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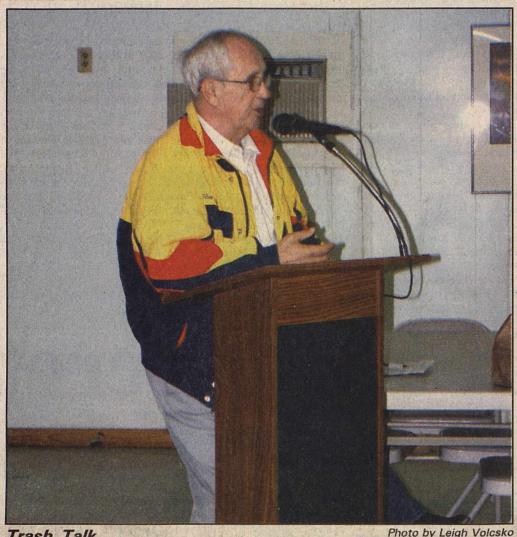
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City leaders talk trash

Disposal costs could bankrupt city in six months



Trash Talk

At the special city council meeting Jan 22., Fort Clark Springs Director of Operations Ron Pellin discusses the predicaments the Fort and the City face after Waste Management officials unexpectedly increased waste transport fees over 300 percent.

Collection Site to the public at month. a special meeting on Jan. 22, or

On Oct. 12, 2006, shortly after the city budget was final-Mayes received word through Fort Clark Springs (FCS) Maintenance Manager BobWalker, that the company that transports the trash for both FCS and the city was increasing their fees by more than 300 percent.

Waste Management (WM), a company in San Antonio, notified FSC by fax. The City of Brackettville was not notified.

Mayes readily contacted WM was in fact true and the increase would take effect immediately.

After some tense negotiations extension at the old prices. Mayes played on the fact the City had contacted the WM about any proposed increases before finalizing its latest bud-

The extension has since expired and the city is expected month of January alone.

.The proposed transport

members voted to close the City astronomical \$24,000 per

"We have to do something go bankrupt trying to pay ex-, now or in six months the city orbitant fees to transport the will be filing for bankruptcy," city's refuse to a San Antonio stated Mayes as she presented the council with actual figures and projections.

With the knowledge that WM ized for the 2006-2007 fiscal had essentially priced out its year, City Secretary Bonnie Kinney County customers, the city has been furiously working to find a cost effective alternative to WM, including research on purchasing trash trucks of

After consulting with the month. city's certified public accountants, Mayes presented a fourfold recommendation to the council in order to keep the city operating.

1. Terminate the contract and confirmed the information with Waste Management and enter into a three year contract with Alamo 1.

Alamo 1, submitted a bid of and using the City's only bar- \$212,503 per year for transportgaining chip, Mayes was able ing the City's trash on the conto work a three month contract tingency that FCS would also sign a three year contract.

> give the City and the Fort time to research and develop alternative ways to dispose to the household waste, including creating landfills inside the county.

to suffer a \$10,000 loss for the Site to the public, without ex- easily addressed at the curb. ception effective February 1.

prices increased from an aver- residents, non-residents and

Brackettville city council age of \$5,500 per month to an commercial haulers was overburdening the city's budget. Residents have been witnessed hauling trash that did not belong to them, for instance a county resident or a commercial business. Non-city residents, such as lease hunters, show up at the site and claim to be residents and insist on dumping their trash. Commercial haulers have been known to haul trash for county residents, like large ranch operations, all without any payment to the city.

> 3. Raise the residential fee from \$10 per month to \$25 per

Currently, the city has 658 residential customers paying landfill fees of \$10 each month and approximately 20 commercial customers paying \$6.50 per cubic yard. According to City Hall, the residential fee has not been increased since 1991.

4. Provide curb-side collection of trash, metal and cardboard to all city residents and businesses.

Mayes explained the added weekly service will lift the re-This three year period will sponsibility of having to personally haul trash to the collection site off the shoulders of the residents and allow the city to better control the trash being taken to the dump facility. 2. Close the City Collection Abuses discovered can be more Mayes also believes the City's Mayes stated the abuse by efforts will help deter citizens

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ill Gilmer ever go fi prive Maricela Rodriguez- ing a 4-12 p.m. shift. Around ported he got out of his patrol

Carolyn Anderson Texas Mohair Weekly

Edwards County Deputy Sheriff Guillermo Falcon Hernandez was handed down a guilty verdict Friday, December 1, 2006, by a jury panel in the United States District Court, Western District of Texas at Del Rio.

The guilty verdict was found on a Federal Grand Jury Indictment of June 7, 2006.

The Grand Jury charged Count 1, On or about the 14th day of April 2005, in the Western District of Texas, Defendant, Guillermo Falcon Hernandez, while acting under color of law as an Edwards County Deputy Sheriff did shoot Maricela Rodriguez-Garcia with a dangerous weapon, to wit: a firearm, causing bodily injury to Maricela Rodriguez-Garcia and did thereby willfully de-

one acting under color of law, all in violation of Section 242 of Title 18 of the United States Code. A TRUE BILL: signed by Bill Baumann, Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Texas.

The jury panel found Hernandez the indictment.

