackett of White Deer; a brother, J.A. Tackett of Amarillo; four sisters, Bobbie Mullins of Stockton, Calif., Ruble Woodward of Springdale, Ark., and Ora Mae Hedrick and Gloria June Marlar, both of Pampa; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society in care of Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Services tomorrow

TACKETT, Chester C. "Chet" — 2 p.m., Memory Gardens West Mausoleum, Pampa.

Teen claims she was locked naked in attic room

HOUSTON (AP) — A teenage girl's claim that she was locked naked in an attic where she was fed bread and water in unsanitary conditions has prompted police and child welfare officials to investigate a residential treatment center.

Child Protective Services and law officers are reviewing the teen's report of abuse at Child and Adolescent Development Inc. in Houston.

Now living at a foster care facility in Brazoria County, the 16-year-old girl spoke last week of witnessing bathroom beatings with metal hangers and other degrading practices while living at the treatment center, according to the mother of another foster child who is friends with the teen.

"I felt morally obligated to get someone in there to talk to her besides myself," Elaine Philpott told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions, adding the girl had approached her for help at Daystar Residential Inc. treatment center last week in Manvel.

It was unknown when the alleged abuse

took place or for how long.

Child and Adolescent Development has been a past target of numerous abuse allegations. The facility's director, Beryl Shorter, who has denied numerous abuse allegations concerning the Houston facility in the past, on Tuesday denied knowledge of the most recent allegation and referred questions to CPS.

The 16-year-old's allegations were reported by Philpott on Friday and Monday to the CPS abuse hot line, the Houston Police Department's juvenile division and state Rep. Carlos Uresti of San Antonio, chairman of the House Human Services Committee.

"I don't know how valid what she's saying is, but it's enough to raise major red flags," said Philpott.

The 16-year-old also said some staffers at the Houston facility had forced children to spit in each other's food and sometimes made them urinate or defecate on an object, possibly a cushion, Philpott wrote in an e-mail sent to Uresti's office Friday.

DPS

AMARILLO — Interiors yielded almost immediately and led to Texas Department of Transportation officials report.

Shortly before Sept. 20, DPS Buick LeSabre 1-40 for a transport of a drug dog at troopers discovered marijuana, valued in nine and trunk.

Officers arrested

DPS find 400 lbs. of marijuana

AMARILLO — Two traffic stops along Interstate 40 in recent days yielded almost 400 pounds of marijuana and led to the arrests of four people, Texas Department of Public Safety officials report.

Shortly before 2 p.m., Monday, Sept. 20, DPS troopers stopped a 2005 Buick LeSabre traveling eastbound on I-40 for a traffic violation two miles west of Amarillo. After the stop, a DPS drug dog alerted on the vehicle and troopers discovered 205 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$120,745, packaged in nine bundles in the rear seat and trunk.

Officers arrested Tywanne Charisse

Nance, 26, of Spartanburg, S.C., and Brandy Latrecee Nixon, 24, of Florence, S.C., and booked the pair into Potter County Jail.

Troopers believe this load originated in Phoenix, Ariz., and was headed for Spartanburg, S.C.

On Friday, Sept. 17, at 3:45 p.m., troopers stopped a 2004 Mercury traveling east four miles west of Vega for a traffic violation. A DPS drug dog signaled the presence of drugs in the trunk area where troopers found 185 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$108,965.

Donald Kevin Jagers, 40, Louisville, Ky., and Linda F. Mcconahay, 33, also of Louisville were

arrested in connection with the find and booked into Oldham County Jail in Vega.

Officers said they believe the load found near Vega came from Phoenix, also, and was headed for Louisville, Ky.

"Area troopers continue to do a tremendous job of interdicting illegal drugs on area highways," said Trooper Wayne Beighle, public information officer for the DPS in Amarillo. "Last year, area troopers seized over \$28 million in drugs and almost \$3 million in cash while leading the entire state in drug seizures."

— Dee Dee Laramore, Editor



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DAR sets up historic flag display

Replicas of early U.S. flags are currently on display in the window at Lovett Memorial Library of Pampa. The display is being staged in commemoration of Constitution Week, celebrated this month between the 17th and the 23rd. The exhibit, courtesy of Las Pampas Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, will be on view at the library through Sept. 30.

U.S. says women prisoners will not be released

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A senior Iraqi official said Wednesday that a decision had been made to release a top female germ-warfare scientist for Saddam Hussein, but Iraq's leader and U.S. officials moved quickly to squelch the idea that she would be freed soon. Iraqi militants who beheaded two Americans have threatened to kill a Briton unless female detainees are let go.

