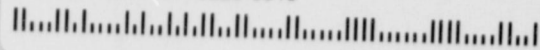




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All this and much more at *The Enterprise* reports in this week's amazing edition!

Ambulance service to begin EMT class

The Associated Ambulance Authority will be offering an EMT Basic class beginning the week of March 23, 2009, ending approximately the last week of July. Classes will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

There will be no cost for the class. Students will be responsible for the cost of books, insurance, and uniform. We will only accept 25 students.

If interested, please call or stop by the Associated Ambulance Authority office, Three Medical Center Drive in Clarendon, to reserve your place; or call Anna Howard LP, Director of Operations at (806) 874-2233.

Chamber to hold planning meeting

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will hold a July Fourth Planning Meeting on Thursday.

The meeting will be held at the Chamber office, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting to help plan this year's July Fourth Celebration.

Computer classes to be held in Hedley

A new program is offering free computer classes in Hedley on a variety of topics.

Community Education Extension will provide the classes in a fun and relaxed learning environment. The classes will be small, and all adults are welcome.

AMA•TechTel Communications is sponsoring the classes, which will each be about 90 minutes in length.

Possible topics include: Basics of computers; Understanding a computer and how it works; How to use the Internet; Google searches; Research; Shopping on line; Medical information; Facebook; Use the Internet for Genealogy; Share pictures with friends and family; How to e-mail friends and other items from home.

Call 874-2259 and let Anndria know what classes you might be interested in.

Chamber banquet to be held April 4

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce has announced its annual banquet will be held Saturday, April 4, at the Bairfield Activity Center on the Clarendon College campus.

The theme for the evening will be "Hearts & Hats," and the event will begin at 6 p.m.

City considers street improvements

The City of Clarendon is considering a seal coat program to protect and improve streets following last Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Roger Fields of Oller Engineering in Lubbock addressed the board and discussed the program that his company has. He said 21 cities currently operate under one contract and said the program has been around for about 15 years.

Fields said by having so many cities together on a program the unit cost to seal coat a street drops.

City Administrator John Webb favored the program and said he wants the city to start out small this year and then grow into the program.

"We've got to show the citizens that we're

putting seal coat down the right way and fixing potholes the right way," Webb said.

Fields said his company would come in and train city workers on the proper way to patch streets, and it would be the city's responsibility to prepare the streets for seal coating.

Mayor Chris Ford said the city needs to be mindful of the need to replace water lines before fixing the streets.

Alderman Will Thompson said he also favored the seal coat plan but that he would not support any plan that exceeded \$10,000 this year, and the board agreed with that.

Fields said he believes that some of the federal stimulus money would be made available for street improvements, but board members had their doubts.

Fields and Webb were scheduled to meet

following the city meeting to discuss which streets might be good candidates for seal coating.

In other business, aldermen discussed changing regular city meetings from the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month to one monthly meeting.

Mayor Ford said Webb was doing a good job and that two meetings a month were becoming unnecessary.

Changing the meeting dates will be discussed at a future meeting.

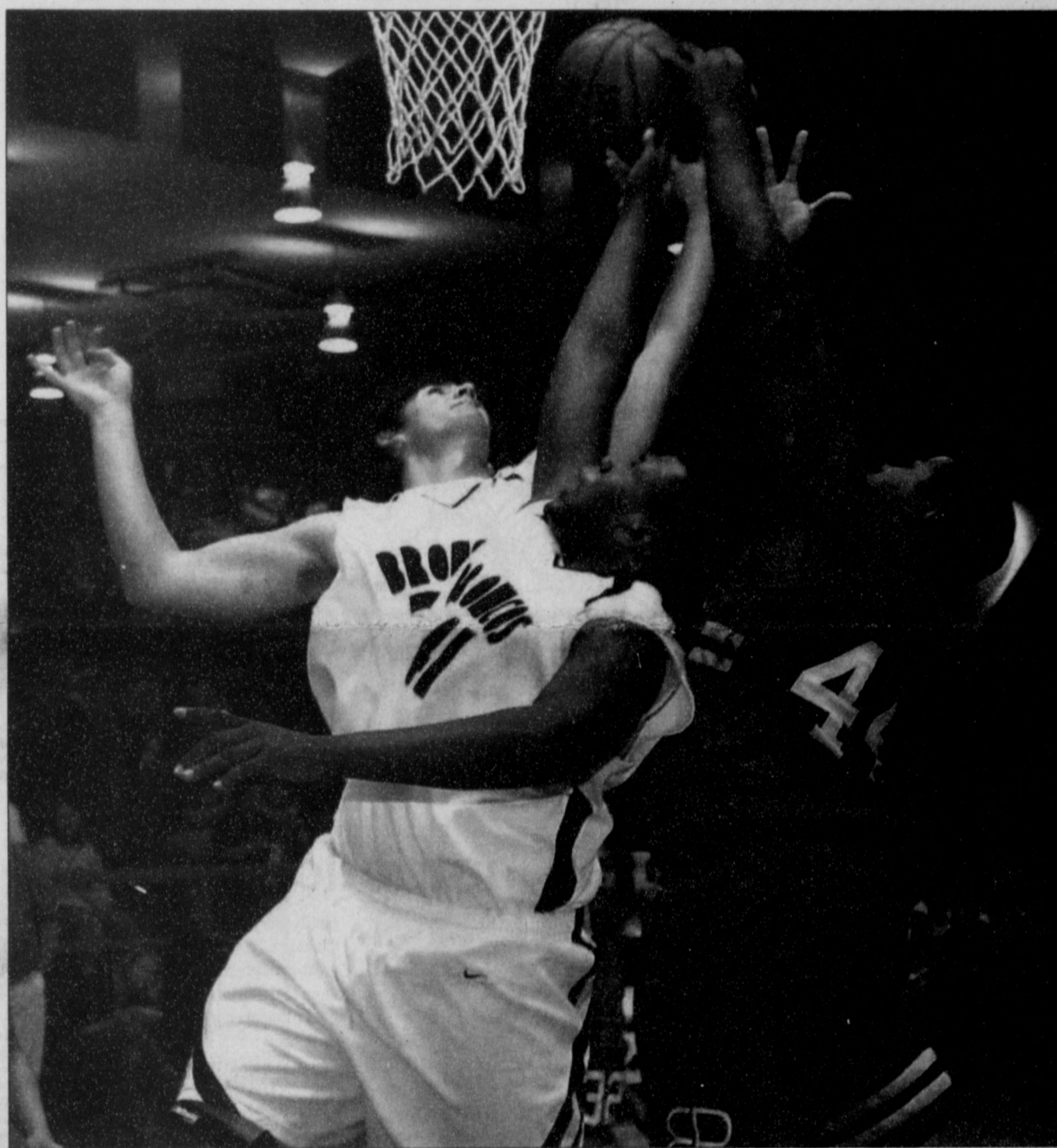
The board also discussed painting the interior of City Hall. It was decided that to save money, the board will do the painting themselves rather than hire someone.

In other comments, Alderman Terry Noble raised several issues. He questioned the

city's water deposit policy and said he wants the board to consider a policy that would allow a resident with excellent credit to be able to have water services with no deposit. Mayor Ford and Alderman Ann Huey said they would like more details at the next meeting.

Noble also questioned about when bricks would be replaced over a recent water repair on Kearney Street. Webb said as soon as the ground settles the bricks will be put back.

Alderman Noble also brought up the warranty on the city's existing computers and said the vendor for those computers had questioned why the city was buying new computers when the current ones are still under a five-year warranty. They offered to upgrade the computers for a fee of \$100 each. This will be looked into further before new computers are purchased.



Clarendon's Derrick Shelton and Danzel Wilson scramble for a rebound during last Friday's match up with Boys Ranch that resulted in a disappointing one-point loss for the Broncos.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Rough Riders upset Broncos

By Sandy Anderberg

To say that the Broncos were expecting an early dismissal from the playoff race was unexpected is an understatement.

They felt confident that Boys Ranch would just be a stepping-stone to allow them to dive deeper into post-season play.

