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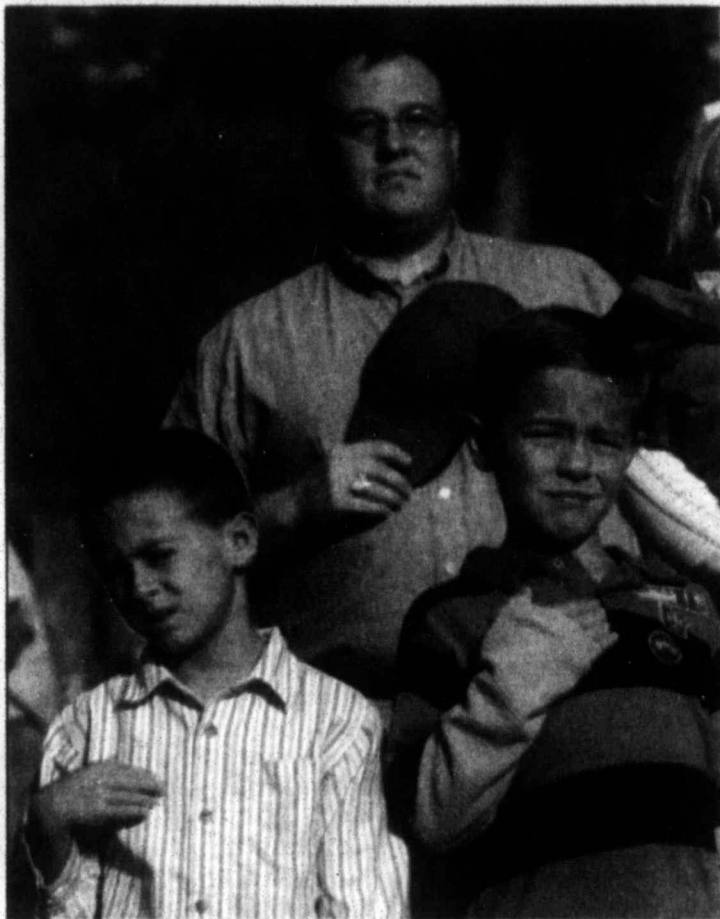
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Pampa News photos by DAVID BOWSER  
Brandon Phillips, left, and Kobe Young place their hands over their hearts during the National Anthem while Dusty Young stands behind them during opening Chautauqua ceremonies this morning. Above, Heidi Phillips, left, and Heather Caro frame a welcoming sign for Chautauqua.

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## Chautauqua picks up steam after slow start

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Chautauqua got off to a slow start this morning under gray skies, although Phyllis White reported a brisk business at the Pampa Rotary Club's pancake breakfast in Central Park.

"We've had a bunch," White said. She reported that most of those coming to Chautauqua for pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee

were families or part of family reunions.

Norma Mitchell traveled some 200 miles from Geronimo, Okla., to sit and have pancakes and coffee in the park with her sister Mellvinia Stocking here in Pampa. Across the table from them were their cousins, another pair of sisters who live in Pampa, Susie Spoonemore and Billie Bruner.

As runners sprinted their way

around a predetermined course for the Chautauqua 5K and Fun Run, Lloyd Harvey and Aaron Howe helped Thelma Bray erect the Woody Guthrie Music Center tent on the east side of Central Park.

Others were following suit in the bowl of Central Park as the Pampa High School band gathered on the hillside overlooking the stage with the school's flag team standing in front of them.

At 25 seconds to nine, Lee Cornelison mounted the stage and took the microphone to welcome everyone to the annual Chautauqua celebration.

Rev. Doug Hixson prayed, Taylor and Kristi Smith sang the national anthem and Boy Scout Troop 404 presented the colors.

The band repeated the national

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## County could be eligible for livestock grant program

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Gray County is one of 216 counties in the State of Texas that may be eligible for \$14.5 million assistance under the Livestock Assistance Grant Program.

The livestock block grant program is part of a broad-based national drought disaster relief program announced last week by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA will distribute \$50 million in state block grants to 20 states to help livestock producers recover losses from drought this year. Funds may cover cost of lost forage, supplemental feeding, cost of relocating livestock to new pastures and the cost of emergency water supplies.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is working with agricultural and livestock groups to establish criteria

for distributing the funds in Texas, according to Susan Combs, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture.

"The funds released by USDA will provide a much-needed infusion of dollars to Texas producers devastated by the ongoing drought," Combs said. "With the entire state facing unprecedented economic setbacks because of this year's drought, I appreciate all that

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has done to help our hardworking producers recover some of their losses during these desperate times."

Combs said her agency will be working with the governor's office and USDA to establish criteria for assistance. She said a sign-up period should be announced soon and the distribution of the block grant would be done as quickly as possible.

Only livestock producers who suffered loss of forage production because of the 2006 drought in the eligible counties, which covers most of the state's 264 counties, including Gray, Wheeler, Carson, Donley and Roberts counties, may receive assistance, she said.

Payments are limited to \$10,000 and cannot exceed the amount of lost forage and related losses, Combs said.

## Panda to build big ethanol plant near Stratford

DALLAS — Panda Ethanol Inc. has announced that it intends to build a 100 million gallon per year ethanol plant in Sherman County. The facility will annually refine approximately 40 million bushels of corn and milo into a clean-burning, renewable fuel for the nation's transportation needs.

The Sherman plant will generate the steam used in the ethanol manufacturing process by gasifying more than 1 billion pounds of cattle manure a year. Once complete, it will be one of the most fuel efficient ethanol refineries in the nation and equal in size to Panda's Hereford facility which is the largest biomass-fueled ethanol plant in the

United States.

The Sherman facility is the fourth 100 million gallon ethanol project announced by Panda, and the third to be powered by cattle manure.

"This plant will significantly expand our ethanol production portfolio, strengthen the economy of the Texas Panhandle and enhance our nation's energy independence" said Todd Carter, chief executive officer of Panda Ethanol. "We are excited by the community's support for this project and look forward to working with state and local officials in seeing it through to completion."

Sherman County Judge Terri Beth Carter said Panda representa-

tives have been actively involved in the community since the beginning of the site selection process.

"They've done a good job answering questions and building support for this project," she said. "We're pleased they chose Sherman County as the location for their next ethanol plant."

"This facility will be an economic boon to the area," added Kathy Allen, executive director of the Sherman County Development Committee. "It will create an estimated 61 skilled jobs and 77 additional support jobs. All together, the construction and ongoing operation of the plant is expected to infuse more than \$220 million into the

area's economy over the next 10 years."

Panda's Sherman refinery will be located on a 1,200 acre site three miles northwest of Stratford, Texas. Construction will take approximately 18 months. The completion date is dependent upon financing, regulatory approvals and other conditions.

Panda has submitted its request for an air permit with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Panda Ethanol previously announced that it successfully com-

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## Obituaries

### Ted 'The Happy Painter' Hantsche Jr., 79

Ted "The Happy Painter" Hantsche Jr., 79, died Friday, Sept. 1, 2006, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006, in Winters Lutheran Cemetery in Winters, Texas, with the Rev. Michael Erickson of Zion Lutheran Church of Pampa, officiating.

Arrangements are by Rector Funeral Home Coulter Chapel in Amarillo.

Mr. Hantsche was born to Red and Ethel Hantsche on Aug. 15, 1927, in Nolan County. They moved to Winters in 1929. He was the oldest of four children. He graduated from Winters High School and enlisted in the Navy in 1945. He was honorably discharged in 1947.

He was baptized and confirmed in the

Lutheran Church. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene. He was loved and will be missed by many.

Survivors include his children, Deanna Helton of Canadian, Jerry Finney and Jerry Brumfield, both of Pampa, Nick Brumfield of Glendale, Ariz., and Debra Murphy of Amarillo; two brothers, Harry A. Hantsche of Arlington and Harvey D. Hantsche of Point, Texas; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 W. Duncan, Pampa, TX 79065

## Services

### tomorrow

**HANTSCHÉ, Ted Jr.** — Graveside services 3 p.m., Winters Lutheran Cemetery, Winters, Texas.

## Gray County Weather

Labor Day: A 20 percent chance of rain before noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 74. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. East

wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Areas of fog before 8 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a high near 76. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 78. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 78. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

## Emergency Services

### Sheriff

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

#### Saturday, Sept. 2

Justin Mark Welch, 26, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on a charge of simple assault.

