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PISD votes to repair bus, OK's work on buildings

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees voted to repair a bus, work on the portable buildings at the Pampa Learning Center and continue a math program during a special meeting this morning.

Sam Haynes, transportation director for the district, told the school board today that the district had trouble with one of its activity buses on a trip to Colorado Springs.

While they initially thought it might be a clogged injection system,

it turned out that the engine was shot.

"There were metal shavings in the oil pan," Haynes said.

He said the district could get a kit to repair the engine at a cost of \$15,000, but he recommended installing a rebuilt engine for \$19,000. The rebuilt engine would have a 2-year warranty.

"I don't think we'd have any more problems with this bus," Haynes said.

School Superintendent Barry Haenisch told the board that the district had bought the bus for \$25,000.

A new one cost about \$375,000.

"We're still money ahead," Haenisch said.

The board also approved a \$12,000 contract with Albus Construction, a Pampa firm, for construction on the Pampa Learning Center portable buildings.

Haenisch said that among the modifications to the portable buildings will be doors at each end to allow passage from building to building. The project also includes a tentative facade in front to tie the buildings together.

PISD Business Manager Carol

Fields said Albus Construction could get on the project immediately. Other out-of-town contractors said it could be as long as a year before they could get to the project.

The school board also approved an increase in the Stanford Math contract.

The Stanford Math program is a self-paced math program that offers 19 gifted Pampa students access to teachers at Stanford University, Haenisch said. The program is available to Pampa students beginning in

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Late Ranger Baten honored at ceremony

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Former Texas Ranger W. P. "Bill" Baten of Pampa was honored posthumously at an Aug. 12 ceremony in which a Texas Ranger cross was placed at his gravesite in Fairview Cemetery.

"They have just started doing those," said Baten's widow, Mary Baten of Pampa, of the metal crosses.

Plans are to place a cross at the gravesite of each deceased Texas Ranger for which the organization has records, she said.

Baten, for whom the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Baten Unit was named, was a Ranger in Pampa for 24 years until his retirement in June 1986. He died one year later, in 1987.

The ceremony included an

introduction, Texas Ranger prayer and closing remarks by Gary Henderson, sheriff of Hemphill County and a former Ranger in the Pampa office. Others conducting the ceremony were a family welcome by Mary Baten, an opening prayer by James Verden, and narration by Carl Weathers, Baten's captain in the Rangers.

Baten was engaged in farm and construction work before entering the U.S. Army in 1942. He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II, and was honorably discharged in 1945 as a first sergeant.

He received several commendations for meritorious conduct during his military service, including the

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Courtesy photo

Mary Baten of Pampa, widow of W. P. "Bill" Baten, who served as a Texas Ranger in Pampa for 24 years before retiring in 1986, holds the shirt removed from a Texas Ranger cross placed at Baten's graveside Aug. 12 in a ceremony attended by family members and Rangers. Hemphill County Sheriff Gary Henderson holds Baten's hat, which was placed atop the cross. The crosses are being placed at the gravesites of all deceased Rangers for whom the agency has records.

Farm bill hearing in Lubbock draws area representation

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

LUBBOCK -- Saxby Chambliss' passion is quail hunting. While there is good quail hunting around his home in Southwest Georgia, Sen. Chambliss says he's enjoyed hunting quail in Roberts County and plans to return there later this year when quail season opens.

Chambliss is the chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry

and the only member of the committee to show up Friday in Lubbock for the last scheduled field hearing on the new Farm Bill.

While the 2002 Farm Bill was popular, Chambliss said the budget is much tighter now.

Almost every one of the 13 ag industry leaders testifying at the hearing said they liked the old farm bill. Most of them also showed an interest in a proposed energy section for the new farm bill that could offer

incentives for making ethanol from grain crops.

Tommy Womack of Tulia, past-president of the National Association of Wheat Growers and Texas Wheat Producers, told Chambliss that commodity groups want to keep the old farm bill. Womack said, however, that much of the safety net built into the 2002 Farm Bill has not been effective for wheat farmers. He said he appreciated the Senate's attempts to provide disaster relief for drought

and fire-ravaged land.

Womack also testified that as a wheat producer in Swisher County, he's interested in the possibility of using wheat straw to make ethanol.

Jimmy Wedel of Muleshoe, testifying on behalf of the Corn Producers Association of Texas, agreed that most farmers liked the old farm bill.

Wedel noted that the 2002 Farm
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Lefors ISD to meet to discuss reading

The Lefors Independent School District board of trustees will discuss reading, property repair and policy updates when they meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Lefors High School library, 209 E. Fifth St.

Brent Davis will address the board concerning rent

property repair. The school board will hear a proposal to upgrade the Waterford Reading Program in kindergarten through second grade. The board will also work on updating the district's policy manual.

Appraisal board meeting scheduled Tuesday morning

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County Appraisal District's Board of Directors will meet at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in the conference room of the appraisal district offices at 815 N. Sumner.

A hearing on the 2007 budget, followed by a vote on the budget, will be held. An executive session concerning an

evaluation of Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley will be held. The session is being called pursuant to provisions of Chapter 551.074 of the Texas Government Code concerning personnel matters and evaluation of public officers or employees.

Other items on the agenda include an investment report and the chief appraiser's report.

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Obituaries

Joy Bernice Evans, 77

Joy Bernice Evans, 77, died Friday, September 8, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Central Baptist Church in Pampa with Bruce Ammons, her nephew, and Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Evans was born Dec. 5, 1928, in Bethany, Oklahoma, and resided in the Texas Panhandle most of her adult life. She was a former longtime resident of Miami. She graduated from Amarillo High School



Evans

and received her associate's degree in nursing from Frank Phillips College. She married Clint Evans on Sept. 25, 1948. She was a member of Coulter Road Baptist Church in Amarillo. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son-in-law, Jay Chisum; and a granddaughter, Jamie Evans.

Survivors include her husband Clint Evans of the home; two sons, Jack Evans and wife Jody of Dalhart and Steve Evans and wife Cheryl of Amarillo; two daughters, Teresa Helton and husband Clويد of Dallas and Judy Chisum of Amarillo; three sisters; one brother; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 159, Red River, New Mexico 87558.

Sign the online register book at [carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com)

Ruth L. Hill, 97

Ruth L. Hill, 97, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006 in Pampa.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, at Laurel Land Chapel of Chimes in Fort Worth with Rev. Clayton Howerton, her grandson, officiating.

Burial will be in Laurel Land Memorial Park under the direction of Laurel Land Funeral Home of Fort Worth.

Local arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hill was born February 6, 1909, in Pensacola, Florida. After growing up in Rendon and Arlington, Texas,



Hill

Ruth was a resident of Fort Worth for over 50 years. She moved to Pampa in 1987 where she was a member of First Baptist Church and was active in the Sonshiners senior choir for several years. Our beloved mother, grandmother, and aunt was a sweet, kind, high-spirited woman dedicated to home, family and church. She will be greatly missed. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Harry H. Hill; two brothers, Sam and Carl Norman; two sisters, Mabel Norman Peterson and Ruby Norman Ball; and by her parents, Silas and Naomi Norman.

Survivors include a son, Richard H. Hill

and wife Wanetta of Pampa; two daughters, Helen Marie Hill Conarty of Arlington and Paula Ruth Hill Barrios and husband Joe of Greenville, S.C.; nine grandchildren, Kim Hoover of Washington, D.C., Clay Howerton and wife Mary of Greenville, S.C., Chris Conarty and wife Gail and Kate Hill Juengerman and husband Jim, all of Arlington, Amy Beth Conarty McGill and husband Pat of Bixby, Okla., Damian Hill of Phoenix, Ariz., Megan Hill of Bridgeport, Conn., Nathanael Hill of Kochi City, Japan, and Manuel Barrios of Scottsdale, Ariz.; 13 great-grandchildren, Kyle McGill, Lyndsay McGill, and Jake McGill, all of Bixby, Okla., Stephanie and Lauren Hoover of Washington, D.C., Carson Conarty, Leda Juengerman, Grace Juengerman, and Quintin Juengerman, all of Arlington, and Hannah Howerton, Hailey Howerton, Hope Howerton, Mary Heather Howerton, and Harrison Howerton, all of Greenville, S.C.; two nieces, Betty Boone of Conroe and Barbara Rudd of Houston; and three nephews, Calvin Hartley, Gaither Hartley, and Royce Hartley, all of Arlington.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Sonshiners Senior Choir, P. O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066.

