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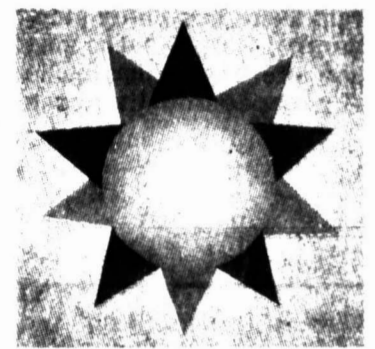
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### Friday closings mark holiday

City and county offices will be closed tomorrow to mark Good Friday. All will reopen Monday as usual and the landfill will open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, April 14, and will resume normal hours of 8-5 on Monday, April 16.

Trash collection routes will not run on Friday but will return to normal schedules on Monday. The recycling center, behind Hobart Street park, will be open from 12 noon until 6 p.m. today, but will also be closed Friday. The recycling center will return to its regular schedule, open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Saturday, April 14.

- Evangelina Hermosillo, 54, homemaker.
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## 'Hi, Mom' Welcome words for Payne family

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Staff Writer

"Hi, Mom. I love you. We're coming home."

This brief cell phone message transmitted from the Hainan Island, China, confirmed for Pampa mother Brenda Payne that her son, Lt. jg Richard "Ricky" Payne, had truly been released by Chinese authorities to return to the United States.



Lt. jg Payne

Payne said that she barely had time to realize what her son was saying before the connection was cut, but she had heard all she needed to know.

She and her husband, Richard "Rex" Payne, watched their son disembark from the commercial jet in Guam on CNN.

"We saw Ricky stop at the top of the steps and take a deep

**"We saw Ricky stop at the top of the steps and take a deep breath. I think he was glad to be breathing free air. It was very clear, the picture. It was definitely him. We recognized several of the other crew members, too."**

— Barbara Payne  
crewman's mother

breath. I think he was glad to be breathing free air," she said. "It was very clear, the picture. It was definitely him. We recognized several of the other crew members, too."

Payne said she was waiting on a call to finalize plans for her and her husband to travel to

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## Families can see McVeigh execution

WASHINGTON (AP) — Survivors and relatives of the Oklahoma City bombing victims will be allowed to watch Timothy McVeigh's execution on closed-circuit television. Attorney General John Ashcroft said he wanted to help them "close this chapter of their lives."

"The Oklahoma City survivors may be the largest group of crime victims in our history," Ashcroft said Thursday. "The Department of Justice must make special provisions to assist the needs of the survivors and the victims' families."

Ashcroft also said he would allow two additional public witnesses — beyond the eight already cleared for watching the execution firsthand on May 16 at a federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Ind.

The attorney general also said the Justice Department and the Bureau of Prisons would work closely with the FBI to thwart any attempts to record or pirate the closed-circuit broadcast. He described the broadcast as a "state-of-the-art video conferencing."

Ashcroft said he determined that the broadcast should be permitted after meeting this week in Oklahoma City with some 100 victims or relatives of victims of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building there.

In Oklahoma, Priscilla Salvors, a bombing survivor who accompanied Ashcroft on a tour of a victims' memorial Tuesday, said she knew the attorney general would agree to their requests as long as they were legal.

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Cole Otts is in position to assist the cowboy making sure the bull comes after him and not the rider.

## PHS choirs big winners!

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Staff Writer

49 choirs from throughout the area performed for judges in both divisions.

Pampa High School choirs made history Wednesday when they brought home six Sweepstakes trophies from the UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

"It was an incredible feat," said Fred Mays, PHS choral director. "There's been schools that have gotten five. We've gotten five before, but I don't think anyone's ever gotten six."

"I guess this is our only claim to fame this year," he laughed.

The prestigious Sweepstakes award is presented to choirs that earn a first division rating in both concert and sightreading. The UIL contest spanned two days this week as



All six Pampa High School (PHS) choirs earned the award: the Treble and Women's choirs, directed by Assistant Director Jennifer Scoggin; and the Mixed-Choir, Concert Men's Choir, Concert Women's Choir and Concert Mixed Choir, all conducted by Mays.

Mays told the PHS student body this morning that of the 49 choirs competing, only 16 received Sweepstakes awards and Pampa choirs received six of the 16 awarded. Randall High School earned five sweepstakes, he said.

The PHS choirs "did so many nice things," commented Judge Ken Steele of Austin.

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## Dry docked ...



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

City police and street department crews were called out shortly before 11 this morning when a truck towing a trailer loaded with a yacht couldn't negotiate the turn at Cuyler and Highway 60, according to a city dispatcher.

## 'Lost' PHS '91 classmates sought

Pampa High School Class of 1991 is planning its 10-year reunion celebration Aug. 10 and 11, 2001.

The reunion committee is seeking the whereabouts of the following students:

Scott Augustine, Timmy Clerkey, Lynnette Covil, Flonda Donnell, Denyse Doss, Deana Gilbreath, Theresa Gowen, Coby Harris, Misty Hembree, Regina Hodge, Helen Hudson, Patrick Jackson, Wendy Jenkins, Mildred Jernigan, Daniel Jimenez, Craig Johnson, Tasha Johnson, Michael Jones, Judith Lawrence, Shely Melear, Nick Newman, Grant Nickelberry, Tonya Osby, Missy Shackelford, Marsha Shaw, Heidi Simpson,

Michele Sy, Terence Tilmon, Charlie Walker, Antoin Wallace, Rebecca Whitley, Jayson Williams, Noah Wood, Sachiko Yamada.

