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## PetCo will have water for secondary oil recovery

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- A petroleum company will soon have water for secondary oil recovery in Gray County and a water authority that provides water to much of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains will have to return after Thanksgiving to see if they can drill more wells in Roberts County.

PetCo Petroleum will have the water in Gray County for secondary recovery operations.

Following a public hearing Wednesday, the Panhandle Ground

Water Conservation District board of directors approved a drilling permit that will allow PetCo to drill one three-inch well that can pump 97 acre-feet of water for secondary recovery.

Amarillo oilman and Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board member Tom Cambridge said there was a salt water disposal site about a mile and a half from PetCo's site and urged the petroleum company to use that water for part of their recovery operation.

"There is some salt water available," Cambridge said.

He said there was about 300 barrels a day available.

"It might provide some supplementary water," he said.

The permit issued by the Panhandle Ground Water District is contingent upon PetCo getting a Railroad Commission permit.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, which supplies water to 11 cities in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, including Pampa, has applied for permits to drill six additional wells in their Roberts County well field north of Pampa.

PGWCD General Manager C.E. Williams said following a public hearing Wednesday on the request that technical data supplied by CRMWA last week is still being evaluated.

Another public hearing has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Nov. 28 at the PGWCD offices in White Deer (See related story).

In other business, the PGWCD board reviewed data on five study areas, areas that had shown declines of 1.25 percent of the ground water

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## CRMWA's water well drilling request to be heard next month

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- There will be a public hearing at 9 a.m. Nov. 28 at the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District offices here on the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's request to drill six more wells in their Roberts County well field north of Pampa.

Kent Satterwhite, general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, told the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors during a hearing Wednesday that CRMWA now has commitments for about 300,000 acres in water rights and that he had planned to come to the district for drilling permits in connection with CRMWA's expansion.

But because of the low lake level, CRMWA was asking for permits to drill six wells, two 12-inch wells and four 14 inch wells in their existing well field. That well field has been expanded with the addition of the Duncan Ranch, Hayhook Ranch and

Morrison Ranch to the west and north of the existing well field.

The additional water rights adjoining the CRMWA well field should allow the water authority to increase the amount of water they pump from 40,000 acre-feet per year to 60,000 acre-feet.

Satterwhite said that CRMWA had closed on about half of the 300,000 acres and expected to have closed on all the property by the end of the year. Under the district's rules, they will essentially be able to pump one acre-foot per acre of water rights.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority supplies water to 11 cities in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, including Pampa.

That water has traditionally come from Lake Meredith, but in an effort to increase water supplies and improve water quality, CRMWA bought water rights in Roberts County and began mixing the lake water and

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Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District President John R. Spearman of Pampa, right, presented John McKissack with a plaque Wednesday for McKissack's work on the district's board of directors. McKissack, who represented Potter County on the board, stepped down earlier this year citing increased workload at his job. He was replaced by Amarillo oilman Tom Cambridge.

## Pennsylvania trust buys more property

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Integrity 606 Trust in Pennsylvania has bought eight tax delinquent properties in Pampa.

Pampa City Manager John Horst said the trust has bought tax delinquent properties in Pampa before and has improved them and turned them into suitable housing.

"They have a good record with the City of Pampa," Horst said.

The Pampa City Commission Tuesday accepted the trust's bids of \$5,151 for 402 Lefors, \$2,601 for 109 Lowry, \$5,151 for 530 Gray, \$111 for 832 S. Banks, \$5,151 for 704 N. Gray, \$5,151 for 1003 S. Sumner, \$111 for Lot 4 in Block 11 if the Finley Banks Addition and \$15,751 for 1209 Duncan.

In regard to other tax delinquent properties, the commission also accepted Dannie Miller's bid of \$501 for 700 Frederic, Rogelio

Servin's bid of \$500 for 701 E. Browning, Richard Chester's bids of \$853 for 619 Carr and \$853 for 1100 S. Faulkner, D&C Investments' bid of \$500 for 640 N. Christy, Eblin and Ricky Daugherty's bid of \$500 for 824 Beryl, Keith Fisher's bids of \$1,030 for 517 Ash and \$1,030 for Lot 12 in Block 1 of the Miller Addition, Damian and Sharon Gonzalez' bids of \$158 for 1017 Campbell and \$255 for 601 Francis, Jesse Martinez' bid of \$400 for 329 N. Banks, J.D. Mullen's bid of \$100 for 1030 Browning and Jesenya Rodriguez' bid of \$1,000 for 814 Reid.

The commission also approved a contribution of \$5,000 toward the resurfacing of the high school tennis courts. This is the second year for the city to contribute to the tennis court project.

Doug Ware of the Tennis Booster Club and Lance

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## Guthrie to be honored in Oklahoma

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Woodrow Wilson "Woody" Guthrie, a folk singer/songwriter who lived in Pampa from 1929 to 1935, will be inducted posthumously into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame Nov. 16 in Tulsa.

Guthrie was born in Okemah, Okla., and moved to Pampa in 1929 at the age of 17. He attended Pampa High School before going to work at Harris Drug Store, 320 S. Cuyler, which today is the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center. He is said to have found his first guitar in a back room of the drug store, and he began playing it in between serving customers.

According to the Woody Guthrie Foundation's Web site, Guthrie married and had three children in Pampa. The Great Dust Storm of 1935 made the hard times of the Depression even harder for him to support his family, so he left Pampa to seek work.



Woody Guthrie will be inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame on Nov. 19.

He eventually reached California and later New York. During World War II, Guthrie served in the Merchant Marines and the U.S. Army.

He wrote more than 3,000 songs and poems, as well as two autobiographi-

cal novels. He drew more than 500 illustrations. He reinvented the American folk ballad as a vehicle for social comment and protest with songs such as "This Land is Your Land,"

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## Obituaries

### Mary Ruth Huckert, 53

POTEAU, Okla. — Mary Ruth Huckert, 53, died Sunday, Oct. 15, 2006, in Poteau, Okla.

Services were held on Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, at Oakland Cemetery Pavilion under the direction of Evans & Miller Funeral Home.

Mrs. Huckert as born Jan. 17, 1953 in Hereford. She was a retired RN.

Survivors include her husband, Jim

Huckert of the home; three children, Buffy Gwynn of Groom, Toylynn Walterschied of Amarillo and James Huckert Jr. of Austin; a brother, Roy Mac Rogers of Levelland; a sister, Dene Kelly of Midland; one granddaughter; numerous other relatives and loved ones; and a host of beloved friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Lee and Iza Irene (Miller) Rogers, and a brother, Dick Rogers.

### Jimmy Lynn 'Papa' Hampton, 60

Jimmy Lynn "Papa" Hampton, 60, died Tuesday, October 24, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 28, 2006, at the First Baptist Church, with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery with honor guard presentation by VFW Post #1657. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hampton was born November 17, 1945, in Lubbock. He married Barbra Tugwell on May 14, 1965, in Memphis, Tennessee. He was a cable technician for over 30 years. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church. He was an avid

woodworker. He was a member of the VFW Post #1657. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife, Barbra Hampton of the home; four sons, Richard Hampton & wife Angie of Mulvane, Kansas, Robert Hampton of Long Beach, California, and Chris Hampton and Marc Hampton & wife Lora, all of Pampa; one daughter, Candy Riley of Pampa; his father, Wendell Hampton & wife Jewell of Naples; 13 grandchildren; one brother, Ronnie Hampton & wife Judy of El Paso; and one sister, Sharon Scott & husband Mike of Canyon. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred Hampton on October 17, 1998.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 27, 2006, at Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home.

Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com)



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### Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of rain after 1 p.m. Increasing clouds, with a high near 61. Windy, with a southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest between 30 and 35 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. Windy, with a north northwest wind around 35 mph, with gusts as high as 50 mph.

Friday: Mostly cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 63. Wind chill values between 32 and 37 early. Windy, with a north northwest wind 30 to 35 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

### Billy B. Davis, 84

Billy B. Davis, 84, died Monday, October 23, 2006, in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 28, 2006, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, with Rev. Linda Kelly, rector, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Davis was born February 23, 1922, in Pampa where he had been a lifelong resident. He was a 1940 graduate of Pampa High School and graduated from New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell.