The family will receive friends at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home on Monday, Sept. 11, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Everlyn Jones, 78

Everlyn Jones, 78, died Friday, September 8, 2006, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 12, 2006, at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

with Rev. Darren Willis, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Jones was born

February 2, 1928, in Farris, Texas. She had lived in Pampa since 1973. She married Tommie Lee Jones in 1977 in Panhandle.

She was a housekeeper for more than 50 years. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Tommie Lee Jones of the home; a daughter-in-law, Jeanette Coleman of Pampa; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 404 Harlem St., Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Services tomorrow

TAYLOR, Katherine Ward — 2 p.m. First Baptist Church.

EVANS, Joy Bernice — 10 a.m. Central Baptist Church.

JONES, Everlyn — 10 a.m. New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

Katherine Ward Taylor, 87

Katherine Ward Taylor, 87, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Taylor was born Dec. 17, 1918, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and came to Pampa in the 1920s from Tulsa. She was a 1935 graduate of Pampa High School and attended Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton. She married Roy Taylor on Nov. 23, 1946, in Canadian. Mrs. Taylor was a member of First Baptist Church where she was director



Taylor

of the intercessory prayer ministry for 20 years. She also taught second grade Sunday school for over 20 years.

Survivors include her husband Roy Taylor of the home; four sons, David Taylor and wife Brenda of Waco; Dick Taylor and wife Vicki of Albuquerque, N.M.; Mark Taylor and wife Gylene of Pampa; and Jody Taylor and wife Carol of Lubbock; one brother, Bob Ward of Canadian; one sister: Polly Parnell and husband Ben of Bartlett, Texas; 11 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, L. P. and Willie Mae Ward, and by a brother, Bill Ward.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066 or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Lucille E. Jacobs, 97

WICHITA, Kan. — Lucille E. Jacobs, 97, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, in Wichita, Kan.

Services were held Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, at East Heights United Methodist Church Chapel. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery in Newton, Kan., under the direction of DeVors Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary of Wichita.

Mrs. Jacobs was born in Colwich, Kan., to

James H. and Elsa R. Miller. She was a retired farmer in Haskell County and a member of St. Luke's Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Robert R. Jacobs of Pampa, Texas; a daughter, Marilyn Wood of Wichita; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association or the Arthritis Foundation.

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Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 76. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Twenty-six traffic stops were made, resulting in at least two arrests. One traffic stop in the 1800 block of Alcock resulted in an arrest on warrants for minor in consumption of alcohol and bail jumping/failure to appear.

Traffic complaints were received from the 200 block of West 23rd, the 800 block of South Faulkner, the 700 block of West Gwendolyn, the 1700 block of Christine, the 300 block of Miami, and the 700 block of North Christy.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 600 block of Deane Drive and the 2700 block of Seminole.

Lost property was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby. On one of the occasions, a black leather wallet with money and a Texas driver's license was reported lost, for an estimated loss of \$30.

Found property was reported in the 600 block of North Sumner. An adult three-wheel pedal cycle was found.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 900 block of South Reid.

Civil matters were reported in the 500 block of North Roberta, the 1000 block of Crane Road, and the 700 block of East Scott.

A runaway and harboring a runaway were reported in the 1900 block of Hamilton.

Welfare checks were made in the 1300 block of Garland, the 1600 block of West Somerville, the 500 block of North Faulkner, and the 700 block of East Scott, where assault causing bodily injury/family violence was reported. No medical attention was needed in connection with the incident.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 600 block of North Wynne. Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 400 block of Hill, the 800 block of North Somerville, the 1100 block of Alcock, the 600 block of East Foster, and the 700 block of North Frost.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1500 block of North Dwight.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 2300 block of Chestnut.

Prowlers were reported in the 1700 block of Evergreen and the 2600 block of Seminole.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of Wells and Browning streets, the 2200 block of North Hobart, the 800 block of North Christy, the 1000 block of North Sumner, the intersection of Twiford and Doucette streets, the 600 block of North Wynne, the 800 block of South Barnes, the 2600 block of Seminole, and the 800 block of North Nelson.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of Miami and the 900 block of East Fisher.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Scott.

An open container was reported in the 300 block of Cook.

Possession of less than two ounces of marijuana, no valid driver's license, no insurance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and expired registration were reported in the 200 block of North Sumner.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby and the 500 block of Carr.

A disturbance was reported in the 900 block of North Gray.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner, the 1600 block of West Buckler, the 1100 block of Duncan, the 700 block of East Browning, and the 700 block of North West, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Family violence/assault causing bodily injury was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive. Minor injuries were reported.

Injury to an elderly person was reported in the 1800 block of North Dwight.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby and the 1300 block of Mary Ellen.

Sexual assault was reported in the 2000 block of Coffee.

One open door was checked.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of West Harvester, the 1200 block of East Kingsmill, and the 400 block of North Ward.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of North Frost. Taken was a lift engine valued at \$37.48.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$35 was taken.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$46.20 was taken.

Burglary of a building was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 100 block of North Naida. Taken were a cedar chest, bar stool, rocking chair, end table, and sofa table, with total estimated value of \$735.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 400 block of Jupiter. Taken were firearms including a Weatherby 300 Magnum, a Remington 870, a Smith and Wesson .38 Special, a Browning 20g, and a Swedish 6.5 rifle, for total estimated loss value of \$7,550.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1700 block of Coffee. A back door latch was broken and two window screens were damaged. Total estimated cost of damage is \$115.

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of Lea. The incident involves a 2001 Pontiac Grand Am valued at \$20,000.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells. Taken were a plexiglass cover, amplifier and speakers, for a \$700 total estimated value of loss.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at the intersection of Wilkes and Nelson streets. A citizens' band radio, amplifier, boomer, and mud flaps were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$865.

A report concerning a recovered stolen vehicle was taken in the 100 block of Sunset. Taken from the vehicle were 100 compact discs, CD case, radar detector, Texas driver's license, stereo, and sledgehammer. Total estimated value of loss is \$1,825.

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

Saturday, Sept. 9
Bryan Lee McClelland, 37, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Martin Lopez Granados, 32, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of East Scott by Pampa Police Department for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Zachary David Cordova, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 1800 block of Alcock by PPD for consumption of alcohol by a minor and failure to appear.

Patrick Jackson Nichols, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 2800 block of Charles by PPD for disorderly conduct/language.

Sunday, Sept. 10
Natacha Alvarez, 33, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of North West by PPD for failure to appear, a capias pro fine for no valid driver's license, and two counts of parent contributing to non-attendance.

Jesus Perez, 29, of Mexico was arrested by GCSO for no valid driver's license and no insurance.

James Adrian Selvidge, 41, of Skellytown was arrested in the 200 block of North Sumner by PPD for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license, no insurance, and expired registration.

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

Saturday, Sept. 9
7:57 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to Hobart Street Park on a hazardous material standby.

9:06 a.m. — Three units and four personnel responded to the 1100 block of Finley on a rekindled structure fire.

1:45 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 800 block of South Price on a grass fire.

1:55 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of Coffee on a hazardous material call.

Sunday, Sept. 10
8:02 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a hike and bike trail behind Caprock Apartments on a false alarm investigation.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls

ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Sept. 7
10:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 West and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Starkweather and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a residence in Pampa.

7:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

10:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Williston and transported a patient to PRMC.

Friday, Sept. 8
6:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Foster and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Saturday, Sept. 9
2:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Sunday, Sept. 10
5:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing home and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Finley and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Texas pays tribute on fifth anniversary

By LYNN BREZOSKY
Associated Press Writer
CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Texas marked the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks with moments of silence, solemn prayer services and the unveiling of a granite monument to those who have joined in the global war on terror.