Laura Alexander, Kevin Barrow, Michael Chairez, Deron David, Laretha Hair, Howard Hayden, Mitchell Haynes, Matt McDaniel, James McDonald, Martha Morgan, Stacy Smith, Jenny Stout, Jason Whatley, Tina Bennett, Teresa Brooks, Chad Bye, Larry Cardwell, Margaret Chambers, Mary Clark, Kathy Davis, Rafael Dickson, Wade Donnell, James Gatling, Cassandra Hunnicut, Kristin Isham, Cornelius Landers, Tina Leshner.  
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## Young bullfighter gaining experience

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

SHAMROCK — Cole Otts is a well-mannered young man. At 17, he answers most questions with a quiet "yes, sir," or "no, ma'am." His wild streak doesn't show until a bull hits the arena.

Cole grew up on rodeo stories from his dad, Kenneth Otts.

"I rode bulls for probably six years," Cole said. But he just didn't get the same kick out of it.

"I stepped out in front of it one day and made a little move," Cole said. "It just kind of made it all better. I decided that's what I want to do."

Cole said it wasn't until he was 15 that he decided he wanted to be a bullfighter.

"It's pretty exciting," he said.

For some reason, Kenneth Otts said, Cole's always wanted to fight bulls. The Shamrock High School student started out riding calves and advanced to steers and then the bulls.

Cole's mother, Gaylynn Otts, said his penchant for fighting bulls dates to his younger days when he would put his little brother, Dylan, in a trash can that served as a makeshift rodeo barrel, and would challenge Socks, the dog.

Several years ago, Cole met Rob Smets, several times world champion bullfighter who lives at Twitty, north of Shamrock.

"He started out hanging around Rob," Otts said. "Then he started working out there at Rob's."

Smets has given Cole some pointers. "He's helped me out a lot," Cole said. "He's introduced me to the bigger guys in the business like Lance Brittan, Dusty Essick, Dusty Brewer and Doug Forzan."

Last year, Cole went to the Professional Bull Rider's National Finals with Smets.

"I had a lot of fun," Cole said. "There were a lot of different people out there."

"He left here wide-eyed," Kenneth Otts said of his oldest son. "He came back wider-eyed."

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**PAYNE**

Whidbey Island Naval Air Base in Washington for the welcoming ceremonies.  
 "I don't know what the times will be yet," she said. "I'm sure we'll stay out there for a week if we can."  
 Lt. Payne and 23 other American military personnel were on their way to Hawaii this morning for several days of debriefing. The military transport carrying the crew was scheduled to arrive there at 12:30 p.m. EST, she said.  
 "I've had a time figuring all the time zones out," Payne said. "It's actually been a day longer for them than it has for us because they were across a dateline. I don't know how they'll do this debriefing. They're going to be so exhausted after all these

time changes."  
 The Paynes son's 11-day ordeal has thrust the family into the national spotlight. Television camera crews and reporters parked in front of the Paynes' Pampa home seeking reactions to the news of Lt. Payne's release.  
 Payne said the telephone has "rung of the wall" with calls from news agencies and well-wishers.  
 Her daughter-in-law Jill has received telephone calls and e-mail from around the world, she added, including a message from Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot offering his assistance.  
 Again, Payne expressed her gratitude to the community for its support.  
 "It's been so heartwarming to see the care and concern," she said. "I can't thank everyone enough."

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**LOST**

Misty Minyard, Ricky Mungia, Connie Neal, David Parker, Tracy Reeves, Raquel Regalado, Troy Rex, Gary Robinson, Troy Short, Lane Stubblefield, Derek Taylor, Mary Ann Terrazas, Chris Turlington, Mary Vick, Susannah Valasquez, Heather Waters,

Richard Wilkerson, Charles Williams.  
 To contact the committee, call Michelle Whitson Cochran at 665-7703, Joy Brewer Wilson at 665-4333, Wendy Winkleblack Henderson at 665-5286 or Mitzi Hupp McClelland at 665-8166. Hotel arrangements can be made with Northgate Inn at 665-0926 or Hughey House Bed and Breakfast at 669-3201.

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**CHOIR**

Judge Brett Farr, choir director at Lubbock Coronado High School, said "The Pampa choirs are fantastic."  
 Another judge, Larry Siginero, said, "I really enjoyed your performances... good singing and good teaching. The students really outdid themselves."  
 In his comments regarding the Trèble Choir's performance, Farr said, "This choir really understands tone."  
 The six Pampa choirs underwent intensive competition during the two days of the contest, Mays said.  
 "The students really have to focus to get through two days of competition. First, the performance and then the sightreading. They have to really focus to do that spotlessly and get a first division," Mays said.  
 During the sightreading portion of the competi-

tion, choir members are presented with new music composed expressly for this purpose, he explained.  
 "No one sees (the music) anywhere in the state until the sightreading competition," he said. "There is a unique piece for each choir."  
 "I had one student that said, 'I've never concentrated so hard in my life,'" he added.  
 "I don't think people realize that music — the fine arts — is such an academic thing," Mays said.  
 In three weeks, the PHS choral department will present a combined concert with the Canyon and Randall High School choirs at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. The choirs will travel to New York City for the annual choir trip, May 5-7.  
 Members of the local community will have the opportunity to hear a preview of the combined choirs of Pampa, Canyon and Randall when they perform in concert at M.K. Brown Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., May 1.

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**BULLFIGHTER**

Cole's already performed at some of the local rodeos, including Pampa, Childress and Shamrock. He said he'd like to pursue it as a career.  
 "He's a pretty good boy," Kenneth Otts said. "I don't think I acted like that when I was his age."

Otts is obviously proud of his son, but has his concerns, too, based on his own experiences.  
 "After you something like that, it's one of those deals you don't really know whether you ought to encourage your kids to do it or not," Otts said. "Of course, the ranch industry is not any different. You wonder if you're doing the right thing to make them think they could do it if they wanted."

**Scores of protesters outside Fonda speaking area**

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Dozens of demonstrators protested on Thursday outside a country club where actress and activist Jane Fonda was scheduled to speak.  
 Many of the protesters are war veterans. Some

wore military-style clothing or caps.  
 Fonda has been the target of criticism over the past several decades for her opposition to the Vietnam War and for posing overseas with members of the opposition's military.

