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Big Spring FCI has open house for National Correctional Workers Week

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

In honor of National Correctional Workers Week (NCWW), Big Spring's Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) held an open house from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday for dozens of invited guests.

The open house consisted of tours for visitors and media representatives designed to give a first hand look at how the facility operates and to set the record straight on misinformation and long standing misconceptions about prison life.

According to FCI Executive Assistant and Public Information Officer Brad Wiggins, NCWW is also a time set aside each year to remember American correctional workers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

NCWW, which concludes Saturday in Big Spring with a 5K walk/run and a noon picnic for all FCI employees, is also dedicated to all of those people who have worked so hard keeping America's correctional institutions safe, secure

and humane, according to Wiggins.

As for Big Spring FCI employees, the week is filled with family oriented activities, recreation and staff fellowship.

Wednesday's open house afforded local residents an opportunity to ask questions about any number of things.

FCI sits on 105 acres of what was once 2300-acre Webb Air Force Base and has approximately 407,000 square feet of building space.

The ratio of correctional workers to inmates averages three to one and the ratio of correctional officers to inmates is about one to eight, according to Wiggins.

FCI has approximately 272 staff members (100 of those are correctional staff only) and about 1,000 inmates.

Inmates at the facility are assigned work details, including landscaping, construction and maintenance for the upkeep of the facility.

A satellite inmate camp, which is a minimum security facility of about 150 inmates, is also

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Herald photo/Carlton Johnson

Wednesday, local residents were invited to tour Big Spring's Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) as part of National Correctional Workers Week to see first-hand how the facility operates. Visitors also viewed a pictorial history of the prison as well as asked questions of correctional workers about prison life.

NEW ROOF



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Frank Chavarria (left) and Rick DeLaCruz of Shaffer and Companies of Big Spring start putting shingles on the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home building. The work should be complete within the week.

Art Association's 43rd juried show accepting entries

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**
News Editor

Entries for the 43rd annual Big Spring Art Association Juried Exhibition will be received between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday at the West Texas Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus.

According to Sheree Moates, the association's show chairman, judging of entries will take place Monday and a reception, during which awards will be presented, is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at the center.

Categories for entries include: oil/acrylic, watercolor, pastels, graphics/mixed media and sculpture. Entry fees are set at \$7.50 per entered work.

Moates noted that all works must be wired for hanging and

that there must be no nails, string, sawtooth hangers or wet paint on an entry.

All works must be original work not previously shown in a Big Spring show and prepared within the last two years. They cannot be the projects from a workshop or classroom.

The juror for the show will be Charles Pruitt of Midland, a well known artist and painter who has won numerous awards during his career. He is best known, Moates said, for his loose, fresh landscapes and for his "Quick Draw" method of painting.

A minimum of \$1,125 will be presented to category winners during the reception.

Moates explained that cash awards will be made to winners in categories with 15 or more

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Fire fighters, HOG planning MDA event

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**
News Editor

Several businesses and organizations have already confirmed their support for local broadcasts from the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

Leading the way on the project are the Big Spring Fire Fighters Association, the Big Spring Harley Owners Group, Cellular One and Pizza Inn, according to MDA representative Kim Phillips of Midland.

Phillips noted that MDA's largest supporters nationwide are the Harley-Davidson riders groups and fire fighters associations.

"It's kind of strange, but those are the two largest groups affiliated with the telethon, but Big Spring is the only city in the

Permian Basin where those groups are involved," Phillips said. "It makes a big difference in what we can accomplish locally."

According to Mitch Gill, one of the fire fighters involved in last year's effort, plans for expanding the local drive came as a result of trying to get food donated for phone bank volunteers last year.

"We called the Pizza Inn and asked if they'd be interested in providing some food for the workers and they jumped on board," Gill said. "With Cellular One and Pizza Hut already committed and ready to work again this year, we decided it just a matter lining up other businesses."

"We had a lot of success last year and it was basically a spur of the minute thing," explained Gill. "This year we're working to get more people involved."

Gill noted that the 1996 telethon was the first time that KWES-TV Channel 9's breaks to Big Spring were for 30- to 45-minute segments, rather than flashes of less than a minute or two.

"We were really pleased with the success we had, because we met our goal by collecting pledges of a little over \$40,000," Gill added. "So this year, I'm really excited."