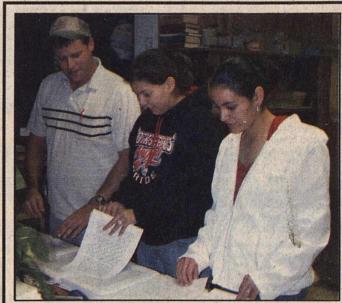
Deputy Hernandez was complet- Barnes property. Hernandez re-

Garcia of a right protected and 11:30 p.m. Deputy Hernandez car, walked up to the driver's secured by the Constitution and took a bathroom break to his side of the vehicle and observed the Laws of the United States, residence. While there, his several occupants in the car, the namely the right of Maricela fiancé, Ashley Arredondo, Rodriguez-Garcia to be free asked him to take her to the soda from unreasonable seizure by machines in front of Super S Food store to purchase a drink. The two went in the patrol car, and when they finished purchasing the items Deputy Hernandez started to return Arredondo to the house. At that time, Deputy Hernandez observed a blue sub-The indictment included a urban run the stop sign at the second Count for the same of intersection of Uvalde Road ing the driver was trying to run fense alleging Hernandez will- and Main street. Hernandez him over, drew his firearm and fully shot a individual by the pulled in behind the vehicle, name of Candido Garcia-Perez. turned on his red lights to stop vehicle, then a second round at suburban. not guilty on that Count of the Hernandez followed the vehicle round at the right rear tire. The as it continued on out State driver sped up, but having a flat The indictment and the trial Highway 377 North. The ve- on the left rear either skidded pertained to an April 14/15, hicle pulled over, across the or turned into the entrance be-2005 incident here in Edwards road from the Park Building, tween Eddie Franco, Jr. and County. On April 14, 2005, near the entrance to the T. C. Mark Bean residences on the

driver being the only one sitting up. He instantly suspected that this was smuggled load of illegal aliens.

While there, the driver of the car threw the vehicle in gear, pulling forward and turning to the left into Deputy Hernandez fleeing from and evading the deputy's legal stop of the vehicle. Deputy Hernandez believfired at the left rear tire of the Deputy the left rear tire and a third

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Free Gilmer

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

From left: Roy Cottle, Judy Cottle and Ashley Hernandez get ready to distribute flyers in support of former Edwards Co. Deputy Gilmer Hernandez recently convicted in federal court.

News BRIEFS

Flu Shots

South Texas Urgent Care Center, 3040 E. Main Street in Uvalde (behind Applebees) is now offering flu shots for \$30. For more information call, 830-278-1166.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday



Mostly Cloudy High:56 Low:44

Saturday



Partly Cloudy High:65 Low:37

Sunday



Mostly Sunny High:58 Low:37

Grief Support Group

There is a new grief support group which is meeting the first Tuesday of each month in Slator Hall of First United Methodist Church. All who are experiencing grief are invited to come and support each other in their journeys. Call Pastor Jean Reardon at 563-2823 if you have questions. Everyone is welcome.

Recorded Rainfall

Trace amounts of rain recorded at The Brackett News Weather Center this week. Report rain gauge readings from your part Men's Golf at 9 a.m., Aerobics of the county by phone 830-563-2852 or by email: tbnews @sbcglobal.net. Please include 12 noon at Service Club, Stitchyour address!

Fort Clark Calendar Thursday 01/25: Couples Golf L.E.P.C. Meeting at 1p.m., Stitching from 1-3 p.m Meeting will be held in the at RV Park, Ceramics from 1-3 EMS Building, Mon., Jan. 29,

p.m. at the Adult Center, Lions at 7 p.m. Our special guest will Club Mtg. 6:30 p.m. at Julie's be Scottie Stice, local director Rest. Friday 01/26: Aerobics of the Southern Baptist Disas-9 a.m., Stitching 1-3 at RV ter Relief Organization, of Park, Men's Bridge 1-5 in Adult Uvalde. Come and meet him.

Center, Bingo 7 p.m. Shafter His organization is one of our this year's Fort Clark Festival email: wychar@ sbcglobal. net Hall. Saturday 01/27: Historical Mtg 10 a.m. End of Month Scramble 1 p.m. at Golf Course, Festival Meeting 11 a.m. Shafter Hall, Art Studio open from 1-4. Monday 01/29: Par 3 Scramble at 9 a.m., Wood Carvers at 9 a.m. Unit 37, Aerobics at 9 a.m. at Post Theater, Art Studio 1-4, Chili Cook-off, 11 a.m. at RV Park. Tuesday 01/30: Ladies Golf at 9a.m., Architectural Comm. Meeting at 9 a.m., 500 Cards 6 p.m. at Adult Center. Old Quarry Mtg 7 p.m. at Post at 9 a.m., Tap Dance at 10:15 Post Theater, Ladies Luncheon nos at 6 p.m. Adult Center.

best resources in a disaster.

Annual Brat Fry

Won't you help us celebrate out 13th Annual Brat Fry at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on January 28, 2007 from 11 a.m. till 1:30 p.m? Our goal is to have fellowship with ALL ticket holders and see smiles on everyone's faces. Tickets may be purchased from church members or at the door. The local Thrivent chapter is able to get Theater Wednesday 02/01: matching funds to increase proceeds, all are then used for local charity and scholarships.

The English Longbow

ing from 1-3 at RV Park, Domi- Fort Clark Historical Society presents The English Longbow, A Weapon for French Destruction and a talk by Enlgish Historian, Brian Gresty. The presentation takes place Saturday, January 27, 2007 at 10 a.m. in the Palisado Building. Come early at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts.

> "FORT CLARK'S IDOL" A talent show is being added to

roster. Fort Clark Springs at Brackettville will host a Talent Show for youngsters 18 and un- Cancer Support Group der during the 2007 Fort Clark Meeting Springs Festival on March 10. All contestants will be required to perform at Fort Clark Springs beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Sat., March 10. Talent should be timed from 3 to 5 minutes maximum. Judges will pick the top ten, who will compete again for First, Second and Third places during the afternoon. There will be prizes for First, Second and Third, with a Certificate of Participation to be awarded to all contestants. Sound equipment will be available. Contestants must furnish their own music if necessary for talent presented. A parent must accompany any contestant under 18 years of age, or furnish written permission to participate. Contest entries should be submitted to: P. O. Box 1975, c/o Charlene Simmons, Brackettville, TX 78832 and must be postmarked by March 3rd. Contact Charlene

for further information.

