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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.

DEATHS

Wallace W. "Billy" Hill, 69, longtime Pampa.
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Lawmakers question Iraq policies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once wary of criticizing a popular wartime president's handling of Iraq, members of Congress are shedding their inhibitions. Returning to Washington this week after a summer break, some are questioning whether President Bush could do more to get help from other countries to secure and rebuild Iraq, whether he has enough U.S. troops there and how much the war will cost in U.S. lives and taxpayer dollars.

Iraq will be among the top items on a busy congressional agenda that also will include efforts to work out a pre-

scription drug benefit for the elderly, a national energy bill and 13 appropriations bills to fund 2004 federal programs.

Frustrations over Iraq have increased in Washington and around the nation as the American death toll has risen. Congressional Republicans and Democrats alike also have been concerned about the speed of setting up an Iraqi government and restoring basic services such as water and electricity.

"I'm not discouraged, but I'm disappointed," said Rep. Henry Hyde, the House International Relations

Committee chairman. "I think there was less thought given to the postwar, or the post-combat, aspect of the war than should have been."

A strong supporter of Bush, Hyde said in an interview that the United States should be willing to cede some authority in Iraq if needed to attract military help from other countries. The Bush administration has indicated it might be willing to get the United Nations involved, but only if all military forces remained under U.S. control.

"I think it is too great a burden to

expect us to single-handedly reconstruct Afghanistan, Iraq, face the other problems in the world — North Korea, Liberia and other troubled spots," Hyde said. "I think we need to look for reasonable compromises."

Hyde, R-Ill., also said the United States needs to send more translators, public affairs personnel and other civilians to Iraq. He plans to introduce a bill setting guidelines for U.S. operations in Iraq. It wouldn't require major policy changes, but hearings on the bill "will provide a focus for the in-depth debate

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Three workers shot to death in steak restaurant

TEXARKANA (AP) — Police did not know the motive for the first triple-homicide in Texarkana in three years, in which Outback Steakhouse employees were found shot to death inside the restaurant.

Police Chief Danny Alexander said there was no sign of forced entry. "They are doing an inventory to see if any money is missing," he said.

The bodies of manager Matt Hines, 31, Chrissy Willis, 23, and Rebecca Shifflet, 24, were found in the restaurant's office area early Monday, police said. They had few other details.

Shifflet was almost six

months pregnant, according to a co-worker.

"She just told her mom she was going to name the baby ...," said Outback server and bartender Mary Gerrard.

Autopsies have been ordered on the victims.

Gerrard said the three were at the business late Sunday doing end-of-the-month inventory.

"If they wanted money, why kill everyone?" Gerrard asked in a story in Tuesday's Texarkana Gazette. "I just don't understand this. It makes no sense at all. It's like a TV show."

Police Sgt. Danny Presley said authorities were called to

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Harvest moon on the rise



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

Area Extension agents announce retirement

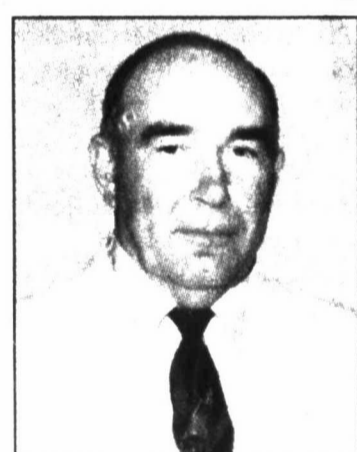
CANADIAN — Dan Cornett, agricultural agent with Texas Cooperative Extension here, will retire at the end of the month.

Cornett will retire Aug. 31, ending his 28 year-career where it began in Hemphill County.

Cornett will be honored during a reception from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Hemphill County Courthouse.

Cornett began his extension service as an assistant agent here in 1975, according to Dr. Bob Robinson, extension regional agriculture program director in Amarillo.

"Dan's entire extension career has been dedicated to the citizens of Hemphill



Dan Cornett
Hemphill County

County," Robinson said.

