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Red Cross CPR class set for Sept. 8, 15, 22

A CPR class, sponsored by the Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross, is set for 6 p.m., Sept. 8, 15, and 22, at the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. To register, call 669-7121.

Hutchinson Museum to host apron exhibit

BORGER "Apron Strings: Ties to the Past" will open Wednesday, Sept. 3, at Hutchinson County Museum in Borger. The aprons in the exhibit date from the 1900s through the present and include examples of several contemporary artists. They chronicle changing attitudes toward women and domestic work and illustrate a wide range of design and craft techniques.



Wallace W. "Billy" Hill, 69, longtime Pampan. Willis Davidson "Buddy" Price Jr., 75, local rancher.

of criticizing a popular wartime presi- national energy bill and 13 appropria- was less thought given to the postwar, struct Afghanistan. Iraq, face the other dent's handling of Iraq, members of tions bills to fund 2004 federal pro- or the post-combat, aspect of the war problems in the world -- North Korea. Congress are shedding their inhibitions. grams. Returning to Washington this week after a summer break, some are ques- increased in Washington and around said in an interview that the United sonable compromises."

tioning whether President Bush could the nation as the American death toll. States should be willing to cede some do more to get help from other coun- has risen. Congressional Republicans authority in Iraq if needed to attract. States needs to send more translators. tries to secure and rebuild Iraq, whether and Democrats alike also have been military help from other countries. The public affairs personnel and other civilhe has enough U.S. troops there and concerned about the speed of setting up Bush administration has indicated it ians to Iraq. He plans to introduce a bill how much the war will cost in U.S. an Iraqi government and restoring basic might be willing to get the United setting guidelines for U.S. operations in lives and taxpayer dollars.

Iraq will be among the top items on will include efforts to work out a pre- House International Relations "I think it is too great a burden to

WASHINGTON (AP) - Once wary scription drug benefit for the elderly, a Committee chairman. "I think there expect us to single-handedly recon

Lawmakers question Iraq policies

Frustrations over Iraq have

a busy congressional agenda that also pointed," said Rep. Henry Hyde, the trol.

than should have been."

services such as water and electricity. Nations involved, but only if all mili- Iraq. It wouldn't require major policy "I'm not discouraged, but I'm disap- tary forces remained under U.S. con- changes, but hearings on the bill "will

Harvest moon on the rise

Liberia and other troubled spots." Hyde A strong supporter of Bush, Hyde said. "I think we need to look for rea-

> Hvde, R-III., also said the United provide a focus for the in-depth debate

(See IRAQ, Page 3)

Three workers shot to death in steak restaurant

Police did not know the a co-worker. motive for the first triplehomicide in Texarkana in was going to name the baby . three years, in which Outback ," said Outback server and Steakhouse employees were bartender Mary Gerrard. found shot to death inside the restaurant.

sign of forced entry. "They are doing doing an inventory to see if inventory. any money is missing," he said.

restaurant's office area early show." Monday, police said. They had few other details.

CANADIAN

the end of the month.

County.

Cornett, agricultural agent

with Texas Cooperative

Extension here, will retire at

Cornett will retire Aug. 31,

ending his 28 year-career

where it began in Hemphill

Cornett will be honored

during a reception from 2 p.m.

to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug.

28, at the Hemphill County

Shifflet was almost six

TEXARKANA (AP) — months pregnant, according to

"She just told her mom she

Autopsies have been ordered on the victims.

Police Chief Danny Gerrard said the three were Alexander said there was no at the business late Sunday end-of-the-month

"If they wanted money, why kill everyone?" Gerrard The bodies of manager asked in a story in Tuesday's Matt Hines, 31, Chrissy Texarkana Gazette. "I just Willis, 23, and Rebecca don't understand this. It makes Shifflet, 24, were found in the no sense at all. It's like a TV

Police Sgt. Danny Preste said authorities were called to

(See SHOOTING, Page 3)





(Pampa News photo by David Bowser) A full harvest moon rises next to the grain elevator at White Deer recently.

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Courthouse.

the citizens of Hemphill Texas Tech University.



Dan Cornett Hemphill County

here in 1975, according to Dr. County," Robinson said.

regional agriculture program has a bachelor of science ranched in New Mexico. He ference in youth and adult "Dan's entire extension University and a master of sci- ist for a feedyard in Muleshoe. community and the agricul- and established an annual career has been dedicated to ence in animal nutrition from "As a community leader tural industry of the region," three-day County Youth

Area Extension agents announce retirement

Robert D. Harris Moore County

and key professional in this said Robinson.

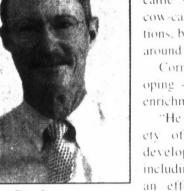
Cornett sent out a regular agriculture newsletter and held cattle seminars designed for cow-calf and stocker operations, bringing in experts from around the state. Cornett was active in devel-

oping 4-H and public school enrichment programs.

"He introduced a wide variety of learning and skills development programs. including Project Graduation. an effort where youth are encouraged to stay in school, value education and graduate Prior to the extension serv- district. Dan's contributions to become productive citi-

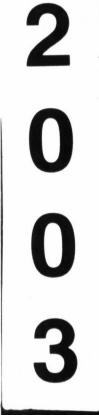
> Cornett to construct a new (See AGENTS, Page 3)





Robert Devin Randall County

Bob Robinson, extension A native of Borger, Cornett ice, Cornett farmed and have made a significant dif- zens," Robinson said. degree from Panhandle State was also an assistant nutrition- educational enrichment in his 4-H Livestock Project Center



Afghan, U.S. troops overrun Taliban hideouts **FRED BROWN TREE AND TURF** QALAT. Afghanistan (AP) - grenades, U.S. military spokesman later, they found the Taliban had aban- "Operation Mountain Viper."

Afghan and U.S. troops overran three Col. Rodney Davis said. Afghanistan, the U.S. military and an fire, artillery and air support. Afghan commander said.

who have offered fierce resistance for casualties. the past week.

firing small arms and rocket-propelled dawn. When Afghan troops moved in have dubbed their role in the battle as

suspected Taliban positions and pinned — The troops had cornered a group of bedding and turbans, said Gen. Haji ations forces and soldiers from the 10th down fighters in a cave Tuesday as insurgents in a cave and were attacking. Saifullah Khan, the main Afghan com- Mountain. Division were involved fighting raged on in southern it Tuesday afternoon using small arms mander in the battle area.

American bombing echoed through casualties in the latest fighting in Zabul gorges. "It provides very excellent though Afghan officials have put the the mountains as the troops tried to province's Dai Chupan district. Davis shelter against bombing," said Khan, number at several hundred. root out hundreds of Taliban holdouts said. He had no details on Taliban who spoke to The Associated Press by

U.S. warplanes and helicopter gun-Coalition forces clashed with ships hammered Taliban positions in the fighting since it began about attack." Davis said in a statement from numerous groups of five to 10 fighters around Sairo Gar mountain before eight days ago. Since Saturday, they Bagram Air Base, the coalition head-

doned three positions, leaving behind

There were no reported coalition down elsewhere in mountain's many diers were involved in the fighting. satellite phone from the front lines.