After the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad said there would be no immediate release of either of the two women in U.S. custody, Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said there were no immediate plans to free the detainees, disputing the earlier statement by his Justice Department that a decision was made to release one of them.

Allawi told The Associated Press that his government has begun reviewing the status of its detainees, including the two female scientists known as "Dr. Germ" and "Mrs. Anthrax" for their involvement in Saddam Hussein's biological weapons programs. He said the review process had nothing to do with the current hostage situation and had

started weeks ago in Iraq.

"We have not been negotiating and we will not negotiate with terrorists on the release of hostages," he said in a telephone interview from New York. "No release takes place unless I authorize it."

'We have not been negotiating and we will not negotiate with terrorists on the release of hostages.'

— Ayad Allawi
Iraqi Prime Minister

A decapitated body was found in Baghdad on Wednesday. The family of hostage Jack Hensley said it had received confirmation that the Hensley, whose slaying was announced a day earlier by the al-Qaida-linked militant group loyal to Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

U.S. aircraft and tanks

attacked rebel positions in Baghdad's Sadr City slum, killing 10 people and wounding 92. Suicide attackers set off two car bombs in Baghdad, one of them killing six people. The second, in the upscale district of Mansur, wounded four U.S. soldiers and two Iraqis.

Two U.S. Army soldiers were killed in separate incidents in northern Iraq on Wednesday, officials said. One soldier was killed by a roadside bomb about three miles south of Tikrit. The other died of his wounds following an attack on a patrol in the northern town of Mosul.

The spiritual leader of al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group was killed in a U.S. airstrike several days ago in a Baghdad suburb, the man's father said.

The conflicting U.S. and Iraqi statements raised questions over who has authority in the country, even after the handover of sovereignty to

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ject of a public hearing at the meeting on Thursday.

Pampa ISD received a superior rating from FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

A superior rating — the highest rating given — means that the local district received positive answers for all indicators covered by the rating system.

FIRST, authorized by the Texas legislature in 2001, reports on the management of school districts' financial resources. Ratings are based on analysis of staff and student data for the school year, and on budgetary and actual financial data for the fiscal year.

The public hearing will be conducted during Pampa ISD's September Board of Education meeting.

Other items listed on the agenda for the meeting include the following subjects:

- Bids for uniforms for PHS Boys Basketball, PJHS Boys and Girls Basketball;
- Annual investment report and review of Policy CDA (local), quarterly financial report, and monthly financial reports;
- results of Advanced Placement (AP) and college entrance tests taken in 2004;
- campus support groups and school district bidding laws;
- State of Texas procurement and travel card program; and
- Policy Spotlight.

A donation is listed on the agenda, but further details were not available prior to the meeting. A public comments period is set for 7 p.m.

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Viewpoints

Anticipation always worse than the reality

I am scared. Tomorrow morning my alarm clock will buzz at the unnatural time of 5:15 a.m. The reason for this is that I am driving over to Amarillo at 6:30 a.m. to have my four wisdom teeth cut out of my mouth. Sure, it is just a minor, routine surgery, but I am still scared. It is not like I have not gone under the knife before. In fact, I have done it two times in my life: When I had my tonsils removed and when I had my foot operated on after a car wreck. Somehow though, I find lit-

tle comfort in knowing I have been through it before. It is more the prospect of going through it again that has been haunting my mind lately. To make matters worse, my friends keep flooding me with their horror wisdom teeth removal stories. Some tell me of developing "literally buckets full" of blood from their mouth while others simply speak of the throbbing pain. The good news though, is that about one in 10 have told me that their operation went without a hitch, except

that they looked like a chipmunk for several days afterwards, a result I had not contemplated before. When I sit down and think about it reasonably, I know that like most things in life, my anticipation will be far worse than the actual surgery. It is just like the first time I acted in a play, way back in my middle school days. I was the head chorus mem-

ber in the comedy. "This is a Test." I think I might have had a grand total of 15 lines throughout the 40-minute piece; nonetheless, I came down with a bout of stage fright the night of our opening show. I was not sure how I was going to go on. I kept running through my head how horrible it would be if I accidentally forgot my lines or missed a cue. I would have been

embarrassed to the point of being miserable, but I went on anyway. The show turned out great, and those 15 lines where my jumping off point into an organization that I am still part of six years later. My surgery will be much the same: I am sure of it. That is why I am making it a point to not let this minor operation get the best of me. Sure I have been rattling with fear inside for the past week, but from this moment on, I will be brave in the face of danger. After all, I keep thinking

back to what my dentist told me. "It is going to hurt a lot less to have your teeth taken out than it will to have them rip through your gums as they become part of your mouth's set." From what I have experienced so far, I have to say he is probably right, and that is why I am ready to wake up at 5:15 in the morning so I can have my teeth cut out of me. *** Ben Briscoe is a senior at Pampa High School and a journalism intern with The Pampa News.



