

It's Rodeo Time... Almost!!

Get ready for the two Big rodeos during Sutton County Days...
Aug. 25 and 26

Special Mass for Pope Paul VI will be held at regular weekend services at St. Ann's Church.

Italian Dignitaries Visit Sonora

Germano Fileppo, president of Filatura di Crosa of Biella, Italy, will lead a party of mohair spinners visiting Sutton County this week as part of a special Texas tour.

Fileppo's firm manufactures and distributes Alpaca yarn in addition to mohair and Filatura di Crosa is one of the most important mohair spinners in Europe, using over one million clean pounds of mohair annually.

Wednesday they will leave Del Rio for Sonora by way of Comstock and Juno.

While here the group will visit the Sonora Wool and Mohair Co. warehouse, the Bob Childress ranch in Ozona and Sutton County ranches.

Local fashion models will stage a display of Filatura di Crosa finished mohair products as part of the group's tour here.

Sonora Wool and Mohair Co. manager Glen Fisher will coordinate the group's activities in Sutton County.

They plan to leave Sonora to visit Junction, Saturday, August 12.

The Devil's River News

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Senator Tower to Highlight Banquet



Senator John Tower

U.S. Senator John Tower has accepted the invitation to address the Sonora Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, scheduled for September 30.

Chamber of Commerce immediate past president and banquet speaker committee chairman John Tedford was notified of the Senator's acceptance.

"We are pleased to have Senator Tower as our banquet guest speaker," Tedford comments.

"We are working to build our annual banquet as a forum for important state and national leaders," Chamber president Wes Burnett adds, "and Senator Tower continues our tradition of offering Sonora an opportunity to meet key people in decision making roles." Last year's banquet speaker was

Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

Ticket sales for the annual banquet will get underway in the near future and plans for the banquet will be announced later.

Senator Tower is a native Texan, born in Houston on September 29, 1925 and is the son and grandson of Methodist ministers.

He grew up in a number of East Texas communities and was graduated from Beaumont High School.

Tower enlisted in the Navy at age 17 shortly after the outbreak of World War II and saw combat duty on a gunboat in Asian waters. Proud of his Navy background, Tower, a Chief Petty Officer, is the only enlisted reservist in Congress.

Tower attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas,

receiving a bachelor's degree in political science.

He earned a master's degree in political science from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He also did postgraduate work at the University of London.

A former professor of government at Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Tower won a special election in 1961 for the Senate seat of Lyndon B. Johnson.

Tower was re-elected by 200,000 votes in 1966 and re-elected in 1972 by more than 300,000 votes.

As chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, Tower is a key member of the GOP leadership in the Senate. He now ranks 6th in seniority among Republicans.

Tower is senior Republican on

the Senate Armed Services Committee and second ranking on the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.

Tower also is a member of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. In addition, Tower serves on the National Transportation Policy Study Commission.

Tower is a trustee for Southwestern University and Southern Methodist University. He is past Worthy Grand Master of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

He is a 32nd-degree Mason and Shriner and is a member of the American Association of University Professors, the American Legion, the Texas Historical Society, the Texas Philosophical Society, the University Kiwanis Club, and the Methodist Church.

Training Pilots Die in Crash

An Air Force T-38 jet trainer crashed on the Bill Whitehead Ranch approximately 25 miles south of Sonora last Wednesday evening, killing the two Laughlin AFB crew members.

Found dead in his ejection seat approximately 500 yards from the crash impact was 2d Lt. Steven J. Morris of San Antonio.

Investigating officers were unable to find the body of the second crew member, 2d Lt. Abbas Ghane of the Imperial Iranian Air Force.

The two were on a training flight when their plane crashed at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Fragments of the jet were scattered over a half-mile long area from the impact area.

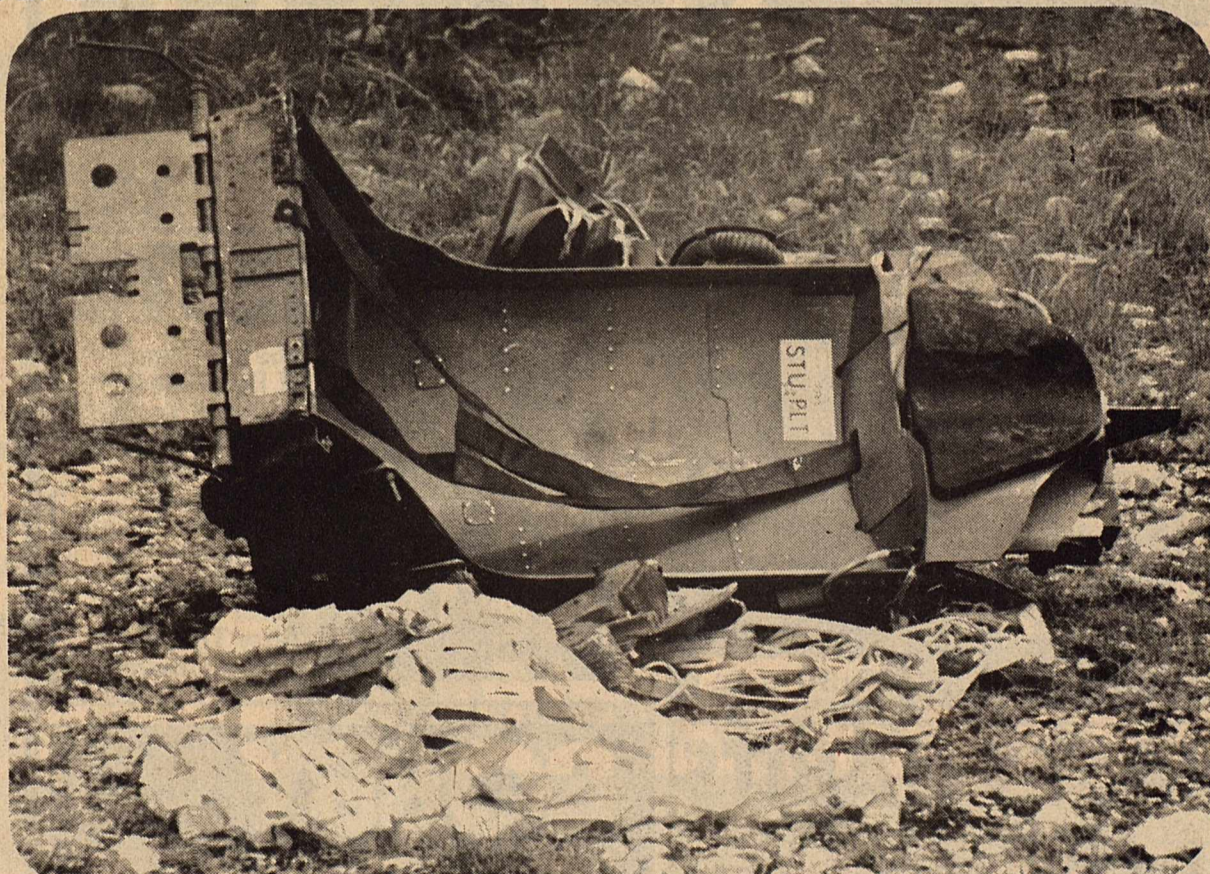
The largest piece of the aircraft was three feet square.

The impact totally demolished the jet trainer and created a depression in the rocky terrain ten feet in diameter and as deep as the bedrock in the thin top soil.

No large pieces of the plane were found in the impact area and fragments of the jet were scattered largely to the north of the hole.

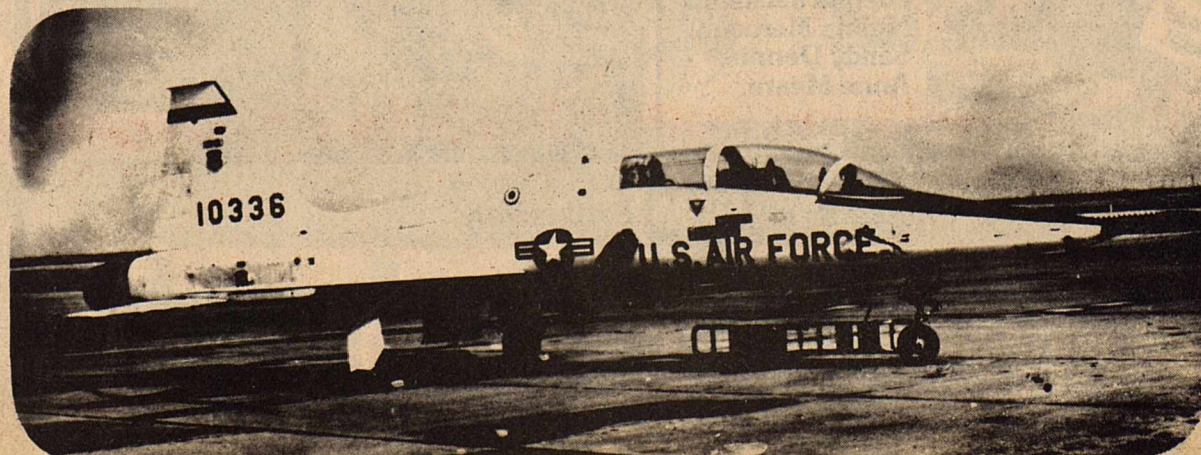
Lieutenant Ghane was to have graduated from pilot training last week and Lieutenant Morris was to graduate in six weeks.