The military said U.S. special operalong with close air support. The mili-Taliban fighters were hunkering tary would not say how many U.S. sol-

"As a result of the offensive, several anti-coalition elements have fled the The U.S. military has been involved area making them more vulnerable to (See HIDEOUTS, Page 3)

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ON RECORD

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

6:02 p.m. - A 1999 Pontiac Grand Am, driven by Benito Nicholas Martinez, 17. 1610 E. Harvester; a 2000 Pontiac Grand Am, driven by Rosa Arcunia Estradam, 18. 1109 Sandlewood; a 1989 Mitzubishi pickup driven by Cose Gomez, 25, 1601 W. Somerville; and a 2000 Mazda 626 driven by Walter Lawrence Johnson Sr., 52, 1001 Varnon, collided in the 1100 block of West Wilks. Three persons reported non-incapacitating injuries at the scene. Two of the injured were taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural Metro Ambulance for treatment. Martinez has been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and failure to stop and render aid.

Thursday, Aug. 28

4:14 p.m. - A 1994 Mercury Cougar driven by Debra Kay Casey, 46, 1221 N. Hamilton, and a 1999 Buick Park Avenue driven by Billy Ray Milligan, 74, 316 S. Henry, collided in the 300 block of North Hobart. Milligan was referred for a medical advisory board evaluation. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Friday, Aug. 29

9:55 p.m. - A 1997 Chevrolet C-1500 pickup driven by Justin Billy Adams, 20. 1806 N. Coffee, and a 2003 Mercury Grand Marquis driven by Delora Ferguson Mackie. 81, HCR 3, Box 40, in the 1600 block of North Hobart. Adams was cited for no proof of financial responsibility. A passenger in the Mercury, Billie Ferguson, 76, of El Reno. Okla., was treated by EMS for minor neck pain at the scene

Saturday, Aug. 30

12:35 p.m. - A 1993 Ford Econoline van driven by Richard Anthony Hill, 38, 923 Mary Ellen, collided with a legally parked 1996 Dodge Dakota pickup, owned by Padilla Serio, 713 Magnolia, in the 100 block of North Cuyler. Hill was cited for no proof of financial responsibility. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Monday, Sept. 1

7:07 p.m. - A 2001 Dodge Ram pickup driven by Ricardo Deleon, 22, 317 Starkweather, rolled over in a field behind the 1200 block of Darby. According police reports, the pickup driver was doing doughnuts in the muddy field when he lost control and hit a ditch. The pickup rolled one time landing on its top in the ditch. Deleon was cited for rockless driving. No injuries were reported at the scene.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Sept. 1

9 a.m. - A mobile ICU stood by at Central Park for Chautauqua.

9:22 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Lowry and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Christy and transported one to PRMC

5:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Christy; no transport. 7:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

1200 block of Darby; no transport. 7:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Malone; no transport.

8:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a lifting assist.

9:11 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to north of Price Road in Hutchison C inty; no transport.

FIRE

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

Monday, Sept. 1

7:10 a.m. - One unit and four persons responded to a lifting assist in the 100 block of South Russell.

4:20 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a false alarm in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

6:25 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

7:10 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a one-vehicle rollover in the alley behind the 1200 block of Darby. No injuries or hazardous material spills were reported.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

2:10 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 100 block of South Russell.

STOCKS

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Representatives of the clin-

ic, South Texas Dental, said

that it's too early to conclude

that the surgery caused

Rodney's death and that they

to understand how this

tragedy happened and are

awaiting that determination,"

the clinic's founders, Barry

Gomel and Todd Istre, said in

a statement. "We continue to

have great faith and confi-

dence in the professionalism

and commitment that our den-

tists and employees show our

Rodney Owens would

Florida and maybe even in the

patients."

NFL

"Like the family, we want

stand by their procedures.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Sunday, Aug. 3

Burglary of a habitation, in which a front door was left unlocked, was reported in the 400 block of Purviance. Nothing was reported taken. Both the front and back doors were left open.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

A report of deadly conduct was taken in the 900 block of Llano. The subject swerved at the victims, according to the police report, with a vehicle. No one was struck by the vehicle.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

A burglary of a motor vehicle that occurred in the 400 block of Faulkner was reported in the PD lobby. A CD player was taken.

A report of burglary of a motor vehicle was taken in the 1200 block of Farley. Approximately \$300 in cash was taken from a purse in the vehicle.

A report of theft was taken in the 700 block of East Frederic in which 20 bags of "coke breeze" was stolen. According to the report, coke breeze is a conductor for conthotic protection. Estimated loss was \$400.

A report of aggravated assault, violation of protective order and failure to stop and render aid was taken in the PD lobby. Several charges have been filed and warrants issued, the record said.

Burglary of a habitation in which a wallet was taken was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells. Estimated loss is \$15.

Thursday, Aug. 28

Theft of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Anne in which a purse was taken from an unlocked vehicle. Estimated loss is \$20.

Burglary of a habitation in which as TV was taken was reported in the 300 block of West Kingsmill. According to the report, entry was unknown. Estimated loss is \$500.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa High School. Three juveniles caused approximately \$50 damage to a concrete fence.

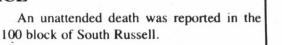
Friday, Aug. 29

Theft of a PlayStation 2 was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells. Estimated loss is \$250. The report said the suspect is known and the investigation continues.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of North Doucette. The theft was over \$50/under \$500 A sign was recovered at the scene.

Allost driver's license was reported at 1 Medical Plaza.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of South Cuyler. The report said a purse was taken from the unlocked block of Garland. According to the report, an vehicle. Estimated loss was \$60.



Saturday, Aug. 30

Burglary of a motor vehicle was taken in the 400 block of North Gray. A CD case containing approximately 200 CDs and some change were taken from the unlocked vehicle. Theft over \$500/under \$1,500 was reported

in the 1400 block of North Hobart. Three rings were taken. The estimated loss is \$1,000.

A vehicle was found abandoned at the intersection of Wilcox and Crawford. The automobile was removed by a wrecker.

An assault was reported in the 2600 block of North Rosewood. No injuries were reported.

Domestic violence was reported in the 600 block of Frederic.

Burglary of a coin-operated device was taken in the 700 block of North Hobart. Estimated damage and loss was \$300.

Sunday, Aug. 31

A runaway was reported in the 1800 block of Fir.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill. According to the report, a window was broken out to gain entry to the residence. A dining table and chairs, a recliner, another chair, a lamp, two box springs and mattresses, a bed frame, a dresser, a collection of Indian artifacts and a porcelain doll were taken.

Burglary of a habitation in which a TV was taken was reported in the 1300 block of North Duncan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Sirocco in which a window was broken. Estimated damage is \$50.

Monday, Sept. 1

An information report was taken in the lobby of the police department.

A found property report was taken in the lobby of the PD. A key was found and locked into evidence.