But the Rough Riders had a different idea about the game and handed Clarendon a 52-51 loss in the Region 1 1-A Division I quarterfinals at Tascosa High in Amarillo Friday night.

The Broncos led most of the game but struggled offensively in the final quarter, only scoring four

points to 14 for Boys Ranch. The Broncos, who were ranked number 3 in the state, had their opponent where they wanted them for all but a few seconds in the last quarter.

But turnovers plagued the Broncos, and the Rough Riders went on a scoring frenzy to add nine unanswered points with three minutes remaining. With only a couple of minutes left on the clock, the Broncos missed six crucial free throws, and Boys Ranch drove it in for two for the lead with only three ticks left on the clock.

"We are just really disappointed," coach Clint Coley said. "We are in shock with the way

it ended after leading the entire game. It's hard to believe the finality of losing in the play offs."

Despite the loss, Coley felt the guys played hard.

"We played extremely hard," Coley said. "It just didn't work for us that night. I feel really bad for the kids."

Coley felt the long layoff between the end of the season and the beginning of the play offs hurt the Broncos some.

"Us not playing a meaningful game for that time period hurt us," Coley said.

The Broncos had a great season and went 8-0 in District to

claim the District Championship. Their number three ranking in the state was also a testimony to their success this season.

"There are a lot of positives to this season," Coley said. "We need to be proud of the good things we did this year. We are looking forward to next year. Our junior varsity team went 18-2, and we are excited about the possibilities next year. We want to build on this year's success."

Scoring: Johnny Gaines 12, Derrick Shelton 12, Danzel Wilson 11, Stephino McCampbell 11, Alton Gaines 2, Aaron Gordon 2, and Jadon Thornton 2.

Court hears pleas

Three Donley County cases resulted in sentences in district court last month.

Naomi Tolbert pled true to all the State's allegations in its Motion to Adjudicate. Tolbert was convicted and sentenced to fourteen months in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - State Jail Division for the offense of forgery.

Tolbert originally pled guilty to the offense of forgery on August 8, 2007, and received five years deferred adjudication in Donley County.

Willie Ballard pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for a period of three years for the state jail felony offense of forgery.

Ballard was indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on November 12, 2007.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Ballard was required to pay a fine of \$1,000 to Donley County as a condition of probation. If Ballard violates his probation, he could face up to two years in the Institutional Texas Department of Criminal Justice - State Jail Division.

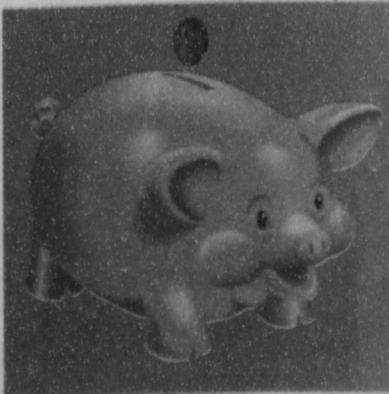
Mark Carroll Davis pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for a period of six years for the first degree offense of possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver. Davis was arrested in Donley County on November 1, 2004. Davis was indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on March 7, 2005.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Davis is required to pay a \$6,000 fine to Donley County, and is required to pay \$140 in restitution. If Davis violates his probation, he could face up to 99 years or life in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Davis was placed on probation for a period of five years for the third degree felony offense of unlawful possession of a firearm/felon. Davis was convicted and sentenced to five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, but the sentence was probated for a period of five years.

Davis also agreed to the forfeiture of two guns, a set of scales, and \$2,485 cash.

District Attorney Luke Inman was the prosecutor on all cases. The Honorable Judge Dan Mike Bird was the presiding Judge by assignment.



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Era of bigger government has begun

What in the blue blazes is going on in this country? Two weeks ago, President Obama signed a \$787 billion stimulus bill that most members of Congress never even got to read.

Then last week he addressed Congress in a televised performance and preached fiscal responsibility, warned about leaving our children "a debt they cannot repay."

Then a few days later he proposes a budget with a - gulp! - a \$1.75 trillion deficit! George W. Bush and his Republican helpers spent money like drunken sailors, but it's nothing compared to the Obama-nation that is the spending frenzy which has taken over the Democrats in Washington. These people have gone off the deep end and are so wrapped up in their idolization of our new president that they are willing to do almost anything for him.



editor's commentary by Roger Estlack

Did you see House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on the Obama show last week? It was like watching a junior high girl fawning over the senior quarterback. She was so excited she was about to wet herself, jumping to her feet to applaud the man before he could even finish his sentences and at one point literally bouncing on the edge of her seat. It was embarrassing to say the least.

The last time I saw a display like that was back in the early 1990s as a student at Texas Tech. Former president Jimmy Carter gave a speech on campus, and my roommate and I attended even though we thought the man had been basically useless as a president. Little did we realize the entertainment that was in store for us. As luck would have it, we were seated next to a couple of hippies who hung on the peanut farmer's every word, and the hippie chick was gazing at him like some star struck teen, succumbing to what can only be described as apparent feelings of euphoria when he finished talking about the scourge of guinea worms in Africa. But I digress.

Obama said he doesn't believe in "bigger government," and then proceeded to outline a massively more intrusive government with programs touching on everything from home loans to high school dropouts. He stated that his main goals as president are energy, health care, and education. None of these are areas that the United States Constitution authorizes the federal government to do anything about, and yet he supposedly doesn't believe in bigger government.

In fact, the president does believe in big government. His solutions to problems are always government programs or government spending. And yet government has a poor track record of delivering on its promises. Its cost is always higher, its performance always lower, and the poor taxpayers are always left holding the bag.

Meanwhile...

Monday marked 173 years since Texas declared its independence from Mexico. Life under Santa Anna had become intolerable for our forefathers, and they rightly took action to shed themselves of his influence.

Almost immediately after its independence was secured, the Republic of Texas set about to join the United States; and, in 1845, it achieved that goal.

It seemed like a good idea at the time. Today, many Texans may think the deal has soured as the federal government drifts more and more to the left.

Our senior senator, Kay Bailey Hutchison is fond of reciting Col. Travis' letter from the Alamo at this time each year, but perhaps what we really need is to take a look at the Declaration itself. Consider these two excerpts from the list of grievances Texas listed as causes for its rebellion.

"When the Federal Republican Constitution of their country, which they have sworn to support, no longer has a substantial existence..."

"When, long after the spirit of the constitution has departed, moderation is at length so far lost by those in power..."

How closely does the United States Congress really follow the US Constitution? Are all of the federal government's activities explicitly authorized by the supreme law of the land?

And in light of recurring warnings about a new focus on gun control, consider this grievance from 1836:

"It has demanded us to deliver up our arms, which are essential to our defense, the rightful property of freemen, and formidable only to tyrannical governments."

Now, of course, Santa Anna's Mexican government also perpetrated a lot of dire injustices on the people of Texas, and the Declaration goes into great detail about each of these. We can be thankful that we do not live under the heel of a Mexican dictatorship. But the question every Texan should ask is, "How far do we let the American government go?"

The national government appears to be transforming into a socialist state. Taxes are extracted from our homeland and sent to states who can't balance their own budgets. It cannot be said that our international border is in anyway secure, and a modern list of grievances could go on and on.

At what point will the Lone Star say, "No mas"?

Texas now free from tyrant's grip

Every year on March 2, Texans celebrate a holiday that is entirely and uniquely Texan - Texas Independence Day. The day marks the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence at the Convention of 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

Unlike the deliberations that occur today in the U.S. Congress, the Texas Declaration of Independence was approved swiftly. The committee to draft the declaration was appointed on March 1, and the declaration was presented to the Convention and adopted the next day.

Some accounts say that Sam Houston asked for the declaration to be signed on March 2 because it was his birthday. Before March 17, delegates had also written the Constitution of the Republic of Texas and established the ad-interim government of the Republic. Some say one of the real reasons for the Convention's swift action was not just a desire for efficiency, but a lack of adequate lodging.