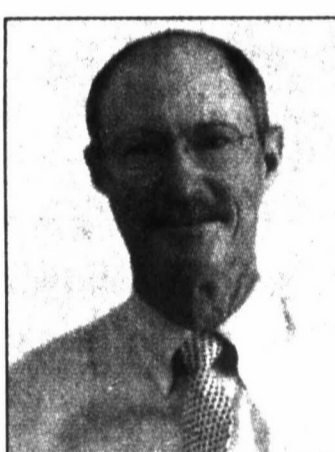
A native of Borger, Cornett has a bachelor of science degree from Panhandle State University and a master of science in animal nutrition from Texas Tech University.



Robert D. Harris
Moore County

Prior to the extension service, Cornett farmed and ranched in New Mexico. He was also an assistant nutritionist for a feedyard in Muleshoe.

"As a community leader and key professional in this



Robert Devin
Randall County

district, Dan's contributions have made a significant difference in youth and adult educational enrichment in his community and the agricultural industry of the region," 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 developing 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 to become productive citizens," Robinson said.

Cornett to construct a new 4-H Livestock Project Center and established an annual three-day County Youth

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Afghan, U.S. troops overrun Taliban hideouts

QALAT, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan and U.S. troops overrun three suspected Taliban positions and pinned down fighters in a cave Tuesday as fighting raged on in southern Afghanistan, the U.S. military and an Afghan commander said.

American bombing echoed through the mountains as the troops tried to root out hundreds of Taliban holdouts who have offered fierce resistance for the past week.

Coalition forces clashed with numerous groups of five to 10 fighters firing small arms and rocket-propelled

grenades, U.S. military spokesman Col. Rodney Davis said.

The troops had cornered a group of insurgents in a cave and were attacking it Tuesday afternoon using small arms fire, artillery and air support.

There were no reported coalition casualties in the latest fighting in Zabul province's Dai Chupan district, Davis said. He had no details on Taliban casualties.

U.S. warplanes and helicopter gunships hammered Taliban positions around Saro Gar mountain before dawn. When Afghan troops moved in

later, they found the Taliban had abandoned three positions, leaving behind bedding and turbans, said Gen. Haji Saifullah Khan, the main Afghan commander in the battle area.

Taliban fighters were hunkering down elsewhere in mountain's many gorges. "It provides very excellent shelter against bombing," said Khan, who spoke to The Associated Press by satellite phone from the front lines.

The U.S. military has been involved in the fighting since it began about eight days ago. Since Saturday, they have dubbed their role in the battle as

"Operation Mountain Viper."

The military said U.S. special operations forces and soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division were involved along with close air support. The military would not say how many U.S. soldiers were involved in the fighting, though Afghan officials have put the number at several hundred.

"As a result of the offensive, several anti-coalition elements have fled the area making them more vulnerable to attack," Davis said in a statement from Bagram Air Base, the coalition head-
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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-

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.

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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

Jimmy Walker, retired 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

Exhibition Building. 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 the Extension Service for 32 years.

Gray County agent Danny Nusser will take Devin's position in Randall County, officials announced recently.

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SHOOTING

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 and saw his car and those of 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

robbery, but we don't know that for sure."

Head bartender Kevin Tan, who Gerrard said would normally have helped with the inventory, was on vacation.

"I don't want to go back not knowing what happened that night," Tan told the newspaper. "It will always be in the

back of my mind."

He said he was shocked and confused by the deaths.

"It's really, really hard to believe right now," said Blake Blann, who has been working at the restaurant for about three months. "I just helped Chrissy move out of her apartment."

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HIDEOUTS

quarters in Afghanistan.

One American soldier died Friday when he fell during a night combat mission. Two other U.S. soldiers died in a 90-minute 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.

Afghan presidential 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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CHARLEY REESE
 COLUMNIST

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 slavery 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?