"I've never seen an accident where the aircraft has been so totally destroyed," an on-the-scene Air Force investigating officer commented.



The scene of the T-38 crash and the ejection seat of 2d Lt. Steven Morris of San Antonio, who was found dead in the seat. There is no report at this time as to the cause of the accident.

U.S. Air Force T-38



Sutton County Gets Three More Screwworm Cases

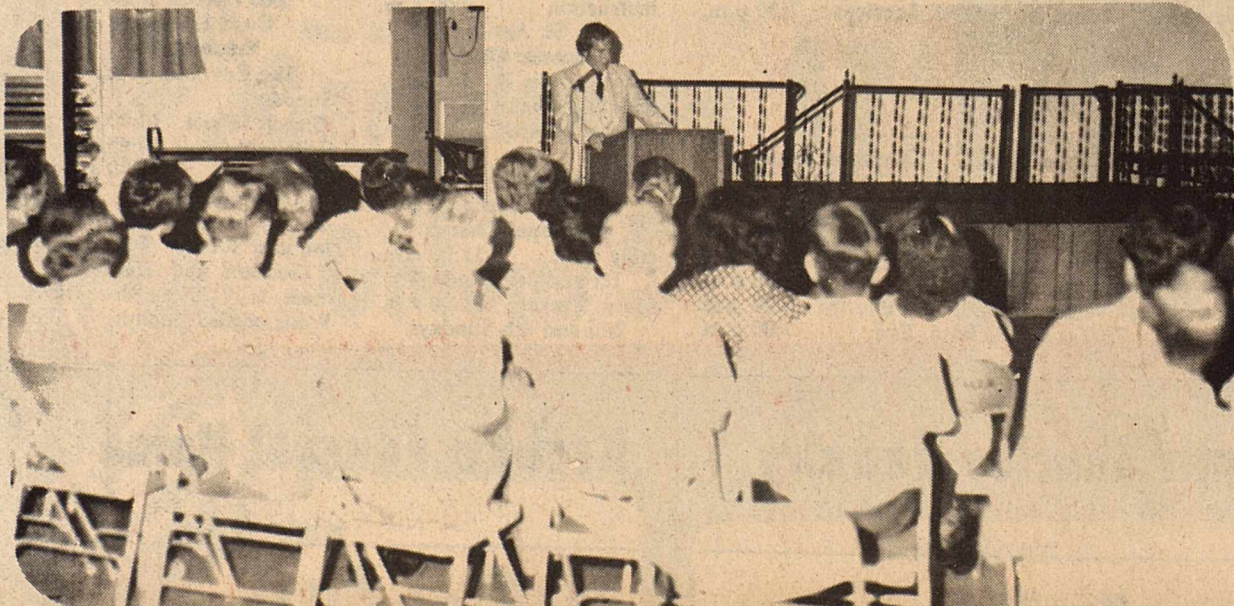
Three more screwworm cases have been confirmed in Sutton County this week.

The three cases were on the J-F Ranch Co., operated by Dr. J. W. Fields.

One case was a wire cut in a cow and two cases were in goats.

Recent rains will increase the screwworm hazard, so it is extremely important that ranchers take all preventative measures possible. . . inspect livestock regularly and report all suspected screwworm cases promptly, Sutton County Extension Agent Clint Langford advises.

Chamber of Commerce Holds First General Membership Meeting

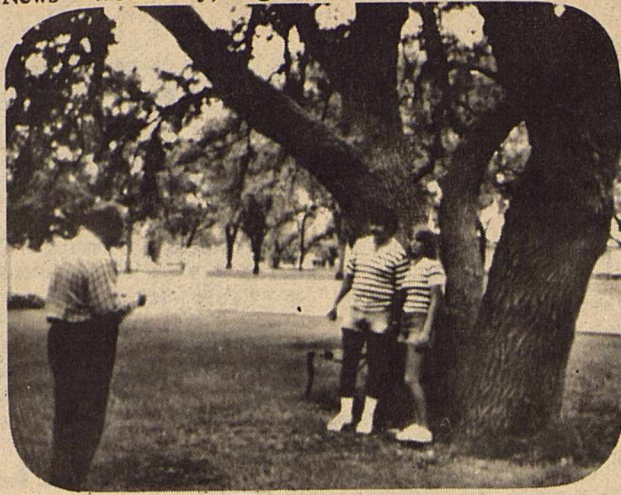


"What can the Chamber of Commerce do for Sonora?" At Monday evenings first Sonora Chamber of Commerce membership's general meeting, members discussed specific projects to accomplish this year. West Texas Chamber of Commerce director John Barnes offered suggestions to the Sonora group for improving their services to the community.

Courthouse Scene of Guerra Wedding

Miss Tammy Clodette Domm and Heriberto Guerra, Jr., were married August 1 by Peace Justice Mat Admas on the lawn of the Sutton County Courthouse.

Both Miss Domm and Guerra are residents of Corpus Christi and were married by Adams after obtaining a license from Nueces County July 31.



Flood Victims Helped by Sonorans

In response to calls from the community, clothing donations for victims of the recent flood disaster are being received locally, according to the Rev. Jim Miles, President of the local Ministerial Alliance. These items will be distributed through the Salvation Army. They should be boxed and taken to the 'stage' in the basement of the United Methodist Church this week.

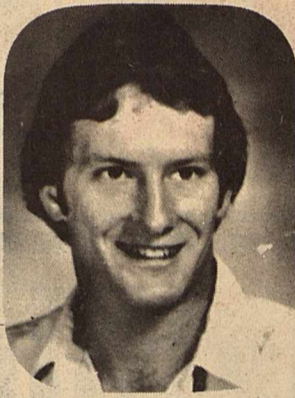
Clay Hicks Participates in Leadership School

Clayton B. Hicks of the Texas Beta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and a Sophomore at Texas Christian Univ. is taking an active part in the fraternity's 44th National Leadership School at the Levere Memorial Temple in Evanston, Illinois.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lin Hicks of Sonora. Clay is majoring in physical education and was voted best pledge in his pledge class.

Some 400 undergraduates from every section of the United States are attending the 1978 school. Faculty members, also drawn from all parts of the county, provide a broad background of experience and know-how.

Under the direction of Dr. Richard L. Moore, director of leadership training, the leadership school offers a four-day session of intensive training in all phases of sound chapter operation.



Local Students at Conservation Camp

Mary Samanlego and Jane Ramirez of Sonora and Linda Luna of Edinburg were among the 120 students

who took part in an eight week Youth Conservation Corps Camp held at Angelo State University.

Sgt. Villarreal Promoted

Marine Sergeant Humberto Villarreal, son of Jessie and Carmen Villarreal of 202 St. Ann's Ave., Sonora, Tex., has

been selected as Noncommissioned officer of the Quarter for Schools Battalion, Marine Corps, Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Villarreal was chosen from among all the enlisted personnel assigned to the command, and was cited for his outstanding performance of duty, proficiency, leadership, initiative and military bearing during the first quarter of 1978.

He joined the Marine Corps in August 1974.

Happy Birthday

Thursday, August 10

- Sam Allison
- Mrs. Elmer Wilson
- Mrs. Alvis Johnson
- Lea Allison
- Mrs. Candace Allert
- Mary Beth Hill
- Flaire Lane
- Mrs. Jack Hearn, Jr.
- Adrian Noriega

Friday, August 11

- Mrs. Edwin Sawyer
- Anna Mesa

Saturday, August 12

- Maria R. Hernandez
- Louis Olenick

Sunday, August 13

- Mrs. Giles Hill
- Ben Cooper

Monday, August 14

- Joe Friess
- Mrs. Harry Templeton

Tuesday, August 15

- Richard E. Cooper
- Connie Gutierrez
- Mrs. Alvin Hollmig

Wednesday, August 16

- Bill Ratliff
- Randy Wuest
- Rebecca Henderson

Mata to Wed Lozano

Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel H. Mata, Sr. of San Angelo, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Miss Jeannie Mata to Cleo Lozano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Lozano of Sonora.

The couple plans to be married November 4 in San Angelo.

Reflections

by Rev. Jim Miles

Within a month our youngsters will climb out of the swimming pools, off their horses and bicycles and as school bells mark the inauguration of another school year the summer of '78 will be history.

Once again, for about eight hours a day they will be under the care of another group of mentors. My concern, as a minister and a parent, is that we place too much of a burden on those dedicated folks who teach and administer to our offspring.

It seems that we have had, in recent years, a tendency to default in our own obligation, deferring to others to provide what, in fact, we should offer ourselves. By this I do not mean to imply that we should take the place of public schools. I simply mean that we should not cease to impart to our

children that which we know and believe.