Prior to hosting the Convention, the town of Washington served as a supply point because of its location next to the Brazos River and proximity to major roads. But it was only home to about 100 residents. To generate growth, local businessmen attracted the Convention of 1836 to Washington by offering a large assembly hall free of charge to the delegates. The hall accommodated the delegates for the Convention, but the town only had one inn at the time, so many delegates could not find lodging.

Even more pressing than the lack of lodging was the hot pursuit by Mexican

President Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna and his army, who marched toward Washington after the Alamo fell on March 6.



Texas times by Sen. John Cornyn

History largely credits George Campbell Childress, a lawyer and native of Tennessee, with authoring the Texas Declaration of Independence. Childress moved to Texas permanently in 1835, settling at Robertson's colony, which had been organized by his uncle, Sterling C. Robertson. Childress and Robertson were elected to represent Milam Municipality at the Convention of 1836. Childress called the Convention to order on March 1 and on the same day was appointed by Convention President Richard Ellis to serve with four other delegates on a committee to draft a declaration of independence.

Childress was named the chairman, and it is generally accepted that he wrote most of the declaration without help from the other committee members. Because the first draft of the declaration was submitted the very next day, some reports suggest that Childress came to Washington with a draft already prepared.

The structure of the Texas declaration was similar to the U.S. Declaration of Independence. It listed Texas' grievances against Mexico. It stated that the political connection between Texas and the Mexican nation was officially

over, and that Texas was a free and independent republic. It also laid out the functions of the new government. The original declaration, the Unanimous Declaration of Independence by the Delegates of the People of Texas, was signed by 59 delegates, and five copies were sent to the towns of Bexar, Goliad, Nacogdoches, Brazoria, and San Felipe. Because there was not a printing press in Washington, the printer at San Felipe was ordered to print 1,000 copies in handbill form. The original copy was sent to the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. It would not make its return to Texas until after June 1896.

Following the signing of the declaration, the delegates proceeded to write the constitution and elect leaders of the ad-interim government. As President, they chose David Gouverneur Burnet, who quickly moved the capital of the new state from Washington to Harrisburg to escape Santa Anna's men. Burnet carried the declaration on horseback in his saddlebags to the new capital.

Weeks later on April 21, 1836, Texans achieved their independence when nearly 900 soldiers of the Texas Army took down the larger Mexican army in a surprise attack at the Battle of San Jacinto.

Today, we pay tribute to Texas' founding fathers and the thousands who took a stand to defend the land and liberties we cherish today. I am proud of our rich history of independence and success. And as our state song says, "God bless you, Texas! And keep you brave and strong. That you may grow in power and worth, Thro' out the ages long."



Honoring Texas' patriotic tradition

Nearly 173 years ago, two very different groups of Texas patriots led a double-barreled effort that would eventually secure Texas' independence from Mexico and change the future of the United States.

On March 2, 1836, a convention of 54 men drafted and signed the Texas Declaration of Independence at a small settlement called Washington-on-the-Brazos. Among the signers were my great-great grandfather, Charles S. Taylor of Nacogdoches, and his friends Sam Houston and Thomas Rusk, who later became the first Senators to represent Texas. On behalf of all Texans, they declared, "We, therefore... do hereby resolve and declare... the people of Texas do now constitute a free, sovereign and independent republic."

During this time, 189 Texas soldiers were under siege at the Alamo in San Antonio by an estimated 6,000 Mexican troops who were determined to extinguish this newly created republic. Under the valiant leadership of Colonel William Barret Travis, these Texans, outnumbered 10 to 1 by Mexican forces, fought courageously in the most famous battle of the Texas Revolution.

Though Colonel Travis and his soldiers were willing to lay down their lives in service to Texas and in pursuit of its freedom, they knew that without reinforcements they would not be able to withstand the much larger Mexican army. In a final letter to all Texans shortly before the fall of the Alamo, Colonel Travis wrote:

Fellow citizens and compatriots: I am besieged by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna - I have sustained a continual bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man - the enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison is to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken - I have answered the demands with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the wall - I shall never surrender or retreat.

Then, I call on you in the name of liberty, of patriotism and of everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch.



capitol comment by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country - Victory or Death.

William Barret Travis, Lt. Col., Commander

The sacrifice of Colonel Travis and his men made General Sam Houston's subsequent victory at San Jacinto possible. As cries of "Remember the Alamo!" were delivered during the final battle of the Texas Revolution, General Houston and his soldiers won independence for Texas.

The Texans leading the fight against Mexico weren't alone in their sacrifice. The signers of the Texas Declaration, like their forefathers who signed the American Declaration of Independence in 1776, risked their own lives and those of their families when they put pen to paper. They were considered traitors to Mexico as they used their voices, professions, and positions of influence to wage a critical battle in Texas' struggle for independence.

My great-great grandfather's own loss was significant. While he was doing the work of the Republic, all four of his children (ages seven and younger) who remained back at home in Nacogdoches died during the "runaway scrape," when the women and children in the Nacogdoches Territory fled toward Louisiana because they feared Indians and Mexican troops were headed their way. Our

family story did not end there, however. Charles S. Taylor and his wife, my great-great-grandmother, went on to have nine more children who were blessed to lead lives of independence and opportunity in Texas.

It is important that every generation of Texans pause to remember these patriots: each soldier who gave his life at the Alamo and Goliad; the 54 men who met at Washington-on-the-Brazos, putting their lives in danger by signing that Declaration of Independence and becoming heroes for a cause; and every man, woman, and child who struggled to make Texas the marvelous place it is today. While few of these Texans could have predicted Texas' future prosperity and achievements, they all knew independence and freedom were worth any sacrifice.

Each year on March 2, I am honored to recognize our history by reading Colonel Travis' letter on the floor of the United States Senate. It is my hope that this ritual will last for generations to come, as our children and grandchildren carry on our state's legacy of freedom and patriotism.

Kudos to Donley County

I just read the article about the offenders getting caught and prosecuted for dumping on county roads, and all I can say is, it's about time. I have written to the editor about county road dumping, and I am glad to see that something is being done.

Right now on County Road 13, there is the hood of a vehicle that someone has thrown out, and numerous beer cans dot the road every day when I go to work and back home.

Way to go to the Donley Commissioners, Donley Sheriff's Dept., and (County Attorney) Landon Lambert for catching these people and doing something about it.

Tessie Robinson, Donley County

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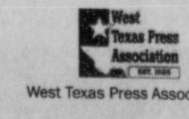
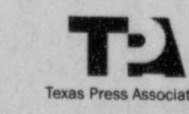
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Filing deadline nears for 16 local offices

The deadline to file for local offices is fast approaching, and several positions are still available for citizens interested in serving their community.

The 16 open positions had drawn only nine candidates as of Tuesday morning.

Sign up continues through next Monday, March 9.

Among the new candidates this week is Wes Hatley looking for a seat on the Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees. Incumbent Wayne Hardin had previously signed up to run. There are two positions available on this board.

Travis Thomas and Shelby Shipp have filed to run for the two positions available on the board of the Hedley school district.

At the City of Clarendon, Larry Hicks has filed to run for one of two positions on the Board of Aldermen, and Alderman Terry Noble has filed to run for mayor rather than filing for

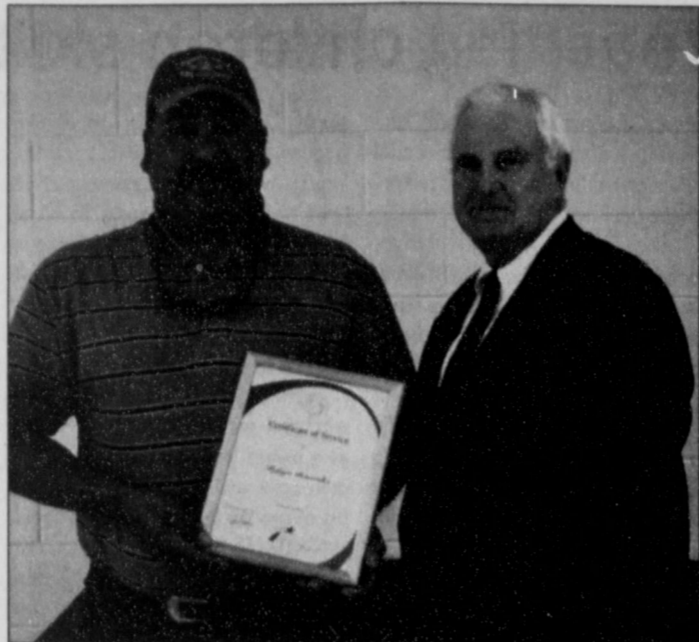
re-election to the board as was previously reported.