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**FAMILIES**

"I felt like he truly listened to everybody who spoke," she said. "He repeated what they said so he understood what their needs were. When he left here, I felt he would do everything possible to accommodate us."  
 Salyers said she has never wanted to travel to Terre Haute for the execution, preferring to watch it with the rest of the survivors and victims' families.  
 "That is more what I need, to be with my support," she said. "We are a strong group, a strong community."

eral law since 1963.  
 Ashcroft said McVeigh would be able to talk to the media up to 15 minutes a day by telephone, but no longer. He said no recording of the telephone calls would be allowed.  
 "As an American who cares about our culture, I want to restrict a mass murderer's access to a public podium," Ashcroft said. "As attorney general, I don't want anyone to be able to purchase access to the podium of America with the blood of 168 innocent victims. Please do not help him inject more poison into our culture. He's caused enough senseless damage."

McVeigh was convicted of the bombing, which killed 168 people, including 19 children, on June 2, 1997. He was sentenced to death, and Ashcroft noted Thursday that McVeigh had exhausted all appeals.

Kathleen Hawk Sawyer, director of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, said it would be up to the "honor and integrity" of the media to adhere to the no-recording rule.

Describing his meeting with the families, Ashcroft said: "My time with these brave survivors changed me. What was taken from them can never be replaced nor fully restored. I hope we can help them meet their needs to close this chapter in their lives."

McVeigh has said he is not opposed to a closed-circuit telecast and has suggested that his execution should be televised nationally. In a letter to the Daily Oklahoman newspaper, McVeigh said that, to provide equal access, the government should "hold a true public execution — allow a public broadcast."

The decision fulfills the requests of some 250 victims and family members who want to see McVeigh die.

Media outlets have been clamoring to get interviews with McVeigh.

Ashcroft said the video transmission will begin at the same time the curtain to the execution room is opened.

McVeigh did 75 hours of interviews with two newspaper reporters who have written a book, "American Terrorist." The book created a stir because in it McVeigh appeared to show no remorse.

"All witnesses will see McVeigh on the execution table and they will be able to hear any final statement Mr. McVeigh makes," said Ashcroft.

"I understand what they felt in Oklahoma City. I have no sympathy for them," he told the authors.

Ashcroft said he understood that some survivors and victims' relatives would want to go to the site of the execution, even if it is available on closed-circuit television in Oklahoma City. For those, he said, accommodations will also be made. An area in Terre Haute near the prison will be provided.

McVeigh's attorney, Nathan Chambers, said Wednesday that McVeigh shows no sign of interest in a last-minute appeal to stop or delay his execution.

McVeigh's execution will be the first under fed-

Justice Department officials said this week that McVeigh's last chance to ask for a stay of execution would be two hours before he is scheduled to die, when he will be allowed a final meeting with his lawyers.

**Pampa couple free on bonds after quarrels**

A Pampa couple was free on bonds totaling \$4,000 today after being arrested Monday following a domestic quarrel.  
 Priscella Osby, 22, 911 Twiford, and Terry Lamont Osby, 27, 1838 N. Sumner, were arrested about 10 a.m. Monday near a daycare center in the 700 block of Prairie in what appeared to be the continuation of a quarrel Sunday.  
 Pampa police officers said the quarrel apparently

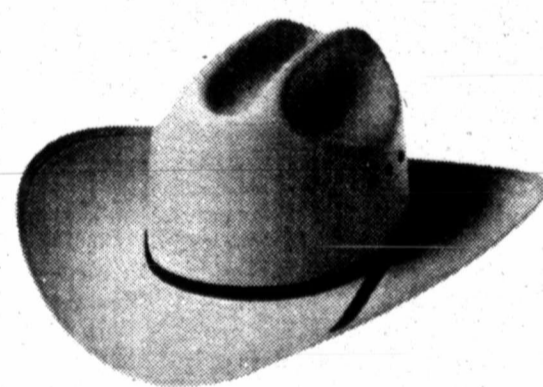
began Sunday afternoon in the 1800 block of North Sumner. Officers said they were called to Priscella Osby's mother's home in the 900 block of Twiford about 10 p.m. Sunday.  
 When the quarrel continued Monday morning, officers said, the couple was arrested and booked into Gray County jail.  
 Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond for each of the Osby's at \$2,000.

**Police: Sex offender fails to register**

A sex offender was awaiting a district attorney's decision in connection with the violation of a court order.  
 Toby Dean Phillips, 30, 531 N. Wells, failed to register his new address with the Pampa Police Department after moving from 1901 Williston, officers said.  
 Convicted sex offenders have to notify local law enforcement agencies of changes of address within 30 days, Col. Terry Young of the Pampa Police

Department said.  
 "We split that with the sheriff's office," Young said. "They take the county, and we take the city."  
 Failure to register is a second degree felony under state law.  
 Phillips has been convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a child.  
 Young said the case would be forwarded to the district attorney's office for action.