Ben Briscoe
News Intern

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 22, the 266th day of 2004. There are 100 days left in the year. Autumn arrives at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 22, 1776, Nathan Hale was hanged as a spy by the British during the Revolutionary War.
On this date:
In 1789, Congress authorized the office of Postmaster-General.
In 1792, the French Republic was proclaimed.
In 1927, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavy-weight boxing title against Jack Dempsey in the famous "long-count" fight in Chicago.
In 1949, the Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb.
In 1950, Omar N. Bradley was promoted to the rank of five-star general, joining an elite group that included Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, George C. Marshall and Henry H. "Hap" Arnold.

'The autumn always gets me badly, as it breaks into colours. I want to go south, where there is no autumn, where the cold doesn't crouch over one like a snow-leopard waiting to pounce.'

—D.H. Lawrence
English author

Ten years ago: The United States stepped up its military control of Haiti, breaking up heavy weapons, guarding democracy activists and giving U.S. troops more leeway to use force. Pope John Paul II canceled his U.S. trip, planned for the following month, in order to allow more time to recover from hip-replacement surgery.
Five years ago: The Justice Department sued the tobacco industry for billions of dollars. Actor George C. Scott died at his Southern California home at age 71. Shania Twain won best entertainer while the Dixie Chicks picked up three trophies, including best vocal group, at the Country Music Association Awards.
One year ago: A suicide car bombing outside U.N. offices in Baghdad killed an Iraqi policeman.



Why shakeup won't save Kerry

John Kerry's recent shakeup of his campaign illustrates his larger problem: He is playing a simple game of checkers, while President Bush is playing a subtle game of chess. Edging aside Bob Shrum and promoting former Clinton spokesmen Mike McCurry and Joe Lockhart to key positions in the campaign replaces a flawed strategist Shrum with two able, but limited, tacticians. Both McCurry and Lockhart are good at handling evolving crises and keeping the media well fed and happy. But two press secretaries do not equal one strategist. Kerry's basic problem is

that he has no overview of how he's going to win. His consultants and staff confuse a pile of ammunition with a strategy. Their basic idea is to hit Bush with everything and anything they can find. But throwing negatives at a sitting president is like punching a pillow. It feels good and keeps the base happy — but it doesn't help to win the election. By the time a man has served four years as president, negatives that pre-existed his tenure are largely

irrelevant. People are keenly interested in the character strengths and flaws of a challenger; they want keys to how he'd do in the top job. But once they've had a chance to observe how a person actually functions as chief executive, what he did in his youth matters not at all. And it is particularly true that after a person has been commander-in-chief, we could care less if he disobeyed an order to have a physical when he was a kid.

With their eye on the cheering section, not on the playing field, Kerry's people are throwing negatives because they enjoy it. An anonymous aide even said that it makes their candidate look good to be fighting back. But it accomplishes no political purpose and doesn't close the gap in the polls. For that, you need a strategy. But beyond the basic question of whether to run a positive or a negative campaign, Kerry has not solved the core conundrum that has haunted him from the day he won the nomination: whether to run as a hawk or a dove. See **SHAKEUP**, Page 5

Dick Morris
Columnist



Charley Reese
Columnist



Bush administration fiscally reckless

The fiscal recklessness of the Bush administration's economic policies, if you can dignify them with that name, presents a greater danger to the American people than terrorists. Terrorism can always take a few individual lives, but a financial collapse can ruin the lives of millions. The Bush people have taken the country from a projected surplus of trillions of dollars to a projected deficit of trillions. That multitrillion-dollar debt, coupled with the already enormous corporate and personal debt levels, represents a clear danger to the future of this country. The postwar generations don't know what an eco-

nomical depression is, but their grandparents could tell them it makes our little recessions seem like boom times. Being a country boy, I've always been suspicious of Wall Street financial gurus, but there is one area in which I at least respect them. That area is knowledge of high finance. And the really smart financiers are voicing genuine alarm at the direction the Bush administration is taking this country. Robert Rubin, President Clinton's Treasury secretary, and

George Soros, the billionaire, are two. They are not academics who play games with computers; they are street-smart guys who learned from experience and made their fortunes in the toughest game in the world. Rubin, I should point out, is acting as an adviser to John Kerry. Far from being the conservative he claims to be, President Bush has allowed discretionary spending to increase at a far greater rate than it did during the Clinton years. Bush has abandoned the pay-as-you-go principle

and chosen to combine drastic tax cuts with fighting two wars. Lyndon Johnson tried the guns-and-butter route during the Vietnam War, and we paid for it with double-digit inflation and double-digit interest rates, followed by a severe recession. Bush is going the guns, butter and cream route, and the consequences will be bad, very bad. The cruelest, most despicable form of theft is inflation — or, put another way, the devaluation of the currency. To hide its crime, the U.S. government periodically changes the base year on which inflation is measured. Even by its latest base year, See **RECKLESS**, Page 5

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Report: Retired commander says Bush received no favoritism

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — A retired Texas Air National Guard commander whose unit included George W. Bush says politics did not influence his dealings with the future president during the Vietnam War.