The City of Howardwick has one candidate so far with Alderman Gene Rogers filing for re-election. The mayor's office and another board position are still available.

Hedley Alderman Colleen Owens has filed for reelection, and two other board positions have not drawn candidates yet.

No candidates have filed at the Donley County Hospital District, but the three board members whose terms are expiring have made their plans known. Melinda McAnear has said she intends to run for her Place 3 position again, but Don Thornberry (Place 1) and Alan Fletcher (Place 2) have announced that they will not be seeking re-election.

All local offices are elected at-large, but hospital board candidates must sign up for a specific place. Elections will be held Saturday, May 9.



Service award

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently awarded Donley County Maintenance Supervisor Fu Benavidez (left) a service award for 15 years of employment with TxDOT. Benavidez is shown here with Childress District Engineer Terry Keener.



the lion's tale

by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting March 3, 2009, with Boss Lion Cameron Word in charge.

We had 16 members, Lion Sweetheart Audrey Jones, and three guests this week - Eloy Comacho, guest of Lion Chuck Robertson; Lion Jack King of the Amarillo Downtown Lions; and Sandy Thornberry, guest of Lion Bobbie Thornberry.

Our program this week was given by Lion Thornberry and followed up Lion Bill Auvenshine's Mediterranean cruise from last week. Lion Thornberry went to Egypt in 2004 for her daughter's graduation from the American University in Cairo, and she had an interesting PowerPoint presentation about her travels there.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	23	67°	28°	-
Tues	24	70°	36°	-
Wed	25	80°	33°	-
Thur	26	78°	41°	-
Fri	27	78°	30°	-
Sat	28	61°	26°	-
Sun	29	48°	16°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.60"
Total precipitation to date: 0.63"
Total precipitation in Feb. last year: 0.82"
Total YTD last year: 0.64"

weekend forecast

 Friday, Mar. 6
Partly Cloudy
85°/43°

 Saturday, Mar. 7
Partly Cloudy
69°/40°

 Sunday, Mar. 8
Partly Cloudy
66°/41°

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More water doesn't mean more cotton

CHILLICOTHE - Subsurface drip irrigation was able to produce up to four bales of cotton per acre with less water than conventional irrigation methods at the Texas AgriLife Research station near Chillicothe.

Dr. John Sij, AgriLife Research agronomist, said his cotton trials suffered through hail and drought, but he was able to produce more cotton with less water using subsurface drip irrigation.

"We started out with good stands and then a hail storm in June knocked out 25 percent of the plants," Sij said. "But under drip, the plants came roaring back, and we still made two-and-a-half to three-bale cotton, so that is really kind of amazing."

The other result he saw in this past year's trials is that 100 percent replacement of water lost by evapotranspiration not only didn't help the cotton, but in some cases set it back by delaying boll opening and thus harvesting. Evapotranspiration is the loss of water from the soil both by evaporation and by transpiration from the plants growing there.

Sij stressed this is the first year of results in a three-year study, but the boll numbers did not increase beyond 66 percent of evapotranspiration replacement.

"We only put on 7 1/2 inches of water with the 100 percent irrigation treatment, along with a rainfall total of about 17 inches, for a total water application of 24.65 inches to the crop for the season," he said.

The study is designed to develop conservation tillage and water management strategies that enhance crop-stand establishment, water-use efficiency and yield in subsurface drip-irrigated cotton production in the Rolling Plains.

Sij is looking at different tillage systems, including conventionally tilled bedded rows, reduced-tillage flat-planted rows; no-till flat-planted rows and no-till rows planted into a terminated wheat cover crop.

The cotton was irrigated from June 4 to Aug. 14, after a May 15 planting date. The irrigation rates of 0 percent, 33 percent, 66 percent, 100 percent and 133 percent evapotranspiration replacement were tested.

Some of Sij's other findings this first year included: no significant difference among tillage treatments for plant height and no significant differences among tillage systems for lint yield within an irrigation treatment.

He found there was a significant increase in plant height with increased evapotranspiration replacement, and the economics of the drip irrigation favored a no-till flat planting at the 66 percent to 100 percent replacement rate. The station has 13 acres partitioned into 72 small plots and another 18 acres divided into larger, commercial-sized production fields under subsurface drip irrigation.

Samples of the cotton have been submitted for fiber quality testing, but he expects good quality cotton.

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There are some spiritual truths that aren't going to change either. John 8:24 tells us that unless we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, we will die in our sins. Jesus said in Luke 13:3, unless we repent, we shall perish. Matt. 10:32, Jesus said we must confess Him to other men or He will not confess us to the Father. Mark 16:16, Jesus tells us baptism is required to be saved. None of these truths can be altered. (Hebrews 5:9) "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him." (Matthew 7:21) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

If you notice the last two verses, obedience is key to our salvation. No doubt, Jesus' blood is the overriding and essential element to our salvation, but our obedience plays a part. God doesn't expect perfection, but He expects us obey the commands in the New Testament to the best of our ability. It is to be expected that many would like to pick and choose some of God's scriptures to obey and ignore the rest, but it just won't work. Why not take all of His word and obey?

I pray that all of us would take God at His word and do whatever He tells us that we live in harmony here on earth and Heaven.

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- February 26**
CC Basketball v. Western Texas • Bulldog Gym • Girls 5:30, Boys 7:30
- February 27**
Lady Bronco Softball v. McLean • 3:30 • Lady Bronco Field
- Bronco Baseball v. Shamrock • 4 p.m. • in Shamrock
- March 2**
Texas Independence Day
- Bronco Baseball v. Caprock JV • 4:30 p.m. • in Amarillo
- March 3**
Lady Bronco Softball v. San Jacinto • 4 p.m. • Lady Bronco Field
- March 5**
July 4th Planning Meeting • 5:30 p.m. • Chamber Office
- March 8**
Daylight Savings Time
- March 17**
St. Patrick's Day
- April 4**
Chamber Banquet • Hats & Hearts • 6 p.m. • Bairfield Activity Center

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March 2 - 6

- Donley County Senior Citizens**
Mon: Beef fajitas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, fruit salad, cookies.
Tue: Chicken strips/gravy, French fries, pea salad, peach cobbler, biscuits.
Wed: Roast/brown gravy, mashed potatoes, applesauce, pecan pie, rolls.
Thu: Beef stew with veggies, cheese sticks, broccoli salad, Jello/whipped cream, cornbread.
Fri: Chicken/fried rice, egg rolls, tangy fruit slaw, applesauce cake.
- Hedley Senior Citizens**
Mon: Cornish game hens, mashed potatoes, German cabbage, Waldorf salad, bread pudding, roll.
Tue: Mexican pile-on, Spanish rice, beans, lettuce, tomato, onions, brownies, chips & crackers.
Wed: Steak & gravy, broccoli rice casserole, buttered carrots, Jello salad, baked apples, roll.
Thu: Beef stew, potatoes, carrots, onions, tomato, apple rings, pudding, corn bread.
Fri: Catfish, onion rings, turnips & greens, potato salad, cobbler, corn bread.

Clarendon ISD

- Breakfast**
Mon: Cereal, toast, pears, milk.
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, peaches, milk.
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.
Thu: Eggs, toast, jelly, apricots, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.
- Lunch**
Mon: Chicken nuggets, corn, salad, fruit, milk.
Tue: BBQ Weiners, pinto beans, potato salad, fruit, milk.
Wed: Pork roast, gravy, potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll, milk.
Thu: Beef nachos, spanish rice, salad, fruit, milk.
Fri: Hamburger with cheese, lettuce, pickles, oven fries, cobbler, milk.