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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. They 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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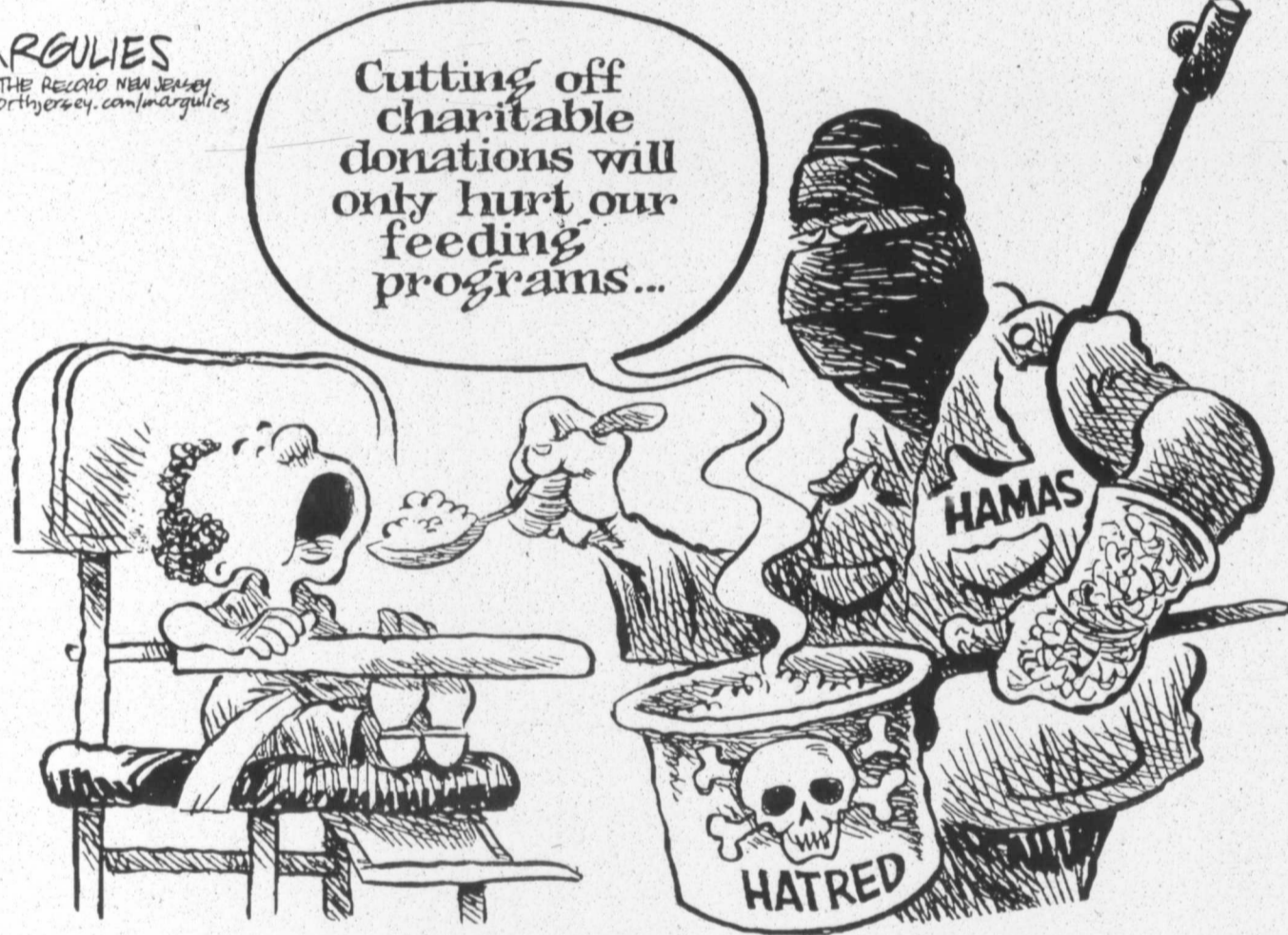
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Bible defenders: Can we talk?

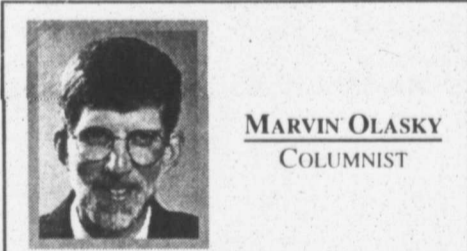
Now that the Ten Commandments monument is removed from its Alabama roundabout, could we all take a deep breath?

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 Bible-defenders 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



MARVIN OLASKY
 COLUMNIST

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.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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.

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

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 troopers.