Enrique Sanchez, 27, of a ranch near Pampa was arrested by PPD on a charge of public intoxication.

#### Sunday, Sept. 3

Michael Don Mitchell, 38, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Lionel Nash, 22, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on charges of evading arrest and possession of a controlled substance.

Dusty Curtis Cook, 18, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on a charge of cruelty to animals.

### Ambulance

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

#### Sunday, Sept. 3

9:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Neal Road and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Campbell and transported a patient to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

6:55 p.m. — a mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

#### Monday, Sept. 4

2:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of North Wynne and transported a patient to PRMC.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Saturday, Sept. 2

9:06 a.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 1100 block of North Hobart on a fire alarm.

10:50 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 300 block of Sunset on arcing power lines.

5:22 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 2600 block of Navajo on a Dumpster fire.

9:53 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky on a vehicle accident.

10:27 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 500 block of Starkweather on a hazardous material spill.

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## Chicago fire fatal to six children

CHICAGO (AP) — From her window, Kizzie Edwards often would see the Ramirez children playing on their back porch, some of them tapping out tunes on a miniature xylophone.

"I used to wave to one of the little girls every morning," Edwards said. "I can't believe I can't do that anymore."

A fire swept through the Ramirez family's third-floor apartment on the city's North Side early Sunday, killing six children — five from the same family — and injuring three others and the family's mother.

The fire, Chicago's deadliest in years, may have been caused by a candle used for light in an apartment without electricity, officials said.

"This is the largest multiple fire fatality we've had from a single fire in quite a few years. I mean it's children. It's difficult for everyone involved," said a visibly shaken Fire Commissioner Raymond Orozco.

The three-bedroom apartment in the Rogers Park neighborhood had no smoke detectors, he said. The apartment hadn't had electricity since May, said John Dewey, a spokesman for utility Commonwealth Edison. He wouldn't say why it was turned off, citing confidentiality rules.

The fire broke out just after midnight, authorities said.

"The mother came running out with one child in her arms, screaming to the neighbors that there were other children inside," said Cmdr. Will Knight. "They asked her how many and she said 'eight.'"

Neighbor Derrell Dixon said two children appeared at a window and he and several other people held up a blanket, trying unsuccessfully to get them to jump to safety.

"The kids were screaming and screaming 'Help! Help! We're burning, we're burning!'" said Dixon, 22. He said he saw firefighters rescue one of the children with a ladder.

Another neighbor, Al Tillman, raced up

the stairs, crawled inside the smoke-filled home and pulled a small, crying boy to safety. Afterward, thoughts of the boy's dead siblings haunted him.

"I'm shaken up because the other children didn't make it," the 32-year-old Tillman said. "I only heard one child. I wish I could have saved the others."

Firefighters found most of the children huddled in the apartment's front room, not far from the spot where the fire probably started, said fire department spokesman Larry Langford.

The dead were identified by the Cook County Medical Examiner's office as Vanessa Ramirez, 14; Eric Ramirez, 12; Suzette Ramirez, 10; Idaly Ramirez, 6; and Kevin Ramirez, 3. The sixth, Escarlet Ramos, 3, was being baby-sat by the Ramirez family, friends said.

Rosario Fordley, a nursing supervisor at Thorek Memorial Hospital, said the 40-year-old mother and a 3-month-old girl were discharged after being treated for smoke inhalation. Two other children were at other hospitals and their conditions were not immediately released.

A friend of one of the Ramirez children said their mother originally was from Mexico but the family had been in the United States for at least 16 years.

Throughout the day, neighbors and friends of the victims left bouquets of flowers, as well as teddy bears and dolls, under the charred-black window of the gutted apartment. Dozens of area residents gathered on sidewalks outside the building, some of them crying and hugging each other; others just pointed at the scene, shaking their heads.

One of the most recent deadly fires involving children was one on March 29 that killed four children and seriously injured two adults on the city's southwest side. A preliminary investigation suggested the fire was caused by an electrical malfunction. The home had no working smoke detectors.

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## Stingray kills Steve Irwin in Australia

CAIRNS, Australia (AP) — Steve Irwin, the hugely popular Australian television personality and conservationist known as the "Crocodile Hunter," was killed today by a stingray while filming off the Great Barrier Reef. He was 44.

Irwin was famous for his enthusiasm for wildlife and his catchword "Crikey!" in his television program "Crocodile Hunter." First broadcast in Australia in 1992, the program was picked up by the Discovery network, catapulting Irwin to international celebrity.

He rode his image into a feature film, 2002's "The Crocodile Hunters: Collision Course" and developed the wildlife park that his parents opened, Australia Zoo, into a major tourist attraction.

Irwin, who made a trademark of hovering dangerously close to untethered crocodiles and leaping on their backs, spoke in rapid-fire bursts with a thick Australian accent and was almost never seen without his uniform of khaki shorts and shirt and heavy boots.

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Pampa News photos by DAVID BOWSER  
 Stacy Hext, left, finishes the Chautauqua 5K with her 8-month-old son Damian, and her mother Linda Huddleston and the family dog Legend. In photo above, Lee Fraser, left, and Roy Sparkman, right, flip pancakes on the griddle at the Pampa Rotary Club breakfast this Labor Day morning while Jason Bagwell, center, stands by with more pancake batter.

## Festival

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anthem and then broke into the Pampa High fight song as PHS cheerleaders took to the stage.

By 10 a.m., the sun had broken through, smoke boiled up from the Optimists' grill as hamburgers began to cook and Matt Jimenez won the men's Fun Run with a 5.56 minute mile and Kylee Wariner had won the girl's division with a 7.39.

Charlie Hennessy of Amarillo won the men's 5K with a time of 17.49 minutes and Faby Soria won the women's with a time of 19.40.

Among the most enthusiastic finishers were Stacy Hext and her mother Linda Huddleston. Hext's 8-month-old son, Damian, apparently spent the whole race asleep in his stroller pulled by the family dog Legend.

"We did both races, back to back," puffed Huddleston. "I didn't care if we were dead last. We made history."



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER  
 Shae Johnson, 5, holds her hand over her heart as the Pampa High School band plays the Star Spangled Banner during open ceremonies at Chautauqua.

## Plant

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pleted the debt and equity financing on its 100 million gallon ethanol plant in Hereford. The company has begun facility construction on the 380-acre site and anticipates ethanol production to commence in the second half of 2007.

The company also announced that it has entered into a merger agreement with Cirracor, a publicly-held corporation which trades over the counter. The merger is currently expected to become effective in the fourth quarter of 2006, subject to the satisfaction of certain requirements, and the combined entity will operate under the name of Panda Ethanol Inc.

Panda Ethanol is headquartered in Dallas, Texas. The company is currently developing fuel ethanol refineries and biomass facilities in the United States. Panda Ethanol's largest single shareholder is Panda Energy International Inc., a privately-held company which has built more than 9,000 megawatts of electric generation capacity at a cost of \$5 billion.

## Olympian Bob Mathias dies at 75

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Bob Mathias, a two-time Olympic champion in the decathlon and former U.S. congressman, died Saturday of cancer. He was 75.

Mathias became the youngest Olympic gold medalist in a track and field event in 1948 in London, when he won the decathlon at 17. It was only his third decathlon competition, having qualified for the Olympics by winning two events in the United States.

At the 1952 Games in Helsinki, Finland, he became the first athlete to repeat as Olympic champion in the decathlon. Earlier that year, he played fullback for Stanford at the Rose Bowl. Though the Washington Redskins drafted him, he never signed. Mathias also won the 1948 Sullivan Award as the nation's top amateur athlete.



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# Viewpoints

## Columnist exercises license, becomes part of the story

She used to sit in the lap of the legendary old Texas Ranger Capt. John R. Hughes and pull his white beard and ask him questions about the Wild West. She remembered when soldiers on horseback gave a public parade every Sunday at Fort Bliss. She, like almost everyone of her generation, could tell you exactly what she was doing that Sunday afternoon in 1941 when she heard that the Japanese had attacked some place called Pearl Harbor.

She loved Texas and its history, and got to live nearly 78 years of it herself — from the Great Depression to the present worsening drought.

Betty Wilke Cox, daughter of longtime Texas newspaper editor and writer L.A. Wilke and my mother, died at 77 at her residence in Austin in the early morning hours of Aug. 28.

A good story is always personal

to those involved. This week, instead of telling a Texas tale, it's time to invoke a newspaper columnist's occasional privilege — never to be abused — to become a part of the story.