It is simply not the task of the public school to provide all that is necessary for the complete education of the child. We as parents must impart moral values, and respect for human life and dignity.

We are the ones who should discipline our children at home, so they will know how to have respect for teachers and receive discipline at school. Our attitudes very much determine whether a child will be receptive to or in resistance to that which is offered within the school system.

As we prepare for another school year, I thank God for those dedicated men and women who teach, administer, and work in our schools. I pray to God that my actions as a parent will facilitate their jobs and not make them more difficult.

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<p>First United Methodist Church Rev. Paul Terry, pastor Church School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Church of Christ Ralph Weinholt, Sr., Minister Bible School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Youth Group 5:00 p.m. Sunday Eve. 6:00 p.m. Wed. Services 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>St. Ann's Catholic Church Rev. Louis B. Moeller Sat. Vigil Mass 7 p.m. Sunday Masses 8 a.m. 10 a.m. Holy Day Mass 7 p.m.</p>	<p>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian The Rev. Jim Miles Sunday: Church School 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. (Communion on first Sunday of each month) Inquirer's Class 7:30 p.m. (Session and Diaconate meet at 7:30 on the 3rd Wed. of each month)</p>

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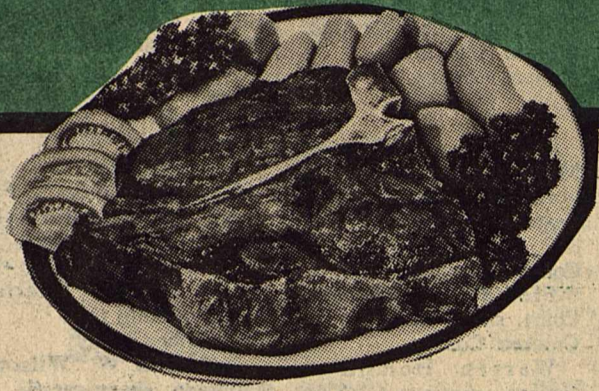
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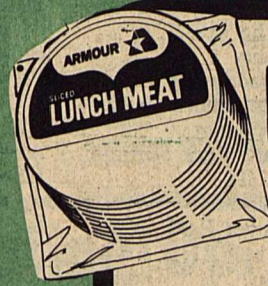


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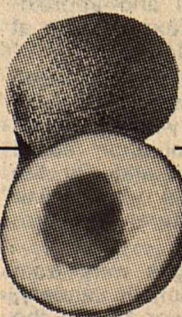
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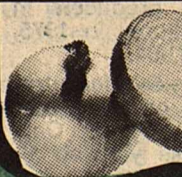
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Statewide Screwworm Cases Rise

Some slowing of the number of positive samples from Texas animals arriving at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Screwworm Eradication Program lab became evident in late July.

Dr. James E. Novy, Acting Program Director, says seven Texas counties, Floyd, Coke, Reagan, Bosque, Edwards, Real, Medina—recorded their first 1978 cases during the first half of July. A total of

141 cases for the month brought the total to 235 in 43 counties.

"A big share of the positive samples arriving at the lab in late July were from the Big Bend area," says Novy. El Paso County, with 26 confirmed cases, has the most recorded infestations.

A continuing buildup of screwworms seems to be occurring in Crockett County where 17 cases have been identified. Shearing of sheep and goats, with consequent nicks and minor wounds, is underway in that area. This may lead to an increasing screwworm population.

Arizona has recorded 1893 screwworm cases this year, California 35, and New Mexico's total is at 439.

It has been more than four weeks since a screwworm sample from the Live Oak-Bee County, Texas, area has been identified in the lab.

Dr. Novy cites hot and dry July weather, combined with sterile fly treatment of known infested areas, as possible reasons for the slowdown in cases.

"This may change rapidly if heavy rains soak the ranges," he says.

R.A. Bloodworth, Silver City, cattle-dehorning (1) Edwards County
Bill Wall, Rock Springs, goat-horn (1) Crockett County
Bill Hoover Est., Ozona, cattle-navel (1); Frank McMullan, Jr., Ozona, horse-shoulder (1); Warren Hemphill, Sonora, sheep-mouth (1); Joe L. Clayton,

Ozona, sheep-under eye, wound (3); Chas. E. Davidson III, Ozona, sheep eye (1).

Bosque County
Jodie Pederson, Clifton, calf-navel (1).
Borden County
John R. Anderson, Gail, cattle-cancer eye (1) Coll. Rusty Jadon Hudspeth County

C.R. Bramblett, Clint, cattle-brand (1); Mrs. J.D. Bramblett, Sierra Blanca, cattle-wire cut (1).
Presidio County
Curtis Evans, Marfa, horse-penis (1) Coll. Ray Allen, DVM; Francis Howard, Marfa, cattle-wound (1).

Sterling County
Reed & Stewart, Sterling City, dog-fight (1) Coll. Nolan Stewart; L.C. Clary, Water Valley, sheep snake bite (1); Reynolds

Foster, Silver City, cattle-eye (1).

El Paso County
Raymond Bonilla, El Paso, dog-ear (1) Coll. Dr. A.B. Ellis, DVM; H&D Dairy Inc., Clint, calf-dehorning, ear tag (2)
Raul Loya, Robt. Bryson; Mike Justiss, El Paso, dog-puncture (1) Coll. Dr. R.D. Morrow, DVM; Luis Navarro, El Paso, dog-unk (1) Coll. A.B. Ellis.
Sutton County
Philip Jacoby, Sonora, sheep-docking (1) Lynn County

Post. Montgomery, Tahoka, cattle-cancer eye (1) Coll. Mike Diggs; Martin & Mimms Farms, Tahoka, cattle-castration (1) Coll. Luther Breuer.
Jeff Davis County
Pancho Granado, Ft. Davis, horse-wire cut (1); Dale H. Dorn, Kent,

cattle-flank (2) Coll. Charles Donaldson; H.E. Sproull, Ft. Davis cattle-navel (3); McIvor & McIvor, Ft. Davis, cattle-navel, docking (2); Mrs. J.W. Friend, Ft. Davis, cattle-navel (1).

Irion County
Canning & Wales, Mertzon, calf-navel (1) Howard County
L.E. Hamlin, Big Spring, cattle-dehorn (1) Glasscock County
Joseph Burns, Garden City, cattle-navel (1); David S. Burns, Garden City, cattle-navel (1).
Pecos County
Milton Puckett, Ft. Stockton, cattle-castration (1); Lewis & Couch Rch. Co., Sanderson, lamb-leg

(1). Reagan County
Jack, Ham, Big Lake, sheep-horn; Theron K. Weatherby, Big Lake, goat-castration (1).
Brewster County

A.A. Green, Alpine, cattle-navel (1) Culberson County
Reynolds Cattle Co., Kent, cattle-unk (1) Coll. Alferdo Navarette Menard County

Fitzhugh - Straus, Menard, cattle-navel, dehorning (2) Sam Holland Texas Cases Reported July 31

Concho County
Fred W. Dobson, Van Court, sheep-ear (1) Crockett County
Warren Hemphill, Sonora, goat-eye (1) Coll. C.C. Brosig El Paso County

H&D Dairy, Clint, cattle dehorn (1) Coll. Bill Hering Hudspeth County

Mrs. J.D. Bramblett, Sierra Blanca, cattle-castration, dehorn, navel, horse (5)

Glasscock County
Batla Bros., Garden City, swine-leg (1) Jeff Davis County

L.R. French, Jr., Ft. Davis, cattle-cut (1) Andy Prude; K.G. Thompson, Ft. Davis, cattle-cancer eye (1) Dr. C. Edwards, DVM.

Pecos County
Rex Carpenter, Ft. Davis, horse-pastern (1) Dr. C. Edwards, DVM

Presidio County
Bill Sudduth, Marfa, sheep-docking (1) Schleicher County
Raymond W. Wilson, Eldorado, sheep-ear (1) Sterling County
Curtis Wilson, Sterling City, cattle-castration, sheep-head (1)

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Brine Dumped in Corpus Bay

Discharge of oil and gas field brine into bays in the Corpus Christi area has had no appreciable effect on water quality in that area, an environmental scientist told a Railroad Commission hearing July 31.

The testimony came in the second day of a Commission-called hearing to review the disposition of oil and gas field brines in tidal waters off the regulatory agency's three districts bordering on the Gulf of Mexico.

Specifically, the hearing is intended to illicit additional data with respect to the continued use of tidal disposal of oilfield brines and for the development of control needed, if any, to assure abatement of pollution that might be caused by the disposal of brines.

Michael T. Nicholas Jr.,

an environmental geologist at the Southwest Research Institute, made studies at sites in Aransas, Copano, Nueces, Corpus Christi and Red Fish Bays at the instruction of a consolidated group of 23 oil and gas operators in the area.

The 23 operators discharge about 60,000 barrels of brine per year, approximately 94 percent of all brine disposal in the bays.

Nicholas tested bay water for salinity, amount of dissolved oxygen and foreign elements such as cadmium and oil and grease material around brine disposal sites in the bays.