Gill and Fire Fighters Association president Paul Brown noted that Cellular One has again agreed to provide telephones for the local phone bank, which will again be set up at the Big Spring Mall. TCA Cable of Big Spring and KWES are helping with the local broadcast efforts and Santa Fe Station has already to lend its support.

Phillips said she has also contacted Fina officials who have

indicated that they will sponsor the local telethon's "Starboard." In addition, she noted that other businesses can get involved in the MDA's "Matching Gifts" program in which a company donating \$250 to \$500 would not only be acknowledged for the gift but would also have a representative on the air presenting the gift to the MDA.

Barry Barnett, a representative of the Harley Owners Group, said his organization brought several motorcycles for display during last year's telethon.

This year, however, Barnett said the Harley owners have indicated that they're interested in cooking barbecue or chili and donating proceeds from those sales.

In addition, Barnett said several local bands are being contacted in hopes of getting them to play at the mall.

Liability still major stumbling block in tobacco talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sticking point in talks involving state attorneys and cigarette makers remains a set of tobacco industry conditions that critics say would severely curtail, if not eliminate, sick smokers' chances of winning damages for smoking-related injuries.

Cigarette makers indicated some flexibility Wednesday on a hard-line proposal to settle the tobacco wars, but state attorneys temporarily halted the negotiations for a week to regroup.

"So far we are nowhere near

agreement" on protection from lawsuits, said Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal. "We are breaking the formal talks with some movement, but not enough to applaud or celebrate. ... I still wouldn't rate the chances of a settlement higher than 50-50."

Formal talks were to resume next week. But several attorneys scheduled a conference call to work through the liability issues today, and Mississippi Attorney General Michael Moore remained in Dallas to attempt some back-room negotiations.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Terry McDaniel discusses why businesses should be members of the chamber during the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce's Community Luncheon Wednesday, kicking off the chamber's annual membership drive.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

78 ▲ Highs 50
Lows ▼

Today: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight. High in the upper 70s. Low around 50.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers. High in the 70s. Low in the upper 40s.

Extended outlook: Saturday through Monday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Lows in the 50s.

PBRCADA sets City Tour event for Saturday

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**
News Editor

A number of community organizations will have booths providing information concerning the services they provide and local show car owners will display their vehicles during the first PBRCADA City Tour Saturday afternoon.

In sponsoring the event, set for 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Northside Fire Station and Northeast Park, the Permian Basin Regional Council on

Alcohol and Drug Abuse is making an effort to acquaint residents on the Northside with programs that many of them have had little contact with, according to local PBRCADA Program Director Tim Jones.

"It's kind of sad when you think about it, but there are a lot of people living on the Northside — particularly the young people — that feel alienated," Jones said. "This just seemed like a perfect way to get the message out about what the PBRCADA has available, and to let other community service

organizations take part as well." However, Jones noted the event is an educational, cultural and recreation event planned for the entire community.

"It's not just a neighborhood event, we want everyone to come out and get involved," he continued. "It's just that we felt that it would be nice to have an event like this held on the Northside."

In addition to the PBRCADA, organizations that will have booths and information available will include: River Crest Hospital, the YMCA, Rape

Crisis/Victim Services, Basin Detox Systems Inc. and West Texas Counseling.

Jones said one of the highlights of the event will be performances by specialty low rider cars. La Signal FM will also have personnel on hand.

Those attending will have an opportunity to win a number of prizes including a low rider model car, a boombox stereo, several "Rolling Hard" T-shirts, "Selena" movie soundtrack CDs and a number of basketballs, including one autographed by Howard College athletes.

Bill would cut property taxes \$2.5 billion, raise other taxes

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans could see their local school taxes cut by about 17 cents per \$100 in property value under a bill headed to the full Senate.

A Senate committee voted in favor of the plan Wednesday. It could be before the full Senate on Friday.

The cuts would mean that a person with a \$100,000 home taxed for schools at the average rate of \$1.40 per \$100 in value would see school tax bills drop from \$1,400 a year to \$1,230. That's a cut of \$170, or 12 percent.

The bill is vastly different from an already-approved House plan.

The Senate plan would pay for its \$2.5 billion in property tax cuts, which would be spread over two years, by expanding the state franchise tax on businesses to all companies except sole proprietorships. It also depends on more state funding for schools and other state tax increases to make up the difference.

Texas currently pays for

about 47 percent of all school costs. That would go up to 53 percent under the Senate proposal.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, cast the lone no vote. He said \$1 billion in additional state funds in the bill could be better used on other services.