He served in the U. S. Army Air Force during World War II in the European Theatre, and he was discharged as a first lieutenant. He married Nancy Teichgraber on November 2, 1946, in Emporia, Kansas.

He was a longtime Gray County rancher and independent oil producer. He was a past

president of the Panhandle Producers & Royalty Owners Association, and a director of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association for 35 years. He was a past commander of the American Legion Post.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church where he was a former senior warden in the vestry. He was a former Boy Scout Explorer post leader. He was formerly active in the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association and was past president of the Golden Spread Ostomy Association.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Davis of the home; two sons, James Boyd Davis & wife Beth of Golden, Colorado, and Robert Alan Davis of Tucson, Arizona; and one grandson, Alexander Maxwell Davis of Tucson, Arizona. He was preceded in death by a sister, Doris Rinehart.

Memorials may be to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund or Day School Fund, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, Texas 79065, the Golden Spread Ostomy Association, P.O. Box 10244, Amarillo, Texas 79116, or a favorite charity.

Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com)



Davis

### Talley O. Timmens, 56

CANYON — Talley O. Timmens, 56, died Tuesday, October 24, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, October 27, 2006, at The First United Methodist Church with Rev. Clark Williams and Rev. Donna Johnston, pastors, and Rev. Kevin Deckard, pastor of Fellowship

Church, officiating. Burial will be in Dreamland Cemetery under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors.

Talley Owen Timmens was born on December 15, 1949, to Claud V. and Lorita Mae Hogan Timmens in Glendale, Calif. He graduated from Mobeetie High School in 1968 and received

his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Business from West Texas State University in 1975.

He married Katy Thomas on April 5, 1980, and was a sales representative for Bush Hog. He then received an Associate Degree in Mortuary Science from Amarillo College in 2003 and was a funeral director for Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home in Pampa.

He was currently a funeral director at Rix Funeral Home in Hereford, Texas.

He was a veteran of the Army National Guard. Talley was a member of First United Methodist Church of Canyon where he was active in the church choir and the Searchers Sunday School Class.

Survivors include his wife, Katy Timmens of the home; two sons, Paul Timmens of Canyon and Seth Timmens of the home; a brother, Terry Timmens of Fritch; a sister, Timara Graves of Russellville, Ark.; an uncle, Chuck Hogan and wife Louise of Mobeetie; an aunt, Martha Lou Parker and husband R. C. of McLean; cousins, Roberta Pugh and Minnie Lou Jackson, both of Pampa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to the First United Methodist Church Choir, 1818 4th Avenue, Canyon Texas 79015.

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**Vada Alice Lunsford, 101**

Vada Alice Lunsford, 101, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, October 27, 2006, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Lunsford was born on Nov. 30, 1904, in Indian Territory, Oklahoma, near what is now Purcell, Oklahoma. She married James Cecil Lunsford on Dec. 19, 1923, in Rush Springs, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on Oct. 2, 1967. She and her husband came to Pampa in 1926 from Megargel. They owned and oper-



Lunsford

ated Lunsford Bit and Machine Shop until his death. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church. Survivors include a daughter, Joan Kuhne and husband Dr. Bob Kuhne of Richardson; a son, Gene Lunsford and wife Ruth of Pampa; five grandchildren, Lynn Wright and husband Gene of Austin, Lea Hobbs and husband John and Sundi Halbert and husband Wes, all of Keller, Dr. Chris Kuhne and wife Katie of Plano, and Brad Kuhne and wife Kristin of Richardson; and 10 great-grandchildren, Christie Wright, Lauren and Jennifer Hobbs, Courtney, Madison, Doak, Rob and Alex Kuhne, and Peyton and Hudson Halbert. Memorials may be to First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79065, Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065, or a favorite charity. Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

**Jene Jennings, 74**

Jene Jennings, 74, died Monday, October 23, 2006, in Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, October 27, 2006, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Mr. Glade Taylor, a family member, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Jennings was born August 9, 1932, in Phillips. He had been a lifelong resident of the Pampa area. He married Sherry Newsom on November 5, 1951, in Wheeler. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a member of the Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF & AM, and was a lifetime member of the El

Paso Scottish Rite Consistory. Survivors include his wife, Sherry Jennings of the home; four sons, Gary Jennings & wife Cinda, Tracy Jennings & wife Pam, and Rick Jennings, all of Pampa, and Terrell Jennings & wife Jennifer of Fort Hood; three daughters, Regina Lewis & husband Ken of Keller, Pam Campbell & husband Merrill of Phoenix, Arizona, and Shanell Jennings of the home; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Memorials may be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065, or Pampa Nursing Center, 1321 W. Kentucky, Pampa, Texas 79065. Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

**Emergency Services**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Six traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1400 block of Charles.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Hobart and Somerville streets.

Calls concerning animals were received from the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky streets, the 1200 block of Duncan, and the 1800 block of Coffee.

Found property was reported in the 900 block of Duncan. Bicycles were found.

A welfare check was made in the 900 block of Scott.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1000 block of Charles.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 900 block of South Barnes.

A prowler was reported in the 1900 block of North Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive and the 600 block of Sloan.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2700 block of North Hobart.

Assault was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

A silent/abusive 911 call and domestic disturbance were reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

A disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of North Dwight.

One open door was checked.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of South Faulkner, where tools and household items valued at \$1,800 were taken.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported at Wal Mart, 2801 Charles. Clothing valued at \$65 was taken.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby and the 1000 block of North Wells.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Wednesday, Oct. 25  
Jason David Sprowls, 20, of Las Vegas, Nev., was arrested by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance.

Tai Dexter, 34, of Dadeville, Ala., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance and possession of more than five pounds but less than 50 pounds of marijuana.

Kevin S. Menniefee, 26, of Opelika, Ala., was arrested by DPS for possession of a controlled substance and possession of more than five pounds but less than 50 pounds of marijuana.

Rosa P. Keating, 40, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for fraud and theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Dixie Wilson, 52, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for violation of a city ordinance -- no running water, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to appear.

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Wednesday, Oct. 25  
8:27 a.m. — A 2005 Ford Focus, driven by Adrienne Mackenzie Jenkins, 15, of Huntsville, and a 2005 Ford Expedition, driven by Fred Grey Courtney Jr., 59, of 201 W. Kingsmill, collided in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Jouner Len Davis, 15, of 2213 N. Dwight, a passenger

in Jenkins' vehicle, was listed as having possible injuries but was not transported by ambulance. Jenkins was cited for failure to control speed and a restriction violation of driving permit -- no license, licensed driver over age 21 required in front seat.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 25  
8:25 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and Somerville on a vehicle accident.

11:30 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1500 block of Zimmers on a gas odor investigation.

1:29 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of East Scott on a medical assist.

2:11 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 100 block of North Faulkner on a medical assist.

2:31 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a medical assist.

10:07 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a medical assist.

**St. Vincent Enchilada Dinner Friday**

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church will hold its Fiesta de Octubre Enchilada Dinner Friday.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Deliveries are available by calling 665-8933 today.

Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 7 and under. All dinners include enchiladas, beans, rice, salad and salsa. Adult plates will have four enchiladas and child's plates will have two enchiladas.

**Fat man treks through town**

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A St. Louis, Mo., man walked through Pampa Thursday morning on his way from Los Angeles, Calif., to his home in an effort to lose weight.

Gary Long, 51, weighed 380 pounds when he decided to walk across America in an effort to shed the excess pounds. He was already suffering from diabetes, congestive heart failure, an enlarged heart, high blood pressure and acid reflux when he left St. Louis on foot on Feb. 15.

Long walked eastward until he entered New York City on July 24 and then flew back home to St. Louis.

After a couple of weeks off, Long flew to California on Aug. 16 and left Los Angeles on Aug. 18, headed back to St. Louis to complete the second and final leg of his cross-country walk.

"I became inspired to walk across America after learning about a 410-pound man named Steve Vaught from California who was walking across America to lose weight and regain his life," Long said on his Web site, [afatmansjourney.com](http://afatmansjourney.com). "Also, because previous attempts I have made to lose

weight have all failed." Long was slender until he left the Army in 1994, he said. Over the next nine years, during which he worked as a truck driver, his weight ballooned.

"I have spent the last three years trying different methods to lose weight, but nothing seemed to work," Long said on his Web site.

