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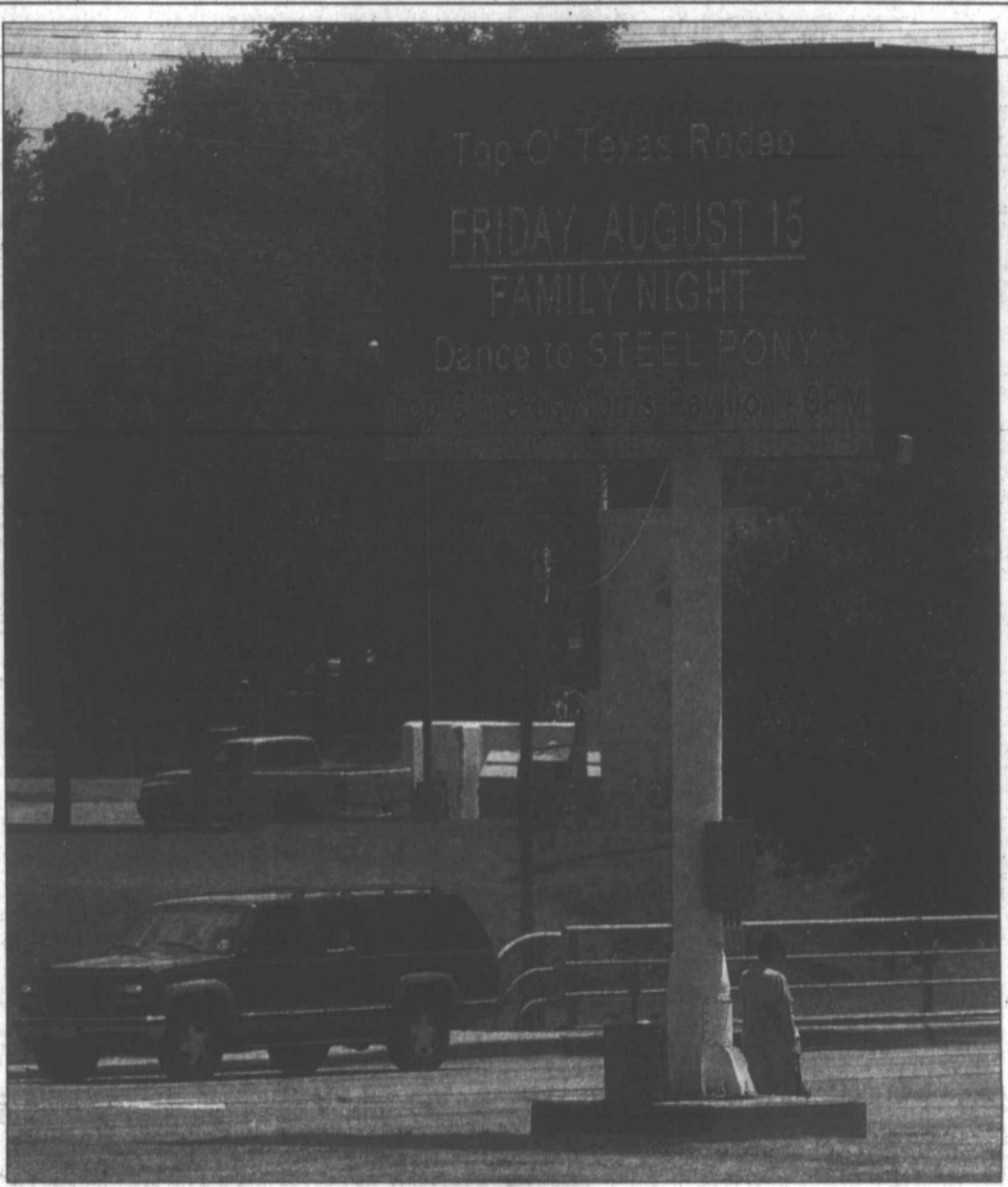
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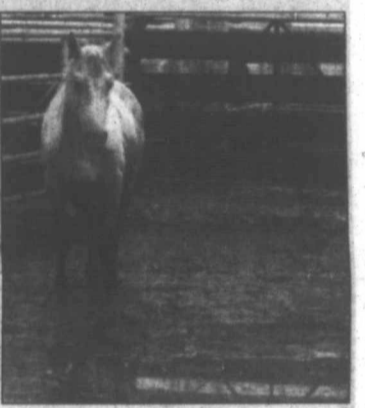
staff photo by David Bowser
Enrique Cabrales (left) with the City of Pampa programs the new electronic sign on Hobart from a laptop computer in his office at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The \$100,000 sign (above) replaces one that quit functioning last year. The sign was financed by the City of Pampa and the Pampa Economic Development Corporation and it was erected earlier this month.

Gray County under flash flood watch

by Rachel Stennett
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 Gray County is on a flash flood watch until Tuesday morning because of the rainfall Pampa has received this week and the rain still in the forecast. According to information collected by an automated weather station near Recreation Park, the city of Pampa has received 3.98 inches of rainfall since the morning of Wed. Aug 13. The total rainfall for the month of August has accumulated to 4.17 inches, bringing the total for the year to 15.39 inches. Last year, the total rainfall on this date was 13.93 after the month of August. The rainfall is above average even with the dry conditions that appeared in the first quarter of the year. Although the rain has been
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Soggy Rodeo!

The rain made for a challenging Top 'O Texas Rodeo over the weekend. Friday and Saturday results and photos are found on Page 8 of today's issue.



Veterans named to 'Hall of Honor'

by Marilyn Powers
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 Five area military veterans were honored Saturday as the newest members of the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor. The five were named at a banquet at 7 p.m. at the Pampa Veterans of Foreign
See Veterans, Page 3

City to hear annexation presentation

by David Bowser
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 Developers are expected to unveil their plans for property just beyond the northwest corner of Pampa later this month. About 1,200 acres, the property is roughly bounded by Texas Highway 70 on the east, Price Road on the west, the Pampa Medical Center on the south and Walnut Hills on the north. The Texas Department of Transportation is looking at extending Loop 171 west from Texas Highway 70, across the property, to Price Road. Donny Hooper, the assistant public works director for Pampa, said he had met with representatives of the Campbell family and their developer from Denver this month and went over what they wanted to do with the land around the new Junior High School. "They laid out for us their plan 10 to 12 years down the road of what they expect their development to be up north," Hooper said. "It was a very nice presentation." Hooper said they talked about a development with narrower streets and lots of green space and parks that would be maintained by homeowners' groups. The area will include
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staff photo by David Bowser
Johnny Harper of Lefors sits next to a Harley Davidson motorcycle on Polk Street during last weekend's Block Party in Amarillo. The motorcycle is scheduled to be raffled off Saturday, Aug. 23, to raise money for the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department.

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NEXT DAY FORECAST

Tuesday  Mostly sunny	Wednesday  Partly cloudy	Thursday  Mostly sunny
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Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79. South southeast wind between 5 and 14 mph.
Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. South wind between 8 and 13 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 89.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Grandview-Hopkins ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 28, 2008 in Grandview-Hopkins School Meeting Room, 11676 FM 293, Groom, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited. The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.968500/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.000000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Approved by Local Voters

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance & operations	0.00% increase
Debt service	0.00% increase
Total expenditures	0.00% increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
 (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$114,308,584	\$154,554,198
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$60,120	\$55,920
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$105,783,594	\$136,305,608
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$60,120	\$55,920

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.080000	\$0.000000	\$1.080000	\$12,701	\$5,883
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.928510	\$0.000000	\$0.928510	\$17,199	\$3,031

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$18,055	\$18,358
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$3,055	\$3,358
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.080000	\$0.968500
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$32.99	\$32.52
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$(0.47)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$0.928044. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$0.928044.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$380,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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Obituaries

Jenny Lynd Myatt Ralls, 84

Jenny Lynd Myatt Ralls, 84, of San Antonio, died Sunday, August 17 in San Antonio. Services are pending with Carmichael Whately.