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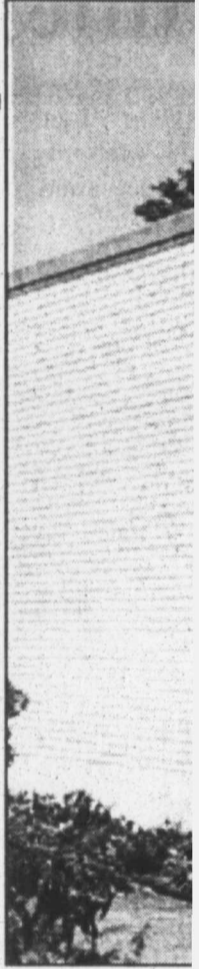
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BUSINESS REVIEW

B&B Pharmacy offers personal service

A small town pharmacy offers services a 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.

Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal 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 provide the personal service a big chain cannot provide.

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any concerns about interactions with their 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.

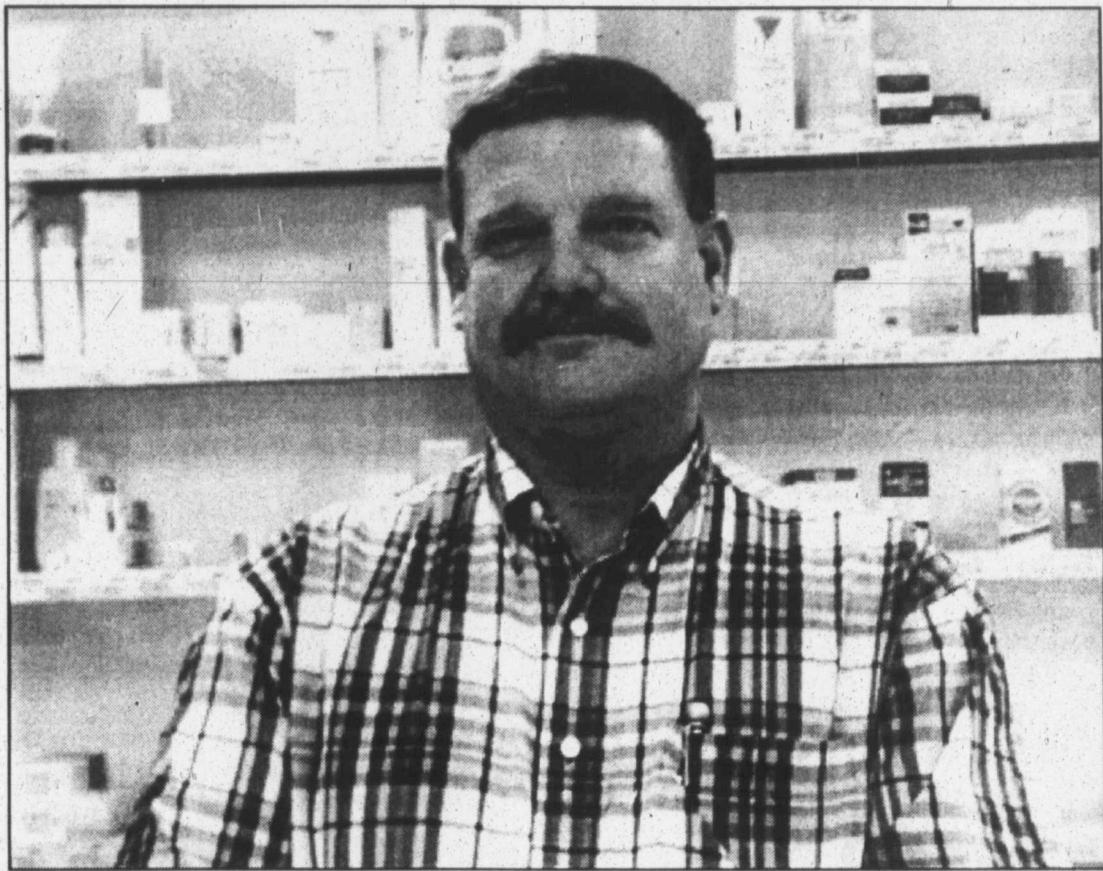
"We want to provide our customers with their needs," said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

The store covers almost all insurance plans.

B&B also provides free prescription delivery service.

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 665-5788.



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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 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 hard-serving 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.