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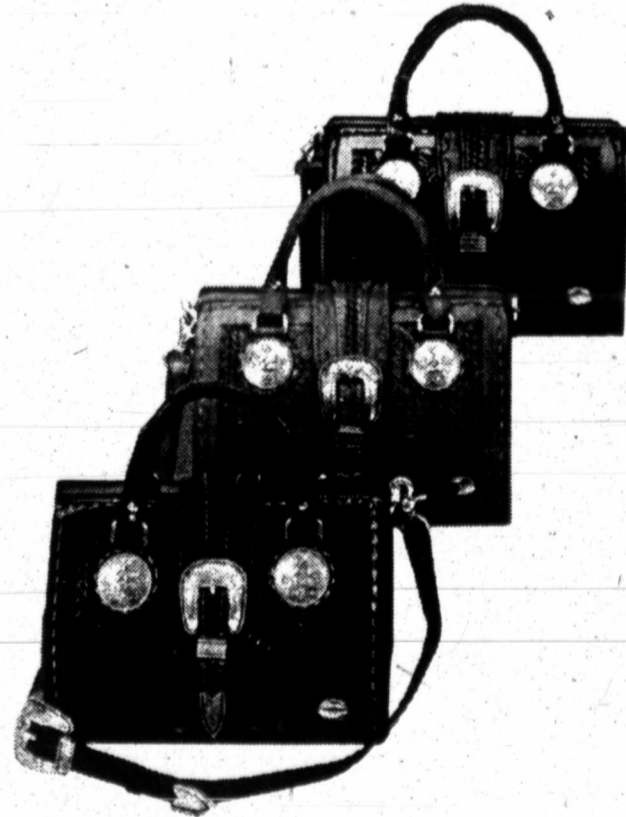
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# 4-H Photography contest 2001 winners

Six area students will represent Gray County at the 4-H State Photography Competition in June at College Station. Dustin Neef, Emily Elliott, and Jessica Baggerman of Pampa and Drake Jackson, Emily Jackson and Nick Miller of Lefors all had winning photographs in the recent Gray County 4-H Photography Competition.

Results were announced at an exhibit and awards ceremony at the conclusion of the competition. Winners were selected from among 16 contestants by local photographers Frank Anderson, David Bowser and James Hinkley.

Neef received first place awards in People Color, Animal Color, Humor Color and Animal Black and White categories. Elliott placed first in Landscape and Scenic Color, People Black and White and Promote 4-H Black and White. Baggerman took first place in Landscape Black and White and Flora and Plants Black and White. Drake Jackson earned first place in Flora and Plants Color while Emily Jackson took honors in Promote 4-H Color. Nick Miller placed first in Humor Black and White.

The competition included 108 photographs. Other students participating were Ryan Baggerman, Alexandra Long, Megan Pettit and Sarah Schwab of Pampa; Cory Jackson and Gabriel Miller, both of Lefors; and Amanda Loya, Kristen Odom, Nicholas Odom and Zachary Odom, all of McLean.

Final results in each category are as follows:

**People Color.** Dustin Neef, first place overall and first place junior (tie, selected by judges as state competition entry); Kristen Odom,

first overall and first junior (tie); Emily Elliott, first Intermediate/Senior.

**People Black and White.** Emily Elliott, first overall and first Intermediate/Senior; Dustin Neef, first junior.

**Animal Color.** Dustin Neef, first overall and first junior; Emily Elliott, first Intermediate/Senior.

**Animal Black and White.** Dustin Neef, first overall and first junior; Nicholas Odom, first Intermediate/Senior.

**Landscape and Scenic Color.** Emily Elliott, first overall and first Intermediate/Senior; Dustin Neef, first junior.

**Landscape and Scenic Black and White.** Jessica Baggerman, first overall and first junior; Drake Jackson, first Intermediate/Senior.

**Flora and Plants Color.** Drake Jackson, first overall and first Intermediate/Senior; Gabriel Miller, first junior.

**Flora and Plants Black and White.** Jessica Baggerman, first overall and first junior; Cory Jackson, first Intermediate/Senior.

**Humor Color.** Dustin Neef, first overall (tie, selected by judges as state competition entry) and first junior; Emily Elliott, first overall (tie) and first Intermediate/Senior.

**Humor Black and White.** Nick Miller, first overall and first Intermediate/Senior; Alexandra Long, first junior.

**Promote 4-H Color.** Emily Jackson, first overall and first junior; Drake Jackson, first Intermediate/Senior.

**Promote 4-H Black and White.** Emily Elliott, first overall and first Intermediate/Senior; Gabriel Miller, first junior (tie); Ryan Baggerman, first junior (tie).



(Community Camera photo by Judy Elliott)

Participants in the 2001 Gray County 4-H Photography Competition were (back row, left-right) Emily Elliott, Nick Miller, Cory Jackson, Sarah Schwab, (middle, l-r) Drake Jackson, Alexandra Long, Jessica Baggerman, Megan Pettit, (front, l-r) Emily Jackson, Dustin Neef, Ryan Baggerman and Gabriel Miller. (Not pictured: Amanda Loya, Kristen Odom, Nicholas Odom and Zachary Odom.)



(Community Camera photo by Judy Elliott)

Category winners of the 2001 Gray Co. 4-H Photography competition were (back row, l-r) Drake Jackson, Emily Elliott, Nick Miller, Jessica Baggerman, (front, l-r) Emily Jackson and Dustin Neef.

## New postage stamps to feature prairie wildlife

WASHINGTON — The beauty and complexity of North America's wide open spaces will be commemorated April 19 when 10 new postage stamps depicting the Great Plains prairie are issued by the U.S. Postal Service at the University of Nebraska State Museum in Lincoln, Neb., with a special dedication ceremony.

The Postal Service's partners for the commemoration celebration are the Nebraska Audubon Society, the Lincoln Stamp Club, the National Wildlife Federation and the University's Center for Grassland Studies and Center for Great Plains Studies.

The Great Plains Prairie stamp pane is the third in an educational series titled "Nature of America." The series promotes appreciation of North America's major plant and animal communities. Printed in a souvenir sheet format, the pane contains ten self-adhesive 34-cent stamps concealed in a colorful scene full of wildlife and native plants.

The previous issuances in the Nature of America series were Sonoran Desert (1999) and Pacific Coast Rain Forest (2000).

The prairie stretches from the edge of the eastern woodlands and oak savannas to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Many people often underestimate the prairie's complexity and significance as an ecosystem. An important part of the American landscape, the American prairie is one of the largest grasslands in the world.

The fertile soils of the American prairie have supported farmers and ranchers in the midwestern states for more than a century. The cultivation of crops and grazing of cattle have altered the prairie, but patches of native vegetation remain.