Reckless damage was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart. Two subjects, according to police records, were cited for the incident in which a building, O'Reilly Auto Parts, 1543 N. Hobart, was damaged by a vehicle. Estimated damage was \$1,500.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of North Dwight. Two unlocked vehicles were burglarized. Taken were two CD players and a laptop computer.

Domestic disturbance with minor injuries was reported in the 800 block of Malone.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100



IRAQ

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AGENT

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CORRECTION

In an article on Page 1 of the Sunday, Aug 31, edition, the wrong date for the upcoming constitutional amendment election was reported. The election day is Saturday, Sept. 13.

Family files suit after teen dies following dental procedure

DALLAS (AP) A wrongful death lawsuit filed by a Dallas family alleges that a dental clinic took advantage of low-income patients after morning after he had his wisdom teeth pulled.

The family of Rodney Owens, 16, said South Texas Dental used a "quick turnaround" scheme to maximize the number of patients and the amount of Medicaid payments.

The suit came days before a state cap on malpractice damages took effect. It seeks \$10 million for wrongful death.

Rodney's parents found their teenage son died the him dead in his bed on Aug. 9. The Dallas County medical examiner has not determined a cause of death.

> On Thursday, the family sued the dental clinic, charging that it negligently went through with the surgery despite warning signs that something was wrong.

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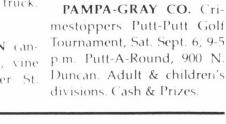
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him to the clinic to get his wisdom teeth pulled on the advice of the family orthodontist. They said they were alarmed that the dentist, Alan Nguyen, recorded Rodney's blood

pressure as 155 over 43. A typical blood pressure reading for people his age is 120 over 80

"I doubt that's an accurate blood pressure," said Lee Oneacre, an oral surgeon and president of the Dallas County Dental Society. "That should have been retaken and verified I think their blood pressure cuff was off.

A criminal mischief report was taken at the PD. The incident occurred in the 2200 block of North Russell, according to the report. A window was broken and damage was estimated at \$30.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 500 block of Cuyler in which cash was taken. Estimated loss is \$150.

OBITUARIES

WALLACE W. 'BILLY' HILL 1933-2003

Wallace W. "Billy" Hill, 69, of Pampa, died Monday, Sept. 1, 2003, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m., today in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Bright Newhouse, minister of Hedley Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Hill was born Oct. 6, 1933, at Clarendon where he lived until relocating to Hospice of Amarillo.

Claude in 1977. He moved from Claude to Pampa in 1981 and worked at various places throughout his life before his retirement.

He was a member of Clarendon Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter and son-inlaw, Shelly and Jeff Downing of Dumas; and a grandson, Sheldon Downing of Dumas.

The family requests memorials be to BSA

WILLIS DAVIDSON 'BUDDY' PRICE, JR. 1928-2003

Pampa, Texas, died Monday, Sept. 1, 2003, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Price was born April 30, 1928, in Pampa, where he was a lifelong rancher northwest of Pampa. He married Ida Ruth Taylor on July 7, 1951, in Pampa. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ida Ruth, of the home; two daughters, Mary Bagby and husband Stan of Jacksonville, Florida, Jane Paul and husband Larry of Carlsbad, New Mexico; a son, Willis Price, III and wife Carolyn of Midland; eight grandchildren, Jennifer Bagby of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Beth Whitehill www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Willis Davidson "Buddy" Price, Jr., 75, of and husband Josh of Jacksonville, Florida, Taylor Paul, Allen Paul, and Ben Paul, all of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Ryan Price of The Woodlands, Page Price of College Station, and Laura Price of Midland; four sisters, Mary Patterson, Harriett Dublin and husband John, and Margaret Cowden and husband Courtney, all of Midland, and Martha Smith and husband Vester of Higgins.

> The family suggests in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to The Opportunity Plan, Inc., P.O. Box 1035, Canyon, Texas 79015-1035 or the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621.

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WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. East winds 5 to 10 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Friday night, partly cloudy. to 10 mph in the afternoon. Wednesday night, Lows in the lower 60s

unknown person kicked in the front door and entered the residence, knocked holes in several walls and shattered a light and a back glass storm door. Estimated damage is \$800.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2100 block of North Dwight. A stereo, speaker and amp were taken from the unlocked vehicle, the report said. Estimated loss is \$800.

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that fighting. Those deaths number of U.S. action in Afgha tion to 162 th wounded, accord military.

Afghan spokesman Jaw that more than the fledgling A army had been Zabul. So far, m ing on the gover been done by pr forces.

Insurgents ha ing out a series the mountain ba



Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the lower 80s and north winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight should see partly cloudy skies, lows in the upper 50s and southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds around 5 mph shifting to the northeast 5

have been a junior at Kimball High School this year. The brawny 6-foot-1, 347-pound defensive tackle hoped to play for the University of



IRAQ

that this whole question needs," Hyde said.

The Senate Armed Services Committee will air concerns about Iraq as it calls Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz and Gen. Richard Myers, the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, for a hearing Sept. 9 on U.S. military commitments. Committee Chairman John Warner, R-Va., praises Bush's handling of the

war, but has questioned whether U.S. troops are being stretched too thin around the world.

The biggest debate will come when the administration submits a spending bill for Iraq. It is considering asking for a few billion dollars to cover expenses until the fiscal year ends Sept. 30. It presumably will need tens of billions of dollars more sometime in the new fiscal year, but hasn't said how much it will request.

"We're working to determine the exact needs and the precise costs going forward,"

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday. "There are a lot of variables involved from international participation to ... troop levels to oil production." McClellan said the White House is "working closely

with Congress to make sure we are providing all the necessary resources."

The United States is spend-

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ing about \$3.9 billion a month on military operations in Iraq, not counting funds to rebuild the country. None of that money is in the 2004 spending bills working their way through Congress.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said money for Iraq should be "in the form of a loan that's going to be paid back either from the oil revenues or from contributions from other countries."

"I believe that the citizens

of America have paid their fair share and more of this part of the war on terrorism," said Hutchison, a Senate Appropriations Committee member.

Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., chairman of the House appropriations foreign operations subcommittee, said Americans should expect that billions of dollars will be needed to get basic services in place in Iraq and prepare an Iraqi police. force.

He said if Bush is straightforward about what is needed "I think he can sell it to the American people and the Congress," Kolbe said

Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee,

on Sunday estimated it will cost the United States \$30 billion over five years, not counting military spending.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., wrote Sunday in a Washington Post op-ed article that "the administration should level with the American people. about the cost and commitment required to transform Iraq.'

McCain and other senior senators also say the United States needs more soldiers in Iraq beyond the 140,000 already there.

Military officials say more U.S. troops aren't needed now, though they hope Iraqi and international troops will take over some security responsibilities.

AGENTS

Camp, two-day Junior Rodeo, special project trainings and 4-H Enrollment Night.

Cornett received a variety of honors for his work including awards from the Texas 4-H Foundation and the Texas Adult Leader Association with a Texas 4-H Meritorious Service Award in 1996.

"Dan's always looking for different and new ideas for 4-H to hold youth interest," said

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE Walker, retired Exhibition Building. Jimmy Oldham County extension agent.