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

Lady Harvesters claim Coca-Cola Classic title

PLAINVIEW — A new school year, a new head coach, and the same group of enthusiastic volleyball players hungry for some victories did the trick for the 2003 Pampa Lady Harvesters at the WBU Coca-Cola Classic this past weekend.

Pampa went undefeated 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 Bulldogs would not go quietly as Pampa an early lead. With the score 19-11, Pampa's favor. Plainview put together a spirited come-

back to tie things at 22-all. Plainview then added two more points to reach game point leading 24-22. Facing a loss in game two, which would force a game three, the Lady Harvesters responded, pulled back even at 24-all. The lead changed several times before finally Pampa was able to seal the game and match win 30-28. A key moment in the match was when Pampa coach Shannon Stroud called a critical timeout as Pampa was allowing Plainview to get back in the game. The break worked well for the Lady Harvesters. With a renewed spirit, Pampa regained its focus on the championship and went onto claim the tournament title.

Pampa placed two players in her first year as Pampa. Besides Covalt and Spearman, other players contributing to the wins were senior Stacey Johnson, junior Lindsey

Ammons, junior Alyssa Bromwell, junior Teryn Garner, junior Jennie Rogers, junior Kendall Stokes and sophomore Jackie Gerber.

Pampa hosts Fort Elliott Fieldhouse in the home opener.

Pampa, and Cory Stone of Pampa. Stone made the big move of the day with a final 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. Doug McFatridge 295; 13. Luke Kane 297; 14. Brian Hatter 300; 15. Kent O'Neal

301; 16. Jimmy Jameson 303; 17. Dusty Isabell 304; 18. Matt Heasley 317.

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; **Seventh Flight:** 1. Alan Leach; **Eighth Flight:** 1. Mike Tice.

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 deliveries.

Lo Duca batted one more time after being examined by assistant trainer Matt Wilson, then was taken to the hospital. X-rays 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 abbat, 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 career grand slam and first with the Astros. Kent also had an RBI double in the first.

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Canadian shuts out Memphis in weather-shortened game

CANADIAN — Canadian topped Memphis 28-0 in a game that called at halftime Friday night because of lightning.

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 4-yard touchdown pass.

Morris also ran back an interception for a 32-yard touchdown that gave the Wildcats a 21-0 lead.

Logan Baker added the final TD on a 5-yard run.

Memphis could manage only two first downs and 21 total yards against a stout Wildcat defense.

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

Gunn said he was deter-

mined to take charge after TCU had nearly blown a 24-point 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 Stillely. 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 catchable passes.

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

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

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 upstart Royals by the AL

Central.

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

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

It's going to be a great month."

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Woman's Blackout May Have Been Result Of Date-Rape Drug

DEAR ABBY: I had to write after reading your response to "Not Into Porn," the young woman who blacked out after drinking with her live-in boyfriend, and later discovered that he had videotaped them having sex. I'll bet you get more than 1,000 letters suggesting that you overlooked a serious possibility. She may have been given a date-rape drug.

The symptoms she described could be linked to GHB or Rohypnol. People who drink a combination of alcohol and these drugs commonly have "blackouts" lasting from one to 24 hours after consuming such a cocktail.

SARATOGA, CALIF., READER

DEAR READER: You win the bet. I have received an avalanche of letters and e-mails numbering in the thousands. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You told the young lady that drinking and blacking out could indicate a drinking problem. As a physician, and the father of two young women, I feel your advice was incomplete. Abby, the "problem" is her boyfriend. He may be a sexual predator and subject to prosecution. She may be the victim of the date-rape drug Rohypnol, and that's why she can't remember being videotaped.

Young women should be warned about this possibility and the need to watch their beverages carefully.

PETER S. HACKER, M.D., HOLLIS, N.H.

DEAR DOCTOR H.: I didn't consider the possibility of a date-rape drug — and neither did my staff — because of the length of time (five years) that she and her boyfriend have lived together. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I had a similar experience, also with a trusted boyfriend. I had a couple of drinks and felt tipsy. He offered to take me home and take care of me. The next morning I awoke with a bruise at the top of my head, blurred vision and frighteningly awkward coordination. I remembered nothing. My boyfriend said I had simply passed out.