Painted by John D. Dawson of Hilo, Hawaii, the artwork includes 25 animal and plant species native to the mixed-grass prairie of the American Great Plains. The artwork illustrates both the immense scale of

the ecosystem and the individual environments of many important species. While the scene is imaginary, all species represented are appropriate and were recommended by scientists. A description of the prairie and a list of the common and Latin names of the plants and animals included in the art appear on the back of the stamp pane.

The Great Plains Prairie stamp pane will be available at Lincoln post offices starting April 19 and at post offices across the country beginning the following day.

To see the stamps, and preliminary images of forthcoming 2001 stamps and stationery, visit the Postal Store at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) and select "Stamp Release Schedule."

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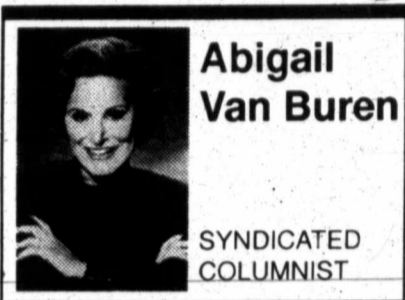
# One-Way Party Invitations Cause Hurt Feelings in Kids

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Brad," is in first grade in a small private school. When birthday time rolls around, I always invite all the kids. They all show up, but when it comes to returning the invitation, some do — but most don't. Brad is very hurt when he is excluded from their parties. It seems to me that when you accept an invitation, you should reciprocate.

It's not a matter of money, Abby; the parents can afford to invite all the children. One parent told me she lets her son decide whom to invite and she stays out of it. Isn't this teaching a child that bad manners are acceptable and getting along with each other is not important? My child has also wanted to exclude a particular child. I always say, "No one likes being left out."

I know I can't control what other people do, but I hope this letter reminds parents what it was like to be a child. Life isn't always fair, but at least we can teach our kids proper etiquette.

PERPLEXED IN VIRGINIA



year ago. Our chemistry is wonderful — he seems to be the answer to my prayers.

So what's my problem? Gerald wears a vial around his neck that contains some of his wife's ashes. While the thought is sweet and touching, it makes me uncomfortable when he is making love to me. He says he cares for me, and I know I care for him. How should I handle this?

SECOND TIME AROUND

DEAR SECOND: Tell Gerald you don't want his wife's ashes to come between you. So when he's making love to you, he should remove them from his neck and put them in a place of respect — preferably out of your range of vision. That should do the trick.

DEAR ABBY: Last Easter, an unfortunate incident occurred in our home. I would like to share it

with your readers so they won't suffer the heartbreak we did.

Like so many people, I bought an Easter lily for the holiday. My 6-month-old kitten chewed the ends off a couple of the leaves — and died on Easter morning.

A few days later, I learned from the poison control center that Easter lilies are highly toxic to felines and cause acute renal failure that results in certain death. They are not toxic to dogs or humans.

Several veterinarians were unaware of this plant's toxicity to cats, and my own veterinarian has it listed as a safe plant.

The plant industry should label toxic plants such as on the care labels so that pet owners won't lose a beloved member of their household in such a preventable way as we did. Your animal-loving readers should write to their state representatives and demand that these warnings be made law.

SUE VON ESCHEN, ROCKFORD, MICH.

DEAR SUE: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your pet. Your letter is an important one, because many experts are unaware of the danger Easter lilies can pose to felines. I called the Los Angeles poison control center to confirm what you've written. Cat lovers, listen up!

DEAR PERPLEXED: Even more important than teaching children proper etiquette is teaching them empathy for other people. Unless young people are taught respect for the feelings of others, all the etiquette lessons in the world are wasted.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 73-year-old single lady. I've been alone and lonely for 14 years, ever since my husband died. I recently met a man, "Gerald," who is five years younger than me. His wife died a

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**Wildwood**

AND THIS IS MY COLLECTION OF FAMOUS LENNY'S - EACH OF THEM THE GREATEST IN THEIR FIELD.

WHO'S THE GUY ON THE END?

NONE OTHER THAN THE WORLD'S GREATEST MAILMAN.

YEP... THAT'S MY GUESS, ANYWAY... I FOUND HIS PICTURE TACKLED TO THE WALL AT THE POST OFFICE.

**Crossword Puzzle**

- By THOMAS JOSEPH
- ACROSS
- 1 Soft mineral
  - 5 Authentic Nebraska city
  - 12 Cherish
  - 13 Contribute to a fund
  - 14 Inform against
  - 15 Had dinner
  - 16 A gemstone
  - 18 A gemstone
  - 20 Favorite
  - 21 Track shape
  - 23 Spanish gold
  - 24 Running behind
  - 26 Chooses
  - 28 Comic
  - 29 Track event
  - 31 Playwright
  - 32 A gemstone
  - 36 A gemstone
  - 39 Pub order
  - 40 Susan Lucci role
  - 41 Green shade
  - 43 Furles
  - 44 Ominous bird
  - 45 Lazy critter
  - 46 Harry S's wife
- DOWN
- 1 A gemstone
  - 2 Noted violin maker
  - 3 Straturn
  - 4 Greek X
  - 5 Zhivago's love
  - 6 Dutch cheese
  - 7 Detenorate
  - 8 Ones with pressing business?
  - 9 Look after
  - 11 Massa-chusetts town
  - 17 — bind
  - 19 Barracks
  - 22 Mail map
  - 24 Broad-minded
  - 25 Map-maker
  - 27 A pop
  - 28 Candles
  - 30 In the past
  - 33 Ingenuous
  - 34 Pole workers
  - 35 Prom attendees
  - 37 Rapper-turned-actor
  - 38 Morse
  - 42 Research spot

**Marmaduke**

"Bone voyage."

**STUMPED?**

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**The Family Circus**

"What am I not allowed to do while I'm on my best behavior?"