As of Oct. 21, Long's weight had dropped to 239 pounds.

Dr. Judi C. Herring, M.D., is accompanying Long on his trek from California back to Missouri, after she and her husband, Dr. Bert Herring, met Long upon his earlier pedestrian arrival in New York City. Bert Herring is the author of a new weight loss book, and the Herrings are one of Long's sponsors for the cross-country walk.

Upon leaving the Texas Panhandle, Long plans to walk through Oklahoma City, Okla., and on to St. Louis.



Fat man Gary Long hikes through city.

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**Tension builds for candidate**

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — This holiday season may be a little tense at Karen Floyd's home.

Floyd, who is running as a Republican for state superintendent of education, has learned that her stepmother donated \$100 to her Democratic challenger.

The stepmother, Jeannie Kanes, wrote Jim Rex's campaign a check last week. That donation prompted Floyd's father to send his daughter's campaign \$100.

Kanes expressed dismay that her donation has become public.

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# Viewpoints

## Activists play the 'outing game' for pure spite

Mike Rogers is a scandal-monger who calls himself a "Gay activist blogger" devoted to "outing" alleged closet-gay Republicans.

He claims that his sleazy activism is justified because it reveals the alleged hypocrisy of Republican homosexuals who refuse to promote what he insists is the real gay agenda.

One of his most recent targets was Republican Congressman David Dreier. His latest target is Idaho Senator Larry Craig who he charged has engaged in homosexual sex with at least four men — a charge the senator vehemently denies.

Significantly, he refuses to identify his alleged sources for the accusation, surrendering by his refusal any claim to credibility.

Rogers says that digging into the private lives of politicians who support anti-gay legislation is perfectly legitimate, adding because the senator both supported and voted for the Defense of Marriage act, he has a perfect right to out him.

Rogers is one of the so-called gay activists who is going on nationally syndicated radio shows and writing newspaper columns to punish what he believes are gay Republicans for not agreeing with the liberal agenda of gay marriage or whatever else the gay issue of the day is.

He's outing all of these targets, not caring who he hurts, simply because they don't agree with the radical gay agenda. There is no outrage from the Democrats or

the media that there is somebody out there punishing conservatives who don't agree with the liberal gay agenda.

They don't understand that conservatives don't look first at people's sexuality. They look at a person as a whole person. There are people, however, who have been described by a gay Republican talk show host as "professional homosexuals" — people who see nothing else but a person's sexual orientation.

When they get up in the morning and look in the mirror all they see is a homosexual. They see absolutely

nothing else about themselves or their lives. Yet just as the radical Muslims have taken over the Muslim faith, these professional gays are putting themselves forth as spokesmen for the entire gay community and being accepted as such by the liberal media.

They are not. The majority of gays want nothing to do with Rogers and his fellow professional homosexuals.

I know a lot of gays who live in California. Most of them are not supportive of gay marriage. Most gays are not supportive of the radical gay issue of punishing the Boy Scouts because they

won't allow homosexuals to be scoutmasters.

These are the issues that the activists are pushing. Most gays are embarrassed by the gay activists but they can't say anything since they will be ostracized within their own community, just as a black who is conservative is ostracized within the black community.

If a gay speaks out against the radical gay agenda, he will be driven out of the gay community, and that includes speaking out against the professional homosexuals who pretend to represent the entire gay community and are accepted as such by the lamestream media.

We are now seeing the outrageous practice of liberal radio talk show hosts

allowing radical gays to go on their shows and broadcast their slimy messages, identifying as closet gays conservative Republicans who will not kowtow to them and their demands that they support what Rogers and his ilk claim is the only legitimate agenda for homosexuals.

Rogers may claim his aim is to advance his cause, but it is nothing more than his method of punishing those who disagree with him. He's telling his targets, "Do what I demand or I'll expose you to ridicule."

I don't care if a Republican politician is gay. What I care about is his agenda. Is it a conservative agenda or a liberal agenda? I vote for those who support

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**Michael Reagan**  
Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 26, the 299th day of 2006. There are 66 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 26, 1881, the "Gunfight at the OK Corral" took place in Tombstone, Ariz., as Wyatt Earp, his two brothers and "Doc" Holliday confronted Ike Clanton's gang. Three members of Clanton's gang were killed; Earp's brothers were wounded.

On this date:

In 1774, the First Continental Congress adjourned in Philadelphia.

In 1825, the Erie Canal opened in upstate New York, connecting Lake Erie and the Hudson River.

In 1942, the U.S. ship Hornet was sunk in the Battle of Santa Cruz Islands during World War II.

In 1957, the Soviet Union announced that defense minister Marshal Georgi Zhukov had been relieved of his duties.

In 1958, Pan American Airways flew its first Boeing 707 jetliner from New York to Paris in eight hours and 41 minutes.

In 1967, the Shah of Iran crowned himself and his queen after 26 years on the Peacock Throne.

In 1972, national security adviser Henry Kissinger declared, "Peace is at hand" in Vietnam.

In 1975, Anwar Sadat became the first Egyptian president to pay an official visit to the United States.

In 1977, the experimental space shuttle Enterprise glided to a bumpy but successful landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1994, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and Prime Minister Abdel Salam Majali of Jordan signed a peace treaty during an extravagant ceremony at the Israeli-Jordanian border attended by President Clinton.

Ten years ago: Federal prosecutors cleared former security guard Richard Jewell as a suspect in the Olympic park bombing. The New York Yankees won their first World Series since 1978, defeating the Atlanta Braves 3-2 in Game 7.

Five years ago: President Bush signed the USA Patriot Act, giving authorities unprecedented ability to search, seize, detain or eavesdrop in their pursuit of possible terrorists.

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— Marie Curie  
Polish-French scientist  
(1867-1934)



## Usenet is an often hidden online gem

Most of you have probably heard of the World Wide Web and e-mail (the two most popular uses of the Internet). However, the THIRD most popular use of the Internet may surprise you — the Usenet.

Think of the Usenet as the World's largest Bulletin Board. While e-mail is one-to-one (you send one e-mail message to one person), the Usenet allows you to "post" a message that anyone on the Internet can read. Talk about power! With the millions of people who have access to the Internet, that creates quite a lot of messages. But we'll get to that in a minute

The Usenet was one of the first Internet tools (after e-mail) to be created. Back in the "old days" of the Internet, the primary users were government- and college-based researchers. The

terms "groupware" and "online collaboration" didn't exist. A method was needed for these scientists to share information in an online forum without filling up everyone's e-mail boxes.

Enter, the Usenet. Basically, here's how it's laid out: The Usenet is subdivided into thousands of smaller bulletin boards called "newsgroups." Each newsgroup is devoted to a specific subject and contains all of the messages people post ABOUT that subject. The newsgroup names are cryptic looking, though.

When the Usenet was first created, the researchers only needed a handful of newsgroups. They labeled them as biz, comp, misc, news,

rec, sci, soc, talk, and alt. Each of these nine newsgroups existed for discussing certain topics: biz (business), comp (computers and related subjects), misc (discussions that don't fit anywhere else), news (news about Usenet itself), rec (hobbies, games and recreation), sci (science other than research biology), soc ("social" groups, often ethnically related), talk (politics and related topics), and alt (controversial or unusual topics; not carried by all sites).

However, as more and more people started using the Internet (and the Usenet), these groups became too crowded. Subsets of these newsgroups

were created to handle the various topics. For instance, the group "rec.humor" was created for general joke-telling and rec.humor.lawyers was for posting lawyer-specific jokes (a very busy place, let me tell you ...). Today, you'll find hundreds of thousands of newsgroups (with billions of messages) on the Internet.

Where are all the messages stored, you ask? No central repository exists for these messages. The traffic is too high. Each Internet Service Provider (ISP) has their own Usenet server at their facilities. When you post a message, it first gets posted at your ISP's server. That server, in turn, then sends copies of your message to other nearby Usenet servers, which, in turn, do the same, and so on, and so

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Oct. 13  
Odessa American on the recent private plane crash in Manhattan:

A lot of people who monitor the news or get phone calls from those who do were holding their breath Wednesday. A small airplane crashed into a 50-story condominium building in New York City?

Could it be that attack we've all feared since the fateful Twin Towers strikes five years ago?