Cornett, with co-worker Angela Huff, maintained at least six county 4-H clubs with programs in horsemanship, livestock, shooting, clothing and textiles and character and leadership development Robinson said Cornett

worked with Hemphill Commissioners Court and their contractor on the construction of the County's

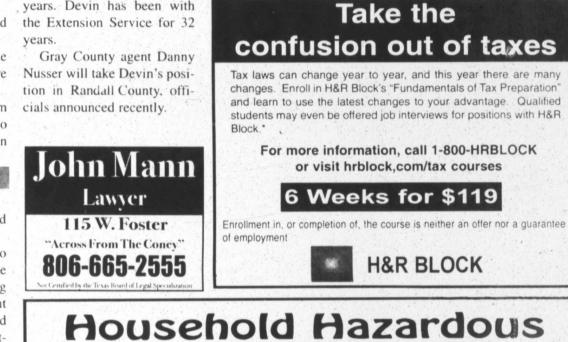
Cornett served a 10-year term as a trustee of the Canadian Independent School District, and as president for two years. He is a past president of the Canadian Rotary Club.

"I will stay involved," said Cornett.

He said his immediate plans involve spending more time with his grandchildren. In addition to Cornett, Pam

Dillard with the Amarillo office of the Extension Service said that Robert D. Harris, Moore County Agent, and Robert Devin, Randall County Agent, will retire at the end of August.

Harris has been with the Extension Service for 27 years. Devin has been with





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the restaurant at Central Mall on Interstate 30 about 3 a.m. when Hines' wife said he hadn't come home and she wasn't able to contact him at the restaurant.

She went to the restaurant

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who Gerrard said would normally have helped with the inventory, was on vacation. "I don't want to go back

that night," Tan told the news-

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE ead." robbery, but we don't know b me said he was shocked

Head bartender Kevin Tan, and confused by the deaths. "It's really, really hard to believe right now," said B ake Blann, who has been working at the rest urant for about not knowing what happened three months. "I just helped Chrissy move out of her as art-

two other employees, but could not get inside the business because the doors were locked from the inside.

She dialed 911, and police who arrived later entered the restaurant using a key from another employee.

"At this point we're unsure what the motive was," Presley said. "It's likely that it was

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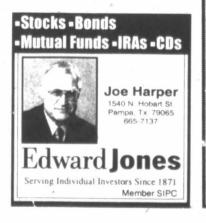
quarters in Afghanistan.

One American soldier died Friday when he fell during a night combat mission. Two other U.S. soldiers died in a 90minute gunbattle Sunday in eastern Afghanistan, near the border with Pakistan. Four suspected Taliban were killed in that fighting.

Those deaths bring to 35 the number of U.S. troops killed in action in Afghanistan, in addition to 162 that have been wounded, according to the U.S. military.

presidential Afghan spokesman Jawid Luddin said that more than 500 troops of the fledgling Afghan national army had been deployed in Zabul. So far, most of the fighting on the government side has been done by provincial militia forces.

Insurgents have been carrying out a series of attacks near the mountain battle.





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VIEWPOINTS

A clear and 'present' danger THE Pampa

If you've escaped the past alive, then nothing in the past can kill you. But if you waste your time trying to live in the past, you'll find that there is plenty in the present that can do bad things to you if you don't pay attention.

All of our danger and all of our opportunity exist in the present. It's often said, usually by professional historians, that we can learn from the past. I'm not sure that's true. Circumstances of the past are as foreign to us as the landscape of Mars. We can read about great people of the past and perhaps adopt them as role models, but the matrix of circumstances and issues that confronted them neither exists now nor ever will again.

It is pointless, in my opinion, to condemn, defend or even try to explain slaverv as it existed in the United States. It's a dead issue and moot. So what if I think slavery was an evil institution? It no longer matters. The time to have been "against American slavery" was when slavery existed. Other people in other times settled that issue. We have our own issues to deal with.

It's true I defend the confederate flag and sometimes write about famous Southerners like Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis. I do so because I believe American history ought to be preserved, and the South is part of it. I would fight just as hard to defend the historical symbols of any other region. IT was, by the



way, the American flag that flew over slavery for most of its existence. The Confederate battle flag was only carried by soldiers in a rather short war,

It is wrong to crucify people from the past on the cross of our own prejudices and fads and fashions. If you're going to look at history at all, then you should look at it in its own context. That's the only hope of understanding it. After all, we can neither change it nor reproduce it.

Right now some Jewish groups are attacking a movie Mel Gibson has made that depicts the last day of Jesus' life. They claim it is anti-Semitic because it shows that certain Jews in that day were behind Christ's crucifixion. Well, according to the Gospels, they were, but so what? Why should anyone in the year 2003 look with disfavor on somebody else living in the year 2003 because of something someone else did in 33 A.D.? That's nonsense. You might as well say you don't like Italians because the Romans were so cruel. Besides, all the "good guys" in Gibson's movie are also Jews. How can a movie be anti-Semitic

when both the heroes and the villains are Jewish? For that matter, how can criticism of Israel's bad treatment of Palestinians be anti-Semitic since the Palestinians are also Semitic people?

There are way too many people abusing history to achieve their own contemporary political goals these days. History ought to be approached like any other subject - with logic, common sense and an open mind. And nobody in the present should be blamed for anything that occurred before he or she was born.

When somebody tries to lay a guilt trip on you for something you had nothing to do with and no way to control, then you know you are dealing with a con artist trying to wheedle or extort money from you. And, as has happened in some countries already, if somebody says, "This is the official version of history, and if you have any different ideas, you are committing a crime," then you know you are

dealing with a totalitarian. But to return to my point: If we lose our freedom in these United States, it will not be because of anything that happened in the past. It will be because we are negligent in the present. One hundred percent of the responsibility for defending liberty rests on our shoulders, just as it once, long ago, rested on the shoulders of people living in the 1700s.

(Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, Fla., 32802)



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Let's all go to Wally World

To the editor:

Word has that Wal-Mart is planning a new "supercenter", to include a grocery business in the new building ... Pampa, let's all go to Wally World!

Wal-Mart is one of (not the only) reasons downtown Pampa looks the way it does. What a shame. Will it be Albertson's or Frank's to leave Pampa with another vacant building?

What will Wal-Mart do once small town America is gone, and there are no customers to meet sales goals to keep their stores open?

I picture a Wal-Mart the size of the state of Arkansas with one on the east coast, one in middle America, and one on the west coast. America, pick the Wally World nearest you!

Dennis Palmitier

Pampa

Editor's Note: The Pampa News recently contacted Wal-Mart officials at the Bentonville, Ark., home office. T' ey will not confirm, nor did they deny, that a Supercenter is to be built in Pampa. They declined to comment on the subject at this time

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2003. There are 120 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of

On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surren-

dered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri,



Bible defenders: Can we talk?

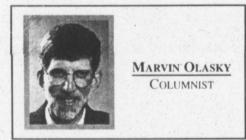
Now that the Ten Commandments monument is removed from its Alabama rotunda, could we all take a deep breath?