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ANYONE HAVING problems with Big State Remodeling, Ama., Tx., regarding their workmanship, please contact Ron Williams, 665-1374.

GOSPEL MEETING this week! Wells Street Church of Christ, 400 N. Wells. 7pm. weeknights and 10:30am & 6pm. Sun. Evangelist Larry Fambrough from Houston.

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ST. VINCENT'S Catholic School meet the teacher and ice cream social will be Tues. August 19 at 7:00 pm. For more info call 665-5665

Emergency Services

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls in the 48 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Aug. 16

3:21 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:12 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:02 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:41 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Lefors and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Aug. 16

Marshall Clayton Johnson, 43, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Elm by Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated, no valid driver's license, no insurance and no vehicle registration.

Sunday, Aug. 17

Kymerlee Sue Smith, 47, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of West Brown by Pampa PD for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Donna Lynn Boyd, 54, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of Beryl by Pampa PD for public intoxication and a capias pro fine for animal at large.

Arthur Dale Bailey, 47, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of North Wells by Pampa PD for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

lence.

Amy Dominique Carter, 39, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and no driver's license.

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Friday to midnight Saturday.

Friday, Aug. 15

Thirty-seven traffic stops were made. One stop at the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets resulted in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1400 block of West Somerville and the 400 block of Hill.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Finch and Hobart streets. At least one arrest was made in connection with the accident at the intersection of Finch and Hobart streets.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1100 block of South Christy, the 400 block of North Russell, the 100 block of South Wells, the 900 block of Malone, the 900 block of Brunow, the intersection of Christy and Oklahoma streets, the 2600 block of North Hobart, the 500 block of North Cuyler and the 2200 block of North Sumner.

One attempt to serve papers was made.

A missing person was reported in the police department lobby.

Welfare checks were made at the intersection of Atchison and Starkweather streets, the 300 block of Henry and the 1200 block of North Wells.

A civil matter was reported in the 1900 block of North Christy.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Virginia and Christine streets and the 300

block of North Hobart.

Harassment was reported in the 1200 block of East Frederic.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Powell. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1600 block of West Somerville and involved forged checks with a total estimated amount of \$800.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. Fuel valued at \$54.48 was taken.

Saturday, Aug. 16

Seventeen traffic stops were made. One stop at the intersection of Elm and Gray streets resulted in at least one arrest.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Frost and Foster streets.

A traffic complaint was received from the 600 block of North Sumner.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Banks and Wilks streets.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1100 block of South Dwight, the 1000 block of East Browning and the 1700 block of Hamilton.

A welfare check was made in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 2100 block of North Dwight.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1100 block of Gwendolen, the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 800 block of South Hobart.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 300 block of East Francis, the 1000 block of Varnon Drive, the 900 block of Brunow and the 2400 block of West 23rd.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of Lefors and Harvester streets and the 1000 block of South Dwight.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of North Sumner.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of North Russell. Several walls, a china cabinet, mirrors, a refrigerator and front door were spray painted. An air conditioning wall unit was damaged.

Harassment was reported in the 1000 block of Darby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner. Minor injuries were reported.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

One alarm was reported. Burglary was reported in the 700 block of North Dwight. Entry was made through a window. Taken were an electronic gaming device and two games.

Manhole cover thefts in Lufkin

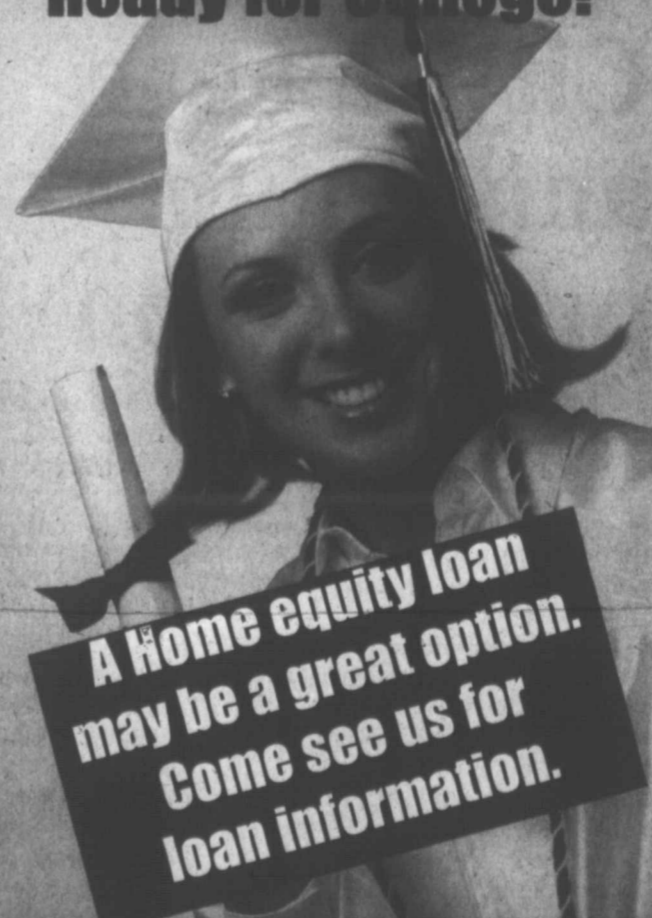
(AP) — It's an open case — someone has been stealing manhole covers in Lufkin.

Police say at least nine manhole covers have been swiped this month.

Lt. David Young says that's about as many manhole covers that the city loses in an entire year.

Authorities believe the thieves might be trying to sell the 150-pound manhole covers for scrap metal.

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Five named to Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor

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Wars Post 1657.

William R. "Bill" Culbertson

William R. "Bill" Culbertson was a member of the second class, Class 43C, to go through the Pampa Army Airfield training center. He then became an instructor in the instrument squadron at the center.

In January 1945, Culbertson received orders to report to Nadzab, New Guinea to teach instrument flying to pilots stationed there. From New Guinea, he was sent to the 13th AF 42nd Bomb Squadron in Palawan Philippine Islands.

This group took part in the longest twin-engine bombing mission ever by flying to Borneo to bomb the Japanese oil refinery at Balikpapan as part of the Australian invasion of the Netherlands East Indies. Because the Borneo mission involved a flight of more than 1,700 miles over open sea, it was necessary to place additional fuel tanks in the radio compartment.

Without the loss of a single crew member or airplane, making minimum-altitude attacks, the group dropped over 46,000 pounds of napalm and demolition bombs, 91 percent of which fell within the target area, and expended 415,000 rounds of ammunition.

The crews destroyed gun positions, warehouses, road-blocks, fuel and ammunition dumps, a radar station, numerous vehicles and 73 military buildings as well as huge stores of gasoline and oil. The bombing group was so effective that the enemy was totally unable to contest any of the landings and the Australian 7th Division came ashore on an undefended beach, according to information provided on Culbertson for the Hall of Honor banquet.

Culbertson was next assigned to drop pamphlets to the Japanese on Borneo and Luzon, and in December of 1945 he was sent back to the United States, where he signed up for an additional 18 months of military service.

He served at Greensboro, N.C.; Boling Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo.; Grand Island, Neb.; and then on to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, where he received a regular Army commission. He flew 172 trips in the Berlin Airlift from Rheine-Main.

Culbertson's awards and citations include the World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American



William R. "Bill" Culbertson



Clarence M. "Bud" Evans

Theater Medal, Southwest Pacific Medal with four battle stars, Berlin Airlift, Expert Marksman and the Air Medal.

He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1965 and continues to volunteer at Wright-Patterson in the pharmacy department.