For an anxious hour or two, a nation watched as electronic media members did their usual idle speculation about possible terrorism links, which any rea-

sonable person could discount once the reasonably light amount of damage to a residential building could be considered. But then the story took a different twist.

As it turned out, it was a high-profile event after all. New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle, a nine-year Major League veteran, was aboard the plane. The plane had come down the Hudson, circled the Statue of Liberty and headed up the East River when it crashed into the high-rise. Lidle and a flight instructor were killed. Several apartments were ruined, and flaming debris rained down on the sidewalk.

It is a tribute to luck and to the skill of the firefighters and police who responded so quickly that the damage was relatively light.

Cory Lidle had talked with reporters as he cleaned out his locker Sunday, the day after the Yankees were eliminated from the playoffs, about his interest in flying, what it took to get a license, his caution when it came to safety and his hope to fly back to California.

Reports indicated that Lidle still had some instruction to be completed to be instrument-rated to fly the plane and may have been doing just that with the instructor while skies were overcast Wednesday. But the flight path is known to be crowded with helicopters. Planes of the kind Lidle was piloting are required to fly at a low altitude in that area.

We will learn more about this acci-

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# Water

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or more within a nine square mile area, that had been designated last year and looked at data showing another four areas that had shown such declines this past year.

The five existing study areas are in Carson County, in southwest Gray County, just south of Pampa, in Donley County and north of Wheeler.

The board voted to continue to monitor four of the five existing study areas for another year and changed the Wheeler study area because of changes in the data that appeared to shift the ground water concerns to the southwest of the existing area.

The land southwest of Wheeler appeared to have experienced a drop in ground water levels while the northern tier of land did not have a second year of dropping water levels as severe as the previous year.

This study area was shifted to the southwest to include the new area of dropping water tables and eliminated a strip across the northern part of the study area.

"This is an area that is going to fluctuate all time," said J.R. Spearman, the president of the board.

Hydrologist Amy Crowell said that the latest data indicated drops in the ground water around Amarillo in Potter County and in the CRMWA well field in Roberts County, but they did not meet the area requirement of the district's rules for study areas.

Four areas did meet the criteria for study areas, but because they generally consist of rangeland with no irrigation operations, no action was taken on them.

The board also accepted bids of \$5,008, \$927 and \$225 for tax delinquent property in Donley County.

They approved a drilling permit for Lindel Dairy in Gray County that had been tabled last month.

The board also approved a high impact production

permit for Gary McFall of McFall Partnership in Gray County and adjusted the acreage on a second high impact production permit for Frances Dean Maddox and Mesa Water.

They approved drilling applications for one-inch domestic wells from Mitchell Coxe in Donley County; Carlos and Haley Grissom, Gray County; Stacey Johnson, Potter County; Mike Donberger, Potter County; Clayton Homes, Potter County; Falcon Club Building Co., Potter County; Federico Saldana Jr., Potter County; and Leslie Pearson, Potter County.

They also approved a request by Matt Moore Farms for a two-inch irrigation well in Wheeler County.

In a review of the district's 2005-2006 budget, Williams said the district came in \$11,000 under budget and the district's income was \$160,000 more than what had been expected leaving the district with a surplus for the year.

# Wells

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ground water. With the drop in the lake water to record levels this past summer, CRMWA cut back the allocation of water to its member cities.

Pampa city officials, however, said the cut in allocation would have little effect on Pampa's water supply.

Satterwhite said the new wells and increase in water production was a temporary fix until a second well field

could be developed.

He said the new wells could bring more water into the system within six months, while it will be two years before a new well field could be brought on line.

Satterwhite said the water authority was planning to try to swap some water rights to bring their water rights into one large block so it would be easier to build a pipeline to transport the water. He said those negotiations were on-going.

The City of Amarillo has water rights about a half mile from the nearest new proposed well, and it would

be impacted more than any other neighbor. Mesa Water has water rights about three miles away from the nearest CRMWA well.

Both Amarillo and Mesa had representatives at Wednesday's hearing.

PGWCD General Manager C.E. Williams said following the public hearing Wednesday on the request that technical data supplied by CRMWA last week is still being evaluated. The permit was tabled until a public hearing at 9 a.m. Nov. 28 at the PGWCD offices in White Deer.

# Odessa

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dent in the next few days. It is, unfortunately, the kind of thing that can happen in a relatively free and open society.

People make choices, and sometimes they make mistakes. Sometimes the price for mistakes is trivial, and sometimes it is fearfully high. All too often people who had no part in making the choices are killed or injured.

Even if we locked society down with rules and regulations which most of us would hate before long we would not be able to eliminate such accidents. They are part of life in a free society.

It is hardly to diminish the tragic nature of this crash, however, to breathe a sigh of relief. For the friends and families of those killed or injured its memory will be vivid for a long time to come.

But at least it wasn't a terrorist attack.

# Reagan

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my conservative views. Liberals take it as an article of faith that conservatives hate gays. That's absolutely untrue. What we don't support is the radical gay agenda. We are utterly opposed to gay marriage,

homosexual scoutmasters or promoting the gay lifestyle in our schools.

And, as I said, most gays agree with me and not with Rogers on these issues.

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

# Usenet

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on. (Do I get the prize for the largest number of commas in a sentence?)

Eventually, your message is posted on every Usenet server in the world. This process takes roughly three days.

A variety of ways exist to access the Usenet. In Internet Explorer, pull down the "Tools" menu, choose "Mail and News," and then click "Read News." You'll be asked a series of questions about your provider. Your ISP should have given you a sheet with all of this information on it so that you could enter it into your system. Once you've answered those questions, your system will download the most current list of newsgroups. It will then offer you the

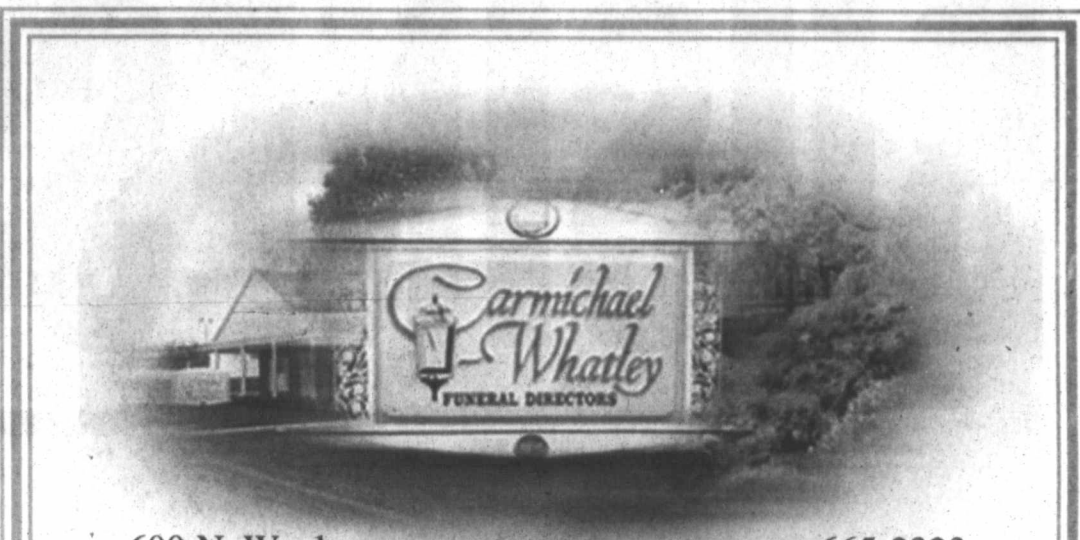
ability to "subscribe" to your favorites.

When you "subscribe" to a newsgroup, you are not sending any information to the server. Nor are you going to receive a bill in the mail. Think of "subscribing to newsgroups" as Usenet bookmarks stored on your PC. By subscribing to newsgroups, you can easily list JUST the groups you are interested in instead of having to scroll through the 100,000 or so groups every time.

If the idea of dealing with the Usenet seems a bit overwhelming, get your feet wet at Google Groups: <http://groups.google.com>.

Next week, I'll discuss other places you can go for newsgroups and also how to download songs and pictures from the Usenet's huge informational archive.

I'll see you in Cyberspace!