Other Democrats on the committee, including Sens. Gonzalo Barrington of Austin and Gregory Luna of San Antonio, also expressed concerns. They said they voted for the bill in hopes of making it better for poorer and middle class Texans in the full Senate or in a conference committee with House lawmakers.

The committee this week voted down the proposed franchise tax expansion to make it less burdensome to partnerships, which currently don't pay the tax.

The change exempts from the calculation of the tax more money than the House plan would exempt.

That and other differences between the House and Senate

proposals are likely to be worked out in a conference committee. Any compromise plan would have to pass the House and Senate before the end of the legislative session, June 2.

The House plan would cut property taxes by about \$5 billion every two years. It would pay for the cuts with an expanded business tax, more state education funds, some tax increases and an expansion of the state sales tax to cover more goods and services not currently taxed.

It would amount to a cut of at least 60 cents per \$100 in property value from the current average school property tax of about \$1.40 per \$100. The cuts could increase because of other provisions in the plan.

That means school bills for a \$100,000 home taxed at the average \$1.40 rate would fall from \$1,400 to about \$800.

Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, said each plan should be looked at from the bottom line.

Bombing survivor recalls horror; prosecutors mix tedium, emotion

DENVER (AP) — Army Capt. Lawrence Martin showed jurors the jagged scars on his wrist from five operations after the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building left his arm looking like "spaghetti."

"I felt like I'd been in a boxing match and gotten beaten up real badly," he testified Wednesday at the trial of Timothy McVeigh. The injuries forced him to take a medical discharge from the Army.

As prosecutors sought to underscore the tragic results of the 1995 bombing that killed 168 people and injured more than 500, Martin took the stand and recalled how the blast knocked him through a wall on the fourth floor. Seven employees in the Army recruiting office were killed.

Prosecutor Pat Ryan tried when Martin talked about a 3-year-old girl who was killed in

the explosion as she visited her father's office.

Kayla Marie Titsworth and her 4-year-old sister, Katie, had accompanied their father, Army Sgt. William Titsworth, and mother, Gloria, to Titsworth's office that morning.

"In addition to those seven men and women, Sgt. Titsworth's daughter died that morning on the floor?" asked Ryan, his voice breaking.

"Yes," said Martin.

"I'm sorry, your honor," Ryan said as tears flowed down his reddened face. The father of three walked back to the counsel table and buried his head in his hands.

The emotional moment followed an otherwise tedious day of testimony on hundreds of pages of phone card records.

Prosecutors contend the records trace the movements of McVeigh as he traveled across

the country in the months before bombing and called auto racing tracks, chemical companies, motels, storage facilities and rental truck outlets.

FBI data analyst Frederic Dexter was expected to answer defense questions today about inconsistencies in the records.

Prosecutors on Wednesday hurriedly questioned 27 telecommunications employees about the records. One witness was on the stand just 50 seconds, and all were questioned in less than three hours.

The most important was Trisha Sain of Sprint United Telephone Co. of Overland Park, Kan., who described phone calls placed in Junction City, Kan., five days before the April 19, 1995, bombing.

Junction City is where McVeigh allegedly rented the Ryder truck used to bomb the federal building.

TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Board has hearing on health curriculum

AUSTIN — The state curriculum rewrite shouldn't include sex education because Texas law leaves that issue to school districts, a conservative education activist said Wednesday.

"It is clear that the Legislature intended for the highly sensitive subject of human sexuality instruction not to be taught on the basis of a statewide mandate, but rather on the basis of local decisions reflecting local input and reflecting community values at the local level," said Allan Parker of the Texas Justice Foundation. The group favors limited government and, among other issues, supports allowing parents to use tax money for private school tuition.

But the general counsel for the Texas Education Agency, David Anderson, said at a public hearing that the state curriculum in that area is meant to serve as a guideline for schools that choose to teach sex education.

Education Commissioner Mike Moses has suggested that the section include state law requirements that if sex education is taught, it must emphasize abstinence. Because textbooks are written to reflect the curriculum, that would ensure school districts have books available to them that follow the law, Anderson said.

The health and physical education curriculum rewrite, which includes sex education, had many supporters at Wednesday's hearing by the State Board of Education. Among them was Judy Jones of the Texas Comprehensive School Health Initiative, a coalition of health and education organizations.

Push continues for welfare waiver

AUSTIN — Continuing pressure for federal permission for private companies to run Texas' welfare program, eight members of the state's congressional delegation want a meeting with the White House.