Clarence M. "Bud" Evans

Clarence M. "Bud" Evans was born in 1906 in Oklahoma. His family moved from Oklahoma to New Mexico and then to White Deer in 1928, where the family opened a grocery store and a hotel on Main Street. His wife, Golda, later operated the hotel and Buck's Cafe during the years Evans was in the military.

Evans registered for the draft on Oct. 16, 1940 and was drafted on Oct. 26, 1942. He completed basic training and artillery basic training in February of 1943 and was assigned to the 7th Infantry Division, Ford Ord, California.

At Ford Ord, the 7th trained for desert warfare and deployment to North Africa and was subsequently known as the Infantry Line Division.

On May 11, 1943, Evans landed with the invasion force on the Aleutian Islands and participated in a battle which lasted 18 days. He was also part of the U.S. invasion force on other landings, including that on Kiska on Aug. 15, 1943.

In September 1943, the 7th went to Oahu, Hawaii, where Evans, a private, was assigned to the 184th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion. Training to invade the Marshall Islands was begun.

Evans' division arrived off Kwajalein Island on Jan. 30, 1944 and began an attack at 4:30 a.m. Jan. 31. The island was secured on Feb. 4.

During this period, PFC Evans was serving as a truck driver, re-supplying ammo, fuel and supplies.

The division returned to Hawaii in February of 1944

and began training for the invasion of Paluas or Yap. They sailed from Hawaii in September, and on Sept. 15, they were notified that their target would be either Iwo Jima or Leyte.

The division arrived on Leyte on Oct. 20, 1944, and Evans was wounded in the Leyte operation when he was struck in the chest by a wooden projectile fired by the Japanese.

Evans refused the Purple Heart, saying he was not wounded badly enough, even though he was hospitalized for two weeks, according to information provided for the Hall of Honor banquet.

The last invasion Evans participated in was at Okinawa, which was completed on June 30, 1945. He was honorably discharged from the Army on Sept. 24, 1945 and returned to White Deer.

Warren E. "Gene" Jeffers

Warren E. "Gene" Jeffers was born in 1923 in Fort Worth. His childhood was spent in Texas and Oklahoma. He was living in Pampa when he enlisted in the Coast Guard in Amarillo on Dec. 15, 1942, five days before his 19th birthday.

Jeffers attended basic training at Manhattan Beach Training Station in New York. He was later transferred to Galveston, where he spent a few months doing horse patrol on the beaches and attending horsemanship and firefighting schools.

From Galveston, Jeffers traveled to Los Angeles, Calif., where he boarded the Coast Guard ship USS Carson City Patrol Frigate 50 on July 19, 1944. He was assigned the duties of first loader on one of the eight-man crews to operate the three-inch "50" guns mounted on the ship.

Jeffers' ship sailed for Espiritu Santo and two days later sailed to Milne Bay, New Guinea, where on Aug. 13 the USS Carson City reported for patrol escort



Warren E. "Gene" Jeffers

duty in the New Guinea area with the Seventh Fleet.

The ship took part in the landing on Morotai on Sept. 16, which was an essential preliminary to Philippine operations. The ship also took part in guarding men, ships and supplies being assembled in the plans for the Leyte landings. One of the ship's responsibilities was to run ahead of the fleet and search out and destroy enemy submarines.

The group sailed for Leyte Gulf on Oct. 16, leading the first wave of reinforcements for the Northern attack. On Oct. 22, under enemy fire, they accompanied men and boats into the landing area and the next day returned with the empty ships back to Humbolt Sansapor, Morotai and Mios Woendi.

In January 1945, Jeffers' ship sailed to the Alaskan Sea Frontier at Dutch Harbor, where they assisted in air force operations.

Jeffers' service awards include the American Campaign ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign with one Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Campaign with one Bronze Star, World War II Victory Medal and Philippine Campaign Medal. He was honorably discharged on March 30, 1946.

Billy Jeff Neal

Billy Jeff Neal was born on Wolf Creek, north of Pampa, in 1924. His family moved to Borger and then later returned to Pampa.

On March 22, 1943, shortly after Neal's 18th birthday, he was drafted and sent to Camp Butner in North Carolina to begin training with Battery A of the 270th Field Artillery Battalion.

After extensive training, Battery A was transported to Europe and became part of General George Patton's Third Army. They landed at Normandy 15 days after D-Day and immediately began shelling the German-held French town of Cherbourg.

Neal's initial training was as a light truck driver; how-



Billy Jeff Neal

ever, once in Europe, in addition to driving the recon jeep, he was responsible for the laying and maintenance of the commo wire that connected the forward observer to the artillery units. Probably the single most important duty Neal had was to protect the forward observer, as this officer could make or break a battle in progress.

Neal was part of the historic "dash" of Patton's 3rd Army. Somewhere in Northern France, Neal's unit came under heavy German air attack, and Neal manned a .50 caliber machine gun mounted on a 6x6 heavy truck. A nearby explosion blew him out of the truck and threw him into the air.

The blast severely damaged his right nasal area, which would bother him the rest of his life, as well as giving him a puncture wound to the right leg.

Neal was discharged from the Army on Dec. 17, 1945.

Danford Dale Robbins

Danford Dale Robbins was born in Wichita, Kan. in 1923. He was drafted into the Marines in 1943 while a senior at Felt High School in Felt, Okla.

Upon induction, Robbins first went to San Francisco, Calif. and then on to Honolulu, Hawaii aboard a troop ship that was a converted ocean liner.

During the 23 months he served during World War II, Robbins was on four different battleships: his home ship, the Idaho; then the New Mexico, Mississippi and Pennsylvania. Their job was to bombard various Pacific islands before and after Allied troops landed, the retire from the island after it was secured. Robbins saw landings on seven different islands.

Most of Robbins' time was spent as an orderly and carrier of classified documents which were sent in by radio and decoded. He served under Rear Admiral L.D. McCormick, com-



Danford Dale Robbins

mander of Battleship Division Three.

During his time in the Pacific, Robbins experienced two hits by kamikaze suicide planes. One hit the bridge about 30 feet above Robbins' head, and the other was at the water line at Okinawa.

Robbins was in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, when the Japanese surrendered on Aug. 15, 1945. As of that day, his division's ships had poured over 50 million pounds of major shells on Japanese-held areas, and the division's anti-aircraft had brought down close to 100 Japanese planes.

Robbins was discharged in Chicago, Ill. He then joined the Coast Guard during the Korean War. He was in the Navy Reserve during the Vietnam War and retired as Senior Chief Petty Officer after 28 years of military service.

He moved to Pampa in 1955 and currently resides in the Veterans Nursing Home in Amarillo.

Traditionally, to be eligible for induction into the Hall of Honor, the nominee must meet one of four criteria: Born in the 26-county Texas Panhandle, raised in the 26-county Texas Panhandle, went into the service while living in the 26-county area or served at Pampa Army Air Field during World War II.

The Board of Directors of the Hall of Honor have extended eligibility to include individuals stationed in the 26 counties during their service, any individual who moved to the Panhandle after being discharged and made significant contributions in or to the military services, individuals who served in the Merchant Marine or Coast Guard, or civilians such as those who fought beside the Marines at Wake Island in World War II.

The Hall of Honor is housed at Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart.

Rain

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falling consistently since last Wednesday, the city has

suffered no significant structural damage, said Donny Hooper, Pampa's assistant director of public works. The drain system has worked well city-wide because the rain has been falling slowly.

Hooper said the only called in complaint the city has received so far is on Hobart Street, which is maintained by the state. The city is working today to clean minor debris and build up

that has been washed into storm drains, which is typical for this kind of weather.

The Pampa Police Department and Gray County Sheriff's Office have reported no wrecks caused

by the heavy rainfall and Texas Department of Public Safety has reported no closed roads at this time.

Hooper said the city has been monitoring Lake Meredith levels, which have

risen 7.2 feet at the Dumas Crossing, the highest it has been since 1996. "The rain has been good because it is helping our water supply," Hooper said.