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For the woman seeking to redefine her lifestyle choices in a manner that is both soothing and effective, Shapes, 308 W. Foster, may be the oasis of calm and support they've been looking for to bring about a healthy metamorphosis. Formerly Curves, Shapes fitness center for women offers between 15 and 20 hydraulic weight machines designed specifically for women.

Each machine works a different muscle group or part of the body. A complete circuit of the various machines usually takes about 20 minutes and can result in a net loss of 9 to 12 inches in one month, said owner Pam Canniff.

Canniff will soon offer members an infrared body wrap system with multi benefits. "The system is for body shaping, skin rejuvenation, weight control and pain relief," she said.

The services Shapes currently affords are varied and tailored to indulge the female spirit. After an uplifting round on the weight machines, members can actually pamper themselves to a spa-like experience.

"We have tanning," Canniff explained. "We do hair and nails (pedicures and manicures), and we also have a gift shop."

The center is membership oriented. All members are required to pay a one-time \$49 fee in addition to specific membership dues.

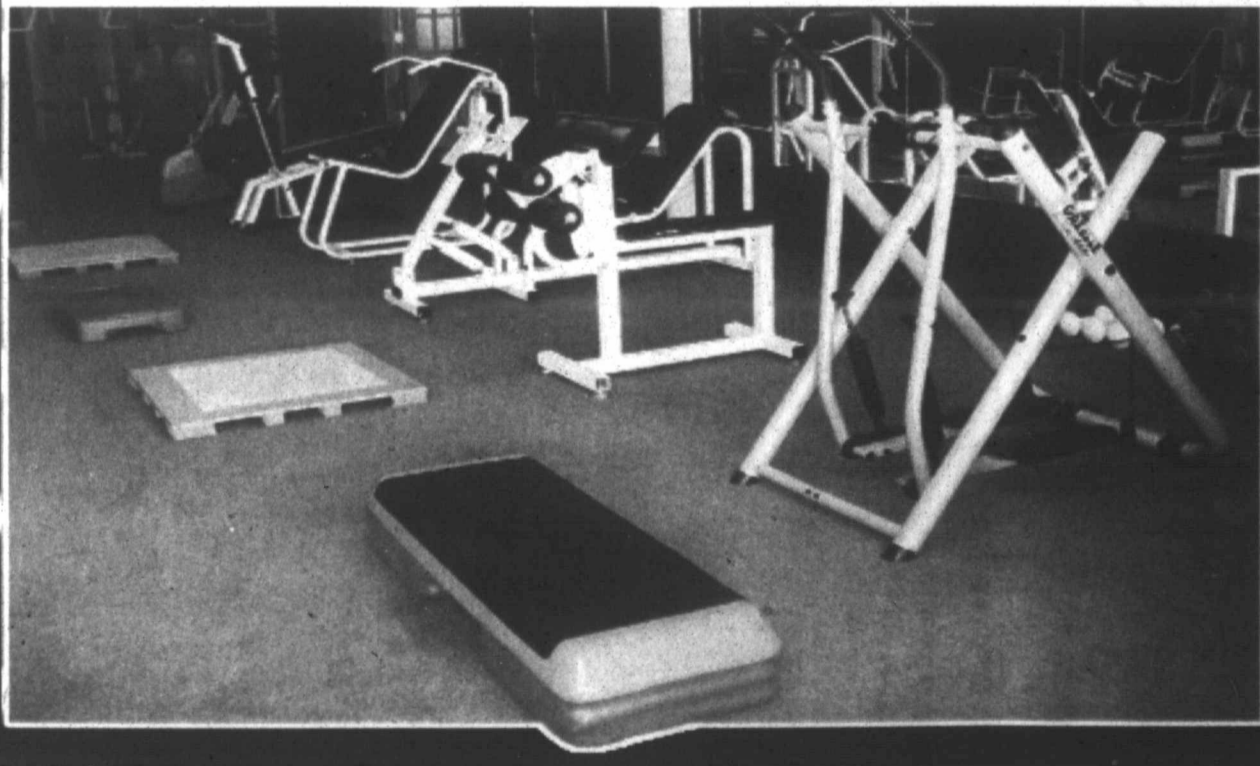
Membership is \$29 a month by draft or \$49 month-by-month. A year's membership is \$376. A three-month membership is \$147.90 and includes the \$49 one-time fee.

Originally from Malibu, Calif., Canniff moved here after her car broke down in Amarillo while traveling. During her stay, she purchased two centers — one in Dumas, the other here in Pampa.

"I actually started across the street in a much smaller building. Now we're in a 2,500-square foot building," Canniff said.

Soon after making the transition from California to Texas, Canniff soon realized that keeping up with the two stores in such out-lying locations required too much time and travel. She opted to sell the Dumas concern and concentrated her efforts on the Pampa business.

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### Planning for craft show



Vicky Helms, Lois Minnick-standing, Debbie Davis, Denise Downs, Pam Lash and Linda Dodd-standing held a meeting recently to plan for the annual craft show in the Little Red School House. This year's show will be on Nov. 3 and 4.

## Troopers find more than air in spare; Pair arrested, jailed

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A spare tire filled with more than just air resulted in the arrest of two Alabama men Wednesday morning on drug charges.

A Texas Department of Public Safety K-9 unit stopped a 1995 Chevy Tahoe at about 9:25 a.m. Wednesday for allegedly speeding in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 40 near Groom in Gray County, according to DPS reports.

The occupants of the vehicle, Kevin S. Menniefee, 26, of Opelika, Ala. and Dexter Tai, 34, of Dadeville, Ala., gave verbal consent to the DPS officer to search the vehicle. The DPS dog, upon conducting a free-air search, indicated the presence of marijuana in the vehicle's spare tire, according to the report.

An examination of the spare revealed 940

grams of cocaine and 30 pounds of marijuana, according to the report. The cocaine was valued at approximately \$47,000, and the marijuana was worth about \$14,250.

Menniefee and Tai were arrested and booked into Gray County Jail on charges of possession of more than five pounds but less than 50 pounds of marijuana, and possession of a controlled substance. The marijuana charge is a third-degree felony, and the controlled substance charge is a first-degree felony.

The substances were believed to be on their way to Alabama from an unknown origin, according to the DPS report.

Both men remained in jail in lieu of bond as of press time today. The amount of bond set for each was not available as of press time.

## City

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DeFever, president of the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees, spoke to the commission concerning the tennis courts.

Ware said that when the booster club approached the city's Parks and Recreation Board last year to help with resurfacing the tennis

courts, they recommended the city contribute \$5,000 last year, and another \$5,000 this year.

The city commission contributed the first \$5,000, but asked the booster club to return to the commission this year.

Ware said that the booster club had spent about \$64,000 over the last two years on resurfacing, nets, windscreens and an awning. He said that three years ago, the booster club had raised donated money to put up

lights over the courts. He noted that these were the only tennis courts publicly available in Pampa.

Horst said that the city had no tennis courts and that the school district had allowed public use of the high school tennis courts.

DeFever thanked the city for their help, and he thanked the booster club for all their support.

"We appreciate what the booster club has done," DeFever said.

## Guthrie

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"Pastures of Plenty," and "So Long, It's Been Good to Know You." His song "Oklahoma Hills" has been declared the official state folk song by the State of Oklahoma.

Guthrie is a member of the Songwriters Hall of

Fame, the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum. His awards include the U.S. Department of the Interior's Conservation Award, the Folk Alliance Lifetime Achievement Award, and a Grammy from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

Guthrie died Oct. 3, 1967, at age 55 from Huntington's Chorea. He is

remembered each year in Pampa with a tribute scheduled on or near the anniversary of his death. Singers and musicians gather to perform in front of the Woody Guthrie Inn, 400 S. Cuyler.

This year marks the 79th anniversary of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony, held by the non-profit Oklahoma Heritage Association.

## Marine pleads guilty to assault

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — A Marine pleaded guilty Thursday to charges of assault and obstruction of justice in the death of an Iraqi civilian last April.

Pfc. John J. Jodka III, 20, entered the pleas through his lawyer Joseph Casas after telling the judge at his court-martial that he understood his rights.

He was one of seven Marines and a Navy corpsman initially charged with murder, kidnapping, conspiracy, assault and house-breaking in the killing of 52-year-old Hashim Ibrahim Awad in the Iraqi town of Hamdania.