Hedley ISD

- Mon: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, rolls, fruit, milk.
Tue: Hot dogs, pinto beans, fruit, tossed salad, chips, milk.
Wed: Spaghetti, cut green beans, diced peaches, Texas toast, juice, milk.
Thu: Fish strips, tossed salad, fruit, mac & cheese, hot rolls, milk.
Fri: Hamburger, lettuce & tomato, baked beans, pickle, onions, & olives, crispy rice treat, milk.

Extension: Teaching children skills to cope

By MaryRuth Bishop, County Agent

Children are capable of learning and utilizing coping skills that will help them through difficult situations. Adults frequently become so preoccupied they forget that tough times have an emotional as well as a financial impact on their children. Children depend on their parents for emotional security. When parents are tense, upset, and inattentive, it disrupts the flow of normal activities. Losing a job or income affects all members of the family. It can mean sudden lifestyle changes for the entire family. There is less money to spend, so decisions must be made on how to spend what is there. It may mean other family members must find jobs. It may also reduce the time available for family members to spend together.

Unemployment can mean a parent is home more, which might call for adjusting schedules and space. It may involve a move for the family.

Whatever changes tough times bring, all family members feel the impact. Communicating these feelings and concerns, as a family, is important.

Communication has two parts - talking and listening. Each must

occur for communication to be successful. Active listening is essential to understanding the speaker's experience, feelings, and point of view.

As families undergo changes in their lives, they need to talk about them. This includes adults and children. People who are not ashamed to express fears, anxieties, and sorrows, and seek help from others, deal with crises the most successfully. Children who learn this at a young age will be more likely to cope with stress as adults. Being able to discuss and vent angry feelings can help keep those feelings from creating more severe problems, such as emotional difficulties, family violence, or alcohol abuse.

Listening is as important as talking. Everyone needs someone to listen to them - someone who supports them and allows them to openly express feelings. Sometimes a person can find a solution or discover the sources of stress through talking. The listener should not feel obligated to advise, analyze, or have all the answers. Listening and responding with concern and understanding may be all the help that is needed.

Open communication within the family is vital to good relation-

ships. During stressful times we frequently need people outside the family willing to listen when we need to vent our feelings. In some families, listening without judging is difficult because we want to help, but have strong feelings and opinions. Taking the extra effort to actively listen is important.

Even though you feel overwhelmed with your own problems, as a parent you can help your children cope with the stress. Here is a list of tips for helping children cope:

You can help your children best by first helping yourself. Try to gain control of your own stress; then you are ready to help your children cope.

Provide your children with information about your family's situation in a way that is within the child's understanding. Do not keep the income loss a secret from children and other family members, despite the urge to spare them or "save face."

Recognize symptoms of stress that may affect your children: sleeplessness, diarrhea, withdrawal, headaches, and/or angry outbursts. Encourage the child to share feelings and fears. If you feel ineffective in helping your children manage stress, talk to the children's teacher, a

school psychologist, clergy member, or contact a mental health professional.

Promote balanced diets, get adequate rest, and plenty of exercise to guard against health problems.

Try to keep other major changes to a minimum. Too many changes at once can be overwhelming. However, some changes are unavoidable, such as a move, so try to keep the changes in perspective.

Help your children focus on the positive aspects of their lives. Look at family and personal strengths and draw on talents and contributions of all family members. Recognize these contributions, no matter how small.

Hold a family discussion on how the income loss affects money available for extra activities and allowances. Talk about family spending priorities. Discuss how each person will help control family spending.

Spend family time together doing low-cost or no cost activities that family members enjoy. Visit nearby museums and libraries, hike, bike, camp, or play board games. Let the children suggest activities. Children may ask how they can help their family during times of financial crisis.

Hedley celebrates March birthdays

March is rolling in with birthdays. March 2 was Margaret Holland's 87th birthday and was celebrated over last week-end at Nancy and Henry Stephens' home in Hedley. A lot of her family were there to help

celebrate with her. Happy Birthday, Margaret. Wilson Stephens was 90 years young on March 1, and his family and friends celebrated at the Wellington Activity Center last Sunday. Along with Wilson, his great grandson Braddon Stephens was 10 years old on March 3, and they celebrated his birthday with Wilson. Happy birthday, Wilson and Braddon. March 4 is Patsy Spier's 80th birthday, and everyone is invited to attend a "Come and Go" very casual party on March 7, Saturday, at 2:00 p.m. at the Hedley Senior Citizens.

Recipe: Apple Cinnamon Coffee Cake: Streusel: ¼ cup packed brown sugar, ¼ cup old-fashioned oats, 2 Tablespoons chopped walnuts, 1 Tablespoon butter. Coffee Cake: 1 box (15.3oz) Betty Crocker Fiber One Apple Cinnamon muffin mix, ¾ cup water, 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil, 2 eggs. Glaze: ¼ cup powdered sugar, 1 teaspoon water. Heat oven to 400 degrees F. Spray bottom only of 9 inch round cake pan with cooking spray. In small bowl, mix all streusel ingredients except butter. Cut in butter with fork until mixture is crumbly; set aside. In medium bowl, stir muffin mix, water, oil, and eggs just until blended (batter may be lumpy). Spread in pan. Sprinkle with streusel. Bake 24 to 28 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 30 minutes. In small bowl, mix glaze ingredients until smooth; drizzle over coffee cake. Serve warm or cooled.



chatty kathy
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Texas celebrates its independence

March 2, 1836, was an historic day in Texas, the day Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

Fifty elected delegates were invited to attend the Convention of 1836 held at Washington-on-the-Brazos to decide the fate of Texas. In a close vote, they voted for independence and assigned a committee of five, led by George Childress to draft a Declaration of Independence. Based on the American Declaration of Independence, it was passed the next day with an interim government appointed and David Burnet elected President.

With communication by horseback, the Convention was unaware of the Battle of the Alamo that had begun on February 23 and ended March 6 with only two survivors, a slave named Joe and a Mexican national that convinced Santa Anna he had been held captive.

When news of the Alamo and Santa Anna's army marching toward them reached the Convention, Gen. Sam Houston began moving his army closer to the United States border and help. Santa Anna caught up with Houston at San Jacinto on

April 21 and was so sure of victory he gave the army a day off for rest and neglected to post guards, and the rest is history. The Texans surprised the Mexican army during siesta time and came away with a decisive victory, capturing Santa Anna the next day. Texas was a Republic until 1845 when it became the 28th state to join the union.

For more information on our great state, look it up for some fascinating reading.

Saturday was a big day in Howardwick with a Meet-and-Greet baby shower for little Braylon Guy Rice. He is doing his job, has gained about 1½ lbs. in three weeks, and is a beautiful little boy. Helping celebrate were family members Mom Karen and Dad Walt, brother and sister Taylee and Dusty, Grandparents Jean and Gerald Rice of Eastland and Guyretta Clinton of Turkey, Aunts Theresa Clinton and Tamara Rice, cousins Lacy, Krystal, and Bradley. He is well supplied for at least a year, including diapers and wipes.

Hostesses Lee Ann Cook, Tannis McMories, Carolyn Butler, Dianna Knight, Mary Jane Bridges,

Diane Carter, Judy Barnett, and Carole Goemans did a wonderful job of planning and decorating; and the cake by Patsy Tubbs of Clarendon was a delight. We know whom to ask for help with our next baby shower.

Hey folks, the last day to sign up for elections is Monday, March 9. Gene Rogers has signed up for one place as alderman, leaving the mayor and one other seat open. If you have ever considered running for office, now is your chance; and we need you. Go by City Hall and pick up an application; you have until 5 p.m. Monday.

February has just ended, but do you know what March 8 is? It's the beginning of Daylight Saving Time. Yep, "Spring Forward" on Saturday night, or you will be late for church Sunday morning.

It is spring time. We have daffodils and forsythia blooming and I

have seen a few early fruit trees in bloom but we are so dry the grass is brown and it doesn't look like spring.

March came in like a lamb, and in case it goes out like a lion, now is the time to prepare for storms. Assemble a disaster kit with water, food, a flashlight, and anything else you can think of.