**For Better or For Worse**

WHY DON'T YOU GUYS JUST ELOPE?  
THAT'S WHAT WE WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT, WEED.  
AND YOU'RE GOING TO GET MARRIED AGAIN?  
SURE!  
WILL THERE BE A REHEARSAL?  
YES... AND WE STILL WANT YOU TO TAKE THE PHOTOGRAPHS.  
GORD AND TRACEY WERE OUR WITNESSES.

**Zits**

DUDES  
DUDE  
NICE HAT  
YO  
I FOUND IT IN MY GARAGE, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT  
ISN'T IT A FUNNEL?  
HEY, I DON'T KNOW DESIGNER NAMES IF IT LOOKS GOOD, I WEAR IT.

**Garfield**

I GOT YOU A SURPRISE, GARFIELD!  
BUT I CAN'T FIND IT  
IT WOULDN'T HAVE MAYBE, SORTA, KINDA RESEMBLED A (BURP) BOX OF DONUTS, WOULD IT?

**Beetle Bailey**

SARGE REALLY HAS A FULL DAY PLANNED FOR US TOMORROW  
WHAT IS BEETLE DOING?  
CRAMMING FOR EXCUSES  
LUCK WALKER

**Marvin**

WE MUST BE ON HIGH ALERT NOW, WATSON  
THE NEFARIOUS PROFESSOR MORIRABBIT WILL BE HERE ANY SECOND TO CONCEAL HIS HARD-BOILED OVALS!  
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE?  
ELEMENTARY... I CONSULTED MY EGG TIMER

**B.C.**

I HAVEN'T FELT WELL FOR WEEKS.  
YOU SHOULD GO ON A FAST.  
THINK IT WILL HELP?  
ABSOLUTELY.

**Hagar The Horrible**

HAGAR, I KNOW I ASKED YOU TO SPEND LESS TIME AT SPIKE'S BAR AND MORE TIME AT HOME...  
BUT THIS ISN'T WHAT I HAD IN MIND!

**Peanuts**

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE MY TUNA SANDWICH?  
HERE  
I LIKE IT BETTER WHEN THEY CUT THE CRUSTS OFF

**Blondie**

BUYING ENVELOPES WAS SO SIMPLE IN THE OLD DAYS... NOW YOU'VE GOT 15 DIFFERENT COLORS  
WOULD YOU LIKE A PACKET OF RED? BLUE? ORANGE?  
I'LL TAKE ONE OF EACH COLOR... AND AS TO SIZES, I'LL TAKE A 10-BY-15, TWO 9-BY-12'S, AND THREE 5-BY-7'S...  
LIFE USED TO BE SO SIMPLE IN THE OLD DAYS

**Mallard Filmore**

IT'S A GOOD THING THEY'RE RICH ENOUGH TO AFFORD LAWYERS AND ACCOUNTANTS...  
...CAUSE THE PEOPLE OF M BEACH COUNTY NEVER FIGURE OUT INCOME-TAX FORMS.

**Not GOLF**

AMARIL boys' golf bit, but the maintained District 3-4. Wednesday Comanche Pampa Wednesday the 18-hole Harvesters stroke leac standings. The fina played toda Anthony Wednesday Harvesters shot 82, fo Williams 85 and Mitch S

**OMISSIO**  
PAMPA swimmers Megan I Branchetti, and Kelley named to t Team this e Moman a were omitt Pampa Nev swim team April 10 issu

**RODEO**  
AMARIL Atwood of I ond in the b State High 5 earlier this w Atwood h ish three p ond-place l Amarillo.

**FOOTBAL**  
WHEELI High athlete ters-of-inteni football next Bret Goad, ter and mid headed for V Kelby Lec sive tackle a signed with Goad and lead the Mu trict champi the area rou this past sea They were the Class 1/ able mentic Associated Writers.

**BASEBAL**  
PHOENIX Sheffield hor Eric Karros lead the Los to an 11-5 Arizona Di Wednesday n The game v of a paid cr smallest in B history. Phil Hiatt homer for th scored two r first three inni Anderson (0- the game ope fourth. Reggie San home ru Diamondback five of six. Darren Drei four runs — t three hits in walked two, s hit a batter. Sheffield ga 1-4 three batt when he hit into the left-fi drove Anders an umbrella i field pool area

**Flas**  
1992: Can Wellington school footb Canadian Steven Flow yard touch Chris Lee, a 5-year run. J.K. Heste one on a 3 punt and an yard run.









## Drilling Intentions

**Intentions to Drill**  
**CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE)** Anadarko Petroleum Corp., #1097 Burnett Estate, 1332' from North & 2675' from East line, Sec. 97,5,1&GN (BHL: 330' from North & East Sec. line) PD 2650'. Recompletion

**CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE)** Anadarko Petroleum Corp., #1099 Burnett Estate, 1320' from North & 660' from West line, Sec. 99,5,1&GN (BHL: 1320' from North & 1650' from East Sec. line) PD 2900'. Recompletion

**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT)** Courson Oil & Gas, Inc., #1-13 Hefley, 467' from North & East line, Sec. 13,A-1,H&GN, PD 8300'.

**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & NIX-TODD)** Lower Morrow) Brigham Oil & Gas, L.P., #1 Christopher '84', 1636' from North & 506' from West line, Sec. 84,42,H&TC (BHL: 1282' from North & 917' from West Sec. line) PD 12900'. Directional well

**WHEELER (WILDCAT & MILLS RANCH)** Des Moines) Crest Resources, Inc., #4044 Bryant, 660' from North & 2300' from East line, Sec. 44,A-7,H&GN, PD 12500'. Rule 37

**Applications to Plug-Back**  
**Hutchinson (NORTH HUTCHINSON Granite Wash)** Strat Land Exploration Co., #1 Buchner 'A', 2139' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 4,A,DL&C, PD 6902'.