Standing under a soft rain, Gov. Rick Perry helped pull the white cloth from a 7 1/2-foot, globe-shaped monument alongside a park that fronts the Corpus Christi Bay to pay tribute to those who have served in the global war against terrorism.

"Today the citizens of Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend have paid an enormous tribute to the vic-

tims of 9-11, to the heroes of this community who have gone into harm," he said.

The unveiling of the \$65,000 monument, which Corpus Christi Mayor Henry Garrett praised as the only tribute of its kind in Texas, was one of many remembrance ceremonies across the state in honor of the 2,749 victims of the attacks five years ago.

At Dallas Fort-Worth International Airport, about 200 workers gathered for a tribute that included a moment of silence and the lowering of flags to half-staff.

Speakers paused intermittently as jets roared overhead, while a small employees choir sang "God Bless America."

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Viewpoints

Historically, Texas flag has deep history and strength

As students return from summer vacations, many will soon begin learning Texas history as part of their curriculum. Texas pride is instilled in us at an early age as we learn about our state's history in school. As we grow, so does our pride. This is evident by the fact that a Texan is never far from a Texas flag.

Whether flying above the Texas Capitol or hanging in the homes of displaced Texans around the world, our flag conveys how we feel about our state. Texas' identity as the Lone Star State is represented in our flag's design, which has always reflected our independence.

Our flag's history dates back to 1836, but it has not always looked as simple and classic as it does today. The original Texas flag featured a gold star in the middle of a blue field, while other early Texas flags contained a blue field featur-

ing a white five-pointed star and the word "TEXAS" embroidered between the star's points.

The dimensions and colors of our current flag were adopted and specifically defined by the Texas Congress when Texas was a republic in 1839: a blue, vertical stripe on the left side of the flag comprises one-third of its width, red and white horizontal stripes are each equal to half of its length, and a white, five-pointed star is in the center of the blue stripe — the Lone Star.

Folklore explains the red stripe as representing the bloodied ground in Texas' battle for independence from Mexico. State legislation passed in 1933 qualified the flag's colors as blood red, azure blue and white, representing bravery, loyalty and purity, respectively. In 1993, these colors were changed to "Old Glory Red" and

"Old Glory Blue" to mimic the colors of the U.S. flag.

Because our current flag is such a recognizable image, many do not realize that it is only one in a line of six flags that have flown for our state. The "Six Flags Over Texas" — the Kingdom of France, the Kingdom of Spain, the Mexican

Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



Federal Republic, the Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of America — all represent different eras, and the legacy of each flag contributes to our state's culture. This unique heritage resonates not

only in our diversity but also in our varied styles of music, art, food and culture.

Texans take great pride in our flag — especially when they see one outside Texas. In the U.S. Senate building in Washington, D.C., a large Texas flag is displayed at the end of the hallway in front of my office, and few visitors leave without taking pictures with this flag. I regularly observe families crowding around the flag to recite the Texas pledge, "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible."

The Texas flag has a special mystique. When I visit Texans serving abroad in the armed forces, I frequently notice the display of the Texas flag. Texas soldiers speak of the aura surrounding the flag and its ability to heighten morale and arouse camaraderie. This is the essence of our flag. Not long ago, I

had the opportunity to tour Afghanistan and visit with soldiers bravely defending America in the War on Terror. Upon arriving, I was moved to see a Texas flag waving proudly in that war-torn country.

Our state flag has even been to space. In 1972, NASA astronaut Charlie Duke took a Texas flag to the moon. When he served as lunar module pilot of Apollo 16, the fifth manned lunar landing mission, a Texas flag was stowed behind his seat. This flag is currently on display at the Texas State History Museum in Austin as part of the "It Still Ain't Braggin' If It's True" exhibit.

Our flag has a deep history and strength. It has a special place in our state's lore, and it represents the pride of Texas wherever it is displayed.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 11, the 254th day of 2006. There are 111 days left in the year. This is Patriot Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

Five years ago, on Sept. 11, 2001, in the single worst act of terrorism committed on U.S. soil, nearly 3,000 people died when two hijacked jetliners crashed into New York's World Trade Center, causing the twin towers to fall, a commandeered jetliner smashed into the Pentagon and a fourth hijacked plane crashed in western Pennsylvania.

On this date:

In 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.

In 1941, Charles A. Lindbergh sparked charges of anti-Semitism with a speech in which he said "the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt administration" were trying to draw the United States into World War II.

In 1962, the Beatles made their first record for EMI, "Love Me Do" and "P.S. I Love You," at EMI studios in London.

In 1971, former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev died at age 77.

'This will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.'

— Elmer Davis
American news commentator
(1890-1958)

In 1972, the troubled Munich Summer Olympics ended.

In 1973, Chilean President Salvador Allende died in a violent military coup.

In 1974, an Eastern Airlines DC-9 crashed during a landing attempt in Charlotte, N.C., killing 71 of the people on board.

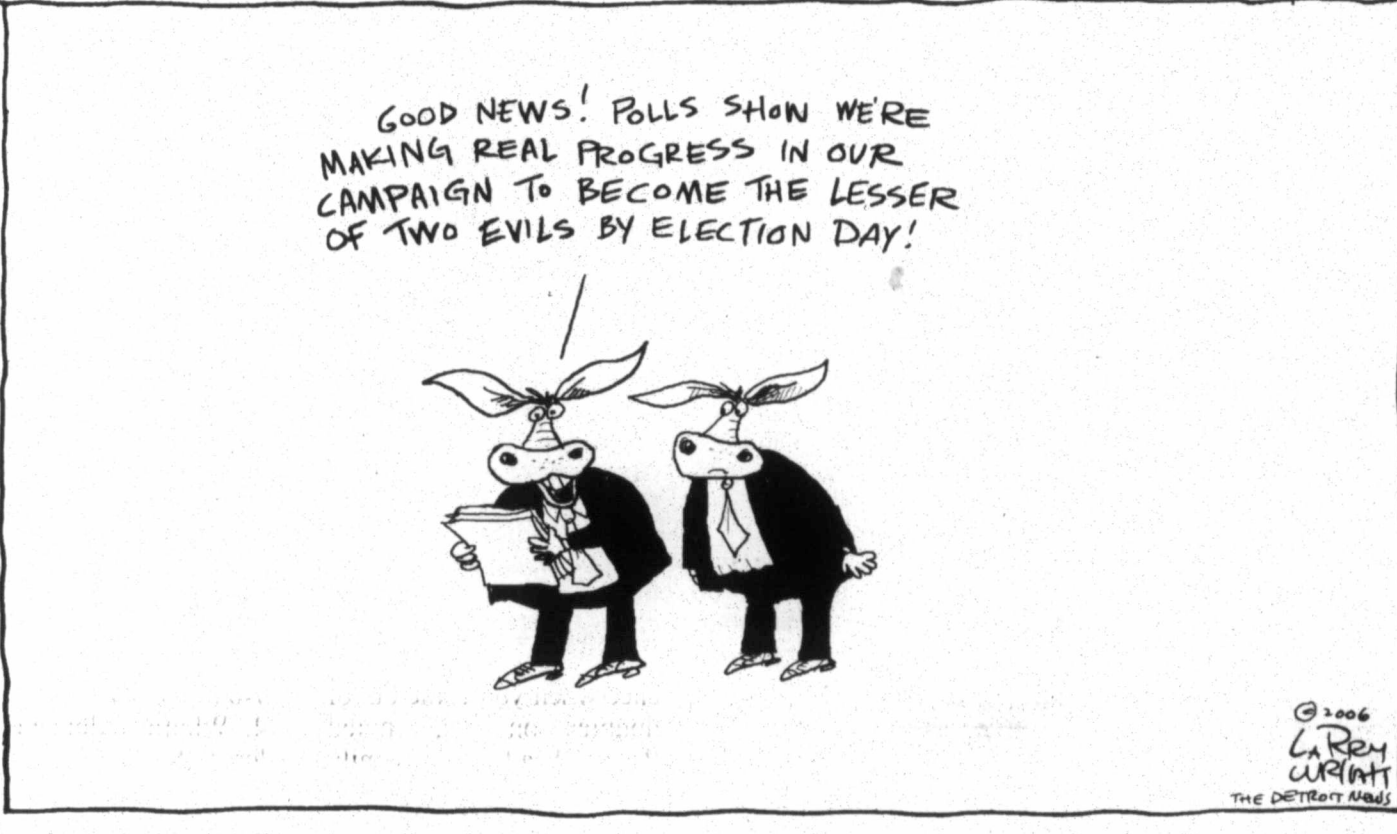
In 1985, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds cracked career hit number 4,192 off Eric Show of the San Diego Padres, eclipsing the record held by Ty Cobb.