Our Cancer Support Group will meet on February 1st at 6:30pm at the Frontier Baptist Church fellowship hall. Guest speakers will be Allison Carroll, chairperson for the Relay for Life and Clarise Kehoe ACS field representative. Meat will be provided, and bring a side dish to add to it. Any questions, call Pat Sitzes at 563-5528.

Relay for Life Kickoff Meeting

On Friday night at 6pm at the Fort Clark Service Club, Relay for Life will have an informational meeting about the 2nd Annual Kinney County Relay for Life being held April 28-29th. The theme for the Relay is being a super hero for fighting cancer by raising money for research against this dreaded disease. Please join us for food, Simmons at 830-563-3070 or fun, and prizes. See you there.

Community Great soup for cold weather



I wonder how many had at least one pot of soup going re-

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1 can condensed tomato soup paprika to taste

1 can (5 oz.) crab meat 1 soup can milk curry powder to taste

Combine all ingredients, til celery is tender. beating with rotary beater until well blended.

(milk based soups burn easily and quickly) until hot and ready to serve.

If desired, 1 tbsp. sherry can into boiling soup. be added to bisque just before serving. Serves 8.

Pork N' Dumplings Soup 1 can (4 oz.) sliced mush-

rooms, drained 2 tbsp. butter or margarine 1 cup chopped celery

2 cans condensed plain vegetable soup 1 soup can water

1 cup cubed cooked pork **Dumplings:**

1 cup biscuit mix

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and Henderson

1/3 cup milk

1 tbsp. chopped parsley 1/8 tsp. thyme leaves, crushed ingredients: stir and heat to a Saute mushrooms and celery in butter in large saucepan, un-

Add soup, water and pork; bring to a boil. Meanwhile, com-Heat over med. to low heat bine biscuit mix, milk, parsley

> and thyme. Drop by spoonfuls (using tbsp. for med. size dumplings)

Reduce heat and cook, uncovered, over low heat 10 min. Cover and cook 10 min. longer. Serves 4.

Campers Corn Chowder 1 cup thinly sliced pepperoni

2 tsp. corn oil 2 cups milk

corn, drained

1/4 cup instant potato flakes 1/4 tsp salt

1/4 tsp. thyme

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boil. Reduce heat and simmer 5 min. stirring occasionally.

Brown pepperoni lightly in

oil in saucepan. Add remaining

Chicken and Ham Gumbo

2 tbsp. corn oil 2 cups canned tomatoes

2 lbs. chicken wings 1 cup sliced okra

1 cup diced cooked ham 1/4 cup onion flakes

2 cups boiling water 1 tsp ground thyme

2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. black pepper 1 bay leaf

Heat corn oil in soup kettle; add chicken wings and ham; cover and cook slowly for 15 1 can (16 oz.) whole kernel min., turning chicken to cook uniformly.

> Add boiling water, salt and bay leaf; cover and cook 30 min. or until tender.

Twenty min. before cooking time is completed, add tomatoes, okra, onion flakes, thyme and pepper. Serves 8.

Correction: In last weeks recipes by Vada, the Dare-Cat bar recipe should have read, Date-Oat Bars.

In the Date-Oat bars, instead of 3/4 cup unsweetened coconut milk, it should have read, 3/4 cup unsweetened coconut.

OBITUARY

Emma Lee Duncan



January 13, 1936 - January 19, 2007

Emma Lee Duncan, 71, long-time resident of Comstock, TX assed away Friday, January 19, 2007 in Houston, TX. She was orn January 13, 1936 in Ballinger to the late Leslie and Lena Bounds. Including her parents, she was also predeceased by her nusband, Don N. Duncan and a sister, Dorothy Mae Bounds.

Emma Lee is survived by her four sons and daughters-in-law: Andy and Donna Duncan of Houston, TX; Randy and Paula Duncan of Colorado City, TX; Drue and Sammye Duncan of Brackettville, TX; and Jeff and Jill Duncan of Charleston, SC; nine loving grandchildren: Levi, Jackie, Cullen, Ryan, Adam, Chelsea, Shea, Lauren and Blake; her sisters, Mrs. Lillian Cooper of Winters, TX; Mrs. Almeda Hibbard of Upland, CA; and Mrs. Donna Abbott of Malvern, AR; other loving family mempers and friends.

The family requests memorials be made in memory of Emma Lee Duncan to Houston Hospice, 5206 FM 1960 West, Suite 04, Houston, TX 77069 or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 570127, Houston, TX 77257.

Funeral arrangements handled by both Cypress-Fairbanks Funeral Home, Houston, TX and Heritage.

It is no secret



Robert Morgan tells a story that happened back in 1949 to was Stuart Stuart Hamblem a former cowboy actor, who was also well

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host of a radio program. That year something happened that would forever change his life.

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For three weeks, Stuart wrestled with what he had heard. known in Hollywood for his Then one morning at 4:30, he hard drinking, gambling, and called Billy Graham and wanted

to talk. That morning Stuart sur-He also was a very popular rendered his heart and life to Jesus Christ.

On his radio program, Stuart began to share what Jesus had done for him. Word began to Angeles that year to preach in a spread about the transformation crusade. This young man, in Stuart Hamblem's life. One named Billy Graham, was invited day Stuart saw John Wayne. to speak to many famous people John Wayne asked Stuart, "What's this I here about you Stuart?" Stuart replied, "Well Duke, it is no secret what God can do." "Sounds like a song" said John Wayne.

Stuart went home and wrote the song entitled, "It Is No Secret." He went on to write over 200 songs before his death.

Borrowing Stuart's words, "It is no secret what God can do. What He's done for others, He'll do for you." Stuart's life was changed and transformed when he surrendered his heart and life to Jesus Christ.