"It has now been nine months since Texas initially applied for a federal waiver and we are disappointed that the administration continues to delay definitive answers to the request," they said in a letter to Erskine Bowles, President Clinton's chief of staff, requesting a meeting with Bowles.

The congressional contingent called Texas' pro-

posal "an integral component of Congress' and the President's continuing goal to 'end welfare as we know it,' by allowing states to increase program efficiency and thereby focus their efforts on serving those in need."

The letter was signed by U.S. Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison; House Majority Leader Dick Armey; House Majority Whip Tom DeLay; and U.S. Reps. Bill Archer, Ralph Hall, Sam Johnson and Charles Stenholm. Hall and Stenholm are Democrats, the rest Republicans. Texas has 30 U.S. representatives.

AG reverses 'hometown' lottery ruling

AUSTIN — An \$11.3 million lotto winner's hometown is not part of his "street address" and is not secret information, according to the Texas attorney general's office.

Assistant Attorney General Loretta DeHay on Monday notified the Texas Lottery that she was reversing a previous AG decision declaring the Houston winner's hometown part of his street address. The Associated Press was notified of the reversal Wednesday.

The winner, who has sued the lottery and the attorney general to keep his name secret, claimed the lotto jackpot drawn last Christmas as A.M.R. Partnership. When the prize was claimed in January, the AP requested the names, ages and hometowns of A.M.R.'s main partners.

The lottery has generally made available such information about winners since the game began in 1992. Some winners have sought minimal publicity, but none have fought to keep their identities secret.

Russian jewels may draw 150,000 visitors

HOUSTON — The Romanov jewels finally have made it to Houston but whether they will go on to other U.S. cities or back to Russia remains in negotiations, organizers said Wednesday.

The exhibit of Czarist artifacts and paintings, which will open Sunday as scheduled despite a shortened setup time, is expected to draw 150,000 visitors to the Museum of Fine Arts. It will run through July 20.

The collection's arrival in Houston had been delayed by a three-week custody dispute between Russian officials, who demanded the treasures be returned to Moscow, and the private foundation sponsoring the two-year American tour.

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Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee 1, Oakland 0
Seattle at Chicago White Sox, ppd., rain
Cleveland 7, Toronto 1
Detroit 12, Kansas City 3
Boston 11, Minnesota 3
Baltimore 3, Anaheim 0
N.Y. Yankees 5, Texas 2

Thursday's Games

Kansas City (Belcher 3-3) at Detroit (Moeher 2-1), 12:05 p.m.
Toronto (Guzman 2-2) at Cleveland (Ogea 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Robertson 2-1) at Boston (Wakefield 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 1-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Petitte 5-1), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (R.Johnson 4-0) at Baltimore (Mussina 3-1), 6:35 p.m.
Oakland (Mohler 0-3) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 0-4), 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for Division (East, Central, West), Team, W, L, Pct., GB.

Wednesday's Games

Montreal at San Francisco, 2:35 p.m.
Atlanta at Florida, 6:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Houston, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Los Angeles, 9:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at San Diego, 9:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Reed 3-1) at Houston (Hampton 1-3), 12:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Beech 0-0) at St. Louis (An.Benes 1-1), 12:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Loaiza 3-0) at Colorado (Wright 4-1), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Mulholland 1-3) at San Diego (Valenzuela 1-3), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavin 4-1) at Florida (Saunders 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

LEAGUE LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—Ed Davis, Baltimore, .388; Roberts, Kansas City, .381; Justice, Cleveland, .371; T.Martinez, New York, .368; Salomar, Cleveland, .360; Griffey Jr., Seattle, .358; I.Rodriguez, Texas, .354.
RUNS—T.Martinez, New York, 30; BeWilliams, New York, 29; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 29; Jeter, New York, 26; A.Rodriguez, Seattle, 26; Garciaparra, Boston, 24; Thome, Cleveland, 24.
RBI—T.Martinez, New York, 41; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 35; ToClark, Detroit, 31; CRipken, Baltimore, 28; J.Bell, Kansas City, 27; MaWilliams, Cleveland, 26; McGwire, Oakland, 26.
HITS—T.Martinez, New York, 49; BeWilliams, New York, 45; A.Rodriguez, Seattle, 43; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 43; Garciaparra, Boston, 42; I.Rodriguez, Texas, 40; GAnderson, Anaheim, 39.
DOUBLES—Sprague, Toronto, 15; O'Neill, New York, 12; Spiezio, Oakland, 11; Lawton, Minnesota, 11; RDavis, Seattle, 11; Colbrunn, Minnesota, 11; BeWilliams, New York, 11; Merced, Toronto, 11; MaWilliams, Cleveland, 11.
TRIPLES—Jeter, New York, 3; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 3; Vizquel, Cleveland, 3; Allicea, Anaheim, 3; 8 are tied with 2.
HOME RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seattle, 14; T.Martinez, New York, 13; McGwire, Oakland, 12; ToClark, Detroit, 9; Justice, Cleveland, 9; Salomar, Cleveland, 8; 6 are tied with 7.