Later, several friends told me that he had bragged that he had laced my drink in order to fulfill

a "personal fantasy." Please let your readers know this happens not only with strangers, but sometimes with people we think we can trust. I hope this helps someone. Thanks for letting me get it off my chest.

JENNY IN N.D.

DEAR JENNY: Thank you for writing. Your letter will not only help thousands of women, but it has also educated me.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the jerk who not only had sex with his girlfriend after she had passed out, but then had the audacity to videotape the act: Sex with a woman who is not capable of consent is rape.

ANOTHER MAN'S VIEW IN WASHINGTON

DEAR MALE WASHINGTONIAN: I agree. And to be safe, the young woman should call her local rape hotline and run the entire scenario by them. She may also need to be tested for STDs — because a man who would do this to her could easily be sexually violating other women.

DEAR ABBY: Under no circumstances should that video be destroyed. It should be taken to the police so it can be used as evidence in her boyfriend's prosecution! And as for you, it's time to drag out the wet noodle.

HORRIFIED IN HOUSTON

DEAR HORRIFIED: No need for the noodle. I've already been flogged enough.

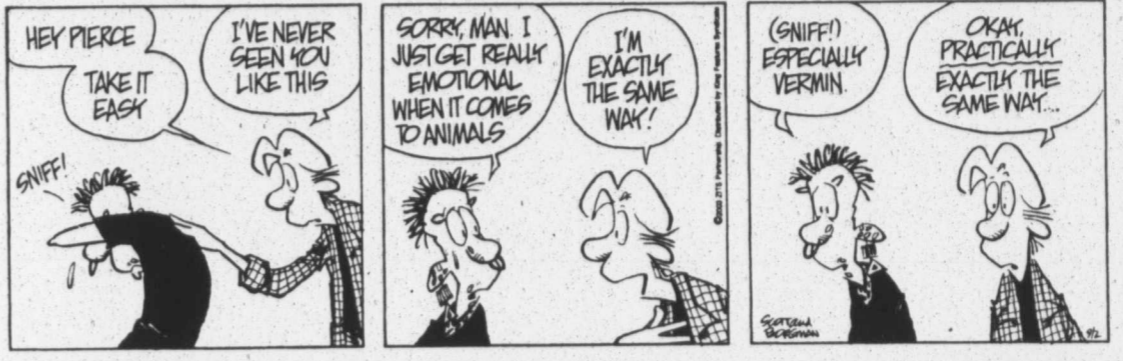
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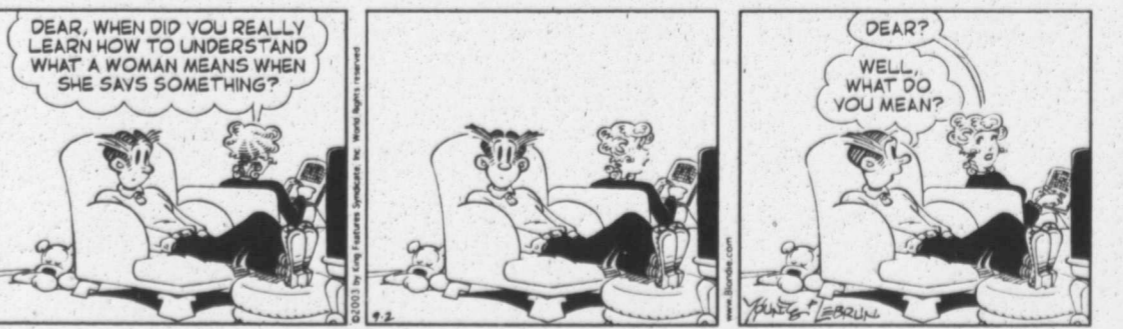
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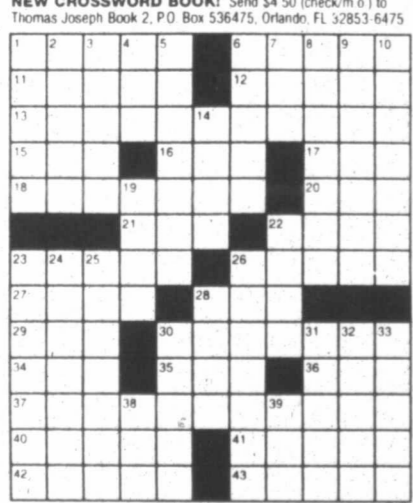
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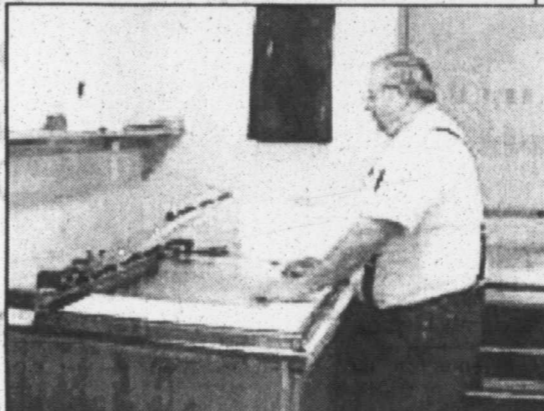
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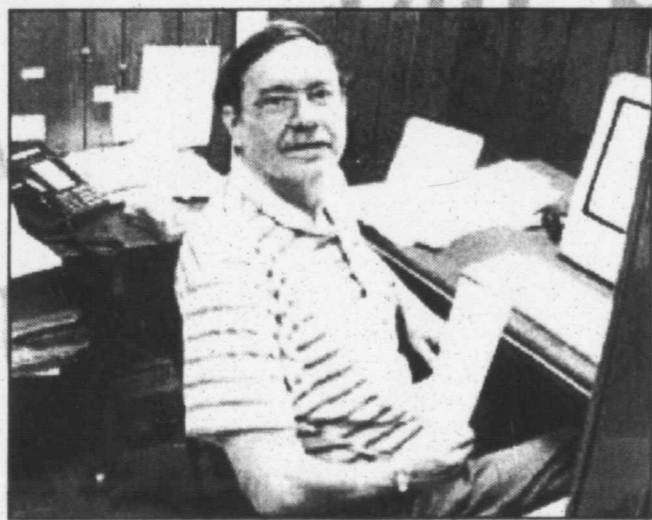
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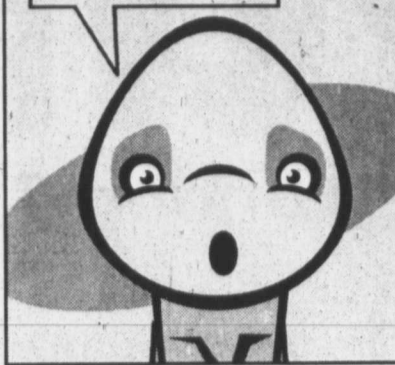