Plan

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new Pampa Junior High School. The Campbells donated the land for the junior high and have indicated that they would like to have the land annexed into the city.

"They've still got to give the city verbal and written requests," Hooper said.

Those requests will go through hearings by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Pampa City Commission. There will

be at least two public hearings followed by a 60 to 90 day review period.

City officials said the Campbells and their designer are expected to make a presentation to the city commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting at 4 p.m., Aug. 26, in the city commission chambers of City Hall. The request for annexation and zoning are expected to follow in September.

Officials said the annexation could be complete by the end of the year.

Cities are allowed by law

to annex only a portion of the present size, but a voluntary annexation such as this, Hooper said, would not count against that percentage.

There are other areas north of Pampa that the city is considering for annexation, he said.

"Development is something that we talk about every day in our office and there's more and more calls coming in and planning that has to be done and trying to prepare for what we think is about to happen here," Hooper said.



staff photo by Rachel Stennett
An intersection at 516 W. Kentucky has created splash for travelers this week with rainfall in Pampa that has been consistently falling since last Wednesday. The rainfall has put Gray County on a flash flood watch until Tuesday, but caused no major structural damage to the city so far.

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Viewpoints

Hole in the ground finally fulfilled a purpose

One of Texas' most impressive engineering feats is nothing but a hole in the ground today, an idea that tanked big time.

In 1928, however, anything seemed possible. The newly discovered Hendricks field in Winkler County spouted 500 barrels a day and places like Pyote, Monahans and Wink became what one newspaper called "mushroom towns." The only thing rising faster than the available supply of crude was the price it fetched.

Unfortunately, the Roxana Petroleum Co. (later absorbed by Shell Oil) did not have a pipeline to get all that oil to a refinery. And hauling the crude to the nearest rail connection by truck over mostly unpaved roads

would take a fleet of vehicles.

To solve the problem, the company decided to build a Texas-size reservoir to hold the black gold.

After selecting a site in adjacent Ward County south-east of Monahans and not far from the Texas and Pacific main line, Roxana brought in an army of workmen to dig a giant hole. More men than the nearby town could accommodate, the work force lived in tents near the job site.

Using mule-drawn equipment, the workers completed an excavation that from an airplane must have looked like a wide meteor crater. Next workers laid wire mesh over the packed earth. Then, working 24-hours-a-day,

contractors started pouring tons of concrete.

When the concrete cured, the tank measured 522.6 feet from north to south and 426.6 feet east to west. With 45-degree walls, the tank dropped 35 feet deep.

By late April 1928, workers hammered away at a wooden cover for the colossal tank, plac-

ing creosote-soaked support timbers at 14-foot intervals across the sprawling reservoir floor. Those timbers supported a domed redwood roof covered with tarpaper.

Though the Monahans facility soon became known

as the million barrel reservoir, engineers had actually designed it to hold a staggering 5 million barrels of oil.

Pressurized crude entered into the bottom of the tank, the intake located near a huge drain that would be used to empty the tank in case of fire.

One thing Roxana's engineers apparently forgot to

take into consideration was the weight of crude. One gallon of the thick stuff weighs nearly eight pounds. A barrel of oil contains 50 gallons and weighs some 400 pounds. When Roxana injected a million barrels of

oil into the tank, the weight bearing down on the concrete amounted to 400 million pounds of pressure.

Consisting of seamed sections of concrete, under that much pressure, the tank leaked. Beyond that, despite the roof, evaporation also claimed oil.

Even so, the loss happened slowly enough to make the tank workable for a time. The oil it did manage to hold got shipped by rail to Oklahoma to be refined. But when production near Wink began to decline, the flow from the field could be more easily moved by traditional methods.

Not long after the economy soured following the stock market crash in October 1929, Roxana

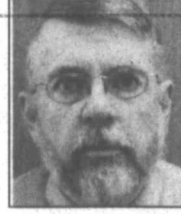
stopped using its below-ground Coliseum without seats. In the early 1930s, the company removed and sold the wood. According to Ben White, retired Monahans High School swim coach and local history buff, quite a few board feet of the lumber ended up in residences and buildings in Monahans.

The huge concrete hole in the ground, wider than five football fields, lay abandoned and mostly forgotten until 1954, when Monahans officials tried to get the tank and land around it for a city park.

Shell nixed a lease agreement, but said it would sell the property. The city opted not to buy it, but a former

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Mike Cox
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 18, the 231st day of 2008. There are 135 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 18, 1587, Virginia Dare became the first child of English parents to be born on American soil, on what is now Roanoke Island, N.C. (However, the colony she was born into ended up mysteriously disappearing.)

On this date:

In 1838, the first marine expedition sponsored by the U.S. government set sail from Hampton Roads, Va.; the crews traveled the southern Pacific Ocean, gathering scientific information.

In 1846, U.S. forces led by Gen. Stephen W. Kearny captured Santa Fe, N.M.

In 1894, Congress established the Bureau of Immigration.

In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees the right of all American women to vote, was ratified as Tennessee became the 36th state to approve it.

In 1938, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie

'New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, without any other reason but because they are not already common.'

— John Locke
English philosopher
(1632-1704)

King dedicated the Thousand Islands Bridge connecting the United States and Canada.

In 1958, the novel "Lolita" by Vladimir Nabokov was first published in New York by G.P. Putnam's Sons, almost three years after the book was originally published in Paris.

In 1963, James Meredith became the first black student to graduate from the University of Mississippi.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair ended in Sullivan County, N.Y., with a mid-morning set performed by Jimi Hendrix.

In 1976, two U.S. Army officers were killed in Korea's demilitarized zone as a group of North Korean soldiers wielding axes and metal pikes attacked U.S. and South Korean soldiers.

In 1983, Hurricane Alicia slammed into the Texas coast, leaving 21 dead and causing more than a billion dollars' worth of damage.

Ten years ago: A day after his grand jury testimony, President Clinton left Washington on a vacation with his family. Meanwhile, some lawmakers called for Clinton to resign in the wake of his admissions concerning Monica Lewinsky, while a spokeswoman for Hillary Rodham Clinton said the first lady "believes in this marriage."



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Solzhenitsyn: A giant among men is lost

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn is dead, and the world is a far poorer place. He was a giant of the 20th century. He stood up unarmed but fearlessly and defied the mighty Soviet Union until it had no choice but to spit him out into exile.

Amidst all of the well-deserved eulogies he has received, the greatest compliments were paid to him by the communists. They hate him still and vomited vitriol when they heard the news of his death. The communists, at least, recognize the man who did more than any other one man to kill their empire and expose their philosophy for the poison that it is.

After Solzhenitsyn's exposure of the gulags, not even the most cynical American Marxist could get

away with the same old lies that there were benevolent things in the communist system and that Josef Stalin was anything but a paranoid killer with more blood on his hands than Adolf Hitler.

Solzhenitsyn can be best appreciated in context. He was born in 1918. His father died before he was born, and his mother raised him in Rostov-on-Don, an industrial city in southwest Russia. He graduated with a degree in mathematics and went into the Army when the Germans invaded in 1941. He was a captain in the artillery. Stalin's secret

police snatched him out of the front lines and arrested him for having written some

unflattering things about the dictator in a private letter to a friend. He was sentenced to eight years in the labor camps.

He developed cancer, and before his sentence was complete he was sentenced further to permanent exile. After Stalin's death, he was able to teach and continue his writing, which he had done secretly in the camps. A brave Russian publisher got his novella "Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich" in print, but the communists

immediately clamped down. He was a leading dissident and resorted to private printings and to slipping his manuscripts out of the country. In 1973, "The Gulag Archipelago," his graphic description of the prisons and Soviet tyranny, was published. The following year, he was arrested for treason and exiled.