In 1985, a U.S. satellite glided through the tail of the Giacobini-Zinner comet in the first on-the-spot sampling of a comet.

Ten years ago: Two top officials with the Health and Human Services Department resigned over President Clinton's signing of the Republican welfare overhaul bill (another official had resigned the month before). Hurricane Hortense continued churning its way through the Caribbean.

One year ago: Weeping relatives marked the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attack with prayers, solemn remembrances and heartfelt messages at the site where the World Trade Center collapsed.

Japanese voters handed Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's ruling coalition a landslide victory in elections for the lower house of parliament.



War is always the most simplistic option

Walter Williams, in a strident and bellicose column deriding those of us who wish to avoid mass murder as being appeasers and dumber than dumb, says, "Today's Americans are vastly different from those of my generation who fought the life-and-death struggle of World War II."

Whoa, Walter, that's jive, and you know it. You were born in 1936. You were 9 years old when World War II ended. Your generation didn't fight any struggle.

Williams boasts of our capacity to "wipe out" Syria, Iran and any other country with nuclear weapons, but then opines that we just don't have the will. Metaphors and abstractions are dangerous.

I'm not surprised Williams is an economist, because his knowledge of history seems to be on the comic-book level. There is no valid parallel between the rise of Nazi Germany and anything going on in the Middle East. That old canard that World War II was caused by appeasement is dragged out of the closet by the warmongers every time their cockamamie schemes meet opposition.

Only a great industrial power has the capacity to produce enough nuclear warheads — and the missiles with which to deliver them — in sufficient numbers to threaten the United States. There are no great industrial powers in the Middle East, not one. In short, no country in the Middle East is a threat to the

United States. No country in the Middle East, including Iran, is a threat to Israel. Israel has the most advanced tanks, the most advanced aircraft, the most advanced missiles and the largest and only arsenal of nuclear warheads in the region.

Charley Reese
Columnist



It is relevant to note that Iran has never threatened Israel with physical destruction, American misreporting notwithstanding. It has said repeatedly that it is not a threat to any country in the region, including Israel. It has said repeatedly that it does not desire to build a nuclear weapon. Before you dismiss that statement, be honest enough to recognize that for 12 years Iraq said truthfully that it had no weapons of mass destruction, and the same crowd now clamoring to go to war with Iran claimed that it did. Do you want to let the same crowd con you twice?

The war party in power in Washington wants to go to war with Syria and Iran. It wants to go to war because its people are so stupid they can't solve the problems that beset that area. They get frustrated. War is always

the simplistic solution: Well, I don't know what else to do, so just bomb the bejeebers out of them.

To justify it, the war party lies and seeks to get Americans to think like fascists and racists. Kill the foreigners. Wipe them out. But those people in those countries are human beings just like us. They marry, they have children, then grandchildren. They love, they work, they study, they dream. They don't deserve to be butchered because some dumb politicians have a quarrel with their politicians. Hezbollah, Syria, Iraq and Iran had nothing at all to do with the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Those who profess to be Christians should ask themselves what Jesus would think of condoning the mass murder of children. I think he would look at their mangled and torn little bodies, hear their screams and then slam the door of heaven in the face of everybody who had anything to do with it.

As for Mr. Williams, he's always been a good and faithful house servant of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Republican National Committee. I suggest he continue to tout corporate capitalism and leave the question of war and peace to people with a conscience and some knowledge of the real world.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

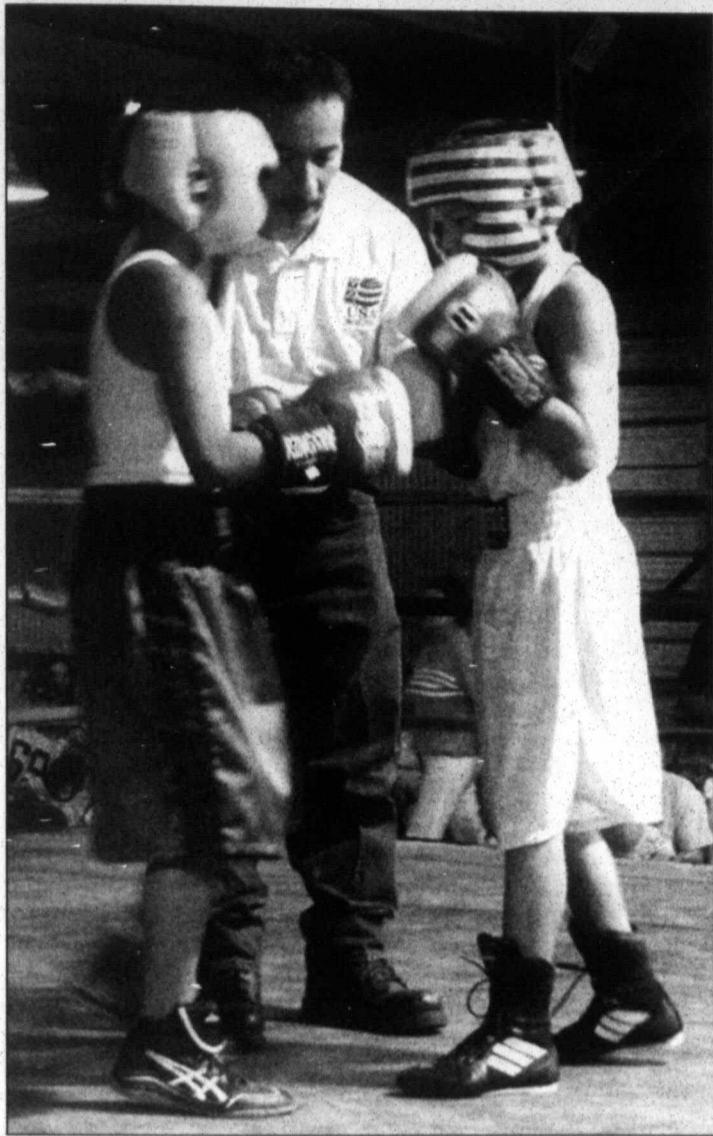
A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **Sept. 4**
Houston Chronicle on Texas justice:
In order to determine whether the state might have executed an innocent man, Texas needs a clear-eyed, objective investigation into the circumstances surrounding the conviction and capital punishment of Ruben Cantu in 1993. When Texas' highest court for criminal matters declined to halt the tainted, conflict-burdened investigation, it provided only more uncertainty.

The facts in the Cantu case are troubling. Convicted of a 1984 robbery in which one victim was killed and the other wounded, Cantu's execution is clouded by three witnesses' recent claims of Cantu's innocence. One witness is the surviving shooting victim. The integrity of the criminal justice system depends on a thorough vetting of the evidence, old and new, to determine the truth of those disturbing claims. What's more unsettling, this investigation is being undertaken by the woman who, as a state district judge, reviewed one of Cantu's appeals and signed his death warrant. The

court's decision, predictably supportive of the prosecution regardless of the facts, allows Bexar County District Attorney Susan Reed to roll forward with an investigation that is tainted by her clear conflict of interest. If Cantu was guilty of killing a man, as the San Antonio district attorney's office confidently claims, it shouldn't bother the lead prosecutor to have an investigator without ties to the case giving it a comprehensive review. Stubbornly refusing to give up the case only underscores Susan Reed's conflict of interest.