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Earthlings have created some amazing characters, Yott. I'm reading about a giant farmer named Febold Feboldson!



Sounds like a tall tale to me, Zott!



K I D S C O O P A M E R I C A N L E G E N D S

FEBOLD FEBOLDSON

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.

Febold Brings Rain to the Plains

Read the story, then number the pictures in order.

The first year Febold Feboldson settled on the Great Plains it was hot. And it got hotter every day: hotter and drier, drier and hotter. It was so hot that iron pots melted!

When the streams dried up and Febold Feboldson couldn't go fishing, he said, "Enough!"

Febold sat down and cupped his jaw in his giant hand, and thought and thought — until suddenly he came up with a plan.

First he splashed some water on a hot and tired frog and whispered in its ear, "It's raining!"

The happy frog croaked the news to his frog friends. Soon more frogs joined in the song. They got so loud that it sounded like thunder!

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.

Standards Link: Literary Analysis: Understand the basic plots of fables.

Despite the weather, some pioneers settled in the 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.



Febold Feboldson's Pets

Animals came into Febold's huge house because it offered the only shade around the Great Plains. Soon Febold had a houseful of pets, from rattlesnakes to buffaloes.

Febold had Lizzie the gopher dig tunnels under his house. Febold figured if he could trap the hot air of the summer into the tunnels, he could save it for winter when he would need the warmth.



Extra! Extra!