While there were some recorded instances of higher than usual amounts of salt and oil at the point of immediate discharge, at a distance of only 20 meters normal levels were

again present, according to Nicholas.

At no point did the oil and salt exceed recommended environmental levels, Nicholas stressed.

The scientist concluded that the discharge of brine created no adverse effect on bay waters.

Dr. Robert H. Parker, president of Coastal Ecosystems Management Inc., of Fort Worth, testified as to the results of studies he made for the same group of oil producers.

Parker surveyed the benthic community, that is, the small plant and animals which make their homes on the bottom on the bay. Benthic organisms are good indications of water pollution levels, according to Parker, since they are not mobile enough to move away from pollution sources.

Parker stated the number of Benthic Community members had actually increased since the last study of the area in 1970. Parker told examiners, Chief Engineer Bob R. Harris and Senior Legal Counsel J. Brooks

Peden of the Commission's Oil and Gas Division that the tiny sea creatures seem to be unable to live in the immediate area of disposal but return to normal levels within 75 to 100 feet of the disposal site.

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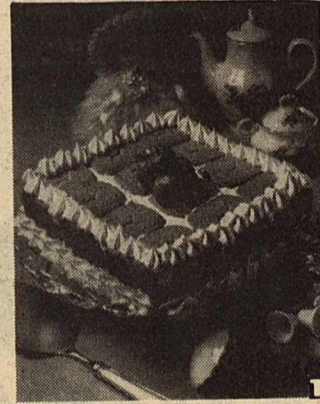
This is a dip that's easy to take—and even easier to make. Just mix five readily available ingredients and it's set to be served. The seasoning is all-in-one—a quick measure of Lea & Perrins sauce, the original Worcestershire. This sauce supplies a mellow blend of soy, vinegar, molasses, onions, garlic, anchovies, tamarind and a collection of spices. If you're lucky enough to have a food processor, the preparation is even quicker and easier yet. And, of course, a dip of this type, designed for crisp, raw carrots, cucumbers, celery, zucchini, snap beans or tomatoes, promotes healthful snacking. This particular recipe can be made days ahead and refrigerated—ready for instant entertaining.

DEVILED CHEESE DIP

- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 can (4-1/2 oz.) deviled ham
- 1 tablespoon minced onion
- 1-1/2 tablespoons original Worcestershire sauce
- Assorted raw vegetables

In a medium bowl stir cream cheese with milk until smooth. Stir in deviled ham, onion and Worcestershire sauce. Serve as a dip for raw vegetables such as zucchini and carrot slices cut on the diagonal, celery sticks, cherry tomatoes, etc. Yield: 1-1/2 cups.

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FROZEN ORANGE CAKE

- 2 bags (6-3/4 ounces each) Pepperidge Farm Bordeaux Cookies
- 1 env. unflavored gelatin
- 1 can (6 ounces) frozen concentrated orange juice, thawed and undiluted
- 2 cups (1 pint) heavy cream, whipped
- 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup finely chopped maraschino cherries
- Garnish—whipped cream and strawberries

Line a 9x9x2-inch pan with foil, allowing excess to hang over sides. Use enough cookies to line sides and bottom of pan. In saucepan mix gelatin and orange juice. Stir over low heat until gelatin is dissolved. Chill until mixture is cold but not thickened. Fold in cream, pecans and cherries. Spoon half of cream mixture into pan. Top with remaining cookies. Freeze until hard. Remove cake from pan using excess foil to pull out cake. Cut into serving-size pieces while still frozen. Garnish with whipped cream and strawberries, let stand 20 minutes before serving. Makes one 9-inch-square cake.



Peppers are good sources of vitamin C.

Texas Oil & Gas...

More Texas Drilling Helps Gas Situation

By H.B. (Hank) Harkins, President, Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association

The effect of federal price controls and uncontrolled prices on drilling and development in Texas is reflected in the latest estimates of the state's natural gas and crude oil reserves:

Texas' natural gas reserves did not drop as fast last year as they have annually during the past decade. The rate of decline for the 2.5-trillion cubic feet (Tcf) drop in 1977 was 3.8-percent. That compares with an annual average decline of 9.2-percent in the four previous years.

But, crude oil reserves last year dropped 759-million barrels—some nine-percent—compared with a six-percent average annual decline during the previous six years.

Appraisals by the American Petroleum Institute and the American Gas Association list slightly less than 8.5-billion barrels of crude oil and approximately 62.2-Tcf of natural gas in Texas' fields at the end of last year.

As the free market price for natural gas produced and sold for use in Texas increased in the 1973-1977 period, Texas producers responded with increased drilling. They set a new gas well completion record every year in an effort to meet demand. By the March-May quarter of 1977, Texans were using nearly 68-percent of the state's natural gas production.

The average price of intrastate gas went from 14-cents per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) in January, 1973, to an average price of \$1.04 per Mcf in the March-May, 1977, quarter. In 1974, producers in Texas made 1,843 gas well completions; in 1975, 2,135; in 1976, 2,443, and last year, 3,064.

In contrast to the free market that exists for intrastate gas, about 90-percent of Texas' crude oil production remains under federal price controls. Only production from stripper wells, those yielding 10 barrels or less of oil per day, is exempt.

The higher price allowed for so-called "new" or upper tier oil helped stimulate drilling for oil last year. The oil well completion total of 6,533 was the highest in 13 years. But, this was far short of the annual average of more than 11,000 completions during the 1950s, when reserves averaged 14.7-billion barrels.

As Texans look toward their future energy needs, which must be satisfied from today's oil and gas reserves, they are seeing a demonstration of the power of the economic incentive provided by a free market. Oil men expect a turnaround in energy supplies when Congress learns this lesson.

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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas will meet at 9:00 O'Clock a.m. on August 15, 1978 at the City Hall for the purpose of determining the possible uses of revenue sharing funds, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1978.
The public is invited to be present and participate in said meeting.
(Mrs.) Patricia D. Robbins
City Secretary 2649

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Card of Thanks
I would like to thank the people who have helped make this year's Pony League program a success. This includes the parents who provided rides to and from the ballgames, the players who were willing to work in the heat of every day and gave 250% every time they touched the field, and the sponsors (Bible Welders, S & S Casing Crew and City Concrete), who provided the money to get us started.

A special thanks also goes to the merchants of Sonora who donated money for the trophies and equipment for the 1st Annual Sonora Pony League Tournament.
Thanks again,
Chip Savell

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LOST...our black Doberman, Nikki, no tags, needs medication to survive...only 9 months old...please help us find our dog. Call 387-5679...reward.

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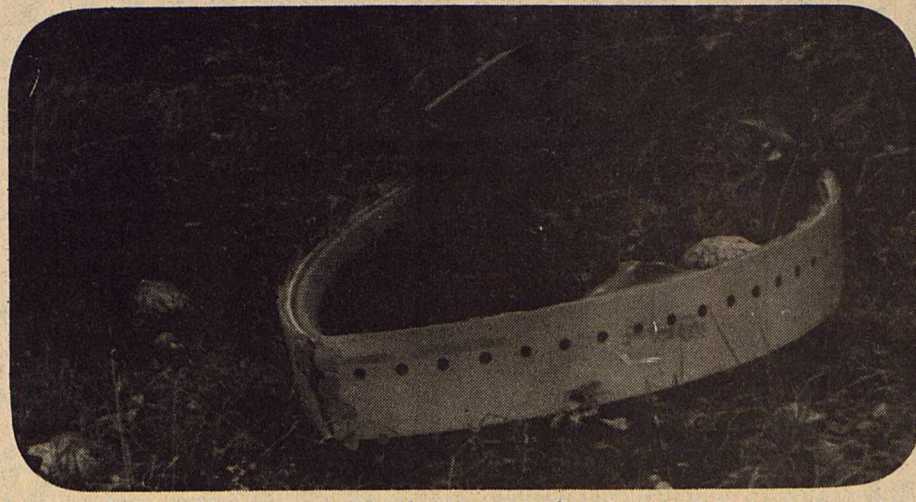
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More T-38 Crash Photos



A piece of the T-38 canopy survives the impact and explosion of the aircraft accident last Wednesday night on the Bill Whitehead Ranch. Laughlin AFB spokesmen say a team of officers will conduct a thorough investigation of the accident, which claimed the lives of the two crewmen.



One of the larger pieces of the T-38 remaining from the aircraft accident is a section of the landing gear. Small fragments of the aircraft were strewn over a half-mile long stretch north of the impact site.



Air Force helicopter hovers over the crash site on the Bill Whitehead Ranch following last Wednesday's T-38 crash.

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Weight Advantages of New vs. Older Home When Buying

Before buying a home, weigh the advantages of a new vs. an older home, suggests (Miss) Sarah Mahon, County Extension Agent.

A new house will appreciate more in value than an older one, it will not need repairs or

improvements as soon, and it will likely be more functional she says.