STOLEN BASES—

Knoblauch, Minnesota, 14; BLHunter, Detroit, 13; Nixon, Toronto, 11; Durham, Chicago, 9; Buford, Texas, 9; Easley, Detroit, 9; Vizquel, Cleveland, 9.
PITCHING (4 Decisions)—ASmall, Oakland, 4-0, 1.000, 3.18; RaJohnson, Seattle, 4-0, 1.000, 2.41; Witt, Texas, 5-0, 1.000, 3.31; Key, Baltimore, 5-0, 1.000, 2.21; Clemens, Toronto, 5-0, 1.000, 1.58; Dickson, Anaheim, 5-1, .833, 3.13; Pettitte, New York, 5-1, .833, 2.13; Erickson, Baltimore, 5-1, .833, 2.89.
STRIKEOUTS—Cone, New York, 55; RaJohnson, Seattle, 50; Appier, Kansas City, 46; Clemens, Toronto, 39; Alvarez, Chicago, 38; Navarro, Chicago, 37; Hentgen, Toronto, 36; Nagy, Cleveland, 36.
SAVES—RaMyers, Baltimore, 12; MRivera, New York, 9; Charlton, Seattle, 8; Taylor, Oakland, 7; Wetteland, Texas, 7; Pichardo, Kansas City, 5; R Hernandez, Chicago, 5; DoJones, Milwaukee, 5; Agullera, Minnesota, 5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—LWalker, Colorado, .417; Blauser, Atlanta, .414; Tucker, Atlanta, .384; Olerud, New York, .374; Gwynn, San Diego, .370; Piazza, Los Angeles, .363; Lofton, Atlanta, .362.
RUNS—LWalker, Colorado, 35; Lofton, Atlanta, 28; EYoung, Colorado, 27; Olerud, New York, 25; Burks, Colorado, 24; Galarraga, Colorado, 24; Castilla, Colorado, 23; Biggio, Houston, 23.
RBI—LWalker, Colorado, 34; Bagwell, Houston, 32; Alou, Florida, 31; Hundley, New York, 31; Kent, San Francisco, 29; Bichette, Colorado, 28; Galarraga, Colorado, 28.
HITS—Lofton, Atlanta, 50; DSanders, Cincinnati, 48; LWalker, Colorado, 48; Olerud, New York, 46; Gwynn, San Diego, 44; EYoung, Colorado, 43; Blauser, Atlanta, 41.
DOUBLES—HRodriguez, Montreal, 14; Grudzielanek, Montreal, 12; Brogna, Philadelphia, 12; EYoung, Colorado, 12; Kent, San Francisco, 11; Olerud, New York, 11; Clayton, St. Louis, 10; Blauser, Atlanta, 10.
TRIPLES—WGuerrero, Los Angeles, 5; DSanders, Cincinnati, 5; Womack, Pittsburgh, 3; DeShields, St. Louis, 3; 17 are tied with 2.
HOME RUNS—LWalker, Colorado, 11; Castilla, Colorado, 10; Hundley, New York, 10; Bagwell, Houston, 9; Alou, Florida, 8; 8 are tied with 7.
STOLEN BASES—DSanders, Cincinnati, 20; LCastillo, Florida, 12; Lofton, Atlanta, 12; Womack, Pittsburgh, 11; LWalker, Colorado, 10; EYoung, Colorado, 8; Moranndini, Philadelphia, 8.
PITCHING (4 Decisions)—PJMartinez, Montreal, 5-0, 1.000, .50; Neagle, Atlanta, 5-0, 1.000, 3.64; Wright, Colorado, 4-1, .800, 6.48; RBailey, Colorado, 4-1, .800, 1.71; Glavine, Atlanta, 4-1, .800, 1.56; Swift, Colorado, 4-1, .800, 4.59; Gardner, San Francisco, 3-1, .750, 2.98; RReed, New York, 3-1, .750, 1.07; GMaddux, Atlanta, 3-1, .750, 1.38; Candiotti, Los Angeles,