Jodka — the squad's youngest and lowest-ranked member — was among five Marines who shot at Awad, while others stood by then helped cover up the killing, the government charge sheets allege.

"He was trained to follow his leaders and do as they commanded without questioning," said Jodka's grandfather Joe Snodgrass, 71. "He was trying to be the best Marine possible."

He said his grandson had paid for any wrongdoing: Jodka had been locked in the

brig since May and his flak jacket had come back peppered with bullet holes from when he had been shot at on patrol.

The Navy corpsman charged in the case, Petty Officer 3rd Class Melson J.

Bacos, pleaded guilty earlier this month to kidnapping and conspiracy.

At his court-martial, Bacos testified that he and the Marines were searching for a known insurgent.

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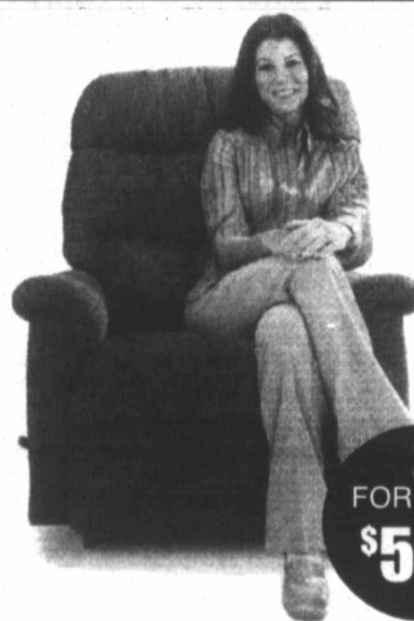
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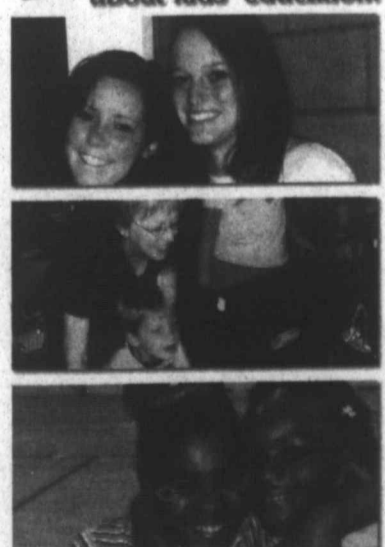
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a college sophomore living in a dorm. My best friend lives a few doors down. We have always had a wonderful, caring friendship and many things in common. Lately, however, she has not been spending much time with me. Normally this would not concern me because we are both very busy right now - but we recently had an argument in which I discovered her inability to handle confrontation. When I brought up my concern, it led to a fight. She burst into tears and said she can't handle it when I "yell" at her. Abby, I hadn't raised my voice. Later, more calmly, she told me she cannot handle confrontation and will never, under any circumstances, take the first step. This worries me, not only for our friendship, but for her own emotional health. When she doesn't want to spend time with me, I wonder whether she's angry with me and won't say so. This could seriously affect her in her future friendships and romances. I tried to talk to her about addressing her fear of confrontation, perhaps through some sort of therapy. She doesn't think she has a problem. I'd like to help her. Am I right that this could cause her problems? — **WORRIED FRIEND IN OAKLAND**

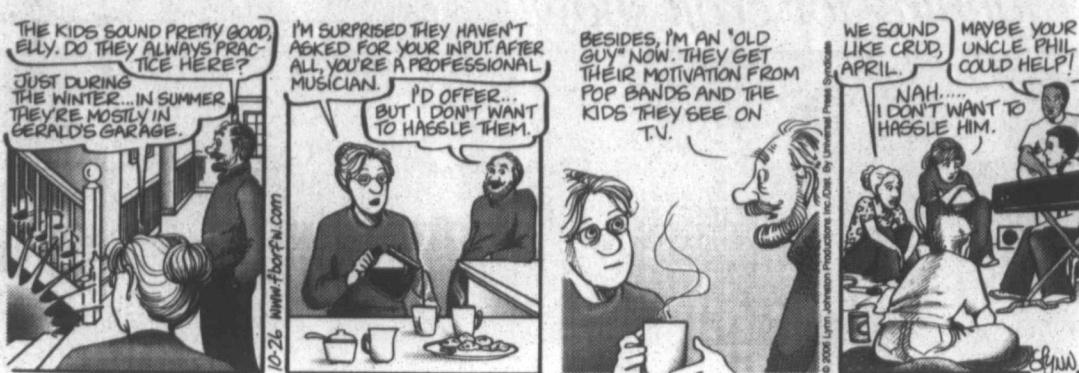
**DEAR WORRIED:** Yes, it could. However, until your friend is willing to face the fact that she has a problem and is ready to deal with it, nothing you can say will convince her. In the household in which your friend was raised, she may have been punished for expressing overt anger. People raised to "stuff" their feelings that way sometimes find other ways of expressing it so they won't have to admit their true feelings. The name for this "other

way" is passive aggression. Right now, your friend may be busy, or she may be punishing you for putting her in a corner by avoiding you. But if the way she deals with unpleasantness is by avoiding it, you'll never get a straight answer from her -- so my advice is to enlarge your circle of friends.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "James," and I have been married only three years. We are both in our 20s. Everything is really great between us -- except our sex life. As far as he is concerned that's fine, too, but I am not satisfied. It may seem odd to hear the female wants to have sex more frequently than a young and healthy male, but that's the case in our relationship. Abby, I work with the public and I get frequent remarks about what a beautiful woman I am. This makes it hard for me to believe that I don't attract him at all. I have expressed many times that I wish we were more intimate. I have even expressed it to him in more than one letter, hoping to reach him. I am at a total loss as to how to make him realize how important this is to me. Is there something wrong with my body? I just don't know who to turn to for advice on this subject. Please help me. — **SHORT ON INTIMACY IN OHIO**

**DEAR SHORT ON INTIMACY:** There is nothing wrong with your body. You have married a man who appears either to have a very low sex drive or be asexual. The place to find the answers you need would be in the office of a licensed marriage and family therapist. What's ailing your marriage has nothing to do with you and everything to do with your husband.

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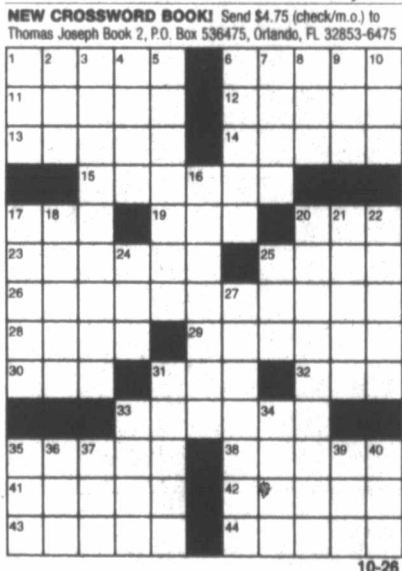
### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lariat
  - 6 Bucca-neers' base
  - 11 Freshly
  - 12 Truism
  - 13 Confiscate
  - 14 Clever
  - 15 Bar stock
  - 17 Collar
  - 19 Wall climber
  - 20 Deli choice
  - 23 "The Lion in Winter" star
  - 25 Singer Seeger
  - 26 Golf touring listing
  - 28 Makeshift swing
  - 29 Highland boy
  - 30 Wrap up
  - 31 Granola bit
  - 32 Lamb lament
  - 33 Hitchcock thriller
  - 35 Parrot
  - 38 A lot
  - 41 Game setting
  - 42 First name in swash-bucklers
  - 43 Beeper's kin
  - 44 Sorry to say
- DOWN**
- 1 — Cruces



- Yesterday's answer**
- 18 Dined at home
  - 20 Bed part
  - 21 Parts of hearts
  - 22 Greek sorceress
  - 24 Verse of exaltation
  - 25 Okra holder
  - 27 Groups
  - 31 Director's dream
  - 33 Freshener
  - 34 Olympus figure
  - 35 Guide-book feature
  - 36 Nest-egg acct.
  - 37 One of the "Little Women"
  - 39 Career cam-paigner
  - 40 Crafty