Yes, Justice Roy Moore has put on the front burner -- and the flames are hot -many vital questions concerning the intersection of religion and American society.

But it's not right that the Alabama governor and attorney general, the eight associate justices of the Alabama Supreme Court, and Christian leaders like Richard Land of the Southern Baptist Convention and Jay Sekulow of the American Center for Law and Justice, who have advised Justice Moore that he's trying to defend a bridge too far, have been lambasted by some as traitors to the Alabama or U.S. constitutions, or to the Bible itself.

This is a question on which Bibledefenders have disagreed and will continue to do so. The debaters in this situation should be charitable and not assume bad motives on the part of those who disagree. No one should call Justice Moore a demagogue or mere headline-hunter; he is a man acting on his beliefs. No one should call Christian critics of Justice Moore wimps or immoral compromisers, particularly when those critics have again and again demonstrated a willingness to stand up for biblical principle and take the heat.

We need now a renewed discussion among Bible-defenders as to whether we



are living in a new Israel or a modern Babylon. That makes a huge difference. Ancient Israel was designed to be a holy land with no witches allowed. Babylon was different, a murderous country where there is no record of the Ten Commandments being exhibited, but one in which the prophet Jeremiah told the Israelites to build houses, plant gardens, and "pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

Bible-believers are on thin ice to suggest that Esther in Persia was wrong to obey an order to join the king's harem, or that it was wrong for the apostle Paul to tell Christians in Rome, and the apostle Peter to tell exiles in other parts of the Roman empire, that they should obey ungodly rulers -- including those who were persecuting believers in Christ. "Fear God. Honor the emperor," Peter wrote bluntly.

Those who want a religious presence in the public square should ask political questions: Do we want a civil war? Are we declaring the federal judiciary's authority to be illegitimate, and how far do we want to take that? Maybe Congress will step in and put limitations on that authority, as it is allowed to do constitutionally, but what's right to do until then?

Christians should ask evangelical questions. How can we best proclaim the gospel of grace? Words on granite are important. So are the words written on our hearts when God changes them from hearts of stone to hearts of flesh. How do we communicate the life-changing nature of the gospel to a desperately needy world?

Bible-defenders should ask tactical questions. Is it ungodly pragmatism to consider whether The Wall Street Journal is correct in its assessment that Justice Moore is "doing more to raise money for the ACLU and Americans United for Separation of Church and State than advance the cause of religious liberty"?

Bible-defenders should ask historical questions: for example, what have we learned about the best way to reduce the number of abortions in this country? It does appear that the provision of compassionate alternatives has worked better than the well-intentioned protest tactics of 15 years ago.

On television talk shows it's hard to offer light rather than heat, but it's not too late for defenders of the Bible to reason together.

ending World War II.

On this date:

In 1666, the Great Fire of London broke out, claiming thousands of homes but only a few lives.

In 1789, the U.S. Treasury Department was established.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta. In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

In 1924, the Rudolf Friml operetta "Rose troopers.

Marie" opened on Broadway.

In 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam an independent republic.

In 1963, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state

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BUSINESS REVIEW B&B Pharmacy offers personal service

A small town pharmacy offers services a any concerns about interactions with their larger pharmacy cannot provide.

Home-owned and operated, B&B Pharmacy is dedicated to providing personal service to all of its customers. Dennis Roark and his wife Donna have owned the local pharmacy since 1988.

The pharmacy offers a full line of medical needs, including ostomy supplies. Special orders can be obtained in one day. Crutches, canes, braces and wraps are always in stock. Medical needs for sports-related injuries can also be found.

sonal service from the Roarks. "We try to make our customers feel comfortable and free to ask any questions they might have," said Roark.

The staff at B&B Pharmacy strive to pro- delivery service. vide the personal service a big chain cannot provide.

"We try to stay away from the personalities of a big chain where you are just a number," he said. "Drugs have some interactions that can cause serious medical problems. We welcome our customers to come to us with 5788.

medications. It is important to us to know them and their needs.'

"If any person has questions about the over-the-counter medications and possible reactions with their prescriptions, I would be more than happy to assist them."

Long time customers know that the staff at B&B Pharmacy will do all they can to meet the needs of their customers. New customers will find the personal service appealing to them.

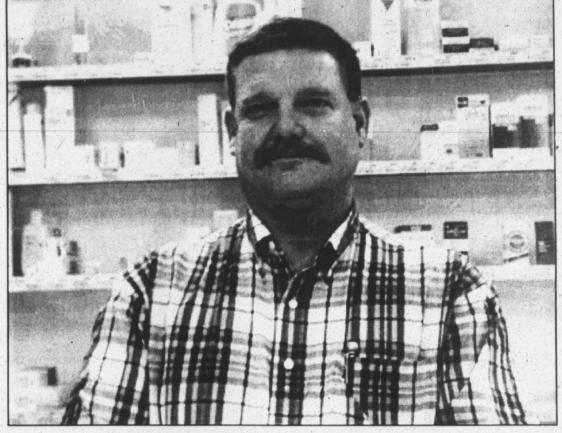
"We want to provide our customers with Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive per- their needs," said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

> The store covers' almost all insurance plans.

B&B also provides free prescription

The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays. The business is closed on Sundays and holidays.

B&B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard, and their phone number is 665-



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Pharmacist Dennis Roark provides friendly service to customers at the local B&B Pharmacy at 300 N. Ballard. Business phone for the pharmacy is 665-5788.





Located at 300 N. Ballard, B&B Pharmacy has been owned by Roark and his wife Donna since 1988. Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the couple and their staff that a large company cannot provide.

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FOOTBALL

Nebraska moved back into the Top 25 for the first time in nearly a year, earning the No. 23 ranking following a 17-7 season-opening win against No. 24 Oklahoma State.

In the first regular season Associated Press college football poll, the biggest movement was caused by Southern California's 23-0 win at Auburn. The Trojans earned six first-place votes and moved up four spots to No. 4. Auburn plummeted 11 places to No. 17.

The top three teams remained the same, with Oklahoma at No. 1 followed by defending national champion Ohio State and Miami. Michigan dropped one spot to No. 5 after beating Central Michigan 45-7

BASEBALL

PHOENIX (AP) Hours after being released from the hospital, Barry Bonds hit the go-ahead single in the ninth inning to lead the San Francisco Giants to a 2-0 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Bonds, scratched from the lineup Sunday because of exhaustion, was released from the hospital after staying overnight to have his vital signs monitored.

Sunday's game was the second Bonds missed in the series with Arizona for reasons related to the death of



Weston Bingham (left) receives the championship trophy from PCC club pro Mark Hughes.

Bingham wins Top Of Texas title

North Texas golfer Weston Pampa. Stone made the big Bingham completed a wire move of the day with a final Matt Heasley 317. to wire victory in the 66th annual Hart Warren Top Of Texas Tournament with rounds of 72 and 70 Monday at the Pampa Country Club Course. His one-under-par 283 beat Cameron University's Travis Lovins by three shots.

Bingham found the greens to his liking in the Championship Flight.