Retired Col. Walter B. Staudt told the Herald-Zeitung in New Braunfels for a story in Wednesday's editions that no strings were pulled in the 1970s to get Bush into the Guard.

"The subject started when his daddy ran for vice president and it's been going on ever since," said Staudt, 81, of New Braunfels. "I don't have much to tell. It's simple to me. There was no political influence. That's the truth."

Staudt was mentioned in a now-discredited report on CBS' "60 Minutes." CBS News apologized Monday for the story, saying it could not vouch for the authenticity of the documents impugning Bush's Guard service.

The CBS report cited a memo attributed to Lt. Col. Jerry Killian, now-deceased commander of the 111th Fighter Interceptor Squadron in Houston where Bush served. It said the memo complained that Staudt, as commander of the Texas Air National Guard, had sought to "sugar coat" Bush's record after he was suspended from flying.

However, The Dallas Morning News reported earlier that Staudt retired on March 1, 1972, 1 1/2 years before the purported

memo by Killian, which was dated Aug. 18, 1973.

Staudt said that he has avoided reporters, despite up to 40 telephone calls to his Central Texas home last Monday as media attention over the CBS story heated up.

He said he had no idea why the memo's author had decided to use his name. He claimed he never met the former Texas National Guard officer who was a source for the document and would not now watch CBS News.

Staudt, as brigadier general of Bush's unit, was responsible for enrolling anybody who wanted to enter pilot training. He said that no one did Bush any favors.

He remembered his first encounter with the young, prospective guardsman.

"I asked him why he wanted to be a pilot, and he said it was because his daddy was one," Staudt said. "That's a good reason."

He said Bush "was a good candidate, well educated. We needed pilots and he wanted to be one."

But he said he had no idea that the young man he swore into the Guard would one day be commander-in-chief.

Bush "was just another second lieutenant fighter pilot," he said. "You never know where people will end up."

Staudt did acknowledge that he approves of Bush's performance as president.

Shakeup

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His failure to resolve this crucial issue stems from the inherent contradictions of his own candidacy. He is a liberal running in a time of war, a posture that forces him first to tack left and then right to keep both sides of his base in line.

Bush, playing chess, has co-opted the winning turf, vowing toughness on terror and staying the course in Iraq. Half of Kerry's supporters, according to the Fox News poll, want to pull out of Iraq, but one-third agree with Bush on the war, so Kerry is sunk whichever position he takes.

He's trying to straddle the issue just like Richard Nixon did on Vietnam during the 1968 election. But he won't be able to get away with it, not through three face-to-face debates (which Nixon avoided in 1968). In the words of Joe Louis, Kerry will be able to run but he can't hide.

Others, supposedly including Bill Clinton, have urged Kerry to stress domestic issues and raise their saliency so that he can exploit the innate Democratic edge on these topics. But here, too, Bush has Kerry in check.

'Meanwhile, Kerry has to figure out who he is and why he's running.'

— Dick Morris
Columnist

The issues the Democrat wants to use are being solved even as he speaks about them. Each month brings better economic news.

Bush's prescription-drug program is just beginning to kick in, reducing the viability of the health-care issue. And even as Kerry talks about education, Bush's historic education reform is

upgrading schools across the country.

Loekhart and McCurry face the same problem that Shrum encountered before them: They have a candidate who can't figure out why he's running. Kerry doesn't have a strategy because he doesn't have an agenda or even clear issue positions.

Bush has no such problem. His voters all agree with his clearly laid-out positions, and his opinions about Iraq and terror tap into a broad swath of the American electorate — including many now voting for Kerry.

All the president has to do is to articulate his positions clearly and compellingly and he will likely prevail.

Meanwhile, Kerry has to figure out who he is and why he's running. By late September, you'd better be playing chess, not checkers, if you want to win.

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Reckless

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inflation has robbed people of about 40 percent of their purchasing power. Not long ago, a dollar would buy one euro and some change; today, it takes \$1.20 to buy one euro. That's not a good trend.

Right now, we are running record deficits and record trade deficits, and there is no end in sight, except a looming economic disaster that could impoverish millions of people, virtually wiping out what's left of the middle class.