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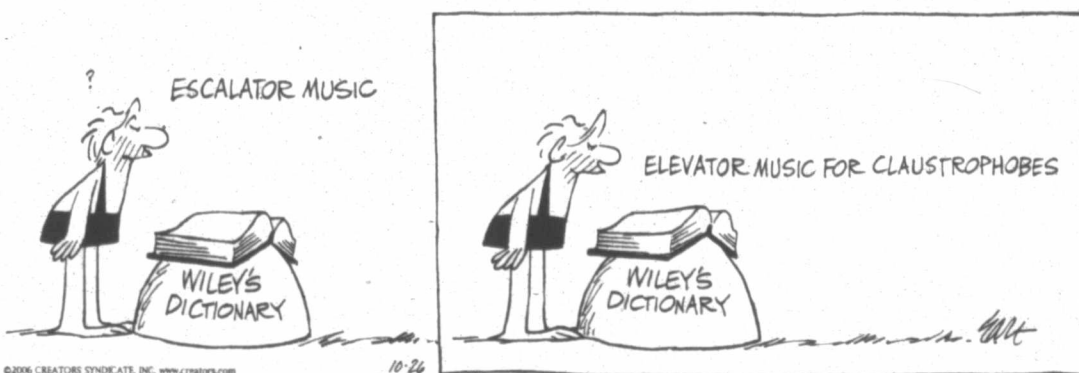


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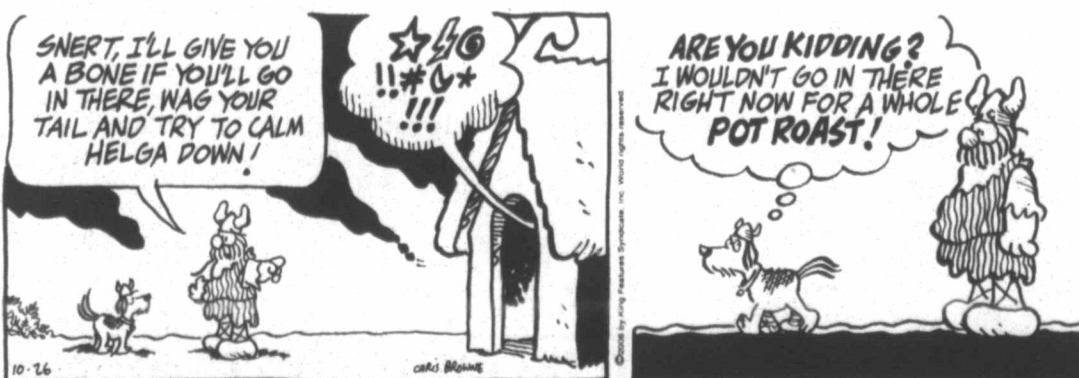
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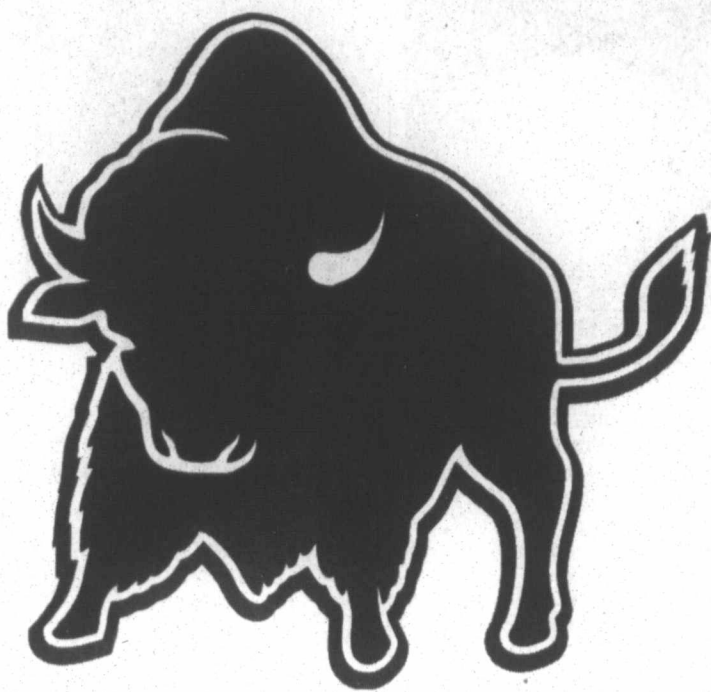


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# Sports Day



## WT men's, women's basketball teams get preseason respect

CANYON — After finishing 23-8 and capturing the Lone Star Conference championship a season ago, the West Texas A&M men's basketball team has been tabbed as the No. 3 team in the LSC South Division Preseason Poll.

The Buffs received 101 total points and two first place votes in the poll, finishing behind Tarleton State, which collected 12 of 19 first place votes and 123 total points, and Texas A&M-Kingsville, which claimed 107 total points and five first place tallies.

Rounding out the South Division poll, Midwestern State claimed the fourth slot followed by Eastern New Mexico, Abilene Christian and Angelo State.

In the North Division, defending champion Central Oklahoma is picked to repeat at the division's champion.

### Lone Star Conference Preseason Poll

Team (first place votes)	Points
1. Central Oklahoma (9)	121
2. SE Oklahoma State (10)	119
3. East Central	79
4. Texas A&M-Commerce	78
5. Northeastern State	62
6. SW Oklahoma	40
7. Cameron	33

### South Division

Team (first place votes)	Points
1. Tarleton State (12)	123
2. Texas A&M-Kingsville (5)	107
3. West Texas A&M (2)	101
4. Midwestern State	73
5. Eastern New Mexico	53
6. Abilene Christian	43
7. Angelo State	32

### Men's Division II Bulletin Preseason Top 25

1. Winona St.
2. Montevallo
3. Tarleton St.
4. SIU Edwardsville
5. Seattle Pacific
6. Findlay
7. Northwest Missouri
8. Rollins
9. Barton
10. Southern Indiana
11. Stonehill
12. Clayton St.
13. SW Baptist
14. South Dakota
15. Sonoma St.
16. Neb. Kearney
17. Lenoir-Rhyne
18. Adelphi
19. Mount Olive
20. Alderson-Broadus
21. Bowie St.
22. West Texas A&M
23. Catawba
24. Grand Valley St.

### Women's Division II Bulletin Preseason Top 25

1. North Dakota
2. Grand Valley State
3. Emporia State
4. St. Cloud State
5. West Texas A&M
6. Chico State
7. Glenville State
8. Southern Connecticut
9. Wingate
10. Henderson State
11. Washburn
12. Drury
13. UC San Diego
14. Regis
15. Rollins
16. California (Pa.)
17. Holy Family
18. Delta State
19. Angelo State
20. Western Washington
21. Northern Kentucky
22. New Haven
23. Fort Valley State
24. Clayton State
25. American International

## Romo will be Cowboys starter Sunday at Carolina

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Drew Bledsoe said he's going to support Tony Romo, even if he disagrees with coach Bill Parcells' decision to bench him in favor of the fourth-year pro.

Bledsoe's demotion became official Wednesday when the Dallas Cowboys coach said Romo, who took over at quarterback in the second half Monday night, will make his first career start Sunday night at Carolina.

"I'm going to continue to be a leader on this team, continue to support the team, support Tony in his job," said Bledsoe, in his 14th season. "It's just a very new, very different and very unfamiliar role for me."

Parcells is doing something he rarely has done — changing quarterbacks in midseason. The coach often has been loyal to veteran quarterbacks, including 41-year-old Vinny Testaverde through a 6-10 Cowboys season two years ago.

But, this time, Parcells is benching the player he drafted No. 1 for the New England Patriots in 1993.

"It's a very, very disappointing situation for me, but I can't go back and change it," Bledsoe said. "Obviously, I would like to be the guy still, and I really in my heart of hearts believe that I give us the best chance to win."

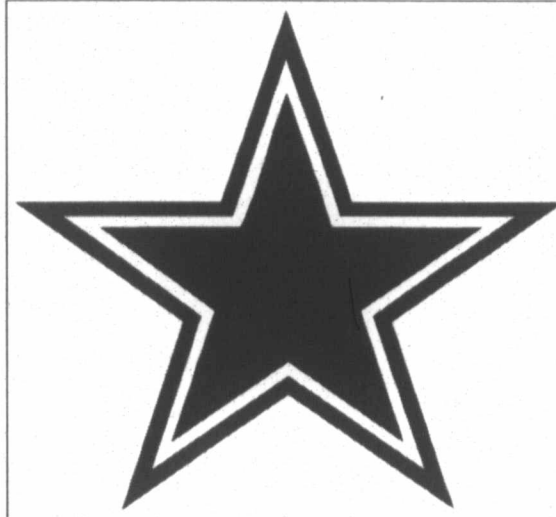
Bledsoe threw a critical interception near the goal line in a 36-22 loss to the New York Giants when the Cowboys (3-3) had a chance to take the lead in a game to determine first place in the NFC East. Bledsoe already had been sacked four times, once for a safety.