Born in Fort Worth on Sept. 25, 1928, while her father was city editor of the old Fort Worth Press, mother grew up in Fort Worth, El Paso, Gainesville, Sweetwater, Amarillo, Denton, Dallas, and Austin. In other words, she was a Texan's Texan. Also a Tom Girl, she loved to fish, hunt and camp.

A graduate of Texas Women's University with both a bachelor's and master's degrees, she went from journalism to teaching to library science, working at various times for the Austin Public Library, the Texas State Library and the Texana collection at Texas A&M University. For a few years, she ran a branch library in Phoenix, Ariz., but she got back to Texas as soon

as she could.

After returning to Austin, she worked as a librarian for the Center for Transportation Research at the University of Texas and later retired as a librarian for the Austin American-Statesman.

Mike Cox

Texas Tales



Beyond her abiding personal interest in Texas history, she played a big role in passing that on to her son. I could barely read the first time she took me to an old country cemetery, pointing out dates of birth and date on the darkened limestone grave markers while trying to explain their significance to me. We visited old forts, museums

and libraries from Nacogdoches to Fort Davis, from Palo Duro Canyon to Goliad.

After retirement, she owned and operated a small book publishing business, Woodburner Press, and as a literary consultant helped nearly a dozen people write and edit books. Fewer than 48 hours before she put the figurative final "30" — the old newspaper symbol for "the end" on her own story — she continued to talk about the latest book she was helping someone write, a family history that traced back to the Civil War.

Beyond all that, she was this writer's best-kept secret, someone who could always be called to ask one more time the difference between using "that" or "which," or to take on some Texas-related research task, from the Texas Rangers to a column some time back on the Gainesville community circus. She also read and edited

most of my published books.

In addition to writing, editing and researching, she had a passion for reading, photography, art, gardening and a well-developed Texas-style sense of humor. Only hours before she died, when someone asked her how she was feeling, she said, "Compared to what?"

The night she died, I sat next to her bed reading "The Book of Common Prayer." Moving through Psalm 90, pondering the lines, I stopped on this one, just about the best ending any writer could hope for in putting together a column remembering the passing of a parent:

"For when all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told."

Mike Cox, a member of the Texas Institute of Letters, is the author of a dozen Texas-related books.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 4, the 247th day of 2006. There are 118 days left in the year. This is Labor Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 4, 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers.

On this date:

In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film camera, and registered his trademark: Kodak.

In 1893, English author Beatrix Potter first told the story of Peter Rabbit in the form of a "picture letter" to Noel Moore, the son of Potter's former governess.

In 1944, during World War II, British troops entered Antwerp, Belgium.

In 1951, President Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast.

In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus called out the National Guard to prevent nine black students from entering Central High School in Little Rock.

In 1957, Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel.

In 1967, Michigan Gov. George Romney told a TV interview he'd undergone a "brainwashing" by U.S. officials during a 1965 visit to Vietnam — a comment that apparently damaged Romney's bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

In 1971, an Alaska Airlines jet crashed near Juneau, killing 111 people.

In 1984, Canada's Progressive Conservatives, led by Brian Mulroney, won a landslide victory in general elections over the Liberal Party of Prime Minister John N. Turner.

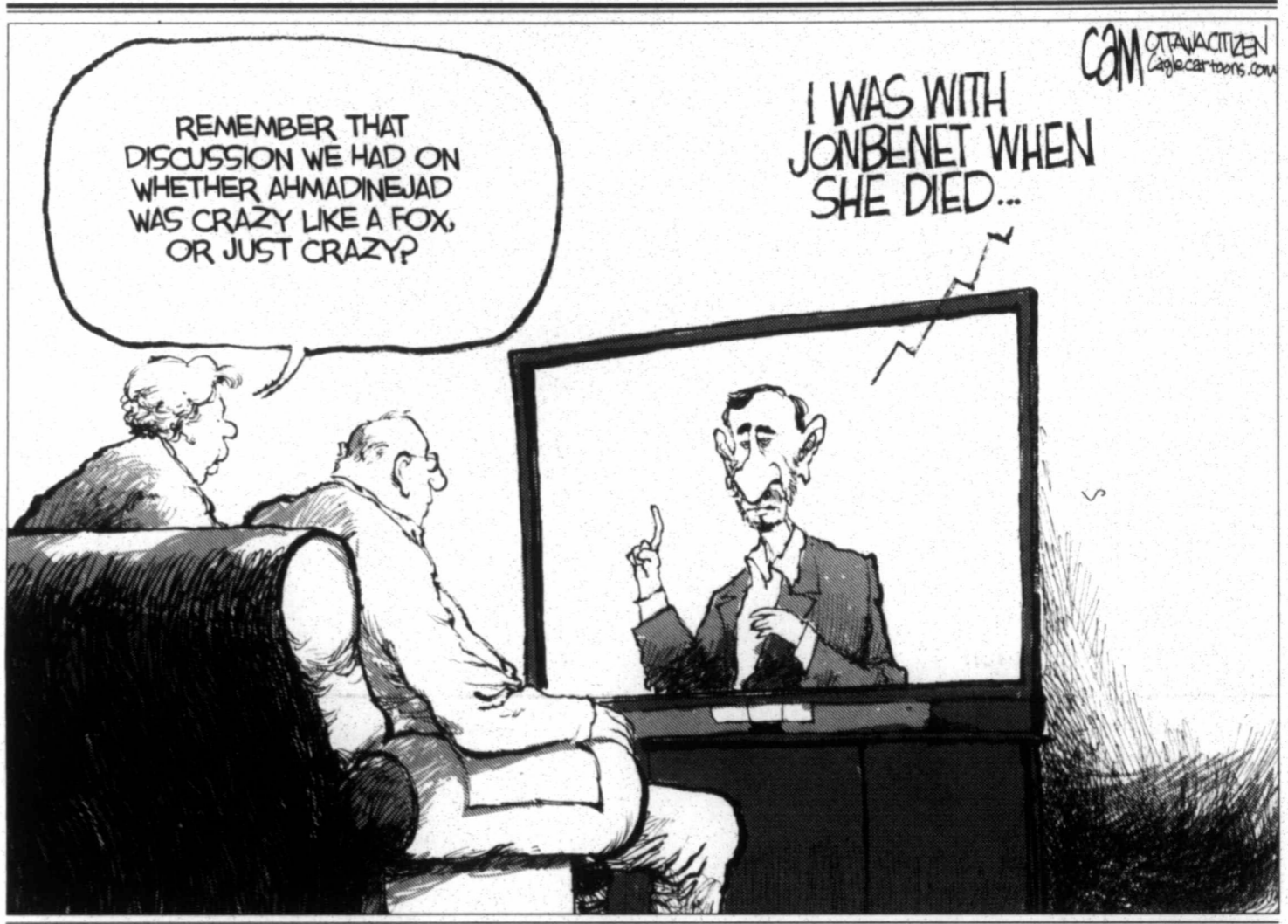
In 1995, attorney William Kunstler, who spoke out for the politically unpopular in a controversial career, died in New York at age 76.

Ten years ago: Anti-aircraft fire lit up the skies of Baghdad, hours after the United States fired a new round of cruise missiles into southern Iraq and destroyed an Iraqi radar site. Whitewater prosecutors had Susan McDougal held in contempt for refusing to tell a grand jury whether President Clinton had lied at her trial.

Five years ago: President Bush opened the door to a future cut in the capital gains tax, but said he first wanted to see the effects of the previous spring's income tax cut.

*'Show me the country in which there are no strikes and I'll show you that country in which there is no liberty.'*

— Emma Goldman  
American anarchist  
(1869-1940)



## United States, Europeans bully nations

To get a better idea of what ails the world, let's use our imagination to transport ourselves into outer space. From there, we can look down on Earth not as an American or as a European, but as a disinterested alien.

We see a collection of sovereign nations — some large, some small, some powerful and some weak. We also see that some of the powerful nations do not respect the sovereignty of some of the others.

For example, by what right do the United States and the Europeans tell Iran it cannot enrich uranium? Other nations enrich uranium. Iran is a signatory of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and it grants the right to enrich uranium: Where does the United States get off telling the Iranians they

can't do it? Oh, the U.S. claims Iran wants to build nuclear weapons. Well, first and foremost, Iran denies that, and there is no proof to the contrary. But suppose Iran does want to build nuclear weapons. Why shouldn't it? We have nukes. The British, the French, the Russians, the Chinese, the Indians, the Pakistanis and the Israelis all have nuclear weapons. Why shouldn't Iran? For that matter, what right does anyone have to tell the North Koreans they can't have nukes and can't even test their missiles? Everybody else tests the missiles.