Have a plan and decide where to go and how you will communicate if phone service is disrupted. Listen to the radio and television for instructions on what to do. Listen for our storm sirens; they are all operational except the one in Nacona Hills with parts for that one on order. Be prepared, be safe.

We have a prayer answered that needs reporting. About the time Karen Rice found out Braylon was on the way, she discovered she had a fast growing type of cataract affecting both eyes. Unable to have surgery to correct her vision, she was totally blind in one eye with poor vision in the other when the baby was delivered. She had surgery last week and is happy to report she can see.

Thank you, Lord, for this second blessing in the Rice family.



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Site will track economic stimulus funds

AUSTIN — “Tracking the Texas Stimulus”, a new Web page launched today by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, will help state and local officials, business leaders, economic developers, human service providers, and interested taxpayers track what Texas may receive from the estimated \$787 billion in federal economic stimulus funds.

“Our office is closely reviewing the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009” to determine what it means for Texas,” Combs said. “We will share information we have compiled so far and continually update the Web page as federal agencies provide more guidance on

the funding included in this complex and far-reaching plan.”

The first phase of “Tracking the Texas Stimulus” features a spreadsheet listing the provisions of the federal stimulus bill, estimates of federal spending, and the amounts Texas might expect to see.

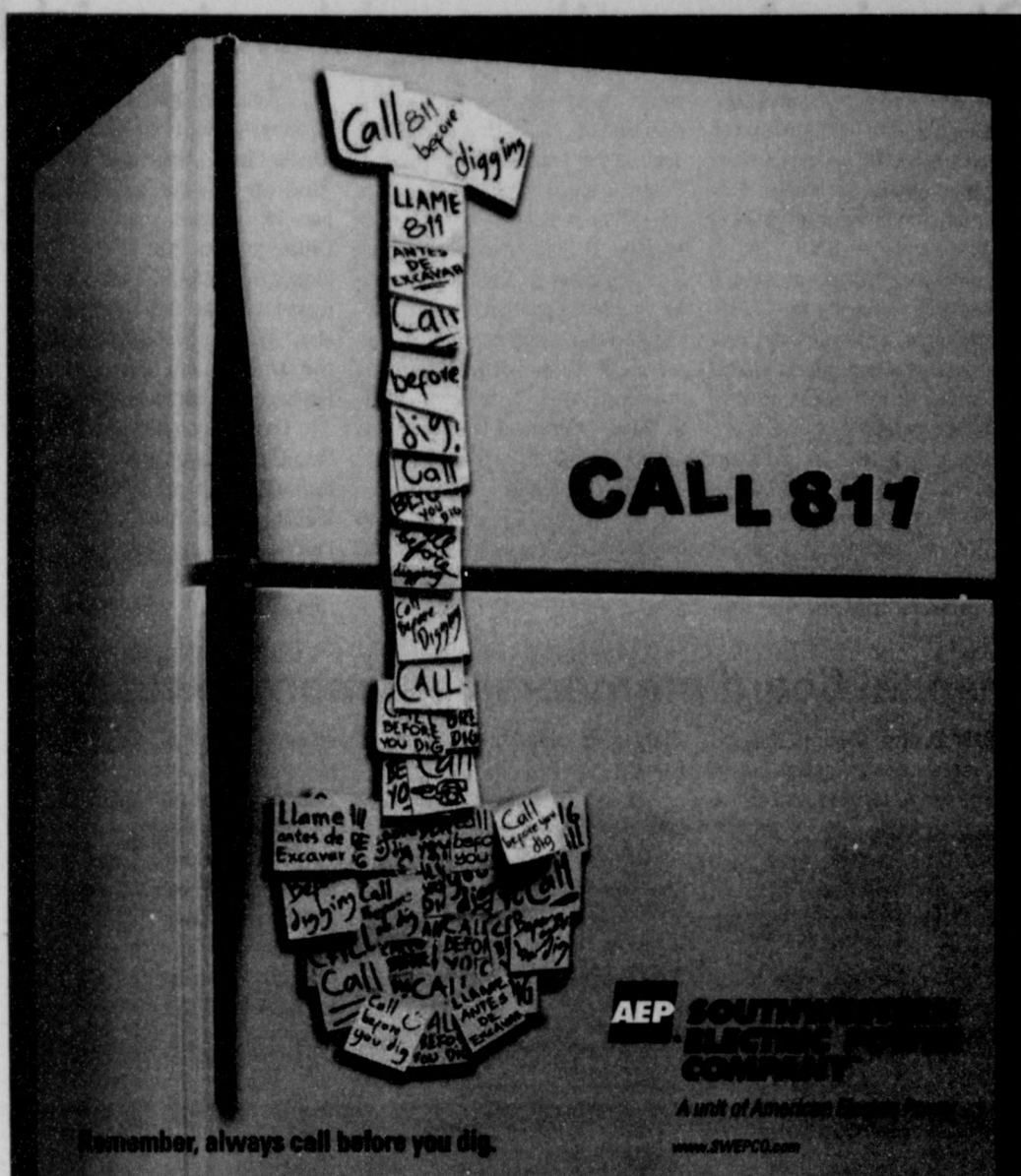
The estimates are preliminary, based upon currently available information from a wide range of sources. As the Web page is continually updated, it will be a valuable resource to help Texas plan the best use of the funds within the parameters set by the legislation.

When the funds reach Texas, the Comptroller’s office will track

the money through the Web site.

“At both the state and federal levels, transparency and accountability are critical parts of the Recovery and Reinvestment Act,” Combs said. “Taxpayers deserve to know that the enormous amount of tax dollars contained in the economic stimulus plan is being used as intended — to put people to work, to help families impacted by the economic downturn, and to fund projects that will provide lasting economic benefits to Texas and the nation without causing unintended consequences.”

Tracking the Texas Stimulus is located at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/finances/stimulus/>



Master Gardener training offered in Canadian in April

CANADIAN — The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is now accepting registration for the Northeast Texas Panhandle Master Gardener 2009 Educational Series, a seven-month training for gardening enthusiasts.

This advance training will cover topics such as landscape design, vegetable gardening, soil science, pesticide management, insects/disease management, irrigation management, lawn and turf, and proper plant selection, said Kyle Barnett, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Hemphill County.

Registration is open to anyone willing to participate and agree to give back to the program through 50 hours of community service efforts, Barnett said. Fifty hours of advanced training will be offered in various locations throughout the area and are scheduled monthly from April through October.

Applications and a complete list of dates and topics, as well as registration packets, can be picked up at AgriLife Extension county offices in Wheeler, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Gray, Roberts, Ochiltree and Hutchinson counties. Applications should be turned in with the \$150 registration fee by March 31, he said.

For more information, call Barnett at 806-323-9114.

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Big "80th" Birthday Party

Patsy Spier from Hedley will turn 80 years young on March 4. There will be a very casual "come and go" party on Saturday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Hedley Senior Citizens.

We are not asking for gifts, just cards if you can and we will have a money tree for her. If you can't come to the party our address is PO Box 119, Hedley, Texas, 79237. Patsy is the Director of the Hedley Senior Citizens, and we want to invite anyone and everyone to come help us celebrate her 80 years.

Patsy was born March 4, 1929, she married Windoal Spier April 16, 1945. They had three children, Kathy, David and Jack. Kathy lives in Hedley with Patsy; David is deceased, but left a daughter, Marci, who lives in Tallahassee, Florida; and Jack married Shirley Nivens and lives in Burleson. They have two children, Jennifer and Christopher. Christopher is 28 years old and Jennifer, 30 years old, is married to Roscoe Harris and has three daughters, Emory Makayla, 9 years, Dasia Mikiah, 7 years and Amiya McKenna, born August 22, 2008.