Romo threw three interceptions, one on his first play and another returned 96 yards for a touchdown. But he still showed he could be effective. Romo scrambled and completed 14 of 25 passes for 227 yards and two touchdowns, and flashed more footwork running for a 2-point conversion.

"Deep down, I feel like Tony is a different kind of quarterback than Bledsoe," Parcells said. "And, maybe, we might be able to put some of those

abilities to work. ... Maybe we can alter our circumstances for the better."

Undrafted out of Division I-AA Eastern Illinois, Romo never had thrown a pass before this season. His only two passes before Monday were a pair of completions in the previous game, with a TD to Terrell Owens in the closing minutes of a 34-6 victory over the Houston Texans.



Romo will be the ninth starting quarterback for the Cowboys since Hall of Famer Troy Aikman retired after the 2001 season. Romo didn't appear in the locker room Wednesday.

"Any time you do something like this, it's not without a lot of consideration," Parcells said. "I've been thinking about it for some time. ... Hopefully, maybe as the team is comprised right now, he might be able to do a couple of things that assist us."

In Dallas' three victories, Bledsoe had six touchdown passes and one interception. But those have all been against teams with losing records. Against playoff contenders Jacksonville, Philadelphia and the Giants, he has one TD and seven INTs.

Parcells told Bledsoe about his demotion during a 30-minute meeting Wednesday morning.

"It's not the way I would like to see it done, but Bill was honest with me and sat down and we had a conversa-

tion about it," said Bledsoe, who has started 193 NFL games. "I'm preparing this week as if I could be back on the field right away. Whether I see the field again, I don't know."

Bledsoe has hinted that Dallas — and his reunion with Parcells that began last season — will be his last NFL stop. He showed no interest in New England or Buffalo of being a mentor or an insurance policy.

"I'm sure he doesn't want to back up, but that doesn't mean you're jumping off the ship," Parcells said.

Bledsoe insisted Wednesday that he didn't consider walking away because of the demotion. He also said he would "do the right thing" for the rest of this season. He didn't say if this would be his final season.

Terry Glenn, the Cowboys' leading receiver with 29 catches, said the team has confidence in Romo and likes his mobility. But it's still a difficult move personally for Glenn, who spent the first six seasons of his career in New England with Bledsoe and has become a favorite target.

"Well, you know Bledsoe is my guy. I wish things weren't going the way they are, but obviously the coaching staff sees something," Glenn said. "I'm just out here playing. I want to win. Whoever's out there, let's make plays and let's try to win."

Parcells took the unusual step in the preseason of allowing Romo to play an entire game. But Romo's only action in 20 regular-season games before this year were as a holder on kicks, and one time when he took a knee on the final drive of a game to run out the clock.

That limited game experience doesn't seem to bother Romo's teammates, who like his swagger.

"The guys believe in him," receiver Patrick Crayton said. "His mobility, man. He's an improviser sometimes when he gets out there. You kind of expect the ball to come to you on every play."

### THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

## PHS JV, freshmen face Randall tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School junior varsity football team will travel to Canyon where they will face the Randall Raiders this evening at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium. Kick-off will be at 6.

The freshman team will stay home to host the Raiders at Harvester Field starting at 5.

Other games of note tonight include a District 3-4A match-up between Dumas (1-6, 1-1) and Palo Duro (2-5, 1-1) at Dick Bivins Stadium. That game will begin at 7:30 and holds some interest for Pampa head coach Andy Cavalier and his staff. The Harvesters host Randall Friday night, then wrap the regular season at Dumas Nov. 3, and at home against Palo Duro Nov. 10.

Another interesting game tonight is the meeting between the Cinderella — and undefeated — Dalhart Golden Wolves (7-0), which hosts Perryton (5-2) at 7:30.

## Mavs sneak past Cavs, 83-81

PITTSBURGH (AP) — DeSagana Diop and Austin Croshere each made a free throw in the final 68 seconds and the Dallas Mavericks held off the Cleveland Cavaliers 83-81 in a preseason game Wednesday night.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 17 points, Devin Harris added 14 and Jerry Stackhouse had 12 for the Mavericks, who are 3-4 with one exhibition game remaining at San Antonio on Friday night. The Cavaliers finished the preseason 2-8, with LeBron James getting 13 points in 27 1/2 minutes of playing time. He scored 6 points in about 4 minutes before looking more to pass than to shoot.

Drew Gooden had 10

points for Cleveland, which gave more playing time to its bench than Dallas did.

Cleveland didn't score after Shannon Brown's 15-foot shot with 2 minutes remaining put the Cavaliers up 81-79. Harris' two free throws with 1:23 remaining tied it, and Diop gave the Mavericks the lead by hitting a free throw with 45 seconds to go. Croshere made the back end of two free throws with 43 seconds to go, and Brown then dribbled the ball out of bounds 14 seconds later.

Diop kept the Cavaliers from getting the ball back for a final attempt to tie or win it by rebounding Harris' missed jumper with 5 seconds to play.

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## Postponed by rain, Game 4 moved to tonight

ST. LOUIS (AP) — All this rain means more rest for pitchers, and that could spell trouble for the slumping Detroit Tigers.

Game 4 was postponed Wednesday night because of showers and will be made up tonight at 8:27 p.m. EDT, potentially sending the World Series into scheduling chaos. More wet weather was expected the next two days, and nobody was certain when Detroit and St. Louis would play again.

Now, Cardinals manager Tony La Russa has several appealing options. He could juggle his rotation and bring back Jeff Weaver on regular rest in Game 5 instead of pitching rookie Anthony Reyes again. Reyes, however, dominated Detroit during a 7-2 victory in the opener.

So either way, the Cardinals appear to be in pretty good shape — even if their soggy field isn't. They already lead the best-of-seven Series 2-1 against a Tigers team that batted .185 and managed a total of only five runs in the first three games.

The last time the AL champions were rained out, though, they beat the New York Yankees the next three days to win their first-round playoff series.

"Maybe we can bounce back like that again," said Detroit leadoff hitter Curtis Granderson, who is 0-for-13 against St. Louis. "I played in this stuff plenty of times before, in high school and college."

Tigers manager Jim Leyland also could bump up lefty Kenny Rogers, who beat Weaver in Game 2 on Sunday night and extended his shutout streak to 23 innings this postseason. But Leyland specifically set up his rotation to give Rogers two starts at home, and the Series doesn't shift back to Detroit until Game 6.

"You can second-guess how the rotation's going to go the rest of the series, whatever you want to do," Leyland said. "Jeremy Bonderman is pitching the next game for the Tigers. He's earned it. He's one of our horses and he will be on the mound when Game 4 starts — whenever that may be."

Game 5 at Busch Stadium was pushed back to Friday night, which was supposed to be a day off in the Series.

And it doesn't look much better this weekend in Detroit, with a cold and rainy forecast.

"They're going to be dicey," said

Jimmie Lee Solomon, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office.

"There is about a 70 percent chance of rain (Thursday). It's going to be light rain. We don't know whether or not that rain will linger, like it did tonight."

After the Cardinals won 5-0 in Game 3 behind ace Chris Carpenter, a silver tarp covered the Busch Stadium infield all evening Wednesday. Players didn't come out to warm up and Game 4 never got started.

"This wouldn't have been a baseball game, it would have been survival," La Russa said. "I'm actually pleased for both teams that we're not playing. Fans, that wouldn't have been too much fun, either."

But Bonderman, slated to start against St. Louis' Jeff Suppan, was eager to pitch in the light drizzle early on.

"We aren't sugar. We ain't going to melt," Bonderman said.

Tigers first baseman Sean Casey, however, thought Major League Baseball made the right call.

"Guys getting hurt, having a five-inning World Series game, nobody wants that," Casey said.





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