He lived in Cavendish, Vt., from 1975 to 1994, when he ended his exile. While in the U.S., he made several stinging criticisms of the West's weaknesses and what he saw as capitulation to tyranny. This did not endear him to the American Establishment, and, of course, American commu-

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Aug. 10
Houston Chronicle on redefining abortion:

The Bush administration has consistently opposed providing funding for international birth control programs, but until now has not tried to limit the use of contraceptives inside the United States.

That could change in the president's final months in office. Health and Human Services officials are considering a draft regulation that would classify most birth control pills, the Plan B

emergency contraceptive and intrauterine devices as forms of abortion because they prevent the development of fertilized eggs into fetuses.

The rule, which does not require congressional approval, would allow health care workers who object to abortion on moral or religious grounds to refuse to counsel women on their birth control options or supply contraceptives. It would forbid more than half a million health agencies nationwide that receive federal funds from requiring employees to provide such services. Pharmacists could use the rule as a justification for refusing to fill birth control prescriptions, and insurance companies could cite it as a basis for declin-

ing to cover the costs.

An existing regulation allows health care providers with objections to abortion to abstain from providing it to patients. By extending the definition of abortion to cover contraceptives, federal officials are attempting to create by administrative fiat what would fail by a wide margin in Congress.

In fact, the draft rule could void laws in 27 states that require insurance companies to provide birth control coverage for women requesting it. The rule also could counter laws in 14 states requiring that rape victims receive counseling and access to emergency, day-after contraceptives. It would also

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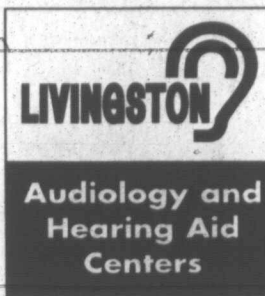
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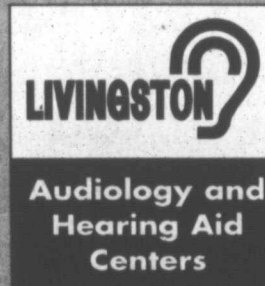
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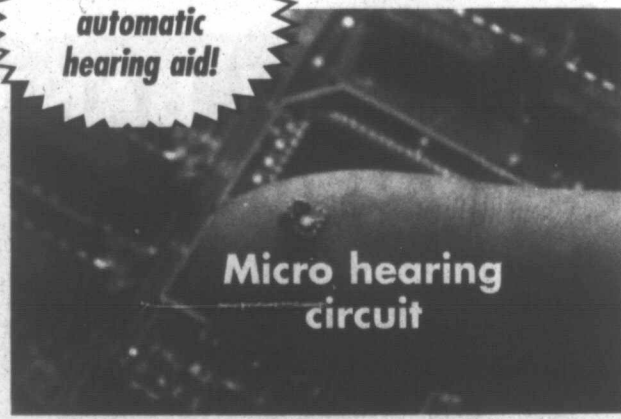
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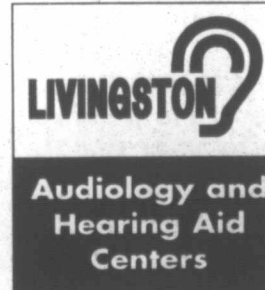


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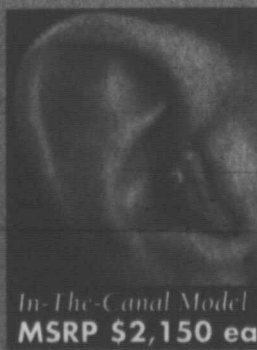
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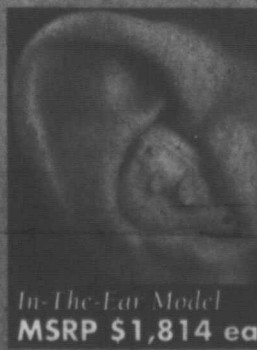
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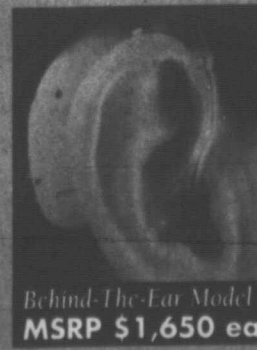
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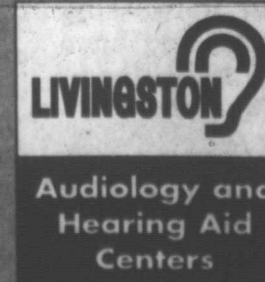
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Chamber of Commerce

Goldcoat welcome



Local Texas Goldcoats welcomed Dale's Turf & Weed Control to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce on August 5. Dale's Turf & Weed Control is located in Kentucky. Pictured L-R is Darrell Sehorn, Gladys Vanderpool, Pat Montoya, Scott Hahn, Dale West, Clay Rice, Mike ... Charles Henry, and John Warner.

Notes from your Chamber

Hear MESA POWER info at luncheon; new Chamber web site online soon

The usually hot month - August - is here and a lot of exciting things are happening. Our August Chamber Luncheon will be Tuesday, the 19th. Judge Ron Harris, consultant for Mesa Power will be our guest speaker and will bring us up-to-date on the Mesa Power Project. Harvester Lanes will be the sponsor, and we are expecting a very good crowd.

Speaking about the Mesa Power Wind Project, you can show your support for this project by logging on to the Boone Pickens "My Plan" Web site and registering. As your Chamber, we support any industry or project that helps our economy, and we know there are several other wind energy projects that are expanding into our area. PPM is the only other wind energy company that I know of personally expanding in this area - but I am told there are several more. We stand ready to assist all newcomers - both companies - individuals - with helpful information, maps and networking opportunities and hope they will avail themselves with our services.

One of the most exciting developments at the Pampa Chamber since I came on board at the Chamber is the develop-



Keith Pitner
Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

ment of an entirely new, state-of-the-art Web site. Within a couple or three weeks, it will be operational, will meet or exceed expectations and be a benchmark for other entities in the Panhandle. It will include videos about Pampa, links to our members' Web sites, a community calendar, demographics, Chamber newsletters and events, local tourism articles and links, photos and several other features.

Local clubs, team sports, schools, government entities and organizations will have the ability to update the community calendar online - which in turn will become the prime source that everyone can look to, to find out what is going on in

Pampa. I believe you will be proud to refer newcomers, visitors, friends and prospective businesses to the Web site so that you can share Pampa with them. If you are not a Chamber member at present, you will want to become one as soon as possible for a listing in our member database. Search tools will be in place to

search by business category, product and alphabetically - but only if you or your business is a Chamber member. Call us at 669-3241 for membership information.

Our thanks from the Chamber to the City of Pampa, the Pampa Economic Development Corp. - and to Shane Stokes, in particular, for the new LCD billboard sign on North Highway 70. I know Shane worked very hard and made many presentations to various organizations about the feasibility of such a sign before it became a reality. The sign is one of those added touches that make Pampa rise above the ordinary. You can watch it now for emergency messages, upcoming events and other special notices.

One more thank you if I may. Our thanks to Harold Price and Frank's True Value for their patient loaning of a portable PA system

while ours was being repaired. Ours is back in operation in our M.K. Brown room.

One last thing!! Remember school starts on Aug. 25th.

Slow down around school zones and watch out for the little ones (and the bigger ones too who are driving their first cars to school).