Some years ago, I spent several hours reading old newspapers on microfilm from the weeks leading up to the stock-market crash of 1929. There was not a word of warning in those newspapers. What economic stories that were printed sounded eerily like today's talk — e.g.,

"the economy is basically sound," etc.

No, it's not, folks. It's on dangerous ground. John Kerry has a lot of faults, but he at least understands the seriousness of the economic situation and is committed to correcting it. People had better get over this liberal conservative nonsense or red-herring issues like gay marriage and put a man in the White

House who has the IQ to keep this country from going over an economic cliff.

Bush lives in a Technicolor world, but he can only see black and white. The world isn't that simple. We cannot afford a president who wants a two-paragraph summary of a

complex issue and who thinks anybody who disagrees with his impulses is an enemy.

Yes, Kerry is a boring speaker. Yes, Kerry doesn't know the seat of his pants

from a hole in the ground when it comes to firearms issues. And yes, oh Lord, I wish there were a different choice. But for the sake of economic survival, we'd better send Bush back to his comfortable life in Texas, lest his reckless policies make the lives of the rest of us uncomfortable in the extreme.

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Calendar items

• **The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue,"** a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:00 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

• **Gray County Partnership of Moms and Babies meets** at 12 noon on the third Friday of each month at Medical Office Building, second floor conference room, in Pampa. For more information, call 664-2459 and leave a message.

• **BSA Hospice offers "Grief: What to Expect,"** a one hour information session for individuals grieving the death of a loved one, from 10-11 a.m., the second Wednesday of each month at the hospice facility at 800 N. Sumner in Pampa. The support group is free and open to the public. For more information, call 665-6677.

• **Taylor Shaller Benefit Chili Cook-off is planned for Oct. 2** at Lefors Baseball Park in Lefors. Entrants must set-up by 10 a.m. The chili will be served at 11:30 a.m. and judging will begin at 1 p.m. An awards ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. Competition categories are as follows: Red chili, green chili, people's choice, salsa, best Gray County chili and

showmanship. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded the winners in each category. Entry fee is \$25 for chili and \$5 for salsa. Showmanship is free. For more information, call Judy at (806) 835-2200 or (806) 665-4292. Vendors are also welcome. Booth space is \$10. All proceeds will benefit Taylor Shaller, 4, a recent kidney transplant recipient. Taylor's father was the donor. The family is facing financial hardship due to medical bills.

• **A citywide garage sale is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 2, at Erick, Okla.** Serious shoppers are encouraged to come early and stay late. A list of the upcoming garage sales are available. For more information, contact the city of Erick's Chamber of Commerce at 1-580-526-3505.

• **A "Range Field Day" and tour for Panhandle producers is scheduled Oct. 6** at the Roberts County Project Center. A slate of speakers, including J.F. Cadenhead, range specialist for Texas Cooperative Extension, Jodie Stockett, representative for Dow Agro Sciences, and Dr. Ted McCullom, will address participants on a variety of topics, all devoted to helping producers make the most of their rangeland. Participants must RSVP to Roberts County Extension office at 1-806-868-3191 on or before Sept. 29.

Truck driver held on homicide charges in wreck with 10 killed

SHERMAN (AP) — A tractor-trailer driver accused of causing a multi-vehicle pileup that killed 10 people was charged Tuesday with criminally negligent homicide.

Miroslav Janusz Jozwiak, 45, was being held in the Grayson County Jail on \$200,000 bond on each of the 10 counts.

Jozwiak, a Polish national from Daytona Beach, Fla., was arraigned on Tuesday after court officials found a Polish interpreter, Justice of the Peace Greg Middents said. Authorities had tried to arraign Jozwiak late Monday, but he could not understand the proceedings, Middents said.

Five members of a McKinney family and five people traveling in a pickup truck were killed Monday afternoon when Jozwiak's truck crossed a grassy median on U.S. Highway 75 and struck the pickup and a sport utility vehicle. The wreck occurred on the southern edge of Sherman, about 60 miles north of Dallas.

The victims in the SUV included three McKinney

children, identified by police as Chance Martin, 4, Brock Martin, 2, and Reid Martin, 6 weeks. Their mother Lisa Wood Martin, 32, and grandmother, Betsy Wood, 72, also died in the fiery crash.

"It was a horrible scene," Middents said. "It was probably the worst wreck that I have seen. There were bod-

ies on the roadway. The SUV was totally engulfed and basically destroyed."

The five killed in the pickup truck were identified as: Manuel Esparza, 39; J. Marcos Esparza, 41; Hector Zapata, 33; Joel Mendoza Ruiz, 36 and German Esparza Velazquez, 19.