Sports Day



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Referee Jose Montanez instructs young boxers Freddie Benitez (left) and Richard Acevedo prior to their bout. Benitez took the win for Pampa Boxing Club.

Local and regional boxers make sound showings Saturday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Coach Lupe Larrazolo and the Pampa Boxing Club hosted a night of boxing at the Bull Barn at Recreation Park Saturday night.

The event featured well over 20 bouts and drew an anxious crowd along with fighters from clubs in Amarillo, Lubbock, San Angelo, Garden City and more. The Pampa Youth Survival Boxing Club was also represented.

A few of the contestants were making their USA Boxing amateur debut, including Seth Paredez (SOS/Amarillo) and Marcos Pena (Pampa Boxing Club).

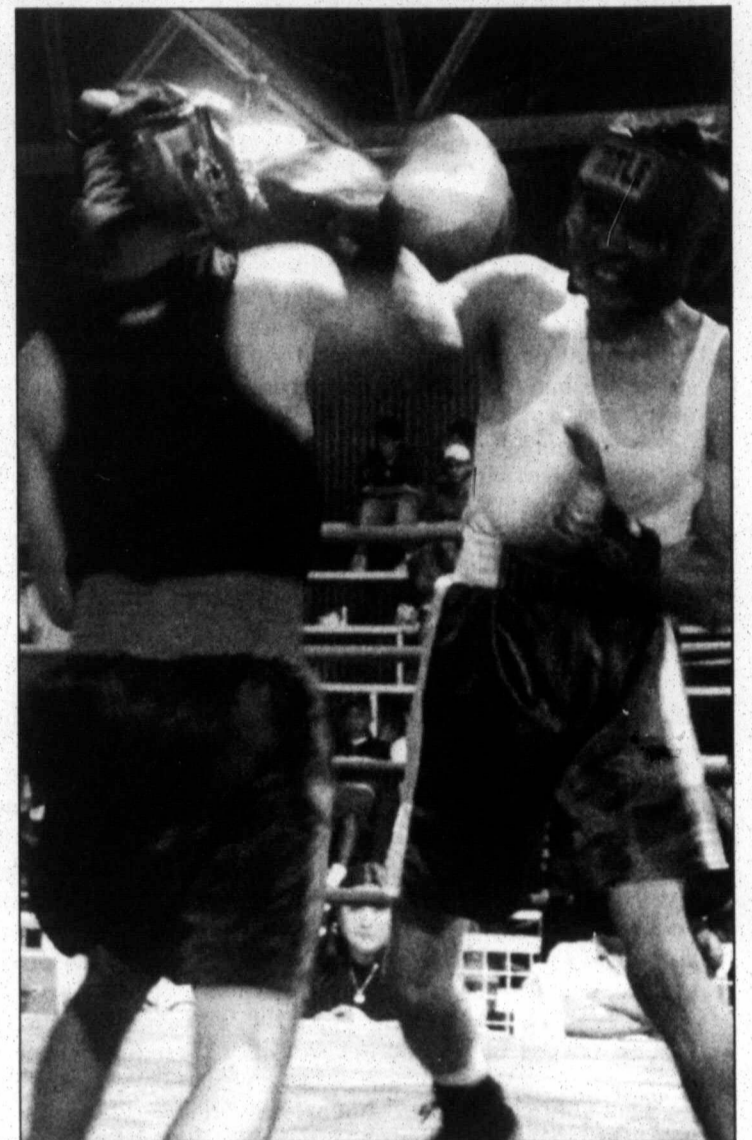
In a 125 pound bout, Paredez and his opponent, Juan Perez (Unattached), stood toe-to-toe for much of the round one with the aggressive Paredez using quick punches that often found their target. The effects would show early in the second round when Paredez caught Perez with a right forcing referee Jose

Montanez to issue a standing eight count. After the count, Perez signaled Montanez he was unable to continue, giving Paredez his first win.

In another amateur debut, Pena faced fellow first-timer Ismael Juarez (Pampa Youth Survival) in a Pampa showdown. The two 75-pounders put on one of the best bouts of the night. Pena used his height and reach advantage to sneak in smart jabs and looping right hands, while the shorter Juarez did his best to limit the effects of those punches by working in close and throwing some heat of his own.

The pair dueled for three solid rounds, working their fans into a frenzy in the process. The USA Boxing judges at ringside awarded Pena the win.

More amateur boxing is scheduled for Saturday night at the Ritz Hotel in Amarillo.



Amarillo's Seth Paredez' (right) right hand collides with that of opponent Juan Perez during the first round of their bout Saturday night. Paredez won the fight, his first as an amateur, when Perez was unable to continue in the second round.

Determination



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

An Estacado defender (#40) fights the block of Pampa's Robbie Dixon (left) while trying to tackle Michael Robinson (right) Friday night. Robinson spun off the defender and into the end zone for a Harvester TD in Pampa's 21-18 win over the Matadors.

Pampa tennis defeats Borger, faces Tascosa Tuesday

The Harvester Tennis Team defeated Borger at home Tuesday, 16-5.

Pampa came out of doubles ahead 5-2.

"It really makes a difference when you come out of doubles on top," noted Pampa head coach Emily Laurence.

Coach Laurence continued, "We came out confident and played well the whole match."

The boys won all nine of their matches. "Borger lost quite a few players from last year but I was really proud of our team's ability to step up and push themselves to win," Laurence said.

Results (Sept. 5):
Pampa 16, Borger 5

Boys Doubles

1. Foreman/Frels def. Allen/Pepper, 6-1, 5-7, (10-6)
2. Foreman/Morris def. Hastings/Geppi, 6-3, 3-6, (10-5)
3. McNeely/Ware def. Young/Armstrong, 6-0, 6-1

Girls Doubles

1. Acker/Farmer def. Belveal/Kramer, 6-

2, 6-3

2. O'Neal/Julian lost to Briscoe/Pausell, 7-5, 3-6, (8-10)

3. Barnett/Lee def. Cooke/Henderson, 7-6 (7-3), 6-1

4. Whittley/Albracht lost to Hodge/Grider, 2-6, 3-6

Boys Singles

1. Michael Foreman def. Allen, 6-4, 6-3
2. Kevin Frels def. Pepper, 6-1, 6-4
3. Tyler Morris def. Hastings, 6-2, 6-4
4. Jareth Fortenberry def. Young, 6-0, 6-0
5. Myles Foreman def. Geppi, 6-3, 6-2
6. Landon McNeely def. Armstrong, 6-0, 6-1

Girls Singles

1. Haley Acker def. Belveal, 6-1, 6-2
2. Kourtney Farmer def. Kramer 6-2, 6-2
3. Katie O'Neal def. Briscoe, 7-5, 6-4
4. Anna Julian lost to Pausell, 2-6, 2-6
5. Megan Barnett def. Cooke, 6-3, 6-4
6. Rachel Lee def. Henderson, 6-2, 7-5
7. Krissa Whittley

lost to Grider, 2-6, 7-5, (7-10)
8. Brenna Albracht lost to Hodge, 0-6, 2-6

Pampa played at Frenship over the weekend. Results will be posted as they become available.

The Harvesters are in action Tuesday when Pampa travels to Amarillo to take on Tascosa.

Those matches to be played at the Austin Tennis Center located at Austin Middle School. Play is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

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T.O. did everything right, but Cowboys take a loss

By MARK LONG
AP Sports Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Terrell Owens did everything right in his Dallas debut.

He caught passes, helped create scores and kept his composure in the midst of adversity. Owens even sounded like the consummate team player after a 24-17 loss to Jacksonville in the season opener Sunday.

"I'm not happy with the result," Owens said. "We had too many turnovers and obviously you can't win with those. We're not down on ourselves. We know we had an opportunity to win the game, but we didn't take advantage of them."

Owens, playing for the first time since being benched by Philadelphia after seven games last season, finished with six receptions for 80 yards and a touchdown. He also keyed all three of his team's scoring drives.