On the other hand, the initial cost is usually higher and the grounds may need landscaping. When buying a new home, you may choose from a builders inventory or have one custom built. Custom built homes cost more, but the buyers can select the features they want.

generally provide more space for the dollar and supply "character" which is often lacking in new houses, the agent continues.

Before buying an old home, carefully inspect the structure and mechanical systems.

However, structurally sound older homes may be located in deteriorating neighborhoods, so take this into consideration.

Whether buying a new or older house, avoid one that does not blend in with others in the neighborhood.

Weather

Compiled by Pat Brown

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
July 25		99	68
July 26		96	68
July 27	.55	100	66
July 28		92	64
July 29		90	69
July 30	.10	91	67
July 31	.75	90	65
August 1		88	67
August 2	.12	78	69
August 3		87	68
August 4		89	66
August 5		88	65
August 6	.03	87	64
August 7		92	63

An older house will

Bridge Winners

Lottie Puckett and Fred Adkins of Sonora were first place winners at the Angora Bridge club in Rocksprings July 22. It had been previously reported that the bridge team took third place.

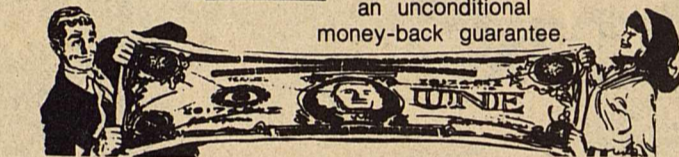
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20	105	34,762	2,674	1,337
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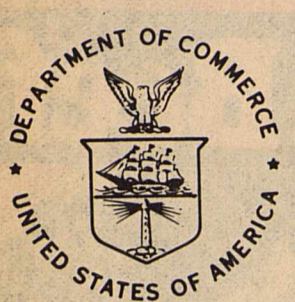
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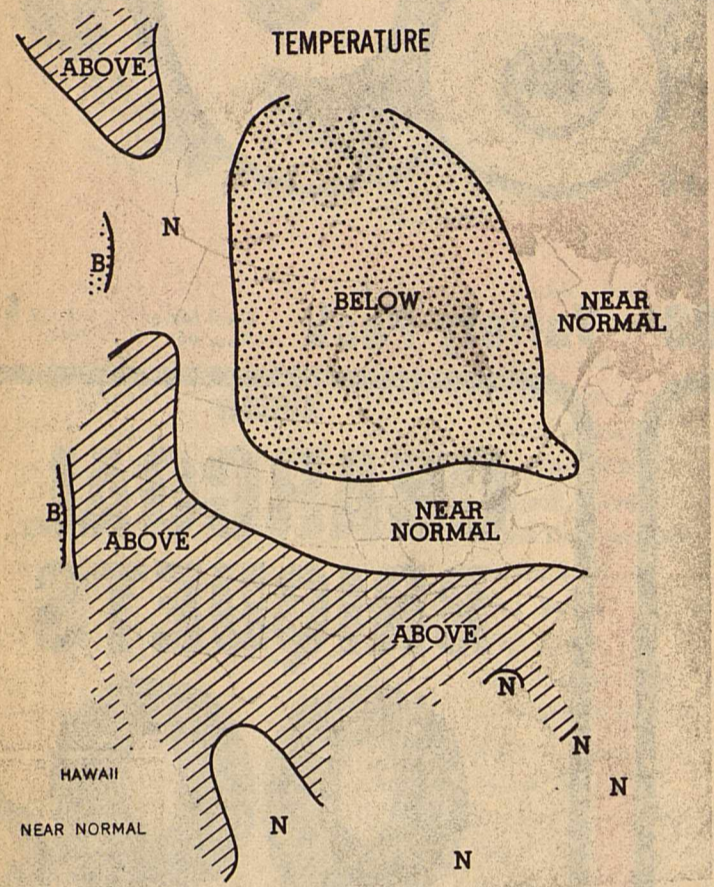


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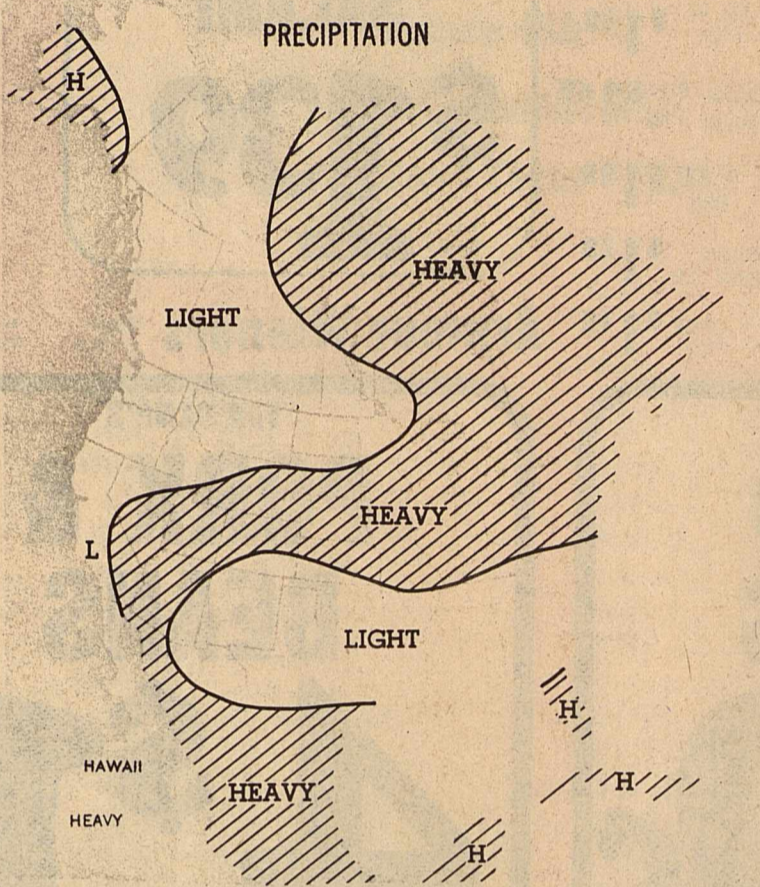
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Glen Fisher's Wool and Mohair Report

This week we will discuss purity, shrinkage or yield, and style as they relate to pricing of mohair. Purity refers both to defect and kempy or colored fibers that might be found in the mohair. Defect in mohair takes in several different things. The worst defect in terms of price discounts come from clover burrs, grass burrs, and cockleburs. All of these are very difficult to comb out of the mohair causing breakage and waste thus reducing the amount of clean mohair that can be used out of the original weight.

Other impurities or defects include horehound and needlegrass particularly in the fall clip. In many cases, a small amount of extra effort at the shearing pen can keep the grower from having his entire clip docked at selling. Sound range management can also help in reducing the defect or preventing it from getting into the hair. Of course, it is sometimes impossible to avoid the various defects.

Kemp is a result of larger off colored fibers being present and is an inherited characteristic that should be a basis for culling replacements. Mohair with kempy fibers or crossbred mohair can be used and usually is sold at good prices so it is important to separate it and label it properly so that the entire clip is not contaminated.

Most Texas mohair yields about 75-80% clean mohair after scouring. Yield or shrinkage is not nearly as important in mohair as it is in wool but nonetheless plays a role in final grease price determination.

Style of mohair refers to the waviness and overall appearance of the locks. For show purposes it is fairly important, but in a practical sense not much attention is paid to style. If the mohair is matted [called sheepy] then it is somewhat less desirable than locks that are easily separated and thus easy to comb. Luster as a part of style also plays a small role in price determination. Hopefully the mohair will have a high luster or shiny appearance since this is one of the highly desirable traits that separates mohair from other fibers and makes it in strong demand for apparel uses.

Cattle Prices Drop Sharply

What is the cattle price outlook for the remainder of 1978? Producers and consumers have watched cattle prices decline sharply and the market react violently during the past several weeks, notes Dr. Edward Uvacek, Jr., livestock marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Uvacek points out that fed cattle prices dropped from the \$62 per hundredweight level of early June to the \$50 level by mid-month. Feeder prices showed a similar drop.

"The sharp decline resulted from simultaneous reaction to several distinct factors: consumer resistance to high retail beef prices, weakness in the commodity futures market, increases in beef supplies, and the psychological effect of the government's announcement of increased allowable beef imports for the year," Uvacek explains.

Although some price recovery occurred in July, many producers are still concerned about the outlook for the remainder of 1978. Uvacek, also an associate professor in Texas A&M University's Department of Agricultural Economics, adds.

He points out that some forecasts, including that of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, look for further improvement in the third quarter of the year, with some weakness in the fourth quarter. The real key to their forecasts, however, is an estimated 7 percent decrease in beef production for the second half of the year. The USDA analysis places the average price of U.S. choice fed steers in Omaha during the July-September period at \$55-\$57 per hundredweight. Price predictions for similar cattle in the fourth quarter are \$54-\$56.

Uvacek's view of third quarter beef supplies is not quite as encouraging. He expects only 2 percent less beef production and larger pork, broiler and turkey supplies.