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"It's a challenging time for everyone to plan a trip. But for 10 lucky winners, chances are their

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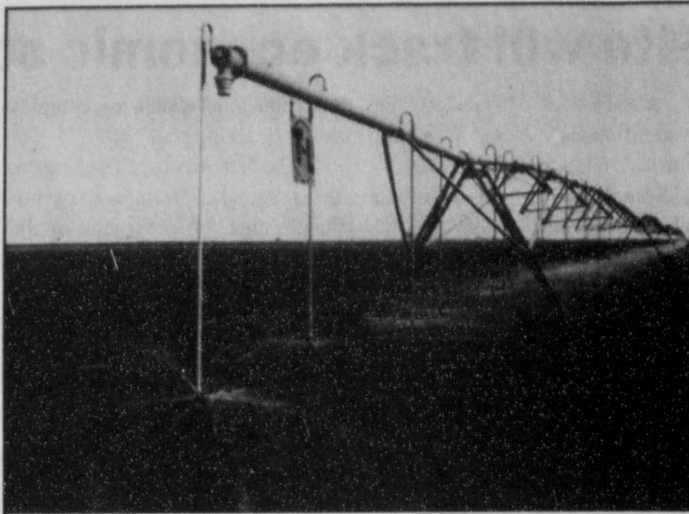
Other major attractions include Palo Duro Canyon State Park, Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian, Wonderland Amusement Park, Big Texan Steak Ranch, Don Harington Discovery Center, Amarillo Botanical Garden, Amarillo

Dusters arena football and the Amarillo Dillas baseball team.

For a complete list of attractions, see the Amarillo CVC web site at www.visitamarillo.com.

This promotion is being launched through the Amarillo CVC web site and will be featured throughout the spring and summer in advertising and promotions across Texas and the region.

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Hospital board members hear monthly reports

The Donley County Hospital Board met in regular session February 17 in the Associated Ambulance Authority Building.

Members present were Alan Fletcher, Lori Howard, Mark C. White, Melinda McAneer, and Don Thornberry.

Members absent were Greg Collins and Vicky Robertson.

The Ambulance Authority

reported 61 calls for the month of January.

Budget amendments were considered and approved.

In the indigent care report, there were two applications received, two new clients approved, one renewal approved, and four active cases. Total indigent bills for January were \$497.64.

The board considered and

approved a motion to appoint the Director of Operations for the ambulance service as the administrator of the hospital district.

The upcoming election was discussed and board members Alan Fletcher and Don Thornberry said they would not be running again, but Melinda McAneer said she would run for re-election.

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Obituaries

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Roseanne Paciorek Engel was born on July 24, 1945, in Clinton, Okla. and died Wednesday, February 25, 2009, in Woodward, Okla., at age 63.

Roseanne was the eldest daughter of Stan and Mary Paciorek of Clinton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald D. Engel in February 2007, and grandparents, Juan and Priscilla Villarreal of Clinton and Michael and Agnes Paciorek of Michigan. Roseanne graduated from Clinton High School in 1963 and attended college in Weatherford where she met and married Jerry in 1968. Both obtained teaching degrees and taught school for several years. They loved God and their church family. Roseanne was a member of the Altar Society and Cursillo Movement of Oklahoma, R.E. Teacher, Reader and also served as a Eucharistic Minister in her church. Rosie dedicated 25 years of service to the Woodward Wal-Mart. Roseanne never resented anyone or hesitated to extend a hand to help another. She was loved by many and known as a friend by all the rest. Ro was extremely dedicated in her role as wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and aunt. There is a hole left in the hearts of those who were blessed by knowing her.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Shawn and Michelle Engel of Oklahoma City; daughter Cindy Engel and Josh Marlette of Woodward; siblings Dianne and husband Cecil McKinney of Clinton; Mike and Suzzy Paciorek of Allen; Joanne and husband Marcus Wright of Piedmont; Stanley Paciorek of Elk City, and Marianne Rattan of Clarendon; five grandchildren, eight nieces and nephews, and ten great-nieces and nephews.

IRS won't e-mail you about your refund

DALLAS - If you get an e-mail about your tax refund that appears to be from the Internal Revenue Service, don't be fooled.

It's probably coming from internet thieves looking to steal your personal information, like credit card or bank account numbers.

"Many folks have tax refunds coming back this time of year, and crooks might take advantage of that fact," said Clay Sanford, a Dallas IRS spokesman. "We just don't send unsolicited e-mails about any subject, including refunds."

Sanford said if the IRS needs to contact you, they will generally send a notice or letter through the US Mail. Delete bogus IRS e-mails or forward them to phishing@irs.gov.

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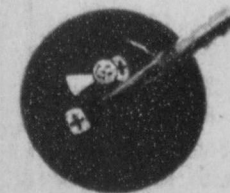
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Bronco baseball squad stopped by Childress

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco baseball team is not at full strength yet, but each game helps them improve before the March 13 District start.

The Broncos played Childress Tuesday at home and were edged out 6-10.

According to head baseball coach Brad Elam, the Broncos did not play their best but had some bright spots.

"We didn't play very well this game," Elam said. "We started out slow offensively, but were able to come to life late (in the game) at the plate. Before that we struck out 14

times, which is way too many."

Bradley Watson hit his first homerun of the year and stole two bases, according to Elam; and Brayden Phillips added two hits with two RBI's.

"Defensively we had 10 errors," Elam said. "Catchers Phillips and Dustin Ford did play well throwing out three runners and tagging one at the plate and our pitching was a little better.

"We struck out 10, but walked eight hitters. We have a lot we need to work on, but I thought we would be ahead of where we are, but we have to remember we are young."

The Broncos were able to redeem themselves Saturday against Shamrock in a game they won 15-2 in five innings. According to Elam, the Broncos began slowly in the first inning but came alive after playing two.

"They scored first when their first two runners reached base on walks and were able to score on strikeouts in the dirt," Elam said.

"After that, Shamrock managed only two hits off pitcher Devin Noble, who threw a great game. He struck out 15 of the next 21 batters."

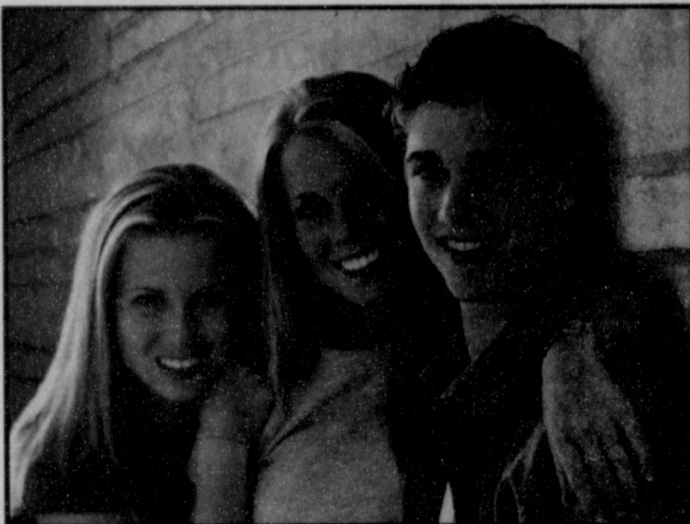
The Bronco offense scored big in the ensuing innings, which

accounted for the early dismissal of the Irish.

"We were able to put up big innings in the second and fifth when we scored seven and six runs," Elam said.

Noble had two hits, reached base four times, and scored two runs; and Bradley Watson had two hits, scored two runs, and drove in two. David Roberts reached base three times and scored two runs.

The Broncos will play a double header at Childress Saturday, March 7, at 1:00 p.m. and take on Shamrock at home Tuesday, March 10, at 4:00 p.m.



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Lady Bulldogs pull off outstanding win, 101-53

By Sandy Anderberg

The final game of the season for the Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs will be remembered in a big way around the CC campus as they totally annihilated Western Texas College 101-53 at home Thursday night.

The Lady Bulldogs, who finished at 17-13, had their ups and downs in the season, were unable to continue in post-season play. But

they made a statement in their last game to prove that if things had gone their way in a couple of close losses that they would still be in the hunt for a conference title.

They also showed their strength from the sophomore class that will be graduating and the young talent they have returning.

The Lady Bulldogs took a commanding lead in the first half at 43-20 and exploded in the second 20

minutes to reach the century mark and completely destroy their opponent. Five players finished in double figures, and the scoring was distributed throughout the roster.

"That was quite a way to end the season," head coach Rusty Kennedy said.