Charley Reese  
Columnist



The U.S. record on regime change is poor. One reason so many Iranians hate us is because we engineered a regime change in the 1950s that threw out their elected nationalist leader and replaced him with the Shah. A lot of Iranians were executed, tortured and imprisoned before the Iranian peo-

ple could finally get rid of him.

What right do we have to tell Syria and Iran that they can't supply arms to Hezbollah? We supply arms to Israel. In fact, we are about the world's largest arms peddler. Mr. Bush calls Hezbollah a terrorist organization. The government of Lebanon and the European Union do not. Just because an American politician sticks a label on a group of people doesn't mean those people lose all of their rights.

I don't think the world will know peace until all the nations of the world agree to respect each other's sovereignty. That means no sanctions, no externally arranged coups, no invasions, no refusal to talk. We would do

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Aug. 27  
Houston Chronicle on CBS's "Survivor" to plan along racial lines this fall:

Just like its often unscrupulous contestants who've entertained audiences for six years by backstabbing their teammates in pursuit of a million dollar payoff, CBS's aging Survivor will apparently do anything to avoid getting thrown off its prime time island.

In their ploy to boost sagging ratings, network officials and the show's producers have tunneled under the gutter standards of the genre by announcing their latest wrinkle: tribes of contestants sorted by race.

The upcoming Survivor: Cook Island will begin with four five-person groups made up of Anglo, Hispanic, Asian and black contestants. In later stages of the contest, the remaining individuals who haven't been voted off the show will be merged into integrated tribes. Houston attorney and former Survivor contestant Jolanda Jones, who is African-American, was quick to criticize the format, which has already been taped for broadcast this fall.

"Don't segregate it and market it like that," said Jones, who was one of the first contestants to be voted off the island in the 2004 season. Although the show has been criticized for its underrepresentation of minorities, Jones figures the logical remedy is simply to recruit a diverse group of contestants.

New York City Councilman John Liu

called on CBS to cancel the show, which he claims would encourage racial division and stereotyping. "The idea of having a battle of the races is preposterous. How could anybody be so desperate for ratings?"

Survivor creator Mark Burnett had the chutzpah to suggest that race-based competition is an "interesting social experiment." Perhaps when the novelty of this approach wears off, Survivor will turn to religious competition between Muslims, Jews and Christians for its next ratings fix.

Viewers can put a quick end to this insult to their intelligence and obnoxious pandering for ratings by simply changing channels when Survivor comes on and uttering the show's trademark sentence: "The tribe has spoken."

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# Soybeans for fuel and food featured at farm show in Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Soybeans appear to be a star at this week's Farm Progress Show, with major agriculture companies announcing work on varieties that produce more oils for fuel and others that are healthier for both humans and animals.

The 2006 Farm Progress Show in Amana is a chance for hands-on contact with everything agriculture — giving livestock producers a look at the latest technology for the care of animals, and allowing grain farmers to see various seed hybrids grow-

ing in demonstration plots and to hear about new crop research.

More than 425 exhibitors were expected at the three-day show, billed as the "Super Bowl of Agriculture," and held on alternate years in Iowa and Illinois.

DuPont Co. and Bunge North America Inc. on Tuesday announced that they're developing soybeans that will boost soy diesel production, while Monsanto Co. planned to tout its work on Wednesday on a soybean that's high in heart-healthy

Omega-3 fatty acid.

DuPont officials said the Bunge DuPont Biotech Alliance was formed in 2003 to research and develop soybean oil traits with the help of Des Moines-based Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Erik Fyrwald, group vice president for DuPont Agriculture and Nutrition, said the companies are moving beyond food products into new areas.

"Over the three years of our collaboration, we have seen the interest in biofuel, industrial and feed sectors

expand exponentially," he said Tuesday. "We are making strides to bring products to market to meet the growing demand."

That includes biodiesel, and the companies are busy identifying which soybean seeds now available produce beans with more oil, and are using breeding techniques to increase levels of oil in the future for biodiesel, he said.

"We see this whole biofuels area as extremely exciting for the industry, for agriculture and for DuPont," Fyrwald said.

An energy bill President

Bush signed last year included tax incentives meant to make biodiesel production more attractive and help hold down the cost.

Meanwhile, Monsanto said its researchers are engineering soybeans to produce oil with high levels of omega-3 fatty acid, which is traditionally found in fish. The company said it's using biotechnology to enrich the omega-3 content in soybeans to create an oil that's tastier and more stable than fish oil. Omega-3 fatty acids can improve cholesterol and other cardiac risk factors.

Monsanto expects the product, which researchers hope will produce 20 percent of their fatty acids as heart-healthy Omega-3, to provide a new market opportunity for farmers to deliver crops with health benefits to consumers.

"I believe this will help pave the way for the ability to deliver this important material into a variety of food applications that can allow for the introduction of this nutrient," said Robb Fraley, Monsanto's chief technology officer.

# Hurricane Rita adds 300 buildings to Port Arthur demolition list

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — Hurricane Rita added 300 buildings to Port Arthur's demolition list, which will stretch the time and expense of cleaning up dilapidated and abandoned properties, city officials said.

Port Arthur had 400 buildings on its demolition list before Hurricane Rita made landfall on Sept. 24 with top sustained winds of 120 mph. The storm was blamed for about

100 deaths and about \$6 billion in insured losses.

"Some people just didn't come back," said Lawrence Baker, the city's community services director. "We're just getting started on the long process of demolition."

In some cases, it's hard to tell which dilapidated houses were already vacated before Rita struck. Baker said condemned buildings and vacant lots are spread through-

out the town.

"No one spot is worse," he said. Demolition costs about \$3,500 a building, Baker said. A recent federal grant of \$90,000 will pay for fewer than 30 buildings.

Once a building is demolished, the city puts a lien against the property to help recoup the demolition costs, Baker said. Buildings considered an "imminent health hazard," are put on a fast track.

But the hurricane's damage also created a need for housing, and Baker said his office has received more inquiries about vacant lots.

"If you demolish it, you need to build it again," Mayor Oscar Ortiz said. "That's what you need and that's what we've got to have."

But if the city doesn't have the money, the process doesn't begin at all. The process of inspecting the property and dealing with the

owner takes eight months to a year before the project can be put out to bid, officials said.

Rebuilding on some lots is also complicated because they are too small for new construction under current city requirements. Baker said more homes will be demolished as the funds become available. In some cases, the city is working with property owners to get the job done, he said.

## Reese

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much better if we talked to the Iranians and North Koreans and, while acknowledging their right to nuclear technology, offered incentives — including a security guarantee — not to develop it. You know, of course, that the U.S. refuses to talk to the Iranians and the North Koreans and has refused their requests for

security guarantees. Countries don't like to be "dissed" any more than individuals do.

I've been accused by some right-wingers of not liking America. As usual, they have it wrong. I love America, but I don't like this present administration one bit. I think the Bushies are a dangerous combination of ignorance and arrogance, and that they act in a reckless manner. They ignore what they should pay attention to and pay attention to what they should

ignore.

Bush seems intent on pursuing regime change in Syria and Iran. If he persists, he will likely unleash a regional war, the consequences of which will be catastrophic.

What have you gotten for your \$300 billion, your 2,600 dead, your 8,000 seriously maimed in Bush's ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan? Stability? Don't make me laugh. Security? America is hated in more parts of the world today than at any time in its

history. What has Bush done right?