3-1, .750, 2.57.
STRIKEOUTS—Schilling, Philadelphia, 56; AlBenes, St. Louis, 48; Nomo, Los Angeles, 48; Smoltz, Atlanta, 46; Reynolds, Houston, 44; KJBrown, Florida, 44; PJMartinez, Montreal, 42.
SAVES—Beck, San Francisco, 12; Wohlers, Atlanta, 9; ToWorrell, Los Angeles, 9; Nen, Florida, 8; JoFranco, New York, 7; Eckersley, St. Louis, 7; BWagner, Houston, 6; Ericks, Pittsburgh, 6; Bottalico, Philadelphia, 6; BRuffin, Colorado, 6.
JUCCO POLL
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—The top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association men's Division I baseball poll, records through May 7 and total points:
RECORD Pts
1. Meridian, Miss. 46-5
2. Galveston, Texas 43-9
3. Manatee, Fla. 41-9
4. Seminole, Okla. 40-3
5. Spartanburg, S.C. 41-8
6. Allegany, Md. 36-6
7. Grayson Co. 44-7
8. Indian Hills, Iowa 34-12
9. DeKalb, Ga. 44-11
10. Belleville, Ill. 44-14
11. Scottsdale, Ariz. 39-17
12. Hill, Texas 41-13
13. Gulf Coast, Fla. 44-12
14. Trinidad, Colo. 41-13
15. Wallace, Ala. 39-11
16. Dixie, Utah 39-13
17. Crowder, Mo. 43-12
18. Bilal, Texas 39-15
19. Olney Central, Ill. 44-14
20. Cowley Co., Kan. 42-9
FISHING REPORT
AUSTIN—The weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the week of May 7:
CENTRAL
BELTON: Water clear; 8 1/2 feet high; 71 degrees; black bass up to 7 pounds are good on small spinners, tequila sunrise lizards and crank baits; hybrid strippers are good on live bait and spoons; crappie are good on minnows fished around marinas; catfish are fair to good on cheese bait and live shiners.
BROWNWOOD: Water stained to clear; normal level; 61 degrees; black bass up to 7 pounds are fair on Carolina-rigged worms, spinner baits and crank baits; hybrid strippers are good on live bait and spoons; catfish are fair on night crawlers and shrimp.
BUCHANAN: Water clear; lake full; 69 degrees; black bass up to 7 pounds are fair to good on dark colored spinners; striped bass are good on live shad; crappie are slow; white bass are fair to good on jigs and trolling baits fished on the upper end of the lake; catfish are very good on fresh shad fished on trotlines on the upper end of the lake.
CANYON: Water off-colored; 1 foot high; 68 degrees; black bass up to 6 1/2 pounds are good on small spinners and worms; striped bass are good on five perch and jigs; crappie are good on shiners and small tube jigs; catfish are fair to good on cut bait.
TRAVIS: Water clear; lake high; 70 degrees; black bass up to 5 pounds are good on soft plastic jerk baits, Carolina-rigged worms and chartreuse spinners; striped and white bass are fair to good on live bait; crappie are very good on minnows and fished around boat houses; catfish are fair to good on shiners, crawfish and various prepared baits.
WHITNEY: Water off-colored; 1 foot high; black bass up to 7 1/2 pounds are good on Carolina-rigged worms fished in 12 to 20 feet of water, chartreuse spinners and on small buzz baits; striped bass are fair to good on live bait and diving crank baits; white bass are fair to good on live bait, slabs and spoons; crappie are fair to good on minnows fished around boat houses; blue and channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut bait and on rod and reels baited with cheese bait; flathead catfish are fair to good on live perch.
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LEWISVILLE: Water murky; 1 foot high; black bass are fair to good on red and black spinners, Carolina-rigged worms fished on points and on topwaters fished early and late in protected coves; striped bass are good on crank baits and live shad; catfish are fair to good on cut bait and shrimp.
RAY ROBERTS: Water murky; 3 feet high; black bass up to 7 pounds are fair on Carolina-rigged worms fished in 12 to 20 feet of water, chartreuse spinners and on small buzz baits; striped bass are fair to good on live bait and diving crank baits; white bass are fair to good on live bait, slabs and spoons; crappie are fair to good on minnows fished around boat docks; catfish are fair on shad and on shiners fished in 3 feet.