"Total red meat and poultry production could be up 1 1/2 to 2 percent from a year ago. That would be the largest production of the year and undoubtedly would limit price recovery," he contends.

Fourth quarter estimates point toward a somewhat improved supply situation, Uvacek says.

"Recovery during that period seems highly likely," he believes.

The specialist's cattle price outlook includes these specific forecasts:

Amarillo choice fed cattle-price recovery foreseen during the early part of the July-September quarter. Increased pressure as the August-September period is approached. Lowest prices expected during either September or October, with recovery beyond that point on into 1979. The July-September price average should be about \$49.50-\$51.50 per hundredweight, and the October-December average is expected to be from \$50-\$52.

Amarillo choice feeder cattle-prices should follow almost exactly the same seasonal pattern as fed cattle. Larger marketings of feeder animals are likely just when feedlot losses are probable. Some price weakness is expected into the September-October period, with recovery after that. Choice 600 to 700-pound feeder steers should average \$50-\$52 per hundredweight in July-September, and \$50.50-\$52.50 per hundredweight in the final quarter of 1978.

ASCS Announces Program

by Norma Love
ASCS Office announces important changes in the Emergency Feed Program. All producers are reminded that eligibility begins the date of sign-up. Feed purchased before sign-up will be eligible for assistance provided the producer still has this feed on hand and has the receipt for this feed. If feed purchased before sign-up has already been fed, it is not eligible for assistance.

Another change in the program is that no assistance will be given on salt or mineral blocks.

Ranchers are also reminded that feed receipts must contain the following: signature of seller, date of purchase, and the amount, kind, and price of feed.

A final date for submitting sales documents has been set. These documents must be turned in within 30 days following the end of the feeding period. If sales documents are not submitted during this time, the County Committee shall notify the applicant that no assistance will be paid on such documents unless they are submitted within 15 days.

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Horse Owners Beware

Horse owners should be aware that the Western Equine Encephalomyelitis (sleeping sickness) virus has been isolated from mosquitoes at 21 different areas of the Texas Gulf Coast between Kleberg and Orange Counties, says Clint Langford, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Serious outbreaks of Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis have already taken place in Florida as well as the Dominican Republic," Clint adds.


Horse owners who have not already done so may want to contact their veterinarians to schedule vaccination for all colts, mares, geldings, stallions, ponies and mules, the county agent adds.

The county Extension agent emphasizes that vaccinations must be repeated each year to give proper immunity.

It is possible to give Eastern, Western and Venezuelan Encephalomyelitis vaccines--along with tetanus--as a single combined vaccine.

"It is much cheaper to prevent a disease than to treat an infected animal, since these diseases do not respond to antibiotic treatments," Langford comments.