Before you resurrect the slogan "Stay the course," remember that one of the definitions of insanity is to keep doing the wrong thing. Let's face it, folks. We elected ourselves a disaster. Bush didn't understand the world when he was elected; he doesn't now; and when he goes home to Crawford, Texas, he will still be puzzled by it all.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

## Events calendar


- **Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live On Stage"** has released its current concert schedule. The schedule is as follows: "The Centurymen" 7 p.m., Sept. 20, First Baptist Church in Pampa; pianist Alpin Hong, 2:30 p.m., Oct. 1, M.K. Brown Auditorium; "Puttin' on the Hitz, A Salute to Irving Berlin," 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15, Borger High School Auditorium; Bronn and Katherine Journey, harpist and vocalist, 7:30 p.m., March 19, M.K. Brown Auditorium. Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$70 for families; and \$15 for students. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.
- **Habitat For Horses, Inc.**, is in the area distributing horse feed, hay, medical and barn supplies. The volunteer organization will continue to organize feed and hay drives to the fire damaged area and coordinate distribution centers as needed. For more information, call (866) 434-5737 or (806) 681-5858.
- **GED classes** are set to begin Wednesday. Pampa ISD and Region XVI have combined efforts to provide free GED classes for eligible adults. Classes will be offered from 6-8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Travis Elementary

- School. For more information, call Sabrina East at 669-4700.
- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Saturday and Sept. 20, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 12, Wheeler School, Wheeler; and 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Sept. 21, Miami School Auditorium, Miami.
- **The Amarillo Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** will host its Franchise Center Educational Seminar Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The seminar will provide aspiring business owners with the necessary steps one must take when starting a business. Experts

- in law, banking, real estate, accounting, risk management, marketing and others will among the slate of presenters. For more information, call or e-mail Zack Lujan at (806) 379-8800 or franchise@catcha.org.
- **USS Long Beach CGN-9** Association, Inc., will hold its 2006 reunion Sept. 10-17 in Rapid City, S.D. To learn more, call (866) 352-2469 or long onto www.uslongbeach-assoc.org on the World Wide Web.
- **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Sept. 26, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 25-year-old woman who still bears a grudge toward my mother. We never had a good relationship, but it really went downhill after my father died. (I was 13 when it happened.) My father always stuck up for me, and he committed suicide in our basement. I did something when I was 13 that I deeply regret. I told my mother to check down there when we heard noises, but she didn't listen to me. Our relationship has never been the same. I have blamed my mother every day ever since for not saving him. I rarely talk to her now. The thing that makes me so mad is that my father's death was her fault. Dad and I were very close and I miss him every day. How can I get past my mother killing my dad? After his death, my mother put me in the care of the Department of Children and Family Services. I am glad I was put there, but I am mad that she killed my dad and gave up on me. So how do I get past all this anger toward her that I have kept inside for so many years? — **MISSING MY DAD IN ILLINOIS**

**DEAR MISSING DAD:** I don't blame you for being angry about your father's death, but because you were only 13, you aimed your anger at the wrong parent. Your mother didn't kill your father. Your father killed himself, probably because he had been struggling for a long time with the mental illness of chronic depression. Your mother did not go to check on the noises in the basement for the same reason that you didn't -- she didn't realize what they meant. As to why you were sent to "family services," it is very possible that your mother was as devastated by the loss of your father as you were. You need more answers than any uninvolved third party can give you, and the person to provide them is your mother. Therefore, I urge that you call her and arrange to have a frank conversation with

her -- preferably in the presence of a mediator such as a clergyperson. This is something that's long overdue.

**DEAR ABBY:** I married a wonderful man seven years ago, and we had a happy marriage. One morning last January, he told me he no longer loved me and was moving out to live a life on his own. I have been devastated over this. At his request I quit work to stay home and be a housewife, and I have not worked in six years. I am 50 and am having a hard time dealing with this. I know I need to find a job so he won't have to continue paying all my bills and his own, but I have been very depressed and I think it shows through when I go on interviews. He wants me to take a couple of college courses to brush up on what I used to do in the work force. The only thing I want is to have my husband come home to me. We still see each other every other week and communicate daily through e-mails and phone calls. I still feel that he loves me, and that is what makes this so hard. He comes to have dinner with me on Saturday nights, and when he leaves he hugs me tight -- but still leaves. I don't know what to ask him about what his final plans are. He hasn't asked for a divorce, and he knows I don't want one. What should I do? — **HEARTBROKEN IN EVERETT, WASH.**

**DEAR HEARTBROKEN:** Ask your husband for a full and complete answer about why he left you. Clearly, there are still strong ties between you. Counseling will help you both communicate more clearly about what happened to your marriage. Once you have some straight answers, you will have a better idea of what you need to do next. In the meantime, my advice to you is to contact a licensed marriage and family therapist, but do nothing further.

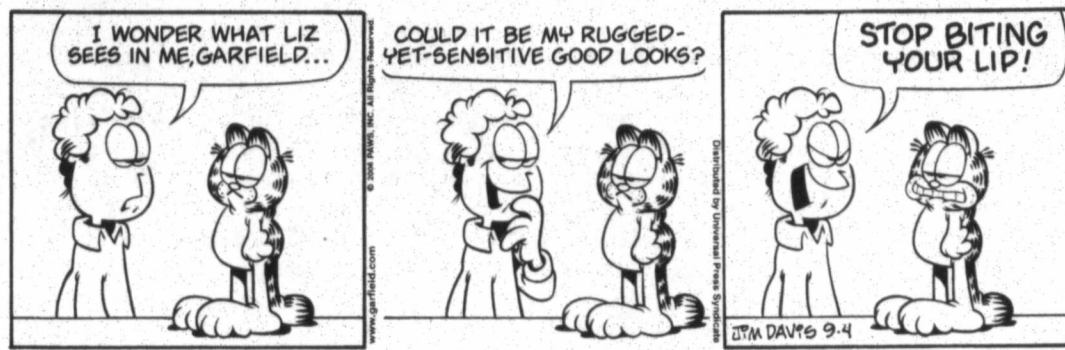
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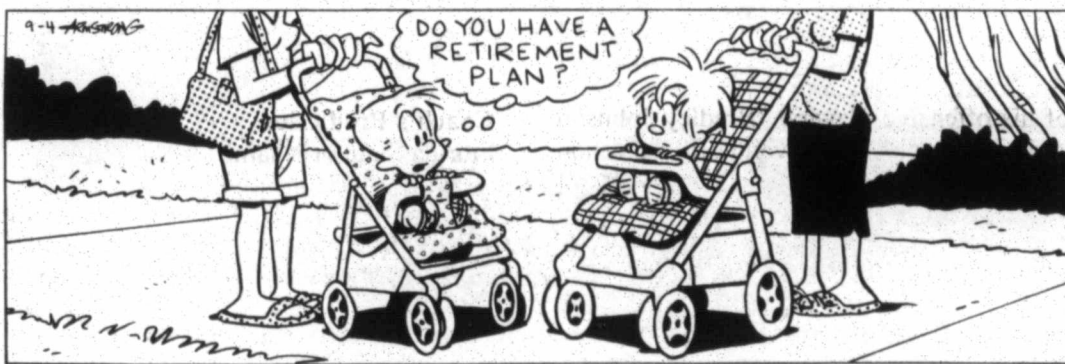
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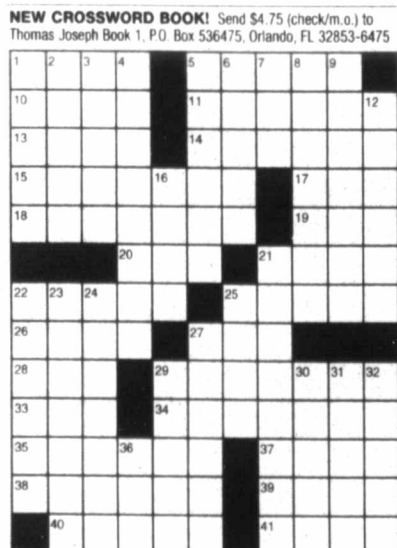


### Crossword Puzzle

#### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 37 Falls behind
  - 38 Tyler of Chagall
  - 5 Moving about
  - 10 Cain's victim
  - 11 Makes fun of
  - 13 Head light?
  - 14 Ophelia's love
  - 15 Traveler's Web
  - 17 In the style of
  - 18 Estimates
  - 19 One of the "Little Women"
  - 20 Geologic period
  - 21 Lab runners
  - 22 Reject
  - 25 Data
  - 26 Berets and beanies
  - 27 Ripken of baseball
  - 28 Greek vowel
  - 29 Black-shirt's belief
  - 33 Tennis court divider
  - 34 Banderas of "Desperado"
  - 35 Singer Caruso
- DOWN**
- 1 Comic Bill
  - 2 Let up
  - 3 Memento
  - 4 Spike Lee film
  - 5 Wise goddess
  - 6 Plane
  - 7 Scot's topper
  - 8 Like the Koran
  - 9 Incumbent's verb
  - 12 Puts on
  - 16 "Freak on a Leash"
  - 21 Spike Lee film
  - 22 Act parts
  - 23 Edison's collection
  - 24 Cornered
  - 25 Speedy
  - 27 Church codes
  - 29 Confronted
  - 30 Site of "bombs bursting"
  - 31 Rho follower
  - 32 Saunter
  - 36 "— had it!"