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I despise wearing rings, which is a problem because I plan to become engaged. I'm OK with a plain wedding band, but baubles on appendages interfere with useful work and creativity, and they turn me off. I have an expensive heirloom ring I would gladly give to my lady if she'd keep it in the safe deposit box where it belongs. I don't want to insure it, deal with it if she loses it, or know I caused her to be injured if a thug tried to steal it. If I give it to her, she'll want to wear it. She doesn't need an ornament to prove she's special or loved. What can I use in lieu of an engagement ring? I'd rather give her an annuity or something useful. The thought of a \$10,000 ring on a hand that belongs to a productive and intelligent working woman suggests self-indulgent exhibitionism. I know I'm fighting an uphill battle, but my feelings are valid to me. I feel the same when I see rings in the workplace and socially. Why not just duct-tape a \$1,000 bill to your forehead if you want to call attention to yourself? Any ideas? -- **PRACTICAL IN DENVER**

DEAR PRACTICAL: Before you pop the question, be absolutely sure you and your lady have a meeting of the minds on this subject. Candidly, from the tone of your letter you come across as rigid, opinionated and controlling. While you are entitled to your biases, if you marry an "intelligent and productive working woman," she should be able to decide for herself what kind of jewelry is appropriate. Also, I find it sad that you would rather keep an expensive heirloom ring hidden in a safety deposit box than have your lady enjoy it -- presuming, of course, that it's her taste and she **WOULD** enjoy wearing it. So if you're looking for ammunition in arguing this with your girlfriend, I'm sorry, but you have asked the wrong columnist.

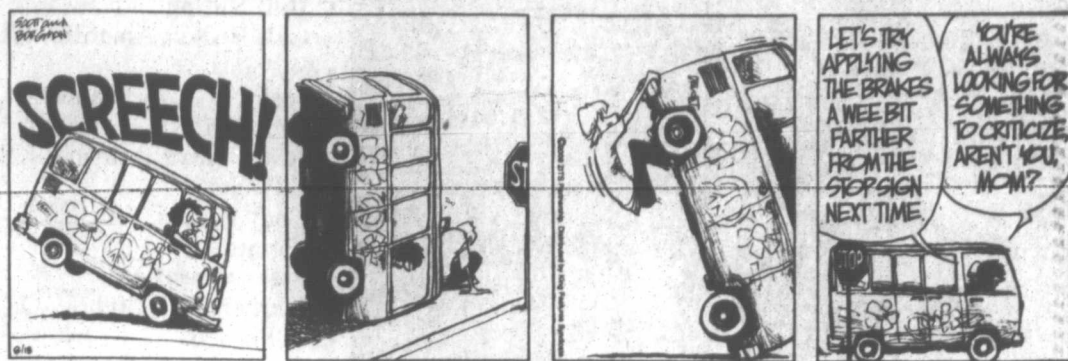
DEAR ABBY: I'm a divorcee, dating a man I'll call "Jack," who has been separated from his wife for three years. We've known each other two years and have been intimate for 11 months now. Jack's daughter is being married in Mexico in two months. I have met both his adult children; they seem happy he is finally in a relationship. The problem is, Jack hasn't invited me to the wedding. Jack attended my son's wedding with me last summer. It was 1,500 miles away. I had no problem taking him there. Jack says he isn't divorced because he doesn't want to "pay the cost" of one -- although he does have a separation agreement. He's very tight with money. I don't plan to remarry, so the divorce thing isn't really an issue with me. I suspect he wants to avoid the stress of revealing our relationship to his former wife, who left him after 25 years of marriage. I feel Jack is still living in the past, and I'm considering ending the relationship because of it. He's a wonderful, caring person, but he has a secretive side that I have a hard time dealing with. Help me to see the light. -- **TROUBLED IN TORONTO**

DEAR TROUBLED: Allow me to share an insight. Secretive people usually have something to hide. You refer to Jack's wife as his "former" wife, but she's not. They are still married, and whether Jack's reason for maintaining the status quo is financial or emotional, he's not ready or willing to cut the strings. It's time for a frank talk with your "wonderful, caring" lover because he has set a precedent for what you can expect in the future. And if this spells the end of the romance, I don't think you will have lost much.

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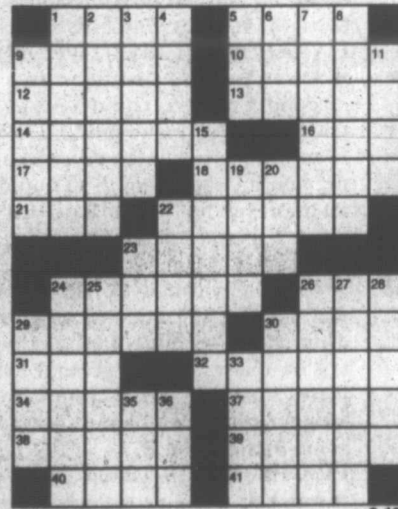
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 10 One-masted sailboat
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 14 Talked crazily
 16 Siesta
 17 Binds
 18 Urges
 21 Con-coaled
 22 Tennis serve
 23 Like London weather
 24 Farm machines
 26 — de deus
 29 Snake-haired Gorgon
 30 Roman censor
 31 Shade tree
 32 California beach city
 34 Visitor from space
 37 West Point student
 38 Like Thor
- DOWN**
 1 The Aloha State
 2 Made flat
 3 Leases
 4 Different sense, for short
 5 Sixth sense, for short
 6 Fling
 7 Bard's poem
 8 Adds up
 9 Compass to
 11 Boston orchestra
 15 Chart
 19 Coffee holders
 20 Tissue layer
 22 Opponents
 23 Winter ailment
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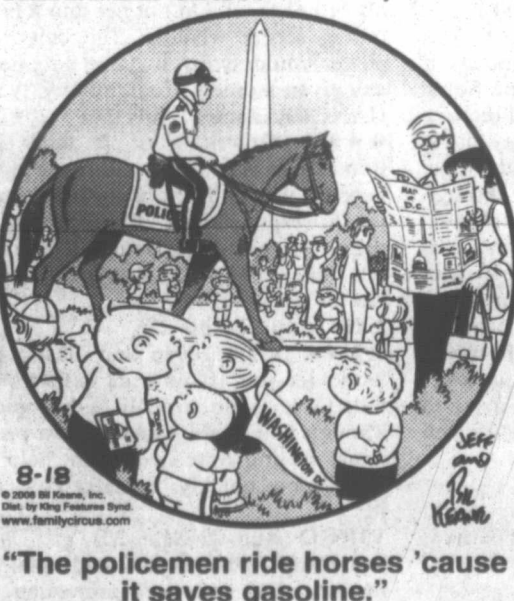


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The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



B.C.



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



Flo & Friends



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Sports

62nd Annual Top O Texas Rodeo Results

Friday, August 15

Bull Riding
Cole Britten, Amarillo, TX - 84 Points
Josh Sandoval, Cimmarron, KS - 81 Points
Justin Mead, Ashland, KS - 76 Points
Cody Hardin, Fritch, TX - 73 Points
Steer Wrestling
Marty Musil, Guthrie, OK - 3.8 Seconds
Gary Gilbert, Rapid City, SD - 4.2 Seconds
Jeff Baback, Meeker, OK - 5.8 Seconds
T.J. Bohlander, Canyon, TX - 6.9 Seconds
Bareback Bronc Riding
Frank Morton, Dodge City, KS - 75 Points
Wes Campbell, Mobeetie, TX - 66 Points
Calf Roping
Sterling A. Smith, Stephenville, TX - 9.7 Seconds
Cameron Fambro, Stephenville, TX - 10.9 Seconds
Tommy Guy, Abilene, TX - 11.1 Seconds
Landon Bryant, Clovis, NM - 11.3 Seconds
Brook Burnett, San Angelo, TX - 11.8 Seconds
Clay Bonner, Portales, NM - 12.6 Seconds
Ian Wells, Stephenville, TX - 20.6 Seconds
Cody Glover, Road Ditch, OK - 21.5 Seconds