"I was making all my short putts coming in today," he said. "I'd have to say that was the difference. The guys I was playing with were missing some of theirs."

Tied for third, six shots back, were Brian Smith of

PAMPA — University of Pampa, and Cory Stone of 301; 16. Jimmy Jameson 303; round 66.

> In the President's Flight, John Kaplan came from three back with a closing 72 to beat Brian Don Carlos by three with a 221 total.

Guy Cormack defeated Blane Bailey in a playoff to take first in the Governor's Flight.

Top Of Texas Tournament (after four rounds)

Championship Flight

1. Weston Bingham, 283; 2. Travis Lovins 286; 3. (tie) Daniel Heuston, Brian Smith and Cory Stone 289; 6. (tie) Greg Johnson, Casey Jones and Ryan King, 290; 9. Rex Hughes 292; 10. Colby Seals 293; 11. Nick Ware 294; 12. of McMurry University and Hatter 300; 15. Kent O'Neal Mike Tice.

17. Dusty Isabell 304; 18.

President's Flight (after three rounds)

1. John Kaplan 221; 2. Brian Don Carlos 224; 3. Dan Kucab, 226; 4. Travis Brown 229; 5. (tie) Darrell Smith & Jerry Walling 230; 7. (tie) Gregor Reeves & Bob Hitt 232; 9. Frank McCullough 233; 10. Tim Whipkey 234; 11. Dan Nicolet 235; 12. James Thompson 236; 13. (tie) Merlin Rose & Randy Dyson 237; 15. Mike Vinson 238; 16. Eric Cunningham 240

Second Flight: 1. J.C. Dunigan; Third Flight: 1. David McGill; Fourth Flight: 1. Tim New: Fifth Flight: 1. Brad Allen: Sixth Flight: 1. Eddy Kelly; Doug McFatridge 295; 13: Seventh Flight: 1. Alan Texas Tech, Daniel Heuston Luke Kane 297; 14. Brian Leach; Eighth Flight: 1.

Lady Harvesters claim Coca-Cola Classic title

PLAINVIEW - A new back to tie things at 22-all. Harvesters limited their Ammons, junior Alyssa Jackie Gerber. of enthusiastic volleyball 2003 Pampa Lady weekend.

Pampa went undefeated Pampa was able to seal the in pool play, then swept through the bracket to win the Classic by defeating the host team, the Plainview Lady Bulldogs 25-13, 30-28 in the championship finals.

Pampa in game one started fast and jumped to an early 9-3 lead, held off all Plainview could offer, then finished with an 11-3 run to claim the game one win in the best 2 of 3 match. In game two, the Lady Pampa's favor. Plainview hitter Jaclyn Spearman. put together a spirited come-

school year, a new head Plainview then added two errors and played consistent Bromwell, junior Teryn coach, and the same group more points to reach game point leading 24-22. Facing players hungry for some vic- a loss in game two, which tories did the trick for the would force a game three, the Lady Harvesters Harvesters at the WBU responded, pulled back even Coca-Cola Classic this past at 24-all. The lead changed several times before finally

game and match win 30-28. A key moment in the match was when Pampa coach Shannon Stroud called a critical timeout as Pampa to draw a second-round bye was allowing Plainview to to face Dalhart once again in get back in the game. The the semi-finals. With the break worked well for the momentum on Pampa's side Lady Harvesters. With a the Lady Harvesters rolled renewed spirit, Pampa to a 25-19, 25-13, 29-27 regained its focus on the match victory to sent the championship and went onto team to the championship. claim the tournament title.

Bulldogs would not go qui- on the all-tournament team, first year as Pampa, Besides

throughout the tournament. pool play on top of their Stokes and sophomore opener. pool with a win over Sanford-Fritch, 15-8, 15-13, and a split with Dalhart, 15-11, 16-18. Pampa took first by outscoring Dalhart

In bracket play on Saturday in round one, Pampa defeated District 3-4A rival Palo Duro convincingly, 25-15, 15-14, 25-20,

This was coach Stroud's Pampa placed two players first tournament title in her

Pampa hosts Fort Elliott

Garner, junior Jennie at 6 tonight in McNeely Pampa finished Friday's Rogers, junior Kendall Fieldhouse in the home



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his father, Bobby Bonds, on Aug. 23. He left Saturday night's game in the eighth inning because his heartbeat rose to more than twice normal and he had trouble breathing.

TENNIS

NEW YORK (AP) -

Jennifer Capriati naps almost every day, so spending an hour snoozing on a sofa in the players' lounge really was no big deal.

That took care of one rain delay. There were two others.

After spending much of the day waiting on the weather, the' sixth-seeded Capriati finally finished her fourth-round match against No. 11 Elena Dementieva at the U.S. Open at 8:22 p.m. Monday, almost seven hours after it began.

She defeated the hardserving Russian 6-2, 7-5 to reach the quarterfinals for the third straight year.

"At the end it was a little slippery on the lines but I didn't want to stop," Capriati said. "At the end it was starting to come again and I said 'No, stay away!' ... It was very tough. After the first time, second time, I was all right. But then the third, and I didn't know if it was going to happen again. It was just getting pretty annoying. I was just getting tired.

The only other match to be completed on the first day of the tournament's second week was French Open champion Justine Henin-Hardenne's 6-0, 6-3 win against Dinara Safina that began at 10:29 p.m.

etly as Pampa an early lead. senior setter (right side Abbi With the score 19-11, Covalt and junior outside As a team, the Lady

Covalt and Spearman, other players contributing to the wins were senior Stacey Johnson, junior Lindsey

Senior setter Abbi Covalt (left) and junior outside hitter Jaclyn Spearman of Pampa were named to the all-tournament team.at the Coca-Cola Classic.

Gunn takes charge

NEW ORLEANS (AP) ---When his undefeated record as a starter looked in doubt, Tye Gunn made a string of key plays to lead No. 25 Texas Christian to another victory.

Gunn completed a pair of third-down passes, then scored on a 4-yard bootleg as TCU held off a furious comeback by Tulane for a 38-35 victory Monday night in the season opener for the Conference USA teams.

Gunn orchestrated the 11play, 61-yard drive that lasted 5:33 after Tulane had scored three straight fourthquarter touchdowns - the last on a 35-yard fumble return - to pull within 31-28 with 7:39 left.

Gunn said he was deter- - catchable passes.

mined to take charge after TCU had nearly blown a 24point fourth-quarter lead.

"I could tell everybody was getting kind of lackadaisical on the sidelines," Gunn said.

After Gunn put TCU up 38-28, Tulane drove 77 yards for a touchdown with 24 seconds left, but could not recover the onside kick.

Gunn began last season as a reserve but started four games and won them all after an injury to Sean Stilley. Gunn was injured in TCU's final regular-season game of 2002, but returned in good form Monday, completing 17 of 27 passes for 243 yards and a touchdown - and his receivers dropped several

Kent drives in six runs as **Astros rout Dodgers, 10-1**

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Houston's Jeff Kent drove in six runs with three swings, but it was a foul tip off his bat that really stung the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The primary concern in the postgame clubhouse Monday night was not so much the fact that the Astros beat Hideo Nomo for the second time in a week en route to a 10-1 blowout - it was the condition of Paul Lo Duca, the Dodgers' All-Star catcher and inspirational leader.