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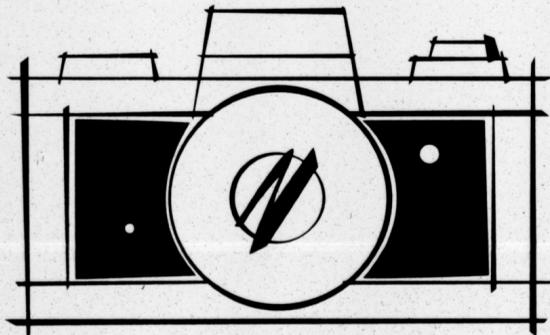
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Sports Day

Lady Harvesters outlast Randall in District 3-4A opener

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Head Coach Shannon Stroud and her Lady Harvester volleyball team opened District 3-4A play against Randall at home last night. And what an opener it was. More a test of endurance, really. Pampa entered the night with a 6-16 record, while Randall came in with a record of 16-9.

The Lady Harvesters, aided by big performances from Jaelyn Spearman, Jackie Gerber, Alyssa Bromwell, Jackye Barber and Lindsey Ammons—survived the Lady Raiders, 25-22, 25-22, 23-25, 17-25, 16-14.

'It was a nail biter that is for sure. I felt the whole team played so well. We played as a team, not individuals.'

— Shannon Stroud
Head Coach, Pampa Harvester Volleyball

Spearman had 20 kills, 16 digs and four blocks on the night. Gerber finished with 10 kills, 15 digs and seven blocks. Bromwell was big on the court and at the net as well chipping in 22 assists, five kills, 25 digs and a block. Barber produced nine kills and two blocked shots, while Ammons had 25 assists and 15 digs.

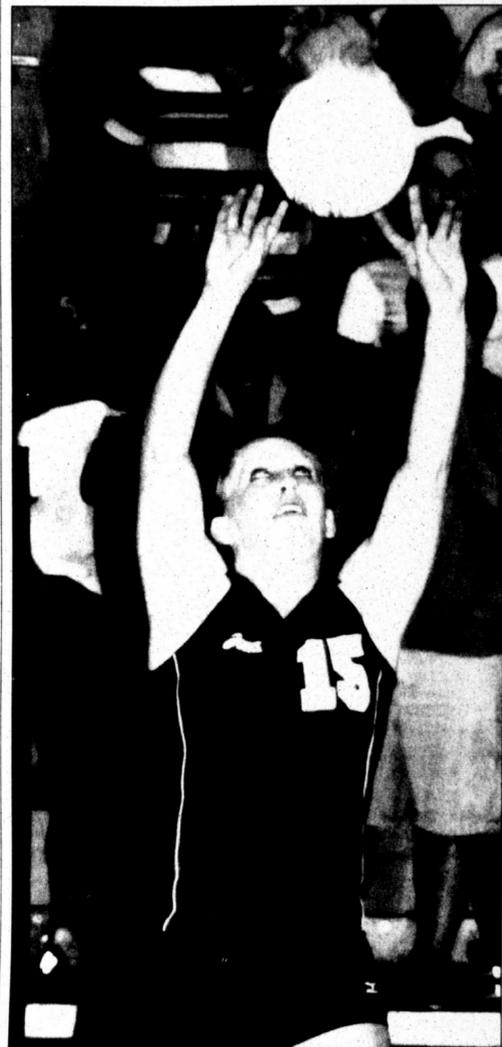
The entire team left everything it had on the floor in outlasting Randall. Coach Stroud said prior to the game last night that she and her team focus only on the game at hand, never looking back or too far ahead.

It was that focus and the never-say-die performance of the Lady Harvesters that produced an exciting district win.

Said Stroud of last night's performance, "It was a nail biter that is for sure. I felt the whole team played so well. We played as a team, not individuals. I have come to see that if one person isn't playing well, the whole team is affected, so last night, I know everyone of the girls got their job done on the court and on the bench."

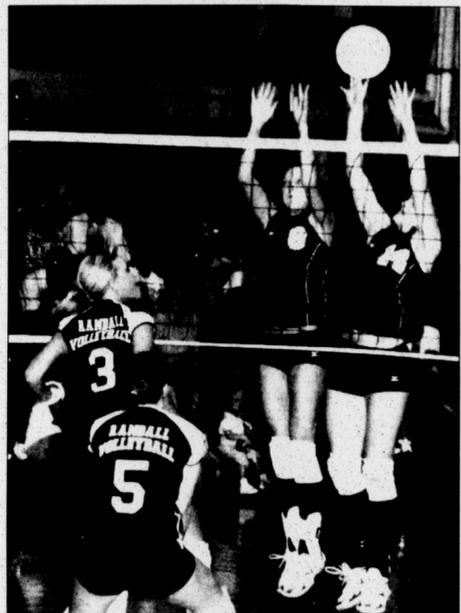
The game was gruelling and it was obvious stamina and team play would be important. "We played with so much fire and intensity it was incredible for the first two games," said Stroud. Adding, "The next two games we kind of got inside of ourselves and did not play as a team. But that fifth game was incredible. We were down 10-14 and came back to win. That showed so much heart and desire. They fought so hard and I am so proud of them."