**Hutchinson (NANNIE KIRK Douglas)** Strat Land Exploration Co., #1 Kirk 'A', 2173' from North & 467' from West line, Sec. 85,5-T,T&NO (BHL: 2507' from South & 500' from West Sec. line) PD 8175'. Horizontal Plug-Back

**Oil Well Completions**  
**GRAY (PANHANDLE)** Myriad Resources Corp., #45 Powell 'B', Sec. 28,B-2,H&GN, spud 1-21-00, drlg. compl 10-28-00, tested 3-9-01, pumped 6 bbl. of 40 grav. oil + no water, GOR 1667', TD 3041' —

**HEMPHILL (SPARKS)** Tonkawa) EOG Resources, Inc., #1 Hext '60', Sec. 60,42,H&TC, spud 9-11-00, drlg. compl 9-26-00, tested 1-22-01, pumped 13 bbl. of 40 grav. oil + 25 bbls. water, GOR

3538, TD 7750', PBTD 7681' —  
**Gas Well Completions**

**HANSFORD (HANSFORD Lower Morrow)** Devon Energy Production Co., #2 Mathews '56', Sec. 56,R,AB&M, spud 11-2-00, drlg. compl 11-28-00, tested 3-7-01, potential 1875 MCF, TD 8805'

**HANSFORD (HANSFORD Lower Morrow)** Devon Energy Production Co., #2 Mathews '57', Sec. 57,R,AB&M, spud 10-14-00, drlg. compl 12-16-00, tested 3-7-01, TD 8758', PBTD 8711' —

**HEMPHILL (GEM-DANDY Douglas)** Amoco Production Co., #3047 Ada Whitner, Sec. 47,41,H&TC, spud 12-15-00, drlg. compl 1-2-01, tested 1-15-01, TD 8100', PBTD 8040' — (This well may be a retest)

**HUTCHINSON (S.W. MORSE Brown Dolomite)** SNW Operating Co., #C-4 Lewis, Sec. 40,3,T&NO, spud 12-14-00, drlg. compl 12-17-00, tested 2-15-01, TD 3268' —

**HUTCHINSON (S.W. MORSE Brown Dolomite)** SNW Operating, #1 Whit-Tyson, Sec. 4,1,BBB&C, spud 12-19-00, drlg. compl 12-22-00, tested 2-15-01, TD 3263' —