Lo Duca's facemask took the full brunt of Kent's foul tip and was knocked right off his head - just the way it was on Saturday, when Colorado's Preston Wilson barely got a piece of one of Kazuhisa Ishii's delivtime after being examined by assistant trainer Matt Wilson, then was taken to the hospital. Xrays revealed no fracture or concussion, and Lo Duca went home with a sprained jaw.

"The foul tip he got tonight was almost in the same location, and he was having a little trouble with his jaw," manager Jim Tracy said. "He was still a little bit dizzy. And then, when he finished the inning and had his atbat, he couldn't continue. We'll just wait and see how he's doing tomorrow."

Kent singled home a run one pitch after nailing Lo Duca, then capped the scoring in the ninth against minor league callup Rodney Myers with his 10th ter fielder Craig Biggio said.

Lo Duca batted one more career grand slam and first with the Astros. Kent also had an RBI double in the first.

> "I like playing here. It was just one of those days," said Kent, who played his second game after missing the previous three for the birth of his son. "Guys were getting on base and it gets you a little excited. Hitting is contagious."

> The 2000 NL MVP and threetime All-Star could be the missing piece for a puzzling franchise that has won four division titles in six years - and lost in the first round each time.

"I'm happy where we're at right now, from the standpoint that we have a chance. And that's all you can ask for," cen-

Pennant chases, MVP races still up for grabs in September

By the Associated Press

Get ready for a scintillating September stretch drive.

Seven teams entered the season's final month within four games of the National League wild-card spot. The AL MVP Award is up for grabs and four division races remain too close to call.

"There's no telling how things are going to turn out, but I do know this: You have to play good baseball at this time of year if you're going to get in," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said

Ten NL teams still have a legitimate shot to get into the playoffs.

After games on Labor Day, the Giants and Braves were way

out in front of their divisions, but St. Louis fell into a tie with Houston and Chicago was just 1 1/2 games back in the NL Central.

In the wild-card race, Florida routed Montreal and moved a game up on Philadelphia, which lost to Boston in a makeup of game rained out June 20.

The traveling Expos fell four games out - meaning pivotal games will be played in Puerto Rico this week. Montreal begins a six-game homestand Friday against the Marlins and Cubs in San Juan.

And somehow the Arizona Diamondbacks were still in it, even though Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling were 11-15 combined.

Players and fans all over the upstart Royals by the AL

country will surely be scoreboard-watching for the next few weeks

"I think that's what's so exciting about having a wild card," Florida catcher Mike Redmond said. "This is why it's in place, to have a race like the one we've got now. Seven or eight teams in it, that's unprecedented and I think it's great for baseball."

There are tight races in the American League, too, where seven teams are fighting for four postseason spots.

A nine-game winning streak left Oakland two games up on Seattle in the AL West. The Yankees have yet to put away their annual rivals from Boston, and Chicago was two-games ahead of Minnesota and the Central.

"It's a dream come true for me, getting a chance to play meaningful games September," said slugger Mike Sweency, who never played on a

Canadian shuts out Memphis in weather-shortened game

CANADIAN — Canadian¹ 4-yard touchdown pass. topped Memphis 28-0 in a game that called at halftime Friday night because of lighttouchdown that gave the ning.

It was the season opener for both teams.

Canadian quarterback Riley Morris had an outstanding half on both sides of the ball. He scored on a 15-yard run and threw to Camden Dorris for a

winning team in eight previous seasons with Kansas City. "We've got a month to go and in , we're just going to march on. It's going to be a great

month."