Pampa is in on the road for its next game this Saturday against Hereford. Stroud said of her team's next opponent, "The game on Saturday against Hereford is going to be another huge match. I think after last night's match we will go into the game on Saturday with confidence. If we come out on fire we have a really good chance." Play is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.



Pampa News photos by BEN BRISCOE

Lindsey Ammons sets a ball during the Varsity volleyball game against Randall.



Kendall Stokes and Jackie Gerber, above, block a Randall shot. Below, Jackie Gerber and Teryn Garner return a hit by Randall in the first game of last night's meeting with the Lady Raiders.



7th, 8th grade football results

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa 7th Grade football teams were on the road in Canyon yesterday. The A-team lost to Canyon, 20-14. Ryan Jimenez scored in the game on a 9-yard run. Gabriel Rodriguez ran in the extra point. Rodriguez also had an impressive 20-yard touchdown run in the game. The loss evens the 7th grade A-team record at 1-1.

The B-team lost its game, 20-8. Corbin Clifton scored on a 27-yard pass from Anthony Allen. Zack Organ ran in the extra point. The B-team is now 0-2 on the season.

Both teams are in action again at home next Tuesday where they will face Dumas. B-team at 5 p.m., A-team at 6:30 p.m.

The 8th grade teams were at home yesterday afternoon

where they hosted Canyon. The A-team shutout Canyon by an impressive 28-0 final.

Madison Wilson scored on a long 30-yard touchdown run. Darren Parker took care of the extra point.

Thomas Fraser scored on a 4-yard run. He also ran in the extra point.

Casey Trimble had a 6-yard touchdown run. And Sergio Salazar peeled off a 25-yard scoring run of his own in the win.

The A-team moves to 3-0 for the season.

The B-team was shutout by Canyon, 14-0.

Defensive honors go to Taylor Aderholt and Michael Alexander, who made some big plays for the B-team.

The B-team is now 1-2.

The 8th grade teams next take the field at Dumas next Tuesday afternoon. B-team at 5 p.m., A-team at 6:30 p.m.

Giants 9, Astros 2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds praised his teammates for their clutch play while he's been busy walking all season, then watched them go out and do most of the work Tuesday night.

Pedro Feliz matched his career high with four RBIs, and Brett Tomko won his sixth straight decision in the San Francisco Giants' 9-2 victory over the Houston Astros.

Bonds, who had two days to rest after being held out of the lineup Sunday and getting a team day off Monday, drove in a run to help the Giants win for the eighth time in nine games, but also got plunked in the right shin by Russ Springer in the eighth.

San Francisco stopped Houston's four-game winning streak to maintain a half-game lead in the NL wild-card race over the Chicago Cubs and closed within 1 1/2 games of NL

West-leading Los Angeles, which lost 9-4 at San Diego. The Astros dropped two games back of San Francisco.

The Giants plan to make things interesting down to the final day — whether they make the playoffs or not.

"That's what it's all about," said Tomko, whose recent work with a sports psychologist has helped his frame of mind. "For the young guys who have never been to the playoffs, this is the closest they've been to a playoff atmosphere. This is what you play all year for. Everything's big."

Before the game, the Giants announced they would drop their right to void the final year of Bonds' contract, meaning the slugger will have at least two more seasons with San Francisco to break Hank Aaron's career home run record of 755.

2004 Fall Softball League standings

Mens Open Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
The End Zone	6	2
ASSI	6	2
Domino's	4	4
Century 21	4	4
A-1 Concrete	3	5
Cavely's Pest Control	1	7

Mixed Open Standings

United Supermarket	5	1
DFB	5	1
Tip Top Used Cars	4	2
Miller Insurance	2	4
Rigdon State Farm	2	4
La Pasadita	0	6

Rangers 9, Oakland 4

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Michael Young didn't let Mark Mulder get out of another bases-loaded jam, and made sure the Texas Rangers kept alive their long-shot chance in the AL West.

Young's grand slam in the fourth, an inning after Mulder escaped trouble, helped the Rangers to a 9-4 win Tuesday night in the opener of a three-game series against the division-leading Oakland Athletics.

"If Mulder gets out of that inning, who knows what happens," Mark Teixeira said. "The grand slam really hurts. After that, as a team we knew it was over."