Baggett, Jason Baggett - TX - 73 Points
55.22 Seconds
Whitney Oxley, Jeremy Winkler, Jeremy Medley - 60.00 Seconds
Barrel Race
Lizzy Allen, Abilene, TX - 16.87 Seconds
Lacy Harris, Amarillo, TX - 17.03 Seconds
Tammy Patterson, Cimmarron, KS - 17.05 Seconds
Brooke Cantalini, Amarillo, TX - 17.11 Seconds
Carly Richardson, Pampa, TX - 17.25 Seconds
Krista Irlbeck, Happy, TX - 18.19 Seconds
Sancy McElreath, Cimmarron, KS - 18.94 Seconds
Tiffany Lowe, Canyon, TX - 19.08 Seconds
Lesley Chester, Pampa, TX - 22.26 Seconds
Team Roping
Cody McMan / Shannon Frauscht - 6.1 Seconds
Mitch Murray / Jason Thomas - 6.3 Seconds
Stormy Nettles / Wade Jewell - 6.6 Seconds

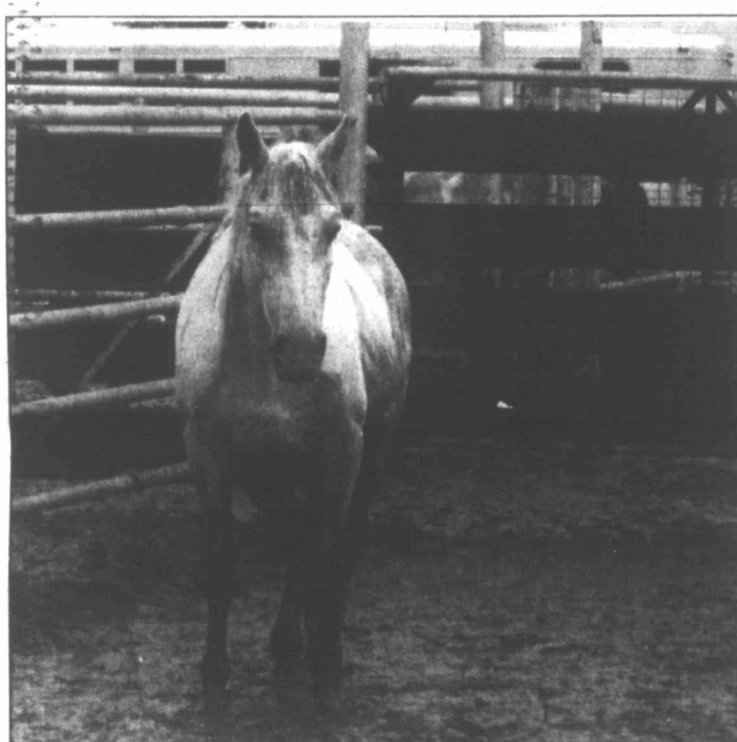
Ranch Bronc Riding
Woodrow Kennedy, Sayre, OK - 77 Points
Calf Roping
Logan Helton, Pampa, TX - 11.1 Seconds
John Clark, Midland, TX - 11.4 Seconds

33.97 Seconds
Shawn Whatley, Jeremy Winkler, Artie Sailor - 53.94 Seconds
Artie Sailor, Jeremy Winkler, Shawn Whatley - 63.37 Seconds
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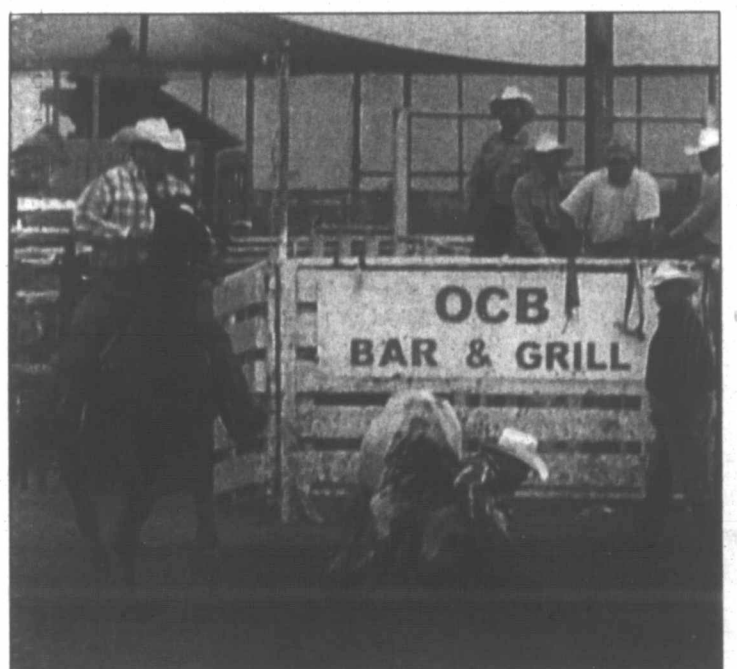
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Top O Texas Rodeo Queen Markie Oden holds the American flag in Saturday night's opening ceremony.



staff photo by Julie Ann Thompson

This once white horse waits in the mud for his own chance in the rodeo spotlight. Due to torrential rains all weekend long, the corrals behind the rodeo arena were filled with water.



Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers

Jeff Baback of Meeker, Okla. wrestled his steer to the ground in 5.8 seconds at Friday night's Top O' Texas Rodeo events. The rain which began falling in Pampa on Thursday and continued through the weekend held off for Friday night's performance, although competitors had to contend with a muddy arena.



Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers

Cameron Keeton of Whitesboro entertained the crowd during the 2008 Top O' Texas Rodeo in his role as "barrel man". He began rodeoing at age 9 and rode bulls during high school.

Saturday, August 16

Bull Riding
Cody Hardin, Fritch, TX - 88 Points
Clint Dodson, Decatur, TX - 84 Points
Cody Atwood, Decatur, TX - 83 Points
Brant Atwood, Pampa, TX - 80 Points
Logan Helton, Pampa, TX - 77 Points
Steer Wrestling
Danny Huddleston, Minco, OK - 4.3 Seconds
Daniel Adams, Weatherford, TX - 4.8 Seconds
Marty McFall, Brownwood, TX - 5.5 Seconds
Jarod Sheppard, Gage, OK - 6.0 Seconds
John Clark, Pecos, TX - 13.9 Seconds
Bareback Bronc Riding
Jeremy Seay, Pampa, TX - 78 Points
Matt Bennett, Canyon, TX - 77 Points
Cody Myers, Samnorwood, TX - 77 Points
Cody Witherspoon, Arlington, TX - 73 Points
Terry Baggett, Jimmy Mark Owens, Amarillo,

R.A. Brown, Stinnett, TX - 26.6 Seconds
Mutton Bustin
1st - Remi Didway, Pampa, TX
2nd - Kaiden Shorter, Pampa, TX
3rd - Lexi Didway, Pampa, TX
Breakway Roping
Jackie Adams, Weatherford, OK - 3.0 Seconds
Megan Swasey, Freedom, OK - 3.1 Seconds
Brandi Eakin, Midland, TX - 3.3 Seconds
Julie Purcell, Elk City, OK - 4.0 Seconds
Jenna Lee Hays, Weatherford, OK - 4.5 Seconds
Cindy Livingston, Pratt, KS - 4.7 Seconds
Kortni McConnell, Hereford, TX - 14.0 Seconds
Saddle Bronc Riding
Bill Herbert, Marble Falls, TX - 75 Points
R.A. Brown, Stinnett, TX - 73 Points
Dereck Lanham, Amarillo, TX - 59 Points
Double Muggin
Shawn Whatley, Austin Whatley, Justin Taylor -

69.31 Seconds
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Artie Sailor, Justin Holman, Michael Perguson - 89.41 Seconds
Barrel Race
Troyce Sturgess, Amarillo, TX - 17.12 Seconds
Kerry Poer, Gruver, TX - 17.81 Seconds
Dianna Weiland, Seiling, OK - 17.99 Seconds
Kortni McConnell, Hereford, TX - 18.17 Seconds
Kasey Etbauer, Goodwell, OK - 18.35 Seconds
Trudy Wiseman, Childress, TX - 18.61 Seconds
Linda McConnell, Hereford, TX - 19.06 Seconds
Raquel Blaylock, Lubbock, TX - 19.22 Seconds
Team Roping
Troy McDonald / Travis Goad - 5.0 Seconds
Shane Goad / Travis Goad - 5.2 Seconds
Troy McDonald / Jared Stoker - 14.55 Seconds