### Marmaduke



### The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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### Haggar The Horrible



### Peanuts



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# Sports Day

## Coach Cavalier: Friday night gave Pampa 'A lot to learn from' with room to improve

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

He and his staff have already gone over tape of the game. They have analyzed what was right and what was wrong. They will take what they learned from Friday's 21-6 loss to Perryton and use it to grow stronger.

In recapping Friday night's season opening road loss to Perryton, first year Pampa head coach Andy Cavalier said, "Perryton just outplayed us Friday night." He continued, "They made fewer mistakes than we did. We turned the ball over in the red zone twice, once on downs and once on an interception. We just need to finish those drives and put points on the board."

Perryton capitalized on one of Pampa's mistakes early after the Harvesters went three-and-out to start the game and turned the ball over on a penalty near their own end zone. The Rangers scored a touchdown on their very first play from scrimmage.

Despite giving up seven quick points, Pampa never showed any signs of panic. With the exception of the mistakes that commonly plague a young team still trying to get its legs underneath it, the Harvesters never appeared to come off the original game plan. What did coach Cavalier say to his young team following the Ranger's opening TD? "Just that I wanted them to focus on the next play. That no matter what happens on a play, good or bad, the one that could decide the game is the next one."

Among the bright spots for Pampa Friday night was the inexperienced offense. Look beyond the mistakes and turnovers and you will have seen a group of young men growing and learning throughout the night. Gaining experience and confidence that will serve them well come district time. "We were able to move the ball consistently," Coach Cavalier said. "We ended up out-gaining Perryton offensively, we just did not finish our drives."

Cavalier noted the performance of a few of his offensive players. "Bradley Johnson and Nick Dudley had a wonderful games on the offensive line. Casey (Trimble) performed very well. Michael Robinson had a good game in the backfield, and Craig Crowell played well at receiver."

On defense, the Harvesters gave up a few big plays, but looked strong much of the night. Still, Coach Cavalier says there is room for improvement. "Perryton did produce some big plays against us that - coupled with our unfinished drives - were the difference in the game." He added, "After watching the tape of the game, we were in

position to make tackles most of the time, we just have to make plays when given the opportunity.

The Harvesters suffered some injuries Friday night. James Coffee was unable to finish the game due to a nagging hamstring injury. Cavalier says he does not want to push Coffee, preferring instead to have the senior healed in time for the district season.

Maddison Wilson was taken by ambulance to a local hospital after being injured. Trainers and medical personal examined Wilson as he lay flat on his back on the sideline before safely securing his head and neck and transporting him. "Madison Wilson was taken to the hospital," Cavalier said. "He had a concussion and is starting the recovery process. It is a general rule that an athlete is not allowed to start physical activity until they have been symptom free for one full week, so we will be evaluating Madison this week. He will not be available Friday night against Estacado."

In summarizing his team's overall performance Friday night, Coach Cavalier said, "All-in-all, we came out of the game with a lot to learn from and much that needs to be improved upon. I feel like Perryton has a good team and want to give them all the credit for winning the game. We have to be able to finish drives offensively and eliminate big plays defensively."

With the Dateline NBC crew now in town to cover him and his team's week-long preparation and first home game of the season against Estacado Friday night, does Cavalier feel there might be some distraction this week? "Dateline NBC came in Sunday and their presence will definitely be out of the norm for us," Cavalier said. "The opportunity for our program and our community to be spotlighted in the national media, in my mind, far outweigh any distraction they bring." He continued, "We will, however, try to make the week as normal as possible for our team."

**Coach's Prediction**  
Florida State or Miami  
"Florida State."

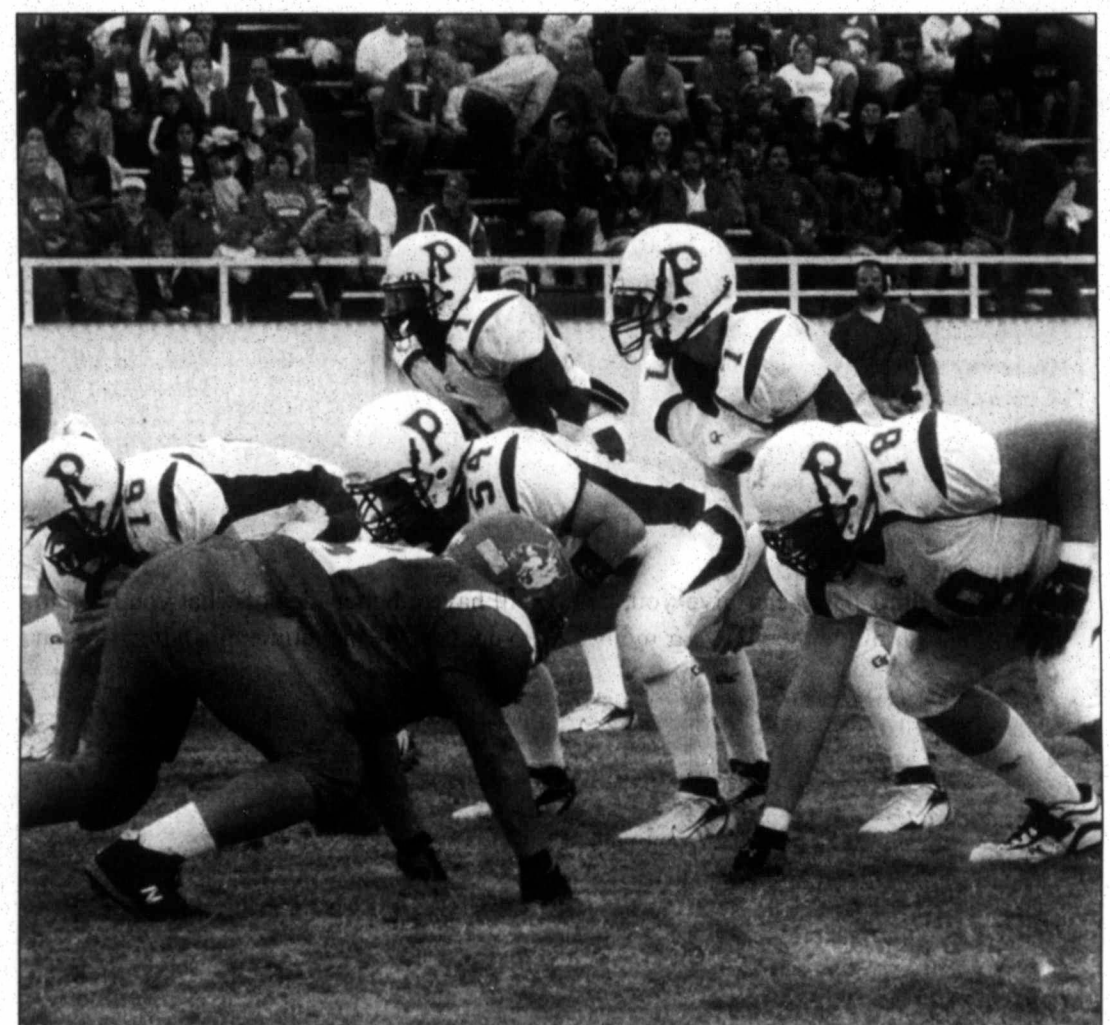
**Friday night MIA**

With just minutes to go before kickoff, something was noticeably missing on the Pampa sideline Friday night. Former Pampa High School athletic director and long-time stats keeper Dick Dunham was nowhere to be found. It was later learned Dunham was taken to the hospital where he was later diagnosed with a kidney stone. My best to him and a speedy recovery. It just wasn't the same without you, Coach Dunham.



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Head coach Andy Cavalier (above) gathers his Harvesters during a timeout Friday night. With quarterback Casey Trimble (below) calling out signals, the Pampa offense gets set prior to a snap. Pictured are (L-R) Nick Dudley #76, Ben Gibson #54, Mason Watkins #78, Shavious Kelley #1 and Trimble #7.



### NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

## Kahne wins at Fontana, closes in on top 10 with one race left to make it

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) - Kasey Kahne figured that winning the NASCAR Nextel Cup race at California Speedway was the one way he could assure himself of remaining in the fight for the upcoming playoffs.