Morris also ran back an

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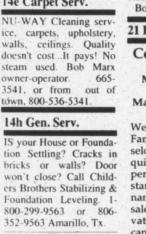
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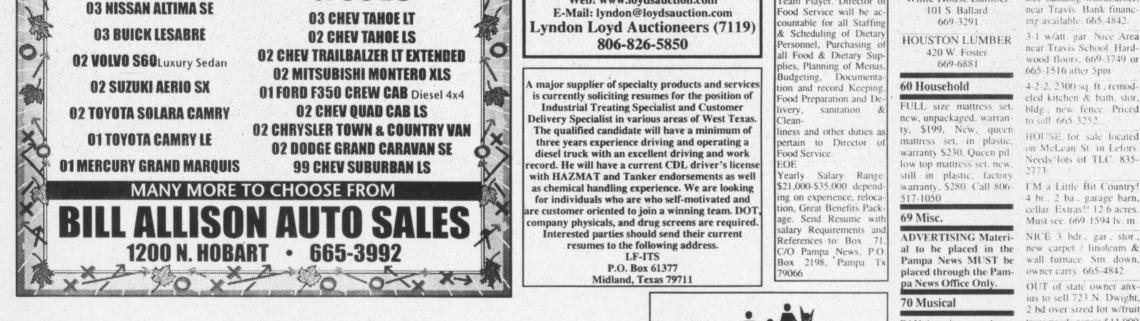
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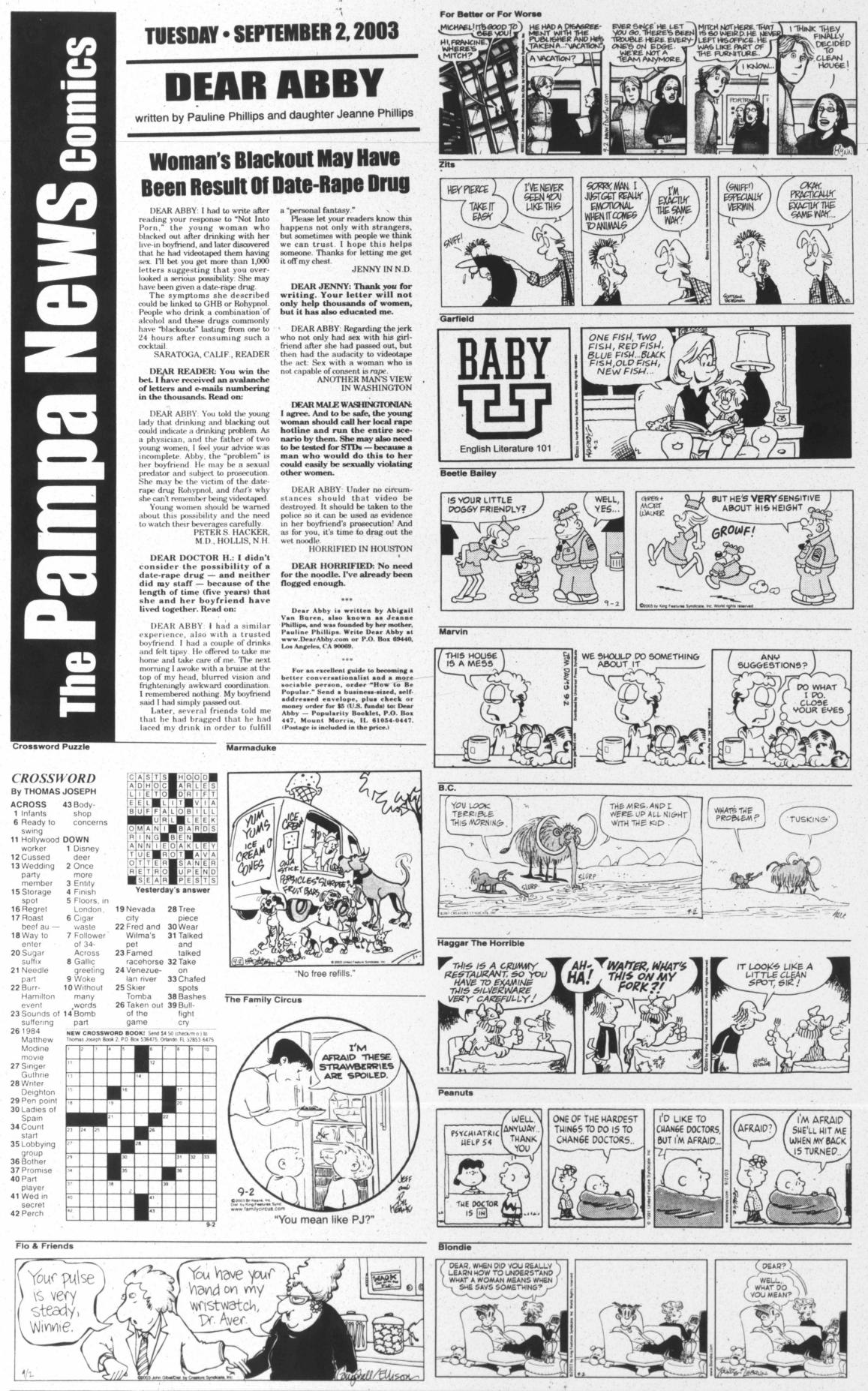
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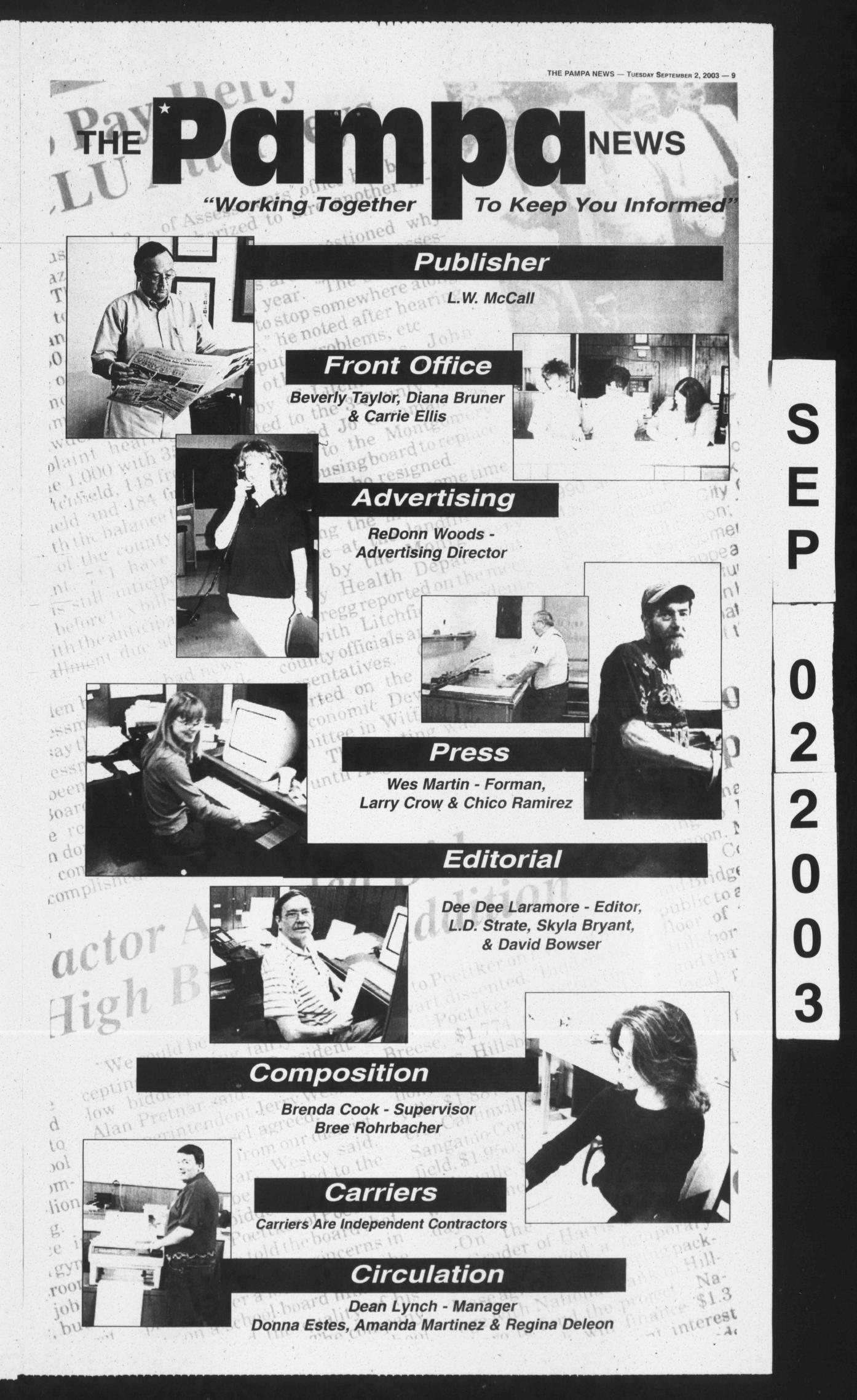
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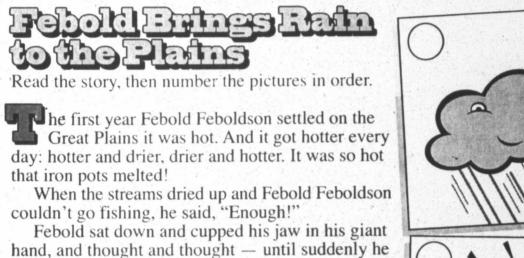




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About 150 years ago, thousands of pioneers began heading for rich farmland in Oregon and later, for gold in California. After crossing the Mississippi River they came to the wide, flat prairie we now call the Great Plains. From these Great Plains have come tales of a giant Swedish farmer called Febold Feboldson.



First he splashed some water on a hot and tired

The happy frog croaked the news to his frog friends. Soon more frogs joined in the song. They

Some clouds heard the noise and hurried to join the storm. Seeing there was no storm when they got to the Great Plains, the clouds went ahead and started their own, giving Febold Feboldson a rainstorm and a chance to get back to fishing.

plains. In the 1920s, a newspaper in Gothenberg, Nebraska, entertained readers with tales of Febold Feboldson, a giant farmer who loved the Great Plains and was determined to control the weather.