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Abalas, Willie	\$51.55	Coronado, Julio	26.46	Fonzales, Marcas	12.89	Mata, Gabriel Sr.	69.50	Ryder, Albert C.	27.76
Aldridge, T.R.	8.02	Coronado, Manuel	141.00	Gonzales, Santiago	570.75	Mata, Robert Sr.	220.94	Salinas, Leroy	29.57
Alexander, Et Al	12.10	Couch, Jack	115.35	Gonzales, Telesforo	176.59	Mata, Samuel	58.33	Samaniego, Enemencio	363.61
Archer, Francis	117.32	Couch, Jimmy	115.35	Goodale, Benjamin A.	3.01	Maverick Boot Company	11.88	Samaniego, Louis	390.99
Arevalo, Simon Sr.	21.28	Couch, Richard	18.62	Goodwyn, Jim	57.13	Maxey, Carl L.	3.55	Samaniego, Tomas Jr.	27.50
Arredondo, Irene	31.79	Crawford, R.D.	151.36	Green, Kay	24.77	McCombs, Mattie Lo	6.73	Sanchez, Arturo & Brenda	263.30
Arredondo, Natividad Jr.	204.49	Crosson, James	5.15	Griffis, W.A. Jr.	6.29	McCollum, Jimmy Don	106.65	Sanchez, Catrina	95.42
Arredondo, Natividad Jr.	284.80	D&D Tire Company	53.34	Guerra, Eliso	29.35	McCoy, Janie Faye Hill	36.42	San Miguel, Mary Lou	54.47
Avila, Hilberto	77.23	Davis, Brent	38.95	Gunn, Harry L.	1.29	McDonald, Barbara	187.16	Santos, Conrado	215.97
Avila, Pablo	142.52	Day, Robert	50.97	Gutierrez, Encarnacio	4.52	McDonald, Lucile B.	3.01	Santos, Incento G.	836.59
Babcock, Kenneth K.	90.50	Day, Robert	66.58	Guzman, Lorenzo	34.27	Meador, Edward F.	1.43	Santos, Ramon & Reginald	299.38
Baker, Louise W.	33.37	Deats Liquid Feed	133.31	Haines, Ann Hull	23.06	Medina, Gilberto	23.26	Saunders, Alan	81.16
Baker, Richard	5.30	Dishman, William D.	4.72	Haines, Cris	182.72	Mendez, Juan	435.12	Schatz, Frank	23.62
Bales, Mike	38.13	Draper, Charley	17.89	Hallman, G.B.	418.68	Merck, Jake	684.23	Sentell, Sears	334.61
Barker, Jack	240.42	Dreyer Music Co.	8.16	Haney, E.W.	18.18	Merck, Jake	90.53	Sheppard, Floyd	57.13
Barrera, Antonio	75.13	Ducette, Y.J. & Eliz. M.	12.90	Harper, Ben A.	3.45	Mid Co. Energy	2,300.35	Short, Steve	158.93
Barron, Juan	52.55	Dulin, Walt	48.18	Harper, Jack H.	3.62	Mitchell, Bill	21.05	Shurley, David D. Jr.	1,597.70
Barron, Juan	51.88	Dungan, Margaret	26.63	Harrington, Frank	36.80	Mitchell, Clark	24.90	Shurley, Marvin Foster	311.21
Bartholomew, Paul	322.84	Dunn, J.T.	74.93	Harris, E.L.	18.32	Mitchell, Elmo	10.31	Shurley, Mason David	801.64
Barton, James R.	34.72	Duran, Catarina Estate	224.00	Hawkins, Ronald	30.49	Mobile Oil Corp.	116.26	Sikes, Tommy	68.71
Bateman, Ty	51.55	Duran Santos	201.16	Hearn, Jack Jr.	55.66	Mobley, W.H.	245.18	Simmons, Clifton	6.78
Bautista Grocery	65.75	Edwards, Tonya King	12.46	Hernandez, Chris	19.83	Money, H.M.	108.81	Simmons, Mrs. H.T.	24.69
Bautista, Vicente	313.29	Eidelback, Mark A. Jr.	24.20	Hernandez, Felipe & Engracia	131.85	Mormon, John	40.38	Simmons, Sue Hull	14.34
Beresky, Jimmy K.	71.45	Espinosa, Jose Jr.	54.41	Hernandez, Felipe & Engracia	37.06	Morrow, John Tarlton Jr.	3.92	Simmons, Tifton	38.99
Bergland, Lawrence	89.16	Espinosa, Manuel	33.72	Hernandez, Policarpin	15.17	Moten, Charles E.	47.77	Slater, Wm. P.	176.41
Berkley, Charles W.	229.24	Esquivel, Mrs. Jose A.	17.86	Hernandez, Raul	16.17	Mullin, John W.	12.36	Smith, Kenneth	16.90
Berkley, Kenneth	66.38	Faircloth, Hugh	43.00	Hernandez, Mr. Simon	686.70	Necessary, Burkett	59.04	Snodgrass, Ben	22.33
Berry, James Calvin	34.93	Favela, Maria del R.	51.99	Herrera, Dora Mendez	59.42	Necessary, Mrs. Joseph R.	29.06	Snyder, D.R.	47.96
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Blalock, Jessie Laura	94.77	Fish, Bill	43.96	Holder, Larry	43.36	Noriega, Jesus Jr.	317.08	Stephenson, G.G. Est.	448.99
Bloodworth, Lloyd P. III	77.04	Fitzgerald, Ronnie	51.21	Hollebeck, Wm. D.	23.09	Noriega, Victor	77.73	Stephenson, T.L.	1.14
Boffa, Julia Morrow	3.45	Fleming, John C.	48.91	Hollmig, Mrs. Lula Est.	470.73	Norman, Arnold	42.04	Stewart, Claburn	97.65
Bowen Katy	133.40	Flores, Oscar	21.48	Hulsey, Roy	141.02	Norsworthy, C.L. Jr.	632.53	Sublett, Pete & Co.	35.94
Boyle, Frank Harold	3.01	Flores, Simona F.	103.81	Hume, Orville W.	16.61	O'Brien, Mary	60.11	Swindell, David	220.31
Boyle, John Oliver	3.01	Fowler, Lloyd Roger	105.96	Hurt, Don	55.10	Oliver, Idabeth C.	5.86	Swindell, Owen	7.93
Boyle, William K.	3.01	Frankenstein, M.E.	639.35	International Soc. of Christian Endeavor	27.76	Ortega, Carlos S.	37.65	Swyter, Marvin	29.93
Braden, Pat	9.88	Fred, Walter L.	34.79	Ivey, Cecil	21.19	Ozuna, Henry	292.34	Tafollo, Santa A.	18.76
Bradshaw, Mrs. Maybelle B.	167.71	Fredrick, Don	94.20	Jackson, Helena E.	1.14	Pace, Frankie Jr.	38.95	Taylor, Billy Wright	151.02
Brain, Jimmy M.	46.17	French, B.E.	40.80	Jackson, Jack	41.95	Parker, A.G.	18.76	Taylor, John E./Anna C.	12.36
Brown, Buddy	58.73	Frontier Lounge	50.93	Jackson Oil Corp.	31.43	Parkerson Estate	171.81	Thiers, Otto Jr.	12.31
Brown, H.L.	329.94	Frost, Demova K.	914.98	Jacobs, Bill	18.76	Patlan, Manuel	27.92	Thomas, Roger	30.36
Brown, Louis Estate	46.12	Fullen, Nancy K.	33.22	Johnson, Marvel M.	117.50	Patrick, Dim	4.15	Thomson, Edward/Lelia	27.76
Bruns, Leon	35.80	Furche, W.L.	44.81	Jolly, Bill	33.22	Pearson, Anna L.	84.48	Thompson, Lano	103.66
C.R.C.	480.11	Galindo, Elena Estate	151.71	Jones, Mrs. G.J.	482.00	Penley, James P.	73.15	Thompson, Mrs. S.E.	81.95
Calderon, Antonio & Emma	7.34	Galindo, Hilaria L.	362.41	Jump, David	39.32	Perez, Celestino	26.00	Thompson Texaco	97.66
Camp, W.J.	45.24	Galindo, Mario Mrs.	52.55	King, Taylor	101.02	Perez, Richard C.	68.63	Thorp, George	742.37
Canyon Gas Gathering Co., Inc.	21.57	Galindo, Moises & Maria	49.24	Kotzya, Fred F.	5.86	Perez, Tomasa	11.31	Toerck, Henry	27.06
Caraway, Frank Drig. Co.	1,439.25	Gallegos, Louis	2.29	Kratz, Benjamin M. & G.I.	12.36	Phelps, Gary	68.89	Tom's Casing Crews	357.04
Cartwright, B.E.	21.48	Gallegos, Louis	98.64	Lang, Cliff	14.46	Pritchard, Ray	88.27	Torres, Johnnie	56.41
Casparis, John	55.95	Galvan, Felix	4.30	Lee, Joe	35.80	Quick, R.C.	40.30	Torres, Reynoldo	89.64
Cass, Charles	52.10	Galvan, Juan B.	3.86	Leiija, Maria P.	24.63	Ramirez, Esau	207.60	Trevino, Arturo	30.07
Castaneda Rafeal	63.48	Gandar, Mrs. Arturo	31.79	Lertzman, M.C./Phyllis	61.93	Ramirez, Esau III	65.71	Turner, Frederick B./E.S.	27.76
Castilleja, Ben Jr.	262.45	Gandar, Frank	190.55	Leyva, Felipe	869.73	Ramirez, Louis	34.77	Urias, Leova	115.77
Castilleja, Milton	13.89	Garcia, Bernado	229.95	Lochte, Darrell G.	32.87	Ramos, Secundino	115.91	Vallejo, Luis Z.	16.17
Castilleja, Modesta	30.36	Garcia, Geronimo C.	499.68	Lombrano, Calletano	208.67	Ray, L.P.	61.93	Vandeman & Moore	38.75
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Castillo, Victoria	235.83	Garrison, W.J.	44.59	Lopez, Guillermo	138.60	Reagan, Mary E.	24.97	Vasquez, Raul B.	56.48
Castro, Doroteo P. Sr.	5.30	Garza, Benancio H.	4.86	Lopez, Josefa Sanchez	192.30	Reaves, J.M.	8.20	Vasquez, Vivian	26.06
Castro, Louis & Elida	269.86	Garza, Cleto	126.76	Lucas, Richard	28.41	Red Barn Beauty Salon	55.95	Vaughan, R.W.	27.35
Castro, Yoidra Perez	23.81	Garza, Crespin	99.56	Luckie, Larry	105.56	Redden, Carrey	32.73	Velardez, Jesus Jr.	4.59
Cavness, Tommy	28.64	Garza, Josephine	3.58	Lumbreras, Guadalupe	11.31	Reed, E.D.	43.10	Vice Engineering & Drig. Co.	479.75
Cearley, David	56.01	Garza, Juan	18.90	Lumbreras, Reyes	140.84	Reeves, James R.	27.06	Vickers, Steve	183.95
Chambers, James A.	78.19	Garza, Pilar	82.47	Lumbreras, Rosa	294.33	Reneau Casing Serv.	357.04	Villarreal, Jose	158.65
Chance, Johnnie	166.22	Garza, Remigio Estate	152.83	Luna, Alberto	16.23	Reyna, Armando	113.11	Waldrip, Albert	118.02
Chavarria, Freddie	110.13	Garza, Salome	122.16	Luna, Alberto Jr.	31.21	Reyna, Francisco Jr.	232.65	Walker, Ollie	3.46
Chavez, Jaime	6.52	Gayton, Gloria	6.15	Luna, Ray	194.17	Reyna, Pedro	284.89	Warner, Darlene King	10.97
Chavez, Jesus	8.66	Gibbs, John L.	103.39	Maloney, Pat	9.88	Reynolds, Glenn	84.48	Weatherby, T.B.	1.29
Chavez, Margarita R.	7.70	Gilkerson, Clyde A.	84.48	Manis Charles	45.24	Rippond, John	40.38	Welter, George Amelia	7.27
Chesa Peecke Bay Gas Co.	78.33	Glasscock, Travis E.	143.76	Marlow, Gerald	183.33	Roberts, Luella	85.63	West, Delbo	52.18
Clark, Dan L.	4.72	Glasscock, Mrs. Violet	175.06	Martin, Jimmy	88.27	Roberts, Scott	10.00	White, Paul	64.64
Colton, Ralph Lena	61.93	Gomez, Elena Estate	19.90	Martin, Kenneth	8.16	Robertson, James	18.33	Whitten, William	33.22
Cone & Kerley	61.86	Gomez, Jesus & Emma	136.12	Martinez, Jesus & Elida	271.58	Robinson, Greg	30.36	Wilson, Fred Y.	128.14
Conger, Charles A.	384.29	Gomez, Pete	33.79	Martinez, Juvantino	9.30	Robledo, Eva	29.64	Win Lab Drig. Co.	748.44
Conton, Henry P.	27.76	Gonzales, Alejandro	955.48	Martinez, Lucy Garza	31.79	Rock Inn	9.74	Winn, Calvin	69.30
Cook, James L.	15.77	Gonzales, Anita	168.00	Mata, Gabriel Jr.	15.03	Rodriguez, Antonio B.	182.29	Wolcott, Oliver E. Est.	20.39
Cook, William	27.35	Gonzales, Evarista A.	202.84			Rodriguez, Francisco	43.02	Wright, Arvel D.	9.16
Cooke, Mike	165.40	Gonzales, Irene Urias	16.93			Rolls, Otis	36.80	Wright, Jean S.	3.01
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Second Thoughts

by Tom Driskell
The Foreign Bribery Act certainly indicates that the "White Horse" syndrome is rampant on Capital Hill. Ludicrous stupidity is the first reaction. Superimpose on that the bureaucratic chinese-puzzle maze which the Security Exchange Commission has created under the act's provisions and the whole show turns into a hilarious comedy—it just cannot be plain ineptitude, but must be some sort of overdrawn satire, designed to satiate

some egomaniac. The act, however, has it beneficial side. It tends to give the foreign money speculators a better view of the dollar's potential for recovery. It also provides a clear sign for the "natives" who may be inclined to sit on an accumulation of dollars. Very well, we will for the instant assume we are foreign speculators and look at the problem. The United States must buy from the Arab countries and Mexico to

meet its petroleum needs. A balance of trade (and dollar recovery) can be accomplished only if we can sell to those countries. If we are going to sell to those countries in their own territory, it is a ball game that must be played by their rules, on their field. Let us examine their traditions and peculiarities.

The Arabs since, and probably before, the time of Mohammed have understood and used the "bock-sheesh" principle—something must be given on the side. Who that has done business with the Mexicans has never encountered "pelon"? Outside the borders of the U.S., corruption (as we see it) is the name of the game. The House Ethics Committee's unsatisfactory handling of "Koreagate" makes one wonder if we can vilidly say "outside U.S. borders". The odor of endorsement of corruption is not entirely absent. The program is on the table—the game will be played on a foreign field

under foreign rules (after all it is, their money). Congress, however, has said our players (business men) cannot play by their rules. The Europeans and Asians do not have similar impediments imposed on them from home. Who is winning the game? The penalty for rules violation is no sales, or award by default to the Europeans or Japanese.