"I came here telling myself, 'You've got to win. You've got to win. You've got to win. You have to go out there and lead laps,'" Kahne said. "That's all you can do if you want to make this Chase."

Still, the 26-year-old Cup star thought he might be setting his sights a little too high.

"You can't expect to win. You can't expect to lead the most laps just because you want to," he said. "It's way too tough competition. But we just hit everything right this weekend."

Kahne started by winning Saturday night's Busch Series event on the 2-mile oval, then led a race-high 132 of 250 laps Sunday on the way to his series-leading fifth victory of the season. He closed in on a spot in the Chase with one race remaining to get it done.

To win Sunday, Kahne had to overcome a penalty, a series of challengers and a daring fuel gamble by rookie Reed Sorenson at the end.

"These guys fought back with great pit stops," Kahne said. "I just can't thank this team enough. They just worked their butts off to get us back in this Chase and at least now we have a chance going into Richmond next week."

Not even a penalty for speeding on pit road halfway through the 250-lap race could stop Kahne, who fell back briefly to 24th. His No. 9 Evernham Motorsports Dodge stuck with the leaders and, thanks to a two-tire pit stop on lap 176 that got him up to second, Kahne was in position to drive past Dale Earnhardt Jr. for the lead after the green flag came back out on lap 180.

After falling back again when several other cars made two-tire pit stops, Kahne outduelled new teammate Elliott Sadler to regain the top spot on lap 197. But there was yet another challenge.

Several drivers tried to stretch their final tank of gas to the finish and the 20-year-old Sorenson, who drives for Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates, almost pulled off his first victory and the first for the team since 2002. He took the lead on lap 241 after most of the top cars pitted for a splash of gas and two tires.

## Aces win final game, 8-2; ULB title in four games

The Edinburg Coyotes were in first place in the United League Baseball for all of the 90 regular season games, but couldn't get the job done in the league's inaugural championship playoffs, losing 8-2 on Sunday night - dropping the series three games to one.

In Sunday's finale, played before 4,008 mostly Coyote fans in Edinburg, the Aces, who completed the regular season in third place, jumped out to a 5-0 lead by the fifth inning that they held until the seventh inning, when Coyote Abigail Sandoval hit a two-run homer.

But, that gap was widened again when the Aces later scored to make it 8-2.

Both clubs had won their preliminary series two games to one, the Coyotes over the Laredo Broncos and the Aces over the San Angelo Colts.

In the championship series, the Coyotes won the first game, in Alexandria, by 7-5, but that was their last win, with the Aces winning three straight, 1-0, in Alexandria, and 6-2 and 8-2 in Edinburg.

The Coyotes rolled to 17 consecutive victories early in the season before getting defeated by the Colts. Although they won a modest 40 games with 33 losses after that, they maintained first place and won the regu-

lar season title.

The Coyotes finished the regular season with a 57-33 record, while the Aces were 45-44, a half game out of second place.

Ironically, the Coyotes were the last ball club to officially become a part of the new league, due to legal issues surrounding the city of Edinburg, which owns the baseball stadium, and the owners of the previous Edinburg club, of the now-defunct Central League, which had lost its lease due to non-payment of rent.

However, the ULB, which signed a contract to operate a club in the stadium to replace the previous club, was not involved in the litigation.

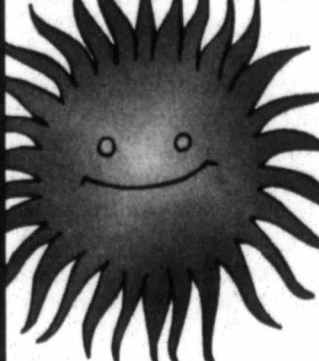
The city of Edinburg prevailed and the Coyotes were on their way to join the other five clubs in the league, which also included the Amarillo Dillas and the Rio Grande Valley WhiteWings in Harlingen.

ULB chief operating officer and commissioner, Byron Pierce, said the initial year was very satisfying and that he and other league officials are already making plans for 2007.

"You have to plan well ahead to stay up in this baseball business," Pierce said after the game. "We're having our league meeting in a couple of weeks and from there we will go forward for next season."

Pierce said he was very pleased with the overall results of the inaugural sea-

son. "The attendance was good and I know we gained lots of new fans."



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# NFL preseason Chargers LB Foley shot by officer

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Detroit	1	3	0	.250	52	74
Green Bay	1	3	0	.250	79	110

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	2	2	0	.500	70	88
San Francisco	2	2	0	.500	65	68
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	83	68
St. Louis	1	3	0	.250	60	89

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Jacksonville 20, Atlanta 17  
Buffalo 20, Detroit 13  
Miami 29, St. Louis 9  
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Carolina 15, Pittsburgh 13  
Chicago 20, Cleveland 7  
Houston 16, Tampa Bay 13  
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Tennessee 35, Green Bay 21  
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N.Y. Jets 20, Philadelphia 17  
San Francisco 23, San Diego 14

*End Preseason*

## Roethlisberger out at least one game

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Ben Roethlisberger missed no playing or practice time despite nearly dying during a June motorcycle accident. A case of appendicitis will keep him out of the Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers' season opener.

Roethlisberger will sit out the NFL's showcase Thursday night game against Miami after having an appendectomy Sunday, not long after reporting for practice with stomach pains and nausea.

"The surgery went well," coach Bill Cowher said. "He is obviously going to be out this week and we will go week to week from there."

The operation was the third in less than a year for the 24-year-old Roethlisberger, who is off to one of the best career starts of any quarterback in NFL history. He was in the operating room for seven hours following his scary motorcycle accident on June 12, mostly to repair facial damage, and had arthroscopic knee surgery midway through last season.

Charlie Batch, a former Lions starter who was 2-0 as a fill-in for Roethlisberger last season, will start against the Dolphins.

"It's a situation that can happen to any football team. You can go out there and have a starter go down, whether it's an ankle or something else of that

nature," Cowher said. "That's the nature of the business."

Roethlisberger's latest medical setback followed an uneventful training camp that began with questions about whether he was fully recovered from the crash and ended with him playing better in the preseason than he did a year ago.

It was not immediately known if the motorcycle accident might have caused any internal damage that subsequently resulted in the appendicitis. All of Roethlisberger's known injuries from the crash - a broken nose, orbital bones and upper and lower jaw, damaged teeth and a concussion - were to his head.

According to various medical journals, one cause of appendicitis can be a perforation in the appendix. But, unless there is severe bleeding, an otherwise healthy patient such as Roethlisberger often is released within 24 hours of an appendectomy and has a relatively short recovery time.

Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward also had an appendectomy in 2002 and missed the final two exhibition games, but returned to make eight catches in the season opener against New England.

Thursday's game will be the fifth that Roethlisberger has missed since the middle of last season, when he sat out four games - three in a row with two knee injuries.

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Chargers linebacker Steve Foley was shot near his upscale suburban house by an off-duty policeman early Sunday morning in his second run-in with police in 4 1/2 months. Coach Marty Schottenheimer said the wounds were not life-threatening.

"All we're worried about is that he's OK," Schottenheimer told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Foley's agent, David Levine, told the AP that Foley was shot three times and had surgery for wounds to his leg, arm and chest.

"He's out of danger at this point," Levine said.

The Chargers will open the season at Oakland on Sept. 11, the day Foley turns 31.

Sheriff's officials said the early morning shooting occurred after the off-duty Coronado police officer followed a suspected drunken driver weaving in and out of freeway traffic at speeds up to 90 mph. Authorities said the driver nearly collided with several other vehicles.

Foley stopped three times, sheriff's officials said. During one of the stops, Lisa Maree Gaut, a passenger in the vehicle, yelled at the officer, authorities said.

The shooting occurred after Foley got out of the vehicle near his home and began walking toward the officer, sheriff's officials said. Gaut got behind the wheel and drove next to Foley in the direction of the officer, the officials said.

The officer identified himself, authorities said, and warned Foley he was armed. He fired a warning shot, at which point Gaut steered the car at the officer, sheriff's officials said.

"The officer fired two rounds at the vehicle," sheriff's Lt. Dennis Brugos said. "The male then came at the officer and put his right hand by his waistband and the officer fired at him."

Paramedics were called to the neighborhood in Poway, northeast of San Diego, at 3:47 a.m. and transferred a trauma victim to Sharp Memorial Hospital.