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National stuttering project offers dignity and support

DEAR ABBY: My problem is that I have a terrible stutter. I am 38 years old and my co-workers make fun of me. I try not to show how much it hurts,



Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am almost 18 years old and have been afflicted with stuttering most of my life. It hurts when I see people's ignorance of stuttering reflected through discomfort or ridicule.

Those who are unfamiliar with stuttering often think it consists only of initial sound repetitions like "C-C-C-Can you help me?" However, stuttering also consists of "blocks" such as getting stuck and becoming unable to utter a particular sound. This block can last varying amounts of time.

A common misconception is that stuttering is associated with fear and anxiety. It's true that these factors can increase stuttering, but it's uncertain what actually causes it.

Believe it or not, many notable personalities have stuttered, including Marilyn Monroe, James Earl Jones, Bc Jackson, and even the great Winston Churchill.

In 1983, I discovered a group called the National Stuttering Project. It is one of the greatest things that have happened to me as a person who stutters. The group publishes monthly newsletters, has 79 local support groups in the United States, and holds a large convention every summer.

If some of your readers stutter or know someone who does, or are simply interested in learning more about stuttering, they should write to the National Stuttering Project, 5100 E. La Palma Ave., Suite 206, Anaheim Hills, Calif. 92807.

MARGARET HANSEN, SNOWHOMISH, WASH.
DEAR MARGARET: Thank you for a helpful letter, and one which I am sure will be of interest to those who are trying to cope with that problem.

An estimated 4 percent of all children stutter. Seventy-five percent of them will outgrow it. If children receive appropriate therapy at an early age, four out of five will not become chronic stutters. Most adults can learn to manage their disorder with the help of a speech-language pathologist who specializes in stuttering. However, there is no universal treatment or cure.

I recently spoke with Annie Bradberry, director of development at the National Stuttering Project. She was on her way to speak to a group of schoolchildren who had been teasing a young classmate who stutters. Her mission was to help the students understand that children who stutter are no different from those who do not stutter except for their speech patterns. What a wonderful example of hands-on advocacy!

Readers, May 12-18 is National Stuttering Awareness Week. The toll-free number for the National Stuttering Project is 1-800-364-1677. The e-mail address is nspmailaol.com.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, MAY 9:

You will make money this year because of your determination and direction. Expect to receive several professional offers, many that will lead you upward and onward. Events and changes that surround you are nothing short of thrilling. Your instincts are right on about money. If you are single, romance is likely. Work provides a possible setting for a new relationship to develop. If attached, discuss more of your professional aspirations with your partner. You will both enjoy the benefits, including increased finances. **CANCER** helps you communicate.

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)
A knock on your door, a phone call or an invitation brings positive news. Be spontaneous, and wonderful things will happen. When discussions are animated, you get your point across. It seems that others have a Friday mentality. Why not? Tonight: Visit friends.*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
A boss makes an offer that stops you in your tracks. Listen carefully. Brainstorm with someone you respect for his solid financial ideas. Nothing will get by your questioning. Taking your time is the right way. Tonight: Strut your stuff.*****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You shake your head at what another puts on your plate. There are times that yes seems like the only answer. Discussions with a friend about long-term goals are important. Consider the implications before committing to a special cause. Tonight: Dance the night away.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
A financial offering from a partner is more than likely. Begin negotiations, and be sure about how much of a commitment you want. Establish what is key to you. Discussions with co-workers and a boss add a new dimension. Tonight: Nap, and then head out.*****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Your friendship means much to a loved one. Many options open up for you. Popularity is high. There is a strong possibility that news you receive will lead to a trip. Incorporate information, and share it with associates. Tonight: TGIF!*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You have a lot of energy. A boss is impressed by your endless ideas and willingness to chip in. This could be a late afternoon if you are not careful. A partner will do his best to entice you out of the office. Follow his lead — fast! Tonight: Go where you want.*****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Break past patterns, and be willing to follow what seems to be a way-out idea (even if it's yours). Your joviality adds to the moment. Be willing to pull back, to get a different perspective. Accept an invitation that could involve travel. Tonight: Flee the office.*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You are on overload at home. There are many options. Discussions with a partner help solve a domestic matter. You'll need to be nurturing and direct with that partner. Positive results make you happy. Someone truly cares about you. Tonight: It's just for two.*****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You have a Friday mentality all day long. Phone calls last unusually long, and your lunch-time chat could go on forever. Socializing is your forte, and there's no time like the present. A flirtatious thought might be worth acting on! Tonight: The party officially begins.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Focus on work, and get the job done. Others might be frisky and silly. You feel driven to make money and add to your portfolio. There could be some talk about a home office or a change in procedures. Listen to a family member's feedback. Tonight: Run errands.*****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You are naturally optimistic and playful right now. How you approach a child or loved one comes from this birthright position. You will want to discuss what is on your mind. Brainstorming leads to a whirlwind of ideas. Go with the flow. Tonight: Need I spell it out?*****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You choose to keep a lot to yourself. You are evaluating a personal decision that could affect your stability. Instincts are right on and will help you build a more solid foundation. Be open during a discussion with a family member. Tonight: Be homeward bound.*****