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2008:

Focus on the quality of your daily life this year, and be willing to do whatever you need to do to make it work. You might be delighted by what happens if you relax and value each moment. Some of you might veer in a new direction, while others stay with what they have. Learn not to look at others and judge. Express more caring, not only through gifts and gestures, but also through nurturing comments and a general thoughtfulness. If you are single, you could meet someone quite challenging but very interesting beginning 2009. The problem might be separating the wheat from the chaff. If you are attached, you discover what the "little things" really do mean to your sweetie. CAPRICORN pushes you often.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Starting now, be more aware of what you want and expect out of life, your commitments and work. News or information that heads in your direction might be colored. Keep asking questions if you feel unsure. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Make it a requirement for yourself every so often to pull back and see the whole story. Try this little exercise today. You might not get all the information otherwise. A child demonstrates his or her caring in a way that counts. Tonight: Feed your mind and imagination.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ A partner or key person in your life clearly has the cards stacked in his or her favor. Do not get into a tussle; rather, accept what is. The balance of power could swing in your direction at any given moment. Tonight: Say "yes."

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others want it their way. Remember that by just allowing this to happen, you will not have to assume as much responsibility. Enjoy the many people in your life; ease up on yourself a bit. Take some extra time off. Tonight: Go for it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ A nice even and steady pace works for you. If you want to take a time out, there is no time like the present. Though you might want to get a project done, feeling refreshed might help you move more quickly. Tonight: Easy does it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ What is not said, you will imagine. For your own protection, discuss what you need. Do talk about feelings rather than work from a false premise. Even then, you might hold back a lot. Tonight: In the thick of things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You are anchored and happy with a family member. Still, you might not make the changes this person needs fast enough. A child or new friendship could play into the scenario. Know when you have had enough. Tonight: Easy does it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Knowing what to ask for is primary. If you hedge and you are not direct, you cannot expect anything less than mediocre results. Relax with a situation, and do not get too uptight, and all

falls into place. Tonight: Easy does it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Your more possessive side emerges. Be careful in your dealings, as you easily could back someone into a corner. Investigate an offer that might seem too good to be true. You just could be right. Tonight: Pay bills first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You smile, and others respond. Still, you could have a very different inner dialogue going. Do not confront others; rather, be more understanding and indulge them. You could learn a lot more about where they are coming from. Tonight: All smiles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Know when to call a spade just that. As a result, you see others with far different perspective. Perhaps you might not be ready for any general announcements just yet. Give yourself time to judge your conclusion. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Understand what is happening behind the scenes. Create a better sense of security and well-being in a relationship. Respond to someone's efforts wholeheartedly. Tonight: Where people are.

BORN TODAY

King of Great Britain and Ireland George IV (1762), director Cecil B. DeMille (1881), author Katharine Lee Bates (1859)

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Reese

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nists were busy spreading their poisonous lies.

Solzhenitsyn's great mind and his complex thoughts can't be summarized easily, but he is certainly worth reading. His criticisms of our Western culture were valid. He never criticized the American people, but aimed at the elite who, at that time, were compromising with tyrants all

over the place and spouting a materialistic philosophy. One part of history Americans need to know is how much material aid was given to the Soviet Union by America. The largest truck factory in the world, located in Russia, was financed by Western banks. All kinds of aid, financial and political, helped to prop up Stalin's regime.

The key to understanding Solzhenitsyn is that he was a devout Christian. That never got much play in the American press, but he never played the part of a professional

Christian. Nevertheless, his Christian beliefs were deep and are at the root of his thinking.

He was an admirer of Vladimir Putin, as I am, because he recognized that Putin was saving Russia from disintegration. Solzhenitsyn believed in a moral and spiritual regeneration. Read some of his books, and I think you will see that he well deserved the Nobel Prize that he received.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Texas family's plane found; no survivors

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Wreckage spotted by a hiker Sunday in the Rocky Mountains was that of a plane carrying a Texas family, Summit County sheriff's officials confirmed.

There were no survivors of the crash, sheriff's officials said.

Thomas Paul Jacomini Jr. was piloting the four-seater Cessna 182 when it left Steamboat Springs on Friday, sheriff's officials said. His wife, 8-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter were also on board, sheriff's spokeswoman Paulette Horr said. Other family members alerted Civil Air Patrol on Saturday that the plane was overdue.

FAA spokeswoman Karen

Byrd said the plane was headed to Sugar Land, Texas, which is a suburb of Houston.

The hiker spotted the wreckage in steep terrain on a mountain range between Park and Summit counties about 85 miles southeast of Steamboat Springs. There was about 6 inches of snow in the area on the Continental Divide.

Cox

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city employee named Wayne Long did. He envisioned the tank awash with a fluid then even more precious than crude oil — fresh water.

Long drilled six water wells to fill the tank, turned a cut that had been made to remove the timbers into a boat ramp and transformed the million-barrel

oil reservoir into a million-barrel lake — the most water they'd seen in one place since moving to West Texas from Corpus Christi in 1950. Their lake would be a place where people could swim, ski and fish in the middle of a semi-desert.

For the lake's grand opening in 1958, Long and his wife Amalie brought in a pair of professional water skiers from Austin to crisscross their new waterhole.

But water is twice as heavy

as crude oil. The lake didn't hold water any better than oil and soon disappeared, along with all the money the Longs had sunk into the project. Not a man to give up easily, Long spent a bunch more on engineering fees hoping to find and fix the source of the leak.

Despite Long's best efforts, tests showed the reservoir still leaked. An attempt to transform the tank into an automobile race tract also foundered. Finally, he gave up on a literal

and figurative dry hole. According to local lore, his failure sent him into an emotional downward spiral that ended with his death of a heart attack in 1980.

Six years later, Amalie Long donated the tank and 14.5 acres around it to the Ward County Historical Commission for use as a museum-complex and park. After nearly 60 years, someone had finally come up with an idea that held water.

Abortion

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require federal agencies and states to provide funds for sham family planning clinics that provide women only abstinence counseling.

The enactment of such rules would have an immediate impact in Southeast Texas, where state health officials estimate more than half a million women are in need of affordable family planning services. Rochelle Tafolla, a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas Inc., warns that enactment of the regulation would endanger women's health.

According to Tafolla, "In a time when more and more families are uninsured and feeling the financial strain of a bad economy, it's pretty incredible that the Bush administration is actually trying to put up road-

blocks for women trying to access basic health care." Planned Parenthood strongly opposes the proposed rule "and will be fighting to preserve women's access to health care information."

Planned Parenthood is not alone in its opposition. The American Medical Association, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and a bipartisan group of 112 members of Congress have weighed in against the draft regulation.

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama has signed a letter of protest written by a group of U.S. senators. (Republican candidate John McCain has not taken a position.)

Health and Human Services officials issued a statement claiming the regulation would not alter existing rules and is simply designed to protect health care workers from discrimination based on their views of certain medical procedures. That ignores the fact that defining some

forms of contraception as abortion is a radical departure from the status quo.

As with a spate of administrative regulations undermining environmental enforcement that the administration has pushed as its time in office grows short, this one is a payoff to social conservatives who oppose abortion and contraception. Since polls show that an overwhelming percentage of the American people support birth control, such backdoor tactics are the only way such restrictions could be considered, let alone enacted.

Justifying these draft rules as an anti-discrimination measure would be laughable, if it weren't so undemocratic and dangerous to American women. If HHS Secretary Michael Leavitt is irresponsible enough to approve the regulation, Congress and the next president should make sure it is short-lived. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

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