Jesus is still in the business of changing hearts and lives. If you have never given your heart to Jesus, don't delay, come to Jesus now. Jesus loves you and He will forgive you.

If you would like to know more about this wonderful savior Jesus Christ or if you would like a free Bible please contact us at First Baptist Church. Jesus loves and so do we. Come by or call us at 563.2245.

> Jeff Janca **First Baptist Church** Brackettville, Texas



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

Thus Saith the Lord

Therefore say, thus saith the Lord God: I will even gather you from the people and assemble you out of the countries where ys have been scattered and I will give you the land of Israel.

And they shall com thither and they shall take away all the detestable things there of and all the abominations there of from

And I will give them one heart and I will put a new spriit within you and I will take the stony heart out if their flesh and will give them a heart of flesh.

That they may walk in my statues and keep mine ordinances and of them and they shall be my people and I will be

But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of thier detestable things and their abominations I will recompense their way upon their own heads saith the Lord God.

> Ezekial 11: 17-21 Praise the Lord

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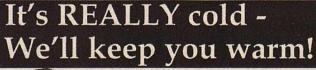
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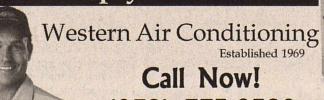
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Yard of the Month December 2006

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Homer and Gladys Lewis of Unit 36. 69 Red Bud was selected as January Yard of the Month by the Mountain Laurel Garden Club.



Yard of the Month January 2007

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Pellin's vard on Fort Clark Road has been selected as January Yard of the Month by the Mountain Laurel Garden Club.

John McNamara Pottery Coun

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Pat Sitzes

No doubt as you drove up Ann Street on Tuesday, you noticed numerous cars parked at the Frontier Baptist Church.

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After literally months of preparation, the long anticipated "mammography day" had arrived.

Coordinated by Mariel Rodgers of Christus Santa Rosas and myself and with the cooperation of CHEER volunteers, Evie Barr, Myrna Cassel, Pat Crum, Ernestina Hernandez, Effie Bromley, Lydia Flowers, and Debbie Milano, we completed fortythree mammograms.

It just goes to show, that CHEER proud. even in a town of our size, when we all pull together, we can accomplish great deeds.

With your assurance, thing went. CHEER will continue to provide support in strengthening medical care to all Kinney County Residents.

CHEER wants to thank board members Brenda Perry, Yolanda Rueda, Lydia Tipps, and Carmen Gallegoes for helping with the refreshments, lunch, and cleanup services.

CHEER wants to thank all of the ladies that signed up for their mammogram, and who were there on time. You made

Mariel Rodgers from Christus Santa Rosas was very impressed with how well every-

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right side of the highway. The car swerved into a fence and h-brace on the side of the entrance. Deputy Hernandez got back into his patrol vehicle. Deputy Hernandez requested Border Patrol assistance, while he and his fiancé followed the fleeing vehicle to the location where it had stopped. They both observed occupants jumping and running from the vehicle.

U S Border Patrol Agent Terry Hunt responded immediately. The men observed both front doors and the right read door of the vehicle were open. Upon inspection, a woman was found laying in the cargo area of the suburban. She was bleeding from the mouth. EMS and Sheriff Letsinger were notified immediately. EMS personnel Pauline Erekson, Roy Cottle and Ruperto Pena responded. Upon inspection of the female, they thought she had just bumped her chin in the vehicle's impact with the h-brace.

Sheriff Don Letsinger had arrived and questioned Deputy Hernandez about the incident. Hernandez informed the Sheriff that Hernandez had fired three rounds at the tires after the driver had tried to run over him. Sheriff Letsinger then informed the EMS crew that the injury could have been from a gunshot. Sheriff Letsinger requested U S Border PAIC Tommy Walker take photos for the Ranger investigation. In 1993, Edwards County Sheriff Warren Guthrie had helped implement a policy where local law enforcement officers do not to investigate themselves, but get outside authorities to do so. The photos would later be used in this investigation by the Texas Rangers and the FBI.

Ashley Arredondo telephoned her mother and she came and took Ashley home. The EMS transported the injured female to Val Verde Hospital in Del Rio. Rocksprings Wrecker Service impounded and moved the vehicle. Deputy Hernandez was sent to the County Deputy Sheriff was involved in a firearms discharge, which may have resulted in injury to a female passenger of a vehicle. Ranger Bobby Smith was asked to conduct an investigation into the shooting inci-

Letsinger also called the Mexican Consulate and informed them that an incident had occurred with suspected citizens of Mexico and a officer involved shooting incident.

to Del Rio to the hospital to check on the injured female. He met with the doctor who stated he did not believe the injury was a gunshot wound. The Doctor on further examination decided that a bullet or object could had entered through the skin below the left lower lip and exited out the right side of the mouth, only leaving one hole. The doctor wanted to send the injured female to Brooke Medical Center in San Antonio, which was approved by Sheriff Letsinger. The female, with hospital assistance, stated her identification as Maricela Rodriguez-Garcia being a resident of Mexico, She did tell Sheriff Letsinger that she was from Mexico. Sheriff Letsinger, he returned to Rocksprings around 4 a.m. on work at 9 a.m. that morning.

customary, and upon inspection found that four rounds appeared to have been fired from the

When Ranger Smith arrived, he took a signed statement from Hernandez. Deputy Hernandez took the Ranger to the scene of the incident. Ranger Smith recovered three 40 caliber shell casings.

Sheriff's office, Smith received a call from the U S Border Patrol stating that Maricela Rodriguez-Garcia was being discharged from the hospital. Also she was being picked up by her husband, Adan Reyes Morales, address 1707 Aldridge Dr., Austin, Texas.