"He's a great player," quarterback Drew Bledsoe said. "He showed today how excellent he is running after the catch. He's very hard to tackle. I thought he played well and will bring good things for us down the road."

Owens brought plenty of good things in the opener, just not a victory.

Byron Leftwich threw a touchdown pass and ran for a score, Fred Taylor had 115 combined yards and Jacksonville enjoyed its ninth opening-day win in a dozen seasons.

But even the Jaguars agreed that the focus was on Owens before, during and after the game.

"That's fine with us," linebacker Mike Peterson said. "That's how we prefer it. We would like to fly under the radar all the way to Miami for the Super Bowl."

Owens was hardly overlooked.

He had two catches on Dallas' opening touchdown drive and helped set up a field goal on the team's second possession. He ran a simple slant pattern on the team's first play, beat Rashean Mathis and gained 13 yards. He jumped up, slapped Bledsoe's hand and returned to the huddle. No showmanship. No surly behavior. Just a smile.

On the next possession, Owens drew double coverage that allowed Julius Jones to get wide open down the sideline for a 39-yard reception, setting up Shaun Suisham's 32-yard field goal.

McNabb, Eagles dump Texans

By CHRIS DUNCAN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Donovan McNabb is having fun playing football again. He's also found a new favorite target in Donte Stallworth.

McNabb threw for 314 yards and three touchdowns — one to Stallworth — to lead the Philadelphia Eagles to a 24-10 win over the Houston Texans on Sunday.

Stallworth caught six passes for 141 yards in his first game since he was traded from the New Orleans Saints. He might be just the man to help McNabb and the Eagles forget the tumultuous tenure of Terrell Owens.

"It's a different type of attitude this year," said McNabb, who completed 24 of 35 passes. "We know there are going to be some tough times and adversity, but when you're able to play games like this, it does a great deal for your confidence."

McNabb is just glad to be healthy after sitting out the final seven games last season to recover from sports hernia surgery.

The Eagles plunged to 6-10 in 2005 after reaching the previous four NFC championship games. Once they got rolling Sunday, McNabb sensed a much happier team around him.

"For me, it was kind of a joy to get back out on the field and see guys kind of smiling, laughing, pushing each other, motivating each other," McNabb said.

The Texans, meanwhile, look the same old Texans despite bringing in Gary Kubiak to replace the fired Dom Capers.

After scoring a touchdown on an impressive opening drive, Houston gained only 201 yards the rest of the game.

David Carr, sacked 68 times in 2005, went down behind the line five times and the Texans rushed for only 70 yards.

Andre Johnson and offseason pickup Eric Moulds each caught six passes. Moulds caught Carr's lone touchdown pass to complete the initial drive. The Eagles dominated the Texans' offensive front after that, leaving Carr little time to look downfield.

"I thought he got us started pretty well early," Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said. "Made a big catch there at the end and gave us another chance. That's about it. It's disappointing. It really is."

Owens missed most of training camp with a hamstring injury, but vowed to be ready for the opener.

He was, and the game started like it would become the T.O. Show. But the Jaguars adjusted and held Owens to just two catches in the second half while putting constant pressure on Bledsoe, who threw three interceptions and was sacked twice.

Dallas was ahead 10-0 in the first quarter and could have extended the lead, but Bledsoe overthrew Owens near the goal line. It proved to be a turning point, as the Jaguars responded with a field goal and then tied the game on Leftwich's 6-yard pass to Reggie Williams just before halftime.

Leftwich and Taylor had TD runs in the fourth that pushed the lead to 24-10. Leftwich's 3-yard run on a quarterback keeper followed Suisham's missed field goal. Taylor's 5-yard scamper came after Bledsoe's second interception.

But Owens got the Cowboys back in it with spinning, over-the-shoulder, 21-yard touchdown catch with 1:54 to play.

Jacksonville recovered the onside kick but was forced to punt. Dallas got the ball back with 51 seconds remaining, but Bledsoe's third-down pass was intercepted by Peterson.

"Once we let them hang around, we started making mistakes and that's the story of the game," said Bledsoe, who 16-of-33 for 246 yards.

The mistakes were a factor, but Owens' debut was the biggest story line.

"I was hoping he wouldn't even score a touchdown," Taylor said.

Notes: Jags DE Reggie Hayward tore his left Achilles' tendon and was lost for the season. ... The Jags replaced five-time Pro Bowl receiver Jimmy Smith by spreading the ball around to Matt Jones (5-71), Reggie Williams (6-47) and Ernest Wilford (3-58). ... Dallas had nine penalties for 93 yards. ... Owens played 56 of 57 snaps for Dallas.

"The second half was frustrating," he said. "The guys are battling out front, but it's not just them. We've all got to play better."

No. 1 pick Mario Williams made a quiet debut, with three tackles. He was overshadowed by rookie DeMeco Ryans, who led Houston with 13 stops.

"It wasn't good enough," Williams said. "I got doubled here and there but I have to get past that and I have to break through and keep putting pressure on the quarterback."

McNabb kick-started the Eagles early in the second quarter with a sneaky play. He faked a handoff to Brian Westbrook, then held the ball behind his hip, luring in Houston safety C.C. Brown. That left Stallworth wide open and McNabb hit him for an easy 42-yard touchdown that tied the score at 7.

Stallworth struck again just before halftime when McNabb found him for a 37-yard reception to the 5. Reggie Brown scored on the next play to give the Eagles a 14-10 halftime lead.

Stallworth has been putting in 12-hour days since joining the Eagles on Aug. 28. He and McNabb worked overtime this week trying to learn each other's tendencies.

"I'm really busting my chops every day," Stallworth said. "I'm coming in about 7 in the morning and I'm not leaving until 7 at night. I'm spending a lot of time at work and focusing in on what I've got to do."

Stallworth had four catches for 124 yards by halftime.

"They brought me here to do a job and it feels good to get a win," Stallworth said. "I know I can get better every day, every week. I'm really working with Donovan to make sure we're in sync."

The Eagles opened the second half with a seven-play, 75-yard drive that ended with a 31-yard pass from McNabb to Westbrook that pushed Philadelphia's lead to 21-10. Westbrook finished with 17 carries for 71 yards and had four catches for 61 yards.

Philadelphia added a 42-yard field goal by David Akers in the fourth quarter.

Baten

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American Theater Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, the Victory Medal, the Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Bronze Arrowhead.

After the war, Baten worked in a cotton gin in Memphis until he was appointed chief of police there in 1946. He served in that office until 1948, when he became chief deputy sheriff for Hale County.

Baten was elected sheriff of Hale County in 1954, and became a Texas Ranger in 1962.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge, and the Lions Club. The Batens raised two daughters, Joy Webster of Fort Worth and Janetta Frazier of Pampa, who have had three sons and one daughter.

Baten covered nine counties in the Eastern Texas Panhandle during his service as a Texas Ranger. His territory stretched from Collingsworth and Donley counties north to the Oklahoma state line.

He received several awards as a law enforcement officer and Texas Ranger, including the Tom Telepsen Award, the highest honor afforded law officials by the Sheriff's Association of Texas. The award was given in the form of a State Senate resolution dated May 20, 1985.

Family members and four Texas Rangers made up the approximately 30 who attended the ceremony in which the cross was unveiled. Baten's hat, which he wore as a Ranger, was placed atop the cross after it was uncovered.

Farm

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Bill was the first to include an energy section. These programs, he said, should be expanded for faster development of renewable energy from crops and bio-mass.

Troy Skarke, a Claude farmer testifying for the National Sorghum Producers, also supported building on the present farm bill and expressed interest in ethanol production.

"Ethanol," Skarke said, "is the fastest growing value-added market for the sorghum industry. Producers are working to attract ethanol plants to their areas because it can increase the local cash price. Sorghum is a good fit for ethanol production because one bushel of sorghum produces the same amount of ethanol as one bushel of corn."

Skarke said ethanol production could increase grain sorghum prices by 15 to 20 cents per bushel.