BORN TODAY
Actress Candice Bergen (1946), actress Glenda Jackson (1937), singer Billy Joel (1949)

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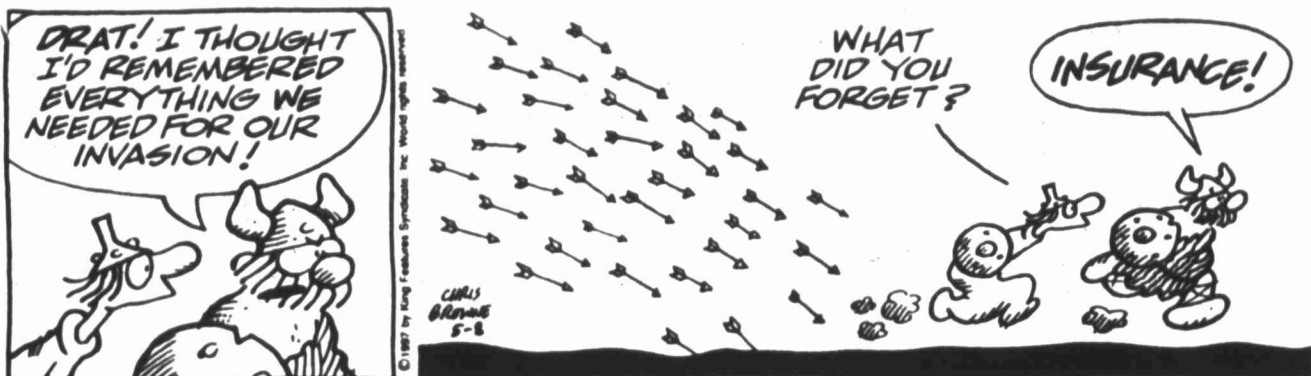
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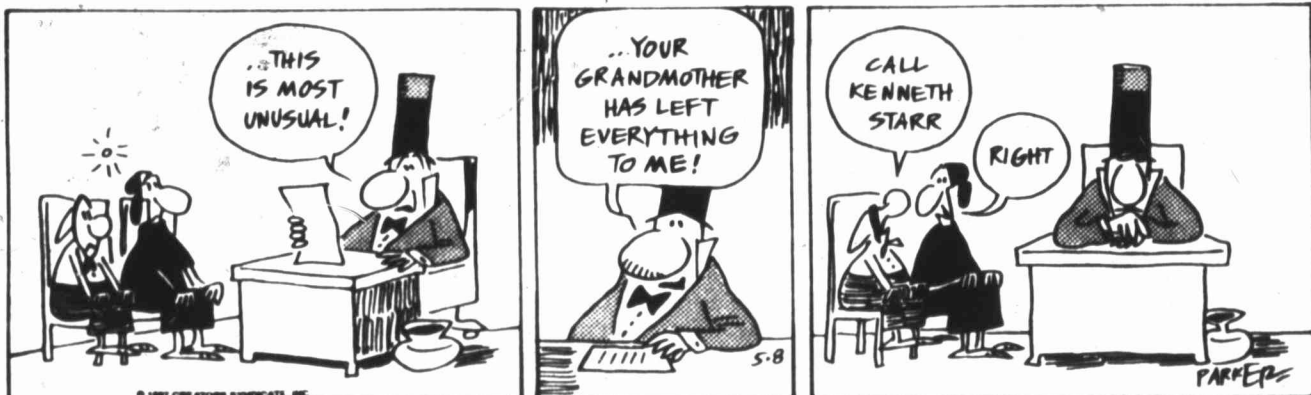
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