They also stated that the Mexican Consulate was not going to take custody of Maricela Rodriguez-Garcia, due to a family member picking her up. Brooke Army Medical Center employee Janet Benja faxed information to Edwards County for the Ranger. Upon the request of Fred Hernandez District Attorney the impounded vehicle was brought back to the Sheriff's Office

enforcement's garage. On that same day, April 15, 2006, Austin Police Detective Skolaut was asked for his assistance in locating and confirming the address of Rodriguez-Garcia. He located her at her given address, but according to Skolaut, who is fluent in Spanish, he was not able to speak to Garcia due to her facial injuries. He planned to return on the following Monday to interview

In Hernandez's statement to Smith, he told him that he was currently employed as a deputy for Edwards County and had been since April 1, 2004.

Before that, he was a jailer for Edwards County for two years and a reserve deputy from December 15, 2003 until April 1, 2004.

His statement contained the same information as presented Sheriff's Office to write up his above. He reported in his statereport. Sheriff Letsinger called ment that he shined a flashlight Agent Butler then scanned and organizing the next step in their the Texas Ranger office in Del into the vehicle and observed searched the area with a metal campaign to get Gilmer freed Rio to report that an Edwards several occupants lying on the detector and did not locate any down on the seats, perhaps up to eight. From experience, he determined that these were probably illegal aliens. When he asked the driver to step out of the vehicle, Hernandez reported the driver put the car in gear said, The Suburban began to move forward and to the left, toward where I was standing. At this time I drew my weapon." He went on to say that when the vehicle's left rear tire came par-Sheriff Letsinger then drove allel with him he fired at the tire twice and the right tire once as the vehicle sped forward. He returned to his patrol car, notified dispatch and pursued the Suburban. His report continued stating that he pursued the vehicle to the private drive where it had run into a fence. He saw a male departing the vehicle. observed the others had fled, and discovered the woman as reported above.

Arredondo's statement was similar. She stated that when Hernandez exited the vehicle, she rolled up his window and

locked the doors. In statements from Maricela Rodriguez-Garcia, Ivonne Hernandez Morales and pants in the vehicle, they had ball cap, full bullet, cell phone secured a guided crossing April 15, and then reported to across the Rio Grande from Acuna, Mexico for \$2,000.00. Ranger Smith had returned his They were then taken to a hotel call and Ranger Bobby Smith where they stayed for several would be in town during the days, then transported to a ru-

morning of April 15. In the ral area where they were met by meantime, Letsinger had col- a guide who would walk them lected Hernandez' firearm, as is around the Border Patrol check point north of Del Rio. After walking several hours, they then met a driver with the Suburban who was to take them to their destination.

Four planned to go to Austin, two others to the Dallas area. With these six were the driver and guide when it continued on toward Rocksprings.

In Candido Perez' statement, Shortly after retaining to the he reported five shots as the driver took off from the first stop, and then he said three more shots were fired while they were running. Morales stated that she heard eight shots at the first stop and two more while they were running after departing the vehicle. Maricela Garcia states that she hear the sound of gunshots at the first stop, but she does not mention any after

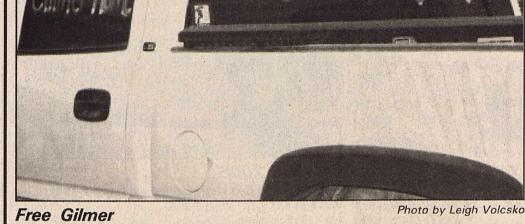
Morales and Perez stated that after all had left they located each other and hitchhiked to Georgetown.

Because of the statements of the individuals Ranger Smith enlisted the aid of ATF Agent Kyle Butler and ATF K-9 Simon met in Rocksprings on April 20, 2005. The Ranger, ATF Butler and the K-9 conducted a search of the initial stop location as pointed out by Deputy Hernandez. The K-9 located a fourth casing from the Deputy Hernandez's weapon the K-9 also located a spot on the pavement where a round had hit the pavement which would have been close to the location of the left rear tire of the fleeing suburban. The K-9 located part of bullet on the north east side of US 377 near the park building. The Officers and the K-9 went to the second location. This is the area where two of the illegal aliens stated that the Deputy fired shots at them while they

were fleeing the suburban. One said two shots and one said three shots at the second location. At the second location ATF-K-9 Simon did not alert on any locations in this area, did not find any bullets bullet fragments, or any shell casings. ATF bullets, fragments or shell casings. Sheriff Letsinger talked with Ranger Bobby Smith about the search of the areas and Smiths investigation. Smith stated that he found evidence at the first location that confirmed stated.

there was at least four shot fired by the Deputy not three. However Smith stated that it was not unusual for Officers to miscount the number of shots they fire in Smith or the ATF Agent or the K-9 found any evidence confirming the statements of the individuals that the deputy had shot at them while they were fleeing the suburban. Ranger Smith stated to Sheriff Letsinger that there was not any evidence that the Deputy shot at the individuals fleeing the suburban and the

search was through. The Texas DPS Crime Lab assisted in processing and searching the Suburban. A Crime Lab Team arrived on April 25 and searched the vehicle. Evidence found were projectile fragments, tooth frag-Candido Garcia Perez, all occu- ments, stains, soda bottles, base-



Vehicles painted in support of convicted Edwards County Deputy Gilmer Hernandez are everywhere you look in Rockspings.

case, papers, map, latent prints, food wrappers, and items, a .40 caliber S&W pistol, ammunicasings and slug.

While processing the vehicle, Continued from Page 1 entrance holes were noted in the left rear tire, left rear door, the from illegally dumping their right rear tail lamp and a fragment in the right rear quarter panel. The video taken from Deputy Hernandez' patrol car recorded several traffic stops, but the traffic stop on April 14, 2006, was not recorded. Hernandez had stated earlier in his statement that his video did not work correctly.

Hernandez is now being held in Del Rio awaiting his sentencing in March of 2007.