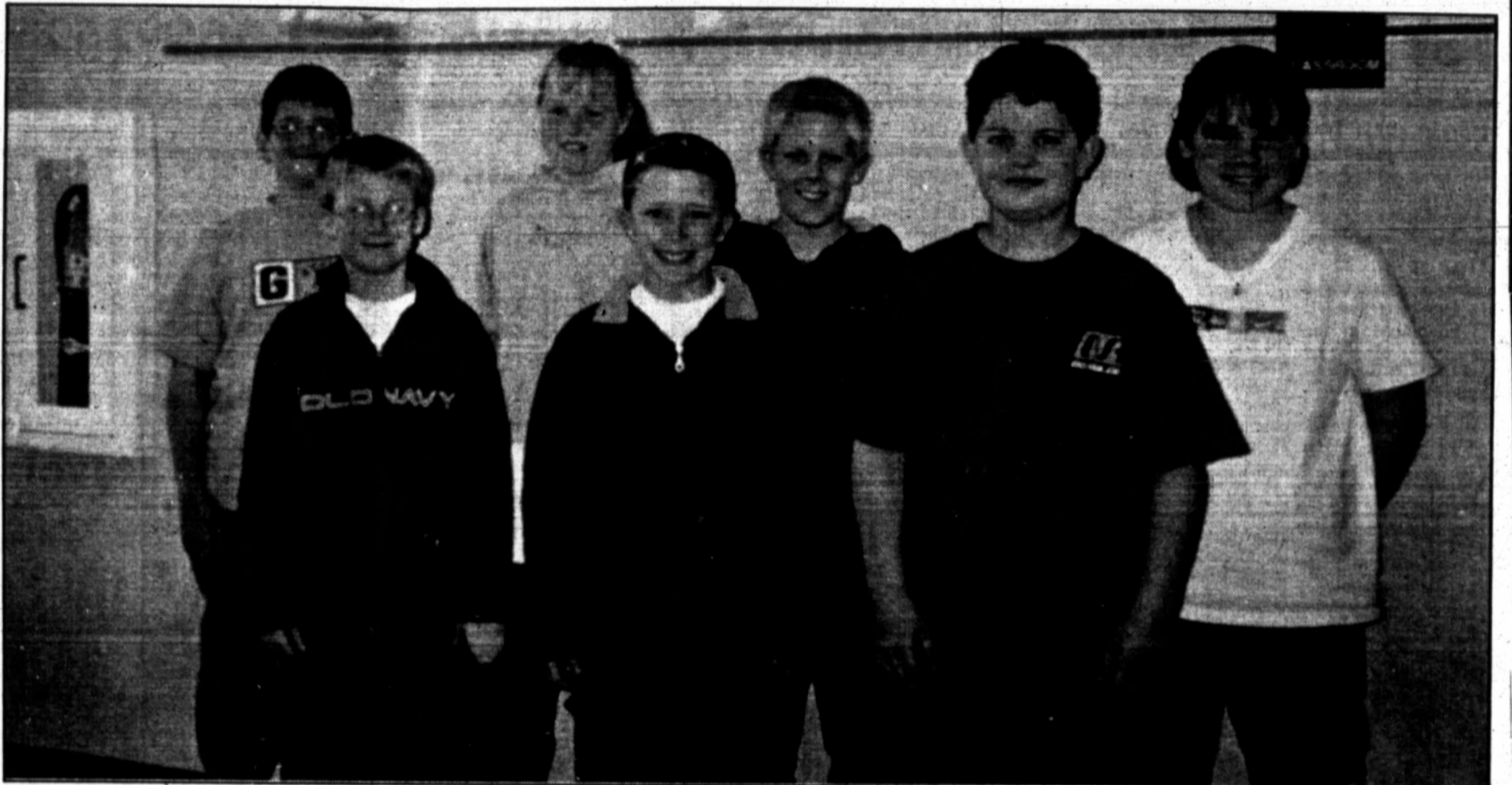
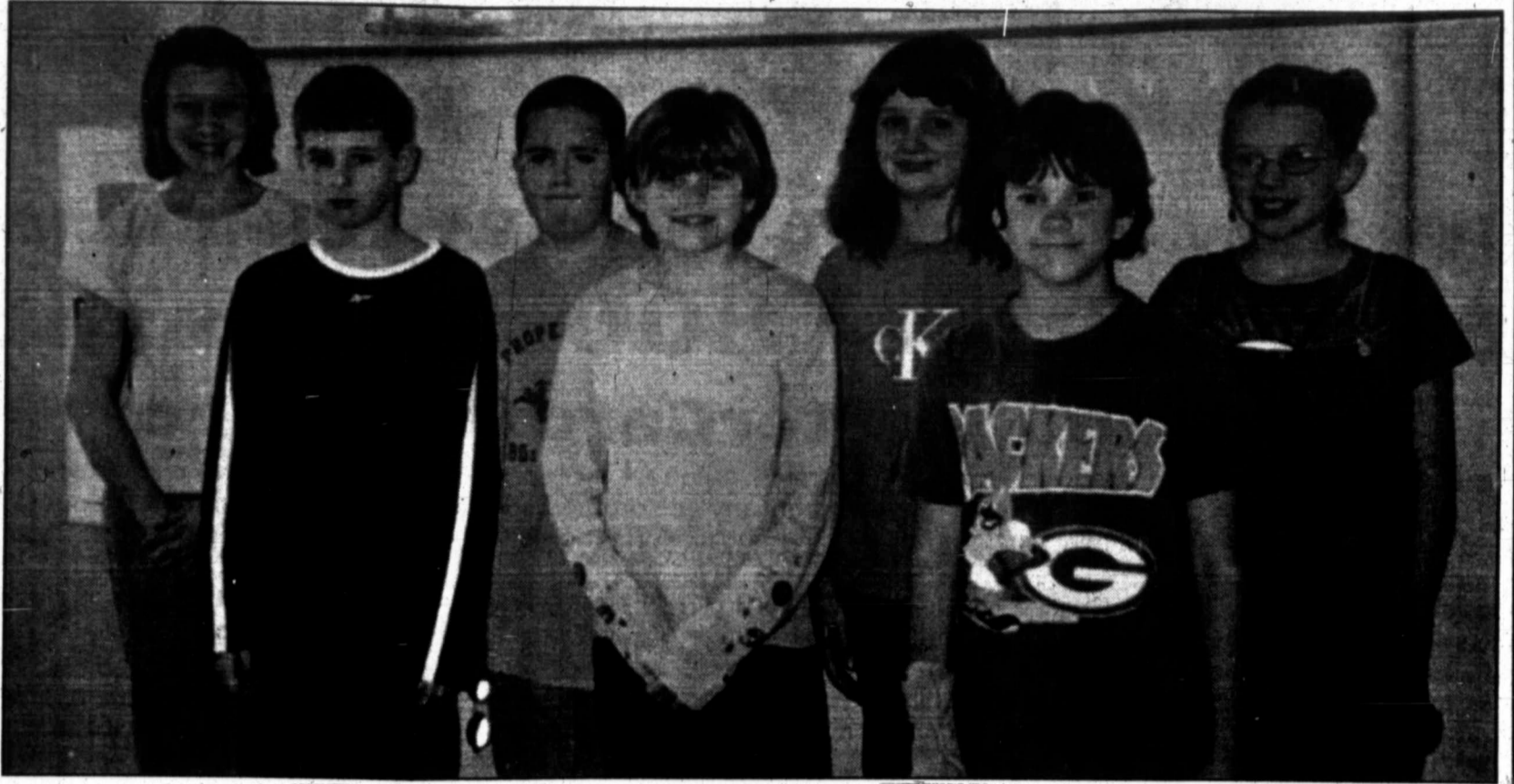
**WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Des Moines)** Crest Resources, #3044 Bryant, Sec. 44,A-7,H&GN, spud 9-21-00, drlg. compl 2-1-01, tested 1-5-01, potential 3200 MCF, TD 12150' —

**Plugged Wells**  
**GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE)** R.D. Back, #B-1 Carpenter, Sec. 25,25,H&GN, spud 1-16-51, plugged 3-21-01, TD 2220' (gas) —  
**HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WAL-LOW Granite Wash)** Sidwell Oil & Gas, Inc., #1-235 Meadows, Sec. 235,C,G&MMB&A, spud 9-30-00, plugged 2-24-01, TD 14550' (oil-gas) —

**WHEELER (WILDCAT)** Questar E&P Co., #4035 Britt Ranch 'C', Sec. 35,A-3,H&GN, spud 10-13-00, plugged 10-17-00, TD 168' (dry) —

**WHEELER (PANHANDLE)** Throckmorton Operating, #1A Patterson Special, Sec. 89,3,H&GN, spud 11-15-40, plugged 3-27-01, TD 2111' (oil) — Form 1 in Flayspan Oil Co.

## Austin Elementary



Placing first in their category in the Austin Elementary Science Fair were (top, back row) Stephanie Polasek, Alex Curry, Jennifer Cox, Meagon Turner, (front row) Tyler Morris, Texi Schaeffer and Erica Schepp; and (bottom, back row) Garnett Schafer, Layce Beesley, Colby Copeland, Ashlee Winkleblack; (front row) Mitch Kelley, Tanner Dyson and Drew Williams.

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