Sheriff's officials wouldn't say how many times Foley was shot or what, if any, charges will be filed against him.

Coronado police also declined to give any information about the off-duty officer. Coronado, a wealthy peninsular enclave, is across the bay from downtown San Diego. Sheriff's officials said the off-duty officer first encountered Foley on a freeway in northern San Diego.

Gaut, 25, was booked into Las Colinas Detention Facility on suspicion of DUI and assault with a deadly weapon. Bail was set at \$17,500. She was scheduled to appear in court on Thursday.

Meanwhile, authorities towed a Cutlass Supreme with a purple interior late Sunday afternoon from the neighborhood of spacious ranch homes, large lots and towering eucalyptus trees.

Neighbor Kent Goodman said the car belonged to Foley. According to the Chargers' media guide, Foley and

his father restored a 1971 Cutlass Supreme.

Another neighbor, Rick Jennings, said he was awake at 3:40 a.m. when he heard yelling outside. He went outside after hearing two loud pops he thought were firecrackers.

"I heard a female scream, 'Let it go! No, no, no!' And then four more shots. I heard more screaming and then two more shots and in seconds the first marked officer showed up."

Goodman, who lives three doors from Foley, said he awoke to what he thought was the revving of Foley's car.

"It sounded like his car backfired a couple times. A few seconds passed and I heard more revving and then rapid shots. They were in rapid succession," Goodman said.

Foley had lived at the Poway home for about 1 1/2 years.

Foley, who played at Northeast Louisiana from 1994-97, has played eight seasons in the NFL, for Cincinnati, Houston and San Diego. He signed with the Chargers in March 2004. That year he set career highs with 10 sacks and five forced fumbles.

Foley was arrested April 21 on charges of resisting arrest after police said he scuffled with officers. He also was booked on charges of battery on a police officer and public drunkenness.

The district attorney's office said recently it was not pursuing charges against Foley in that incident.

The Chargers did not practice on Sunday.

## ANDRE AGASSI

# A sad, but fitting end to his career

By JIM LITKE  
Associated Press

(AP) - He was flat-footed and in pain at the finish, which is the way all but a few of the great ones bow out of their sport. They can choose when to leave, but not always how, and so some part of you wanted a better ending for Andre Agassi.

Another championship, maybe, the way Lance Armstrong left cycling and Rocky Marciano stepped between the ring ropes for the final time, or like Ted Williams, even, bathed in the afterglow of a home run in his last at-bat.

But there are precious few exceptions. Much longer is the list of those, who like Michael Jordan, Willie Mays, Wayne Gretzky and even Muhammad Ali, hung around long after they should have. Which is why, the more you think about it, there might have been no better way for Agassi to take his leave.

He broke into tennis as a precocious 16-year-old, oozing attitude, leaking talent and marked, it seemed, for a very short shelf life. Instead, Agassi departed the racket at age 36 with eight majors and a career Grand Slam in tow, revered as an elder statesman and secure in the knowledge that he'd left everything, absolutely everything, out on the court.

Few career arcs run on nearly that long or contain so many spectacular bounces. Even fewer encompass half as much satisfaction. That was what all those tears, finally, were about.

"I've spent a lot of time over the last few months knowing that this would be the end, this tournament," Agassi said in the interview room afterward. "I've had a lot of time to think about it from many perspectives."

"I look at young guys who are talented who make us aware of life's end-

less cycle. I look at the life ahead of them, the journey ahead of them. It's so evenly balanced between me seeing how many great things they have to look forward to, at the same time how much I wouldn't do it again."

Why not, a reporter asked.

"Because I did it," Agassi said, then paused waiting for the laughter to die down. "Because I did it."

One measure of how long and how hard it was is that his ticket out of tennis was punched by a B. Becker but it happened to be Benjamin, the 112th-ranked player in the world, and not Boris Becker, who was roughly a contemporary.

"I've lost to B. Becker before," Agassi laughed, but he wasn't kidding.

Boris Becker, now 38, turned pro in 1984, two seasons before Agassi did, and his quick climb up the ladder was, for a while, a kind of rebuke to Agassi's own lack of achievement. Becker won Wimbledon in his second season, and six majors in all, but walked away in 1999. By then, though, Agassi was just warming to the task.

The turning point in Agassi's career came almost unexpectedly in 1992, when after a string of losses to a handful of contemporaries in the finals of majors, he outlasted Goran Ivanisevic to win Wimbledon. It was the first time the "image-is-everything" brat in the photo shoots quit "going for it" on every shot, and figured out what real champions eventually understand: that winning is a test of nerves and not just power, a marathon instead of a sprint.

And what a marathon Agassi was about to embark on.

He shed the showgirl hair and fatty foods, got fitter, got married, then divorced and married again. He grew up in public, a painful process, anytime, but tougher when it includes almost as many bounces as a tennis ball.

Two years later, Agassi had fallen far enough to come back and become the first unseeded player to win the U.S. Open. The following January, he captured the first of four Australian Opens. Two years after that, he slid all the way down the world rankings to No. 141.

Had Agassi called it quits right about then, he would have had some grand stories and a nice little trophy case to show for all his troubles. But in the same way that carelessness characterized the start of his career, maturity claimed the middle and the end.

"My motivation was just wanting it to be on my terms. I didn't know I would be able to get back to the top. I knew that I would try to get the most out of myself everyday from that day forward. That was my commitment," he said. "That never stopped. That's probably something I take the most pride in."

In 1999, he rewarded himself with both the French and U.S. Opens, then threw in three more Australians after that. The final one came in 2003, with all the aches and pains taking an increasing toll. Still, mindful of how many times he took his gift for granted, what Agassi needed was proof that no amount of hard work would bring it back.

That came, decisively, as he stood by helplessly and watched the final shot off the racket of a B. Becker nearly a dozen years his junior go whizzing past. He knew then he'd chosen the right place to bow out.

"This is sort of, the last sort of window, to the whole series of windows throughout my career," Agassi said. "I just feel like the color on the last one can affect how you see the rest of them, you know."

"I didn't want it to be tainted with a lack of desire or preparation," he said. "I'd rather just be inside the lines."

## Member of Iraqi Olympic soccer team kidnapped

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A popular Iraqi soccer player who was a member of the country's Olympic team has been kidnapped in Baghdad, police said.

Ghanim Ghudayer, 22, considered one of the best players in Baghdad's Air Force Club, was kidnapped on Sunday evening by unknown assailants in the al-Amil neighborhood where he lives in the western part of the capital, police 1st Lt. Mutaz Salahiddin said.

Some of the kidnapers were dressed in military uniform, Salahiddin said.

Samir Kadhim, head of the Air Force Club, said Ghudayer had been preparing to go to a training session when he was intercepted by the assailants in two

vehicles. Kadhim said Ghudayer had recently signed a one-year contract with a club in Syria and had been planning to leave Iraq within a few days.

Iraqi sports officials and athletes have frequently faced threats, kidnappings and assassination attempts.

"There is a general feeling of fear among the players after the terrorists start targeting them," Kadhim said.

"Some of them are not coming to training, some are not completing their training. From our side, we are encouraging them but still they have fears."

He said some soccer players were trying to get contracts abroad in order to leave the country.

## No. 22 TCU 17, Baylor 7

WACO, Texas (AP) - With undefeated TCU starting quarterback Jeff Ballard woozy on the sideline and unable to play, coach Gary Patterson only had one real option.

Freshman Marcus Jackson filled in nicely, and made sure the No. 22 Horned Frogs avoided being on the wrong side of a season-opening upset with a 17-7 victory at Baylor on Sunday.

"He was the only person we had left," Patterson said. "It was either going to be him or me throwing."

Jeff Ballard wasn't feeling right after taking some hard hits in the first meeting between the old Southwest Conference rivals in 11 years. Jackson found out just before the second half that he was replacing the

senior starter, then threw for 148 yards and two touchdowns.

"It was crazy. I had a couple of warmup throws, maybe three or four," Jackson said. "I mainly snapped with the center."

Jackson finally put the Horned Frogs ahead with an 84-yard TD pass to tailback Aaron Brown after Baylor's second turnover in the third quarter. He threw a 4-yard score to Quinton Cunigan in the fourth quarter.

TCU, unranked when it beat No. 7 Oklahoma 17-10 in last year's season opener, stretched its winning streak to 11 games - the second-longest in Division I-A behind the 21 in a row of defending national champion Texas.

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