The driver and guide in the vehicle were never apprehended. None of the occupants in the Suburban were charged.

Editors Note: I met with Gilmer Hernandez' new wife, Ashley, and close friends Roy and Judy Cottle on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Feed Store in Rocksprings.

The three were planning and from what they believe is wrongful prosecution and conviction. I bluntly asked them if Gilmer

had a violent past or a troubled life and Roy quickly answered, "If you ever wanted a role model, you'd chose Gilmer." Roy went on to describe a

and accelerated. Hernandez what Deputy Hernandez had young man that worked his way through college and the police The only exception was that academy, never drank or smoked and very seldom was heard swearing.

Hernandez' gently speaking bride, Ashley, told of how she is now left to care for their five such situations. Sheriff month old baby girl alone and Letsinger ask Ranger Smith if expressed her gratitude towards the entire community for supporting Gilmer.

> "It's hard, but I can't give up," said Ashley as she described her grass roots battle to help set Gilmer free.

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Council members were mostly concerned over the citizens ability to pay the increased fees and about the logistics and compliance issues of collecting the trash.

City Hall will be issuing the new collection routes and other important details before the end

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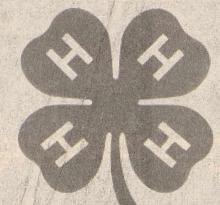
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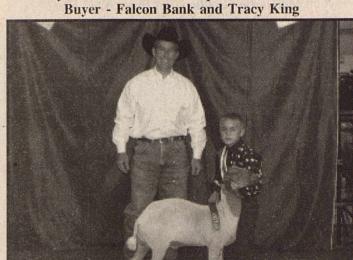
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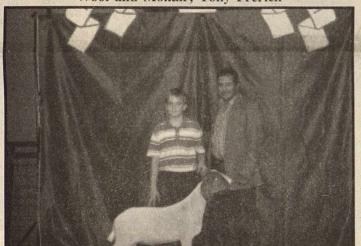
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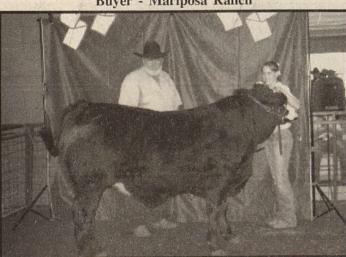


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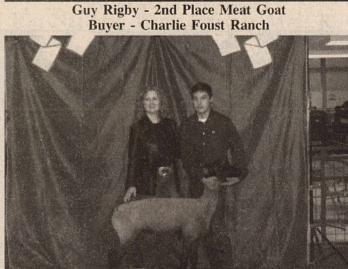