Rickey Bearden from Plains, speaking for the National Cotton Council, spoke in favor of the current farm bill and joined the others in his concerns over drought in the area.

Dale Smith, who ranches

near McLean and is active in the cattle feeding business, expressed his concern over the drought and last spring's wildfires in the panhandle.

"The Southwest is dealing with a drought of historic proportions," Smith said. "Estimated livestock losses are \$1.6 billion in Texas alone."

He says 77 percent of the state's hay production has been lost.

"This is in addition to the millions of acres and miles of fence that were destroyed by wildfires that ravaged through the region, especially the Texas Panhandle, earlier this year," Smith said.

He is asking Congress the pass an agricultural disaster package.

Barry Mahler of Iowa Park testified on behalf of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the National Association of Conservation District. He agreed with both the ranchers and many of the farmers that the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, or EQIP, and the Conservation Reserve Program, CRP, are popular among producers.

While many of those testifying said the Conservation Security Program was a good pro-

gram, most agreed it was under funded and, therefore, not effective.

"Though Congress has some challenges ahead as we approach the reauthorization of the Farm Bill," Chambliss said, "for a time it appeared that Congress would have to adjust our domestic programs to respond to a new trade agreement, but now that the Doha round has been suspended, the debate has shifted and Congress must now decide how far to go to ensure our existing domestic programs are consistent with our trade obligations. We also face new and growing concerns about the distribution of farm program benefits and how programs and policies interact with each other."

He said one problem is the increased use of grain for energy production of ethanol and bio-diesel and what that would mean for livestock producers.

"Of course, one of the biggest challenges is the influence of the budget deficit on farm program spending," Chambliss said. "Unlike 2002, it is highly unlikely that we will have the additional funding available for our farm bill program. A more likely scenario is one where we will have to aggressively defend what we already have."

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junior high. The district has used the program for at least the last

four years, he said, but in the past Pampa has gotten a break through government subsidies and Stanford University had a grant to provide the program. The government money for Pampa is not available this year and Stanford lost its

grant. Haenisch said that would raise the cost to the district to between \$24,000 and \$35,000. The board approved an increase to the contract up to \$35,000.

Manning family proud of its sons

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Being neutral didn't come easy to Archie Manning, the former NFL quarterback who was always the ultimate competitor, even while playing most of his career for a New Orleans team that was a perennial loser.

So no wonder it was difficult to pry any words from him after he watched sons Peyton and Eli quarterback the Colts and the Giants on Sunday night. The Colts won 26-21, but there was no joy for Archie — it would have been just as hard on him if the result had gone the other way.

"Good game. That was about all I can say," Archie said afterward, not much for a man who for years was the radio analyst on Saints games. He seemed to understand that if Peyton was a winner, then Eli was a loser and he knows all about losing.

This was something for the Manning family to endure, not enjoy, although Olivia Manning, wife and mother, said it wasn't quite as bad as she had thought it might be.

"I'm just glad it's over," Olivia said. "I'm just glad it's over," said Cooper, the oldest of the Manning brothers. Relief must have been in the genes on this

night: "I am glad it's over," Peyton said.

You too, dad?

"Absolutely."

Archie, Olivia and Cooper Manning — along with Peyton's and Cooper's wives — sat in a luxury box and revealed little in the way of emotion, wearing mostly blank stares as the game unfolded. Archie sat slouched in his seat and crammed a fist in front of his mouth after Eli threw an interception, while Olivia sat upright, stiff and expressionless — pretty much as she was for the entire game.

Statistically both the game and the quarterback numbers were close: Peyton was 25-of-41 for 276 yards and a touchdown; Eli was 20-or 34 for 247 and two scores. Each threw an interception and Eli lost a fumble. For those who care about such things (the brothers certainly don't), Eli's passer rating for the game was almost 10 points higher: 88.7 to 78.9.

But Peyton's five extra years of experience don't show in passer ratings and they seemed to be the difference. He appeared to operate on sense memory, at least three times getting rid of the ball to an outlet receiver just as Michael Strahan or some other Giants defender closed in to whack him.

Furyk wins Canadian Open, guarantees return next year

By JOHN NICHOLSON
AP Sports Writer

ANCASTER, Ontario (AP) — Jim Furyk lived up to his reputation as a straight-shooter at the Canadian Open — both on and off the course.

After beating Bart Bryant by a stroke Sunday, the U.S. Ryder Cup player said he would return to defend his title next year despite a

schedule change that places the national championship between the last two majors and another top event.

"I've never won a tournament and not shown up to defend," Furyk said. "I'll be here. I'm going to play the Canadian Open next year. I'll figure it out."

With the tournament shifting to late July next year to open

September spots for the new FedEx Cup playoffs, the event at Angus Glen in Markham will be played the week after the British Open, with the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational and PGA Championship the following two weeks.

"I'll be honest, I probably wouldn't play if I hadn't won,"

Furyk said. "I feel it's a point of honor. I feel I should be here and I'll come back to play."

Set to make his fifth Ryder Cup appearance in less than two weeks, Furyk closed with a 5-under 65 — the best round of the day — in cool and windy conditions on the rain-softened Hamilton Golf and Country Club course. He finished with a 14-under 266 total and

earned \$900,000 for his second victory of the year and 12th overall.

Furyk's victory moved up to No. 2 in the world ranking, his highest position ever.

"It's been a great year and I've still got some events left," said Furyk, in the top four for the sixth time in his last seven tournaments.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ You come from a strong point of view. Think in terms of making an event vibrant and exciting. Your input will make a difference. Know that, and trust this fact. Interpersonal relationships star in the late afternoon. Chat up a storm. Tonight: Your treat.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ You make waves just by being yourself. Discover what can happen if you loosen up and do something differently. Your integrity helps others work with you. Dig up facts and play them against speculation. Tonight: Be the practical Bull. Pull your bills together. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You might want to approach a

problem differently. Use the morning to think and plan. You might take a calculated risk this afternoon. See what is going on with those around you. Honor your feelings. You will feel better. Tonight: Your treat.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Take your time making a decision. You will head in a new direction this morning, only to discover that you are stumped in the afternoon. Think about what is needed. Your ability to read between the lines counts. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You might want to rethink a situation more carefully. Extremes work well with others. Think in terms of gains and growth. You could reverse gears. Understand what you want. Think positively. Tonight: Out and about.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You have positive energy, which scatters in many different directions. Consider your professional options. In the next few weeks, you might have many more ideas and thoughts about your work and daily life. Tonight: Honor them.
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 Singer Barry White (1944), actor Peter Scolarri (1954), actress Linda Gray (1940) ***
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 28-year-old divorced man dating a wonderful 24-year-old woman. She lights up my life and is very kind to my daughter and me. I love her very much. However, there is a problem -- her 7-year-old son. Everything seemed fine at first. He got along pretty well with my 5-year-old daughter, playing and having a good time. As time went on, though, my daughter told me about strange sexual comments he made to her. At first I thought he just had a dirty mouth, as his mother lacks somewhat in the discipline department. But this is turning into a problem. My daughter recently reported that he told her he was going "to have sex with her." He has been investigated by Child Protective Services on two occasions for similar behavior around other children. So now the children are no longer allowed to be together at all because I refuse to have my daughter talked to like that by anyone. I have her one week on, one week off. I cannot imagine combining families at this point when her child has so many problems. It's not that I don't want to help him; it's that I need to protect my daughter. I love his mother very much, though, and feel terrible about what she's going through. Is this relationship worth working for, or is this little family "damaged goods"? — **WONDERING IN WASHINGTON**