"I don't remember the last time I had a team shoot 53 percent from the field and hit 15 three-point shots. I was glad to see the sophomores

go out the right way. They will be missed."

Scoring: Alex Ray 14, Janee Williams 12, Donisha Bronnon 12, Enid Sanchez 11, Kenisha McDade 11, Jamie Young 9, Shaniqua Roberts 8, Tra'Niqua Dishmon 7, Quinae Thomas 5, Breann Musick 3, Joy Usher 3, Asia Reid 3, Ruth Stewart 2, and Britney Montgomery 2.

Johnny Gaines tops in District

By Sandy Anderberg

Sophomore Johnny Gaines has been named the District Most Valuable Player in District 3-1A according to Coach Clint Coley.

Gaines was one of five Broncos named to the All-District list for the District, which includes Clarendon, Memphis, Quanah, Electra, and Wellington. Seniors Danzel Wilson, Derrick Shelton, and Alton Gaines were also given first team honors, and Stephino McCampbell was listed as honorable mention. Derrick Shelton was also named to the Academic All-District Team for his dedication and success in the classroom.

On the Lady Bronco side, seniors Macy Shadle and Abbie Massingill were named to the District 3-1A All-District Team. Fellow seniors Janae and Jenci White and Bailey Starnes were given Honorable Mentions. Junior Haley Hall was awarded with District Newcomer. The District MVP was Skyler Warwick from Wellington.

Abbie Massingill and Deidre Lewis were selected to the Academic All-District Team for their academic successes in the classroom.

Congratulations to all of the All-District selections.

Shadle to play in Texas Round-Up

According to coach Randy Yelverton, Lady Bronco senior Macy Shadle has been selected to play in the Texas Round-Up basketball game that will be held Saturday, March 21, at Maypearl High School.

The event includes girls from 1A to 3A and will be a showcase for the athletes with college coaches present. "There will be about 70 college coaches there to watch the girls," Yelverton said.

Shadle has been a constant for the Lady Bronco basketball team, and her good play will be missed next season.

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State trapshooting championships return to Amarillo

The Amarillo Gun Club has been selected to host the 2009 Texas State Trapshooting Championships. Club officials announced this week. The six-day, clay target shotgun based event is set for July 7-17.

"We are excited about returning to Amarillo," said Texas Trapshooters Association President Harold Nelms of Frisco.

"Few clubs in America have the tradition in our sport that the Amarillo Gun Club holds. Historically, our largest state shoots have been in Amarillo."

San Antonio's National Shooting Complex has hosted the state shoot the past three years, but assistance from the Amarillo Convention and Visitors Council and private donors in the Texas Panhandle

helped the Club land the 2009 shoot.

"We could not have done this without the Amarillo CVC and even our Panhandle friends. We had to guarantee some significant capital improvements to host the state shoot, and the support and credibility given our bid by our own Amarillo CVC put us over the top," Steve Camarata, Amarillo Gun Club president, said.

Local officials hope to draw shooters from a 10-state region.

"Quite simply, the Texas State Shoot is one of our sport's most prestigious events, especially when it is held in Amarillo. In addition to 'Open' category trophies, our shoot will play a significant role in the selection of the All America teams, so we should draw some of the sport's biggest names," Roger Cox,

AGC vice president, said.

Shooters will compete in three disciplines: Singles, Doubles, and Handicap. Singles and Doubles each feature five skill levels, all shot from 16 yards behind a clay-throwing automatic "trap" machine, which throws targets away from shooters. Handicap is shot from distances ranging from 18 to 27 yards behind the trap house. All three events will also feature age-based and women's divisions.

Over four hundred shooters are expected, along with an even larger number of visitors, many of whom will be in Amarillo for a week or more.

"We expect this event to provide a significant economic boost this summer—more than \$405,000,"

said Jerry Holt, Vice President of the Amarillo CVC. "In fact, the Amarillo Gun Club is a real economic engine for Amarillo thanks to all the local and regional events it hosts."

One of America's longest running clay target facilities; the Amarillo Gun Club has been in its present location for over 50 years.

In addition to the state championships, the club will host a state zone championship in May and the Amateur Trapshooting Association's Southwestern Zone Championships the weekend following the state shoot.

Locally, the club offers recreational skeet, trap, and "five stand" for its members, and it also hosts a number of charity events throughout the year.

Storm preparedness will be topic of March Senior Seminar

AMARILLO - Spring storms create challenges in the form of heavy rains, wind, flooding and tornadoes. Being prepared for such emergencies can bring peace of mind.

"The Storms are Coming—Get Prepared," a Senior Seminar hosted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, is scheduled for 10 a.m. March 12 at the Amarillo Senior Citizen Center, 1220 S. Polk, Room 115.

"Senior-aged individuals sometimes have special medical needs requiring oxygen or equipment dependent on a power source," said Sue Church, AgriLife Extension family and consumer science agent for Potter County. "When these services are interrupted, a person's condition can be seriously jeopardized."

In addition to general information about preparing for natural disasters, Laura Reyher, in charge of community outreach with Baptist

St. Anthony's Home Care, will share specifics about the recently released Special Needs Registry at the monthly senior seminar. Enrollment on this registry is free to the public.

Joining Reyher will be Lisa Hancock, benefits counselor with Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle. She will discuss the need for seniors to have Vials of Life containers in their homes.

Both Reyher and Hancock are members of the Senior Ambassador Coalition and serve on the local Special Needs Advisory Committee.

The Senior Seminars are open to the public and free of charge. For more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Potter County at 373-0713.

Senior Seminars are sponsored by the Potter Coalition on Aging, Panhandle Area Health Education Center and Amarillo Senior Citizens' Association.

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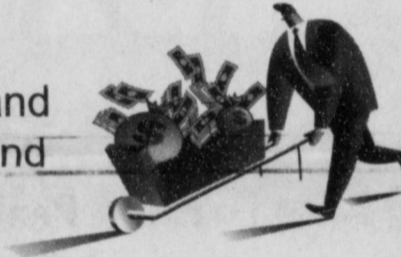
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This is not the first time that animals have been used for producing medication. Other medications, such as insulin, have also been previously derived from animals. However, this is the first time that test animals have been approved to make a protein very similar to human protein. Proponents state that this method will allow more antithrombin to be produced at a lower cost to the drug company and with the possibility of less associated side effects.

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 8:17 p.m.-Fight in progress; 600 Blk. W. 3rd St.
 8:39 p.m.-To jail; 2 males in custody, public intoxication.
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4:47 a.m.-Transport to Wichita County.
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 9:13 a.m.-Minor vehicle accident; college parking lot.
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 7:04 p.m.-Vehicle fire; location not logged.

February 28, 2009

12:56 p.m.-See caller; County Road 17A, Lelia Lake.
 4:49 p.m.-See caller; 700 Blk. S. Johns St.
 8:08 p.m.-Speaking with drivers creating problems on Hwy. 287.
 10:15 p.m.-At college.
 11:14 p.m.-Unable to locate vandals; 1000 Blk. W. 3rd St.
 11:30 p.m.-Out at 6th and S. Koogle Sts.

March 1, 2009

12:03 a.m.-Caller reporting adult male urinating on building when denied entry to closed business.
 12:55 a.m.-Assist DPS vehicle search.
 6:14 a.m.-EMS assist; 600 Blk. Plainview, Howardwick.

February 24, 2009

12:40 a.m.-Unable to locate vehicle reported going off roadway; Milepost 126, I-40.
 7:46 p.m.-Assist with attempts to stop vehicle traveling wrong way on I-40.
 8:54 p.m.-Searching for school bus, Hwy. 287; minor reporting severe abdominal pain.

February 25, 2009

6:24 a.m.-Check vehicle parked at closed railroad crossing west of Clarendon.
 8:00 a.m.-Transport to Childress.
 8:43 a.m.-To Childress.
 4:45 p.m.-Transport back from Childress.
 5:35 p.m.-En route to residence; FM 1260 north.

February 26, 2009

8:49 a.m.-At district court.
 4:23 p.m.-See complainant; location not logged.
 4:26 p.m.-Transport adult male to

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 Arrests-3
 EMS-14
 Fire Dept.-3

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