We must sell aboard to survive, or quit importing. We cannot, regardless of what Congress believes reform the world and the price for attempting and failing is the disappearance of the last glimmer of hope for human freedom, on a world wide basis (yes, here too).

The game is to be played on foreign fields under foreign rules, and the bottom line is SALES for a profit. It appears to be time for all those Congressmen who espoused free enterprise to put their money where their mouth was. Our survival cannot be left to business with so many restrictions imposed on its foreign operations from home—we must sell and we must make a profit, otherwise, as a nation, perish.

Looking at the great (by unimaginable stretch of the imagination) Energy Compromise, followed by this club-footed abomination leaves a question whether or not Contempt of Congress is a legitimately punishable offense.

Good for Sutton County

Petroleum Industry Boost

The multi-billion dollar boost that oil and gas industry operations gave to the Texas economy in 1977 was shared by the citizens of Sutton County.

The marketed value of petroleum production in the county has been calculated at \$61.4-million in an economic activity profile of the state's top producing counties prepared by the Dallas-based Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

"Texas' oil and gas industry remains the cornerstone of the economy of the state and of many of its counties," said

the Association's president, H.B. (Hank) Harkins, Alice, independent producer and drilling company executive.

"It is imperative that the state maintain taxing and regulatory policies which will encourage the growth of this industry."

Sutton was one of the 201 counties last year which produced petroleum with a marketed value of \$100,000 or more. The county ranked 69th in the estimated total value of petroleum produced.

The Association has computed that some \$2-million came from the production of 220,100 barrels of crude oil, with approximately \$59.4-

million attributed to an output of 65.7-million MCF of natural gas. Payments last year to owners of royalty in the county were calculated at \$7.7-million.

While paying local, county and state property taxes, producers in the county also helped support state government through production tax payments estimated at \$4.5-million. This included \$91,500 from crude oil output, \$4.5 million from natural gas.

According to the Texas Employment Commission, during 1977 some 624 employees worked for the industry in the county. The reported payroll a-

mounted to an estimated \$9.2-million.

The search for additional petroleum continued in Sutton County last year. Oil and gas developers spent an estimated \$33.5-million in the drilling of 197 wells, including seven classified as wildcats.

Some \$6.4-million of that amount was lost in 52 dry holes. The 145 strikes included three oil wells and 142 gas wells.

Processing also contributed to the county's petroleum-related economy through the operation of the three natural gasoline processing plants with a combined daily capacity of 90-million cubic feet.

Brazos River Gas Co. Customers Get Refunds

The Railroad Commission July 31 ordered the Brazos River Gas Co. to make refunds to approximately 12,000 of its customers in North Central Texas for excessive rates which the Commission determined the utility has charged for nearly two years.

The Commission's action, recommended by Hearings Examiner Phyllis B. Schunck, came at the regular weekly conference on Gas Utility Division matters.

The order, directing refunds and more accurate monthly reports from the utility, was unanimously approved by Chairman Mack Wallace and Commissioners Jon Newton and John H. Poerner. Brazos River Gas is directed under the order to

include a minimum ten percent amount for lost and unaccounted for gas in the company's cost of gas and gas cost adjustment clauses to customers.

The company further had failed to file certified monthly reports to the Gas Utilities Division showing the amount of any increase or decrease from the base rate schedules authorized by the Commission, she cited.

The utility, said Schunck, had incorrectly interpreted the Commission's orders to include lost and unaccounted for gas in its charges to customers. This is the amount Brazos will be held liable for refunding to customers, Schunck said.

In addition to the excessive rates, she said, evidence presented at the

hearing revealed that the utility had been charging less than authorized rates to its commercial customers.

Schunck reported that Brazos River Gas' reason for setting its own commercial rates was that the utility felt the Commission did not have the jurisdiction to set commercial rates. Monday's order also directs Brazos to readjust its commercial rates immediately. Under the order, Brazos is also directed to file quarterly reports to the Commission showing the progress of the refund, including the amount of the refund made to each class of customers, the amount remaining, and the date on which the refund shall be complete.

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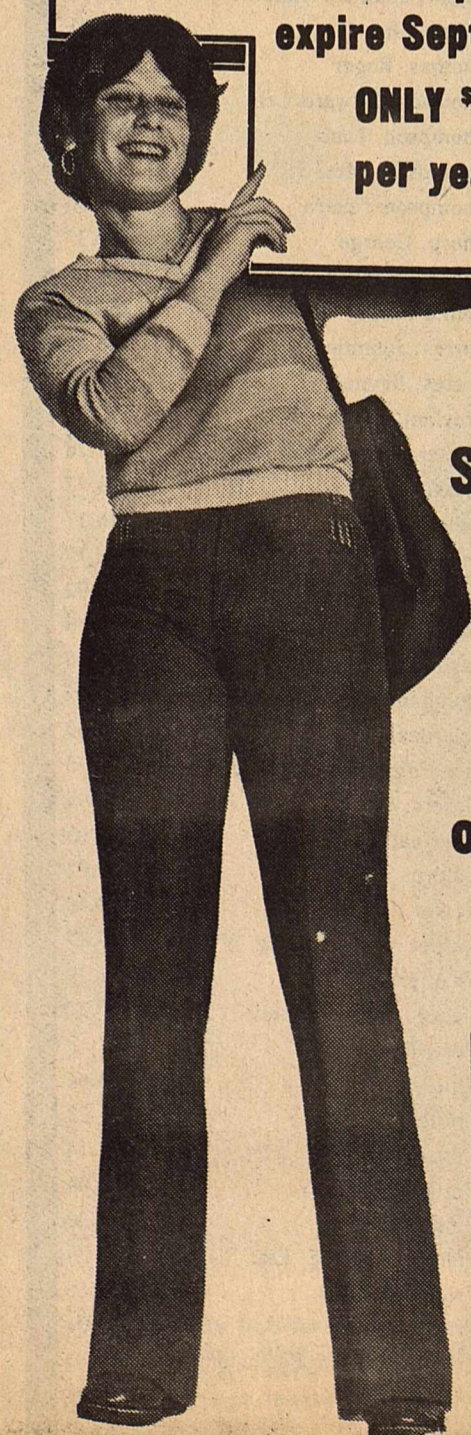
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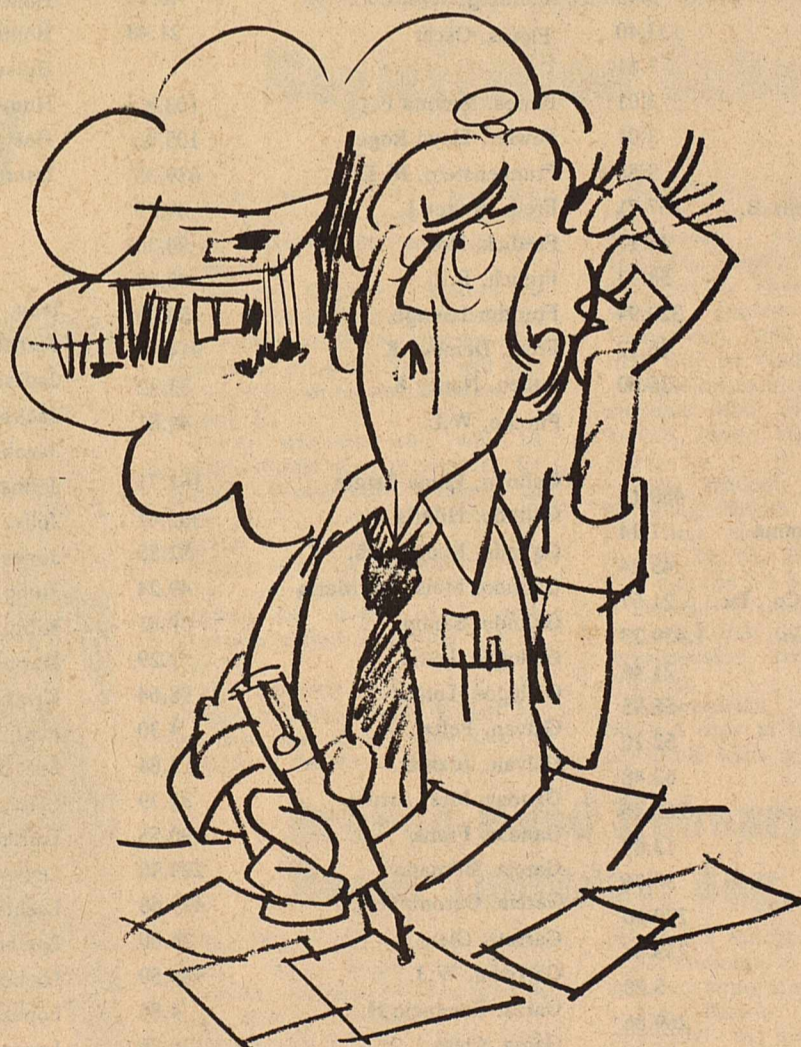
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