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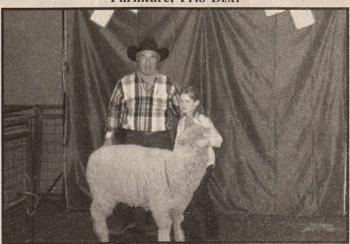
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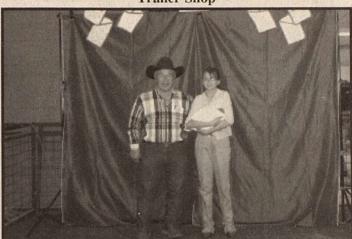
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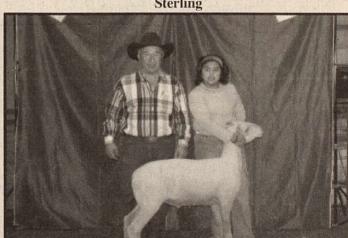
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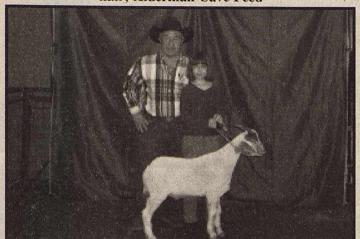
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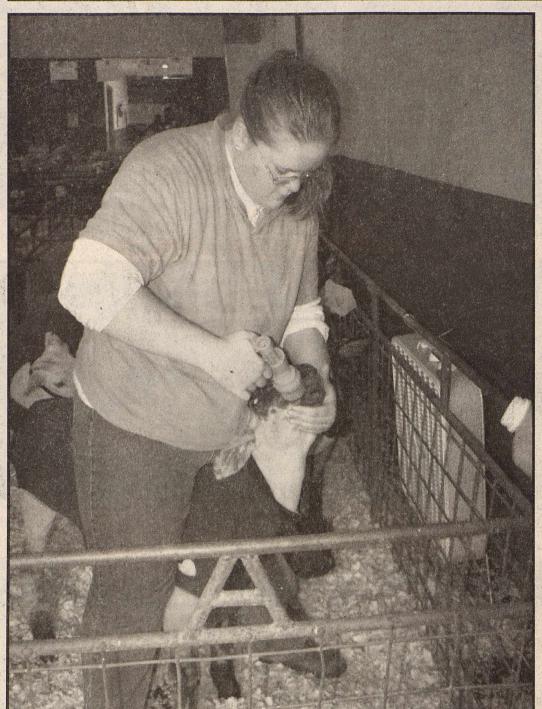
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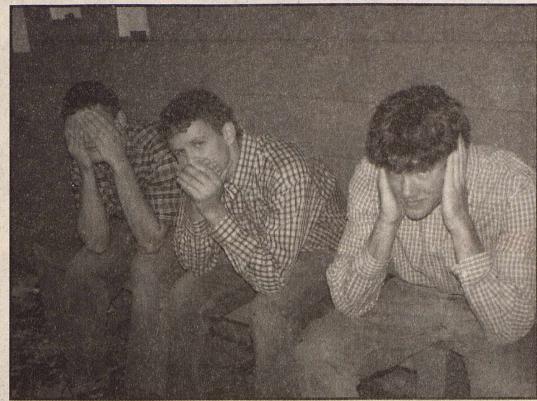
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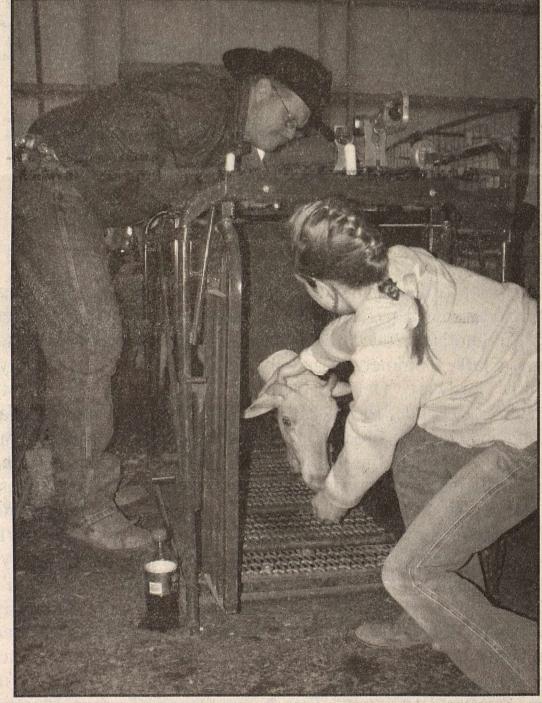
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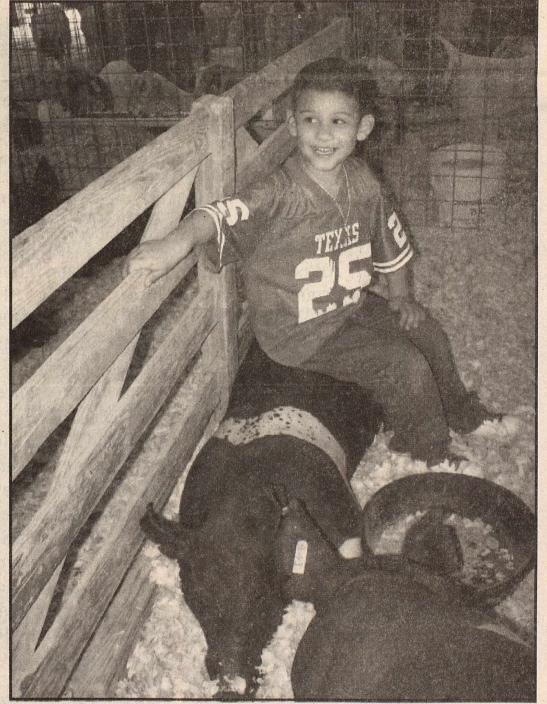
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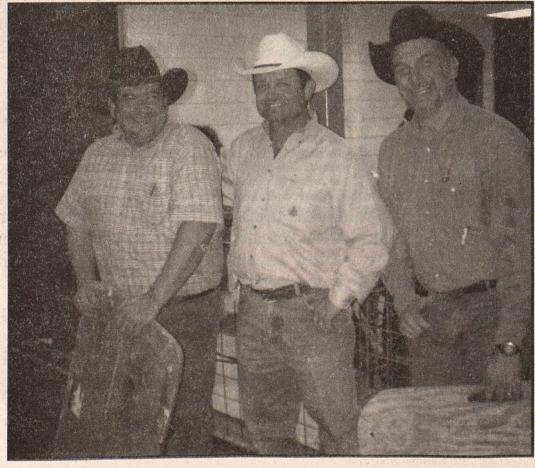
















HE EVEN IF WE CAN'T SEE IT

By Ivan the Scientist know a kid named Adam. Probably you

But what do you know about an "atom?" Believe it or not, the idea of an atom came from ancient Greek science and philosophy and from the results of 18th and 19th century chemistry.

This all came at times when it was impossible to "see" an atom blecause it is so

Aloms are parts of everything that exists, ike this newspaper or your television set, your dog or even yourself!

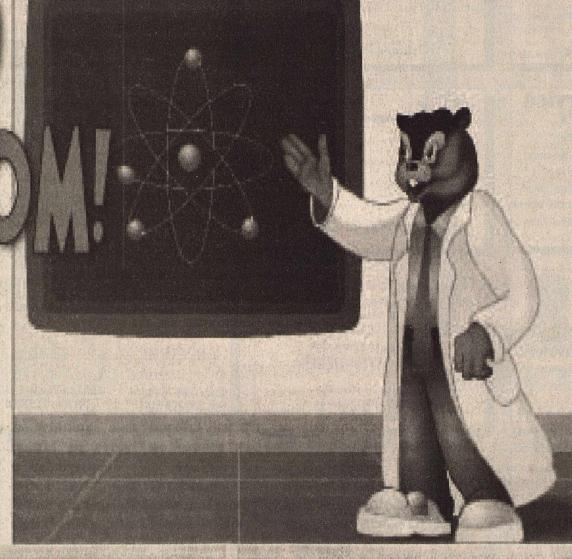
I found a great way to explain the atom in a science book from the library. But, first, here's a little history.

The atom was first talked about by Democribus in Greece in 530 B.C. That's more than 2,500 years ago! How did he know way back then about something that cannot be seen?

What is an atom?

Think of it this way:

- 1. Take a pile of paper dips (all the same size and color).
- Divide the pile into two equal piles. 3. Divide each of the smaller piles into two equal piles.
- 4. Repeat step 3 until you are down to only one paper dip per pile. That one paper dip still does the job of a paper dip,



like holding bose papers together.

5. Now, take a pair of really tough seissors or snips and out that one paper clip in half. Can half of the paper clip do the same job as the single paper dip? No, it can't.