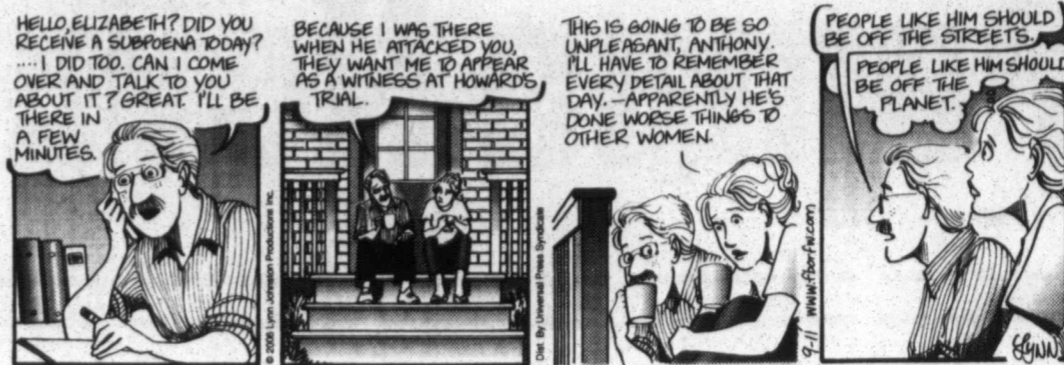
DEAR WONDERING: Because you say you love this woman, the answer to both of your questions is "yes." You have described a boy who appears not to understand what boundaries are, and who very likely has either been sexualized (molested) or exposed in some other way to adult sexual activity. The child needs professional help, and I hope he is receiving it. I am

not sure that the children should be entirely separated. However, they should not be together unless they are supervised by an adult at all times. Does this mean you should not marry this woman? My advice is to take a wait-and-see attitude. It's not like you are racing down the home stretch toward a finish line. The mother needs parenting classes and the boy needs therapy. If both are successful, you might have a happy life together.

DEAR ABBY: I am 14, and my best friend's brother died recently. The football season will be starting soon, and one of our favorite things to do is hang out at football games. My friend mentioned that it's going to be hard for her, since her brother used to play. (Her brother was 17.) He was smart and funny and a great football player. I was wondering if you have any suggestions on how I can make this year her best one ever, and what to do when we are at football games and she is feeling sad. — **CARING FRIEND IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

DEAR CARING FRIEND: The kindest thing you could do for your friend is let her know that if she wants to talk about her brother, you will be there to listen to what she needs to say. Too often, people are afraid to listen and try to change the subject because it makes them uncomfortable. You can also make a point of including your friend in any activities you can share, but if she doesn't feel up to joining you, tell her you understand and will ask her again.

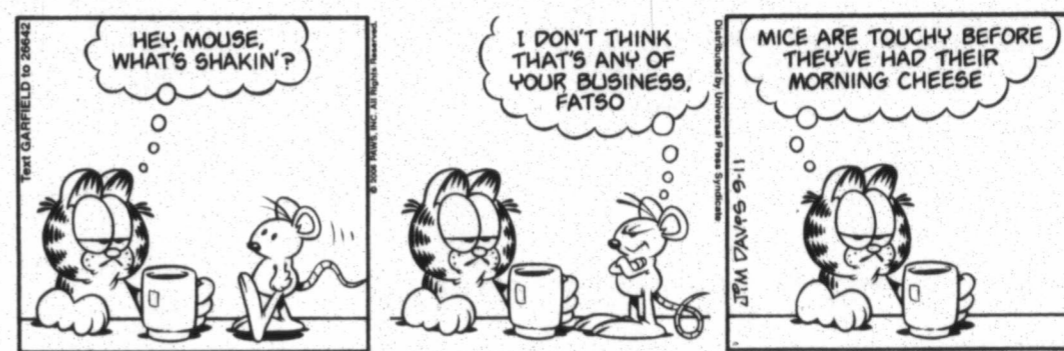
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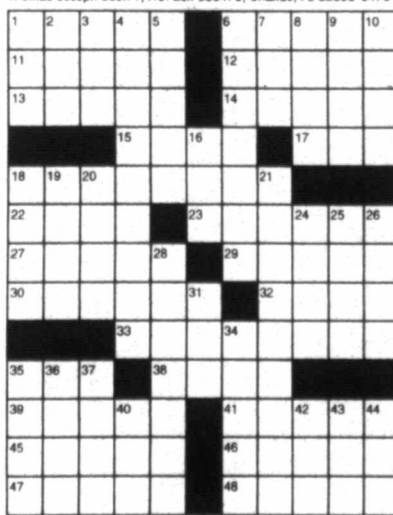
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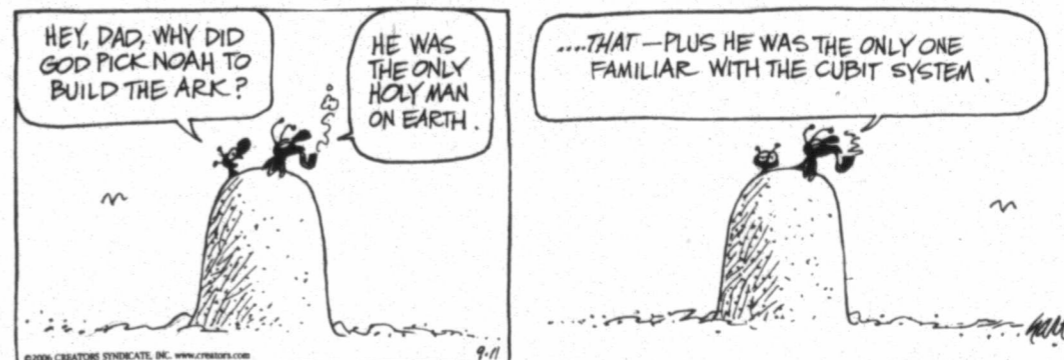


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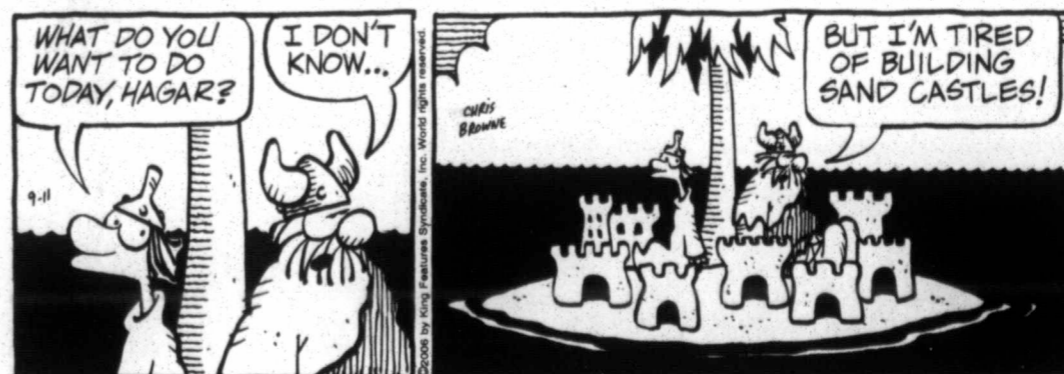
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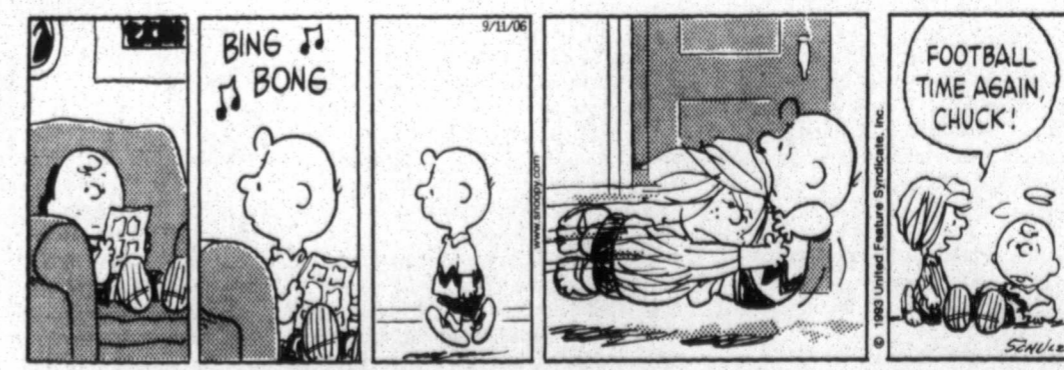
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