The Athletics trailed just 3-2 before Young's second career slam, his 21st homer this season. It came after first baseman Scott Hatteberg's two-out error and put the Rangers up 7-2.

"That's the type of thing a player like Mike does for a club," manager Buck Showalter said. "That's what leadership is all about."

Young was an All-Star shortstop this season after

switching from second base in spring training. He replaced Alex Rodriguez after the AL MVP was traded to the New York Yankees.

Texas is four games behind the Athletics with 12 to play. Anaheim, which lost 7-3 to Seattle, is 2 1/2 back of Oakland.

While the September struggles of Mulder continued, Ryan Drese (14-8) won his third straight start even though he allowed four runs in 5 2-3 innings.

Mulder (17-6) didn't make it out of the fifth, allowing nine runs — five earned — eight hits, two walks and two hit batters. The left-hander is 0-2 with an 8.22 ERA in four starts this month.

"It was horrible. It was embarrassing," Mulder said. "It's been like that for a while. I'm not doing the team any good. I feel like a hitter who's 0-for-100."

Mulder hit two batters and walked Young in the third, but got out of that with a popout and grounder. He wasn't as fortunate in the fourth with his 2-0 pitch against Young.

WEATHER WATCH

PHS, Randall tennis matches rescheduled

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa/Randall tennis matches scheduled for yesterday afternoon have been moved to tomorrow due to the weather. The Harvesters and Raiders will try to take the courts of Pampa High School again Thursday.

Coach Josh Freeman says of the meeting with Randall, "We are looking forward to it and getting started on the right foot." Adding, "I believe we match up well with Randall."

Games are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

Appeals Court rules in Koery Stringer lawsuit

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Court of Appeals refused to reinstate a lawsuit against the Minnesota Vikings for the actions of its trainers before the death of lineman Korey Stringer.

The appellate court agreed with a Hennepin County judge, who dismissed the lawsuit in April

2003 on grounds that trainers didn't commit gross negligence in Stringer's death from heat stroke during 2001 training camp.

Stringer's widow, Kelci, brought a wrongful death suit against the team and several employees, including former coach Dennis Green — now with the Arizona Cardinals.

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

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—MICHAEL FLEMING, M.D., PRESIDENT, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS; CARDEN JOHNSTON, M.D., PRESIDENT, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS; JOHN C. NELSON, M.D., PRESIDENT, AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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DEAR ABBY: When I was in high school, I was sexually assaulted by my boyfriend of 18 months. It took me many years to forgive him. However, I don't think I ever forgave myself.

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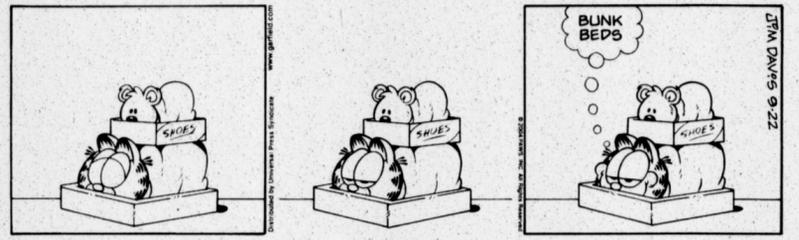
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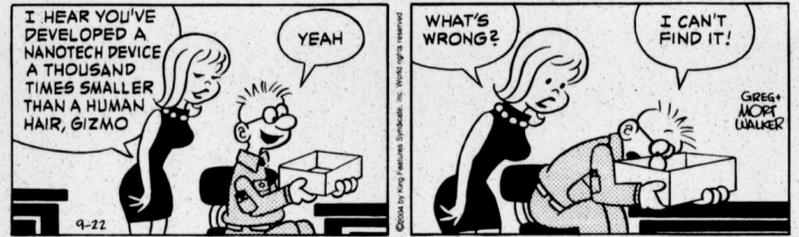
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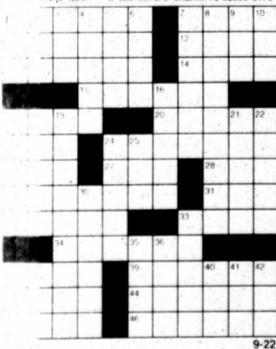
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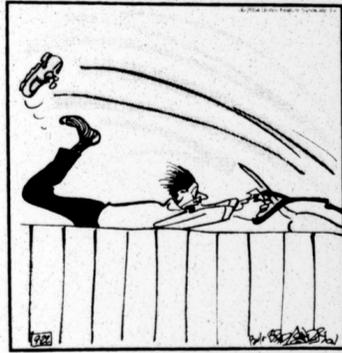
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