If you do the same thing with any element rine iron or hydrogen), you will reach the smallest part that keeps the properties of the element, like the single paper dip (before you cut it). That part is called an atom.

in 1808, almost 200 years ago, a schoolteacher and scientist from England named John Dalton proposed the modern atomic theory. Modern atomic theory says:

. Every element is made of atoms (like the piles of paper clips are made of single paper dips).

+ All atoms of any element are the same fike all the paper dips in the pile are the same size and color).

Atoms of different elements are different

(in their sizes and properties, like different sizes and colors of paper clips).

 Atoms of different elements can combine to form compounds (just like you can link different sizes and colors of paper clips together) to make new structures.

. In chemical reactions, atoms are not made, destroyed, or changed (like no new paper clips appear, no paper clips get lost and no paper clips change from one size or color to another).

. In any compound, the numbers and kinds of atoms romain the same (like the total number and types of paper clips that you start with are the same as when you

Now, the only question is: Why can't I see ain atom?

With the right microscope you can. But for now, just remember, it's there. Trust ma.

KEEP FOOD and Good for You

By Pickle /ith sufrig erators and to exers and ears for vegetables, le sping food fresh is something we all take for granted today.

But what did people do biefore electric appliances. helped us keep food fresh longer?

Food preservation has been an important part of history and a major part in the development of manking over the centu-

Food must be handled and stored properly so we can make sure foodbome illnesses (which make us sick because food is spoiled or dirty) don't occur and foods stay good, and good for YOU.

You all know that to stay healthy, it's important to make sure your body gets at the nutrients if needs. Preservation helps lots of foods keep most of their nutrients.

How many ways can you hame that we use to preserve food?

Here's a start: Cambing and botting, of course. And freezing.

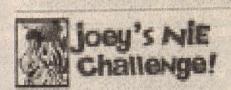
What else?

While we don't have space in today's edition of the Courier to go into detail on all the different ways to store food (we will later, though), here's a list for you to think about

- Drying
- Vacuum packing
- Curing
- Jellying
- Irradiation Biological processes

and there's movel Here's a short one to think about Many 'reel' vegetables - carrets, potatoes, beets are among them - are very resistant to spo lage and require only that the vegetables be stored in cool, dark conditions.

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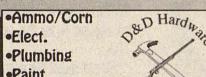
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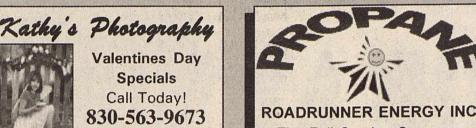
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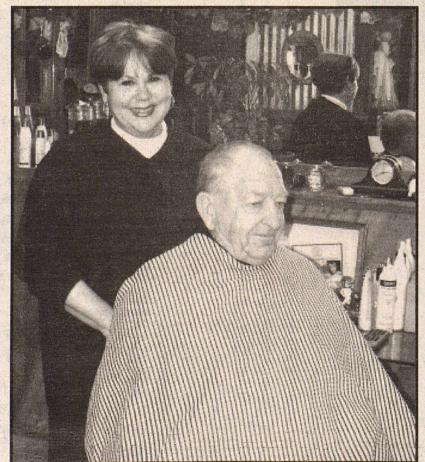
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Phone Number: 830-563-3300

Owner: Ida Holley

In The Business: Since 1963

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Photo: Ida Holley prepares to shape up a customer at her shop on Crockett Street

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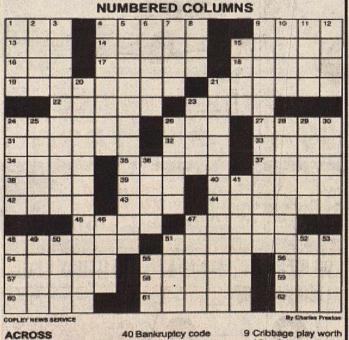
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More or Less

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- 2. There were (more than, over) 50 people at the protest rally.
- 3. Which class has the (fewest, least) students?

I. fewer 2, more than 3, fewest

Use over for spatial relationships. Example: We flew over the ocean. Use less and least for abstract quantities. Use more than instead of over inswers: Use fewer and fewest for things that can be counted.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Let go of the fears or doubts that may disrupt your inner peace and harmony. Understanding comes from looking within and listening to your

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TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Acknowledge those who have stood by you and made it possible for you to prosper. Discover a special way to give back and to say thank you. GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Celebrate special achievements

in your career or in your pro-fessional pursuits. Mentors, colleagues or co-workers are happy to lend or offer their sup-CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Philosophical, intellectual or re-

ligious conversations seem to

follow you around this week. Do not hesitate to share your insights and opinions. LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): An intuitive experience provides insight or information. Do not ignore the messages that come

from dreams or meditation. VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Close personal relationships are

harmonious and well-balanced. Enjoy the comfort and emotional ease that is the result of honest and open communication.

about your financial status. Continue to stay within your budgetary guidelines and avoid wasteful spending. PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Put your best foot forward and attract positive people and enriching experiences. Feel good

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):

Your co-workers or associates

are in your corner. Join forces,

share expertise and allow them

to assist you in reaching a de-

sired goal. SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):

Look to excel in creative en-

deavors. Take your thoughts

or ideas that are based in fan-

tasy and demonstrate them in

Dec. 21): Strong feelings will

dictate the outcome of a do-

mestic situation. Make the best

possible or most logical deci-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan.

19): You are mentally compe-

tent and brilliant at solving

problems. Get the right answers to an inquiry using your

talent for observation or listen-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb.

18): It is OK to feel confident

an actual presentation. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22

about whom you are and what you have to offer.

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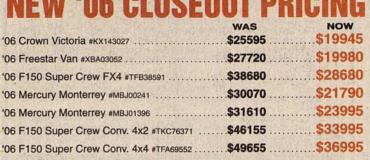




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