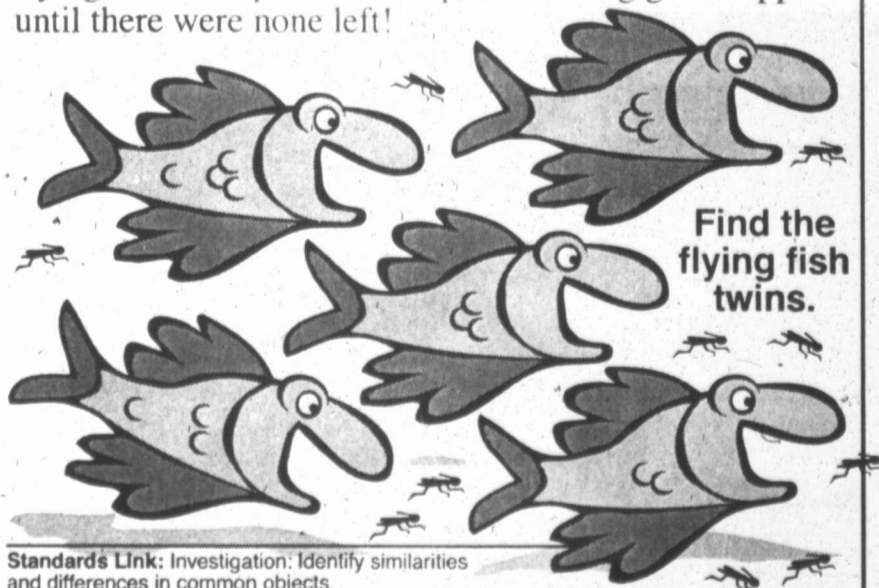
Friend Finder

Tales tell that while Febold loved the Great Plains, he had trouble convincing others to stay. He longed for a friend. Look through the newspaper and find Febold a friend. Write a letter to Febold telling him why this person would be a good friend.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write personal letters that establish a purpose and context.

Great Grasshoppers!

Some years the Great Plains swarm with grasshoppers. But this was not a problem for Febold Feboldson! He brought in a prairie schooner full of flying fish. Those flying fish swooped over the plains, eating grasshoppers until there were none left!



Find the flying fish twins.

Standards Link: Investigation: Identify similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

FEBOLD
FEBOLDSON
PLAINS
GREAT
SCHOONER
BUFFALOES
FROGS
SWEDISH
FARMER
THUNDER
PETS
PLAN
HUGE
SONG
POTS

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

S	N	H	S	I	D	E	W	S	F
E	O	O	E	N	B	O	C	L	R
O	D	N	S	S	I	H	N	R	E
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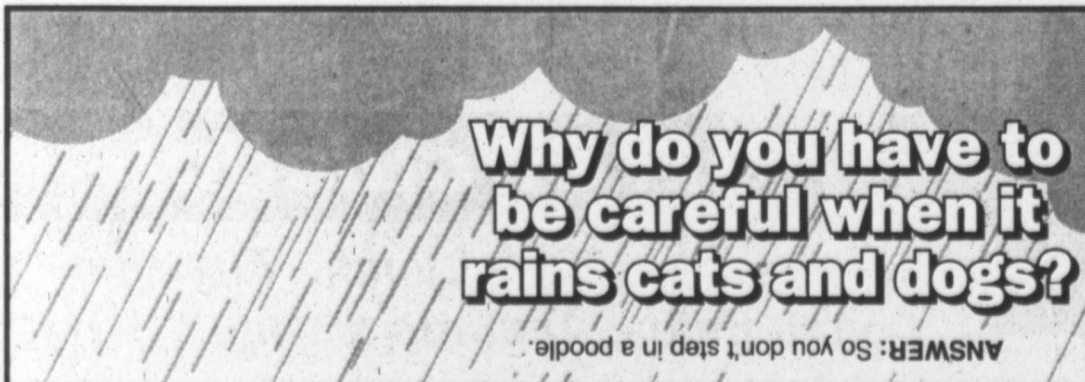
Standards Link: Letter sequencing: Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Febold to the Rescue

Find a newspaper story about a problem people are facing. Write a tall tale telling how Febold Feboldson saves the day. Be sure to include who, what, when, where and why.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write narratives that provide a context, characters and include details to develop a plot.



Why do you have to be careful when it rains cats and dogs?

ANSWER: So you don't step in a puddle.

Write On!

Mars Factoids

Read about Mars and then send us three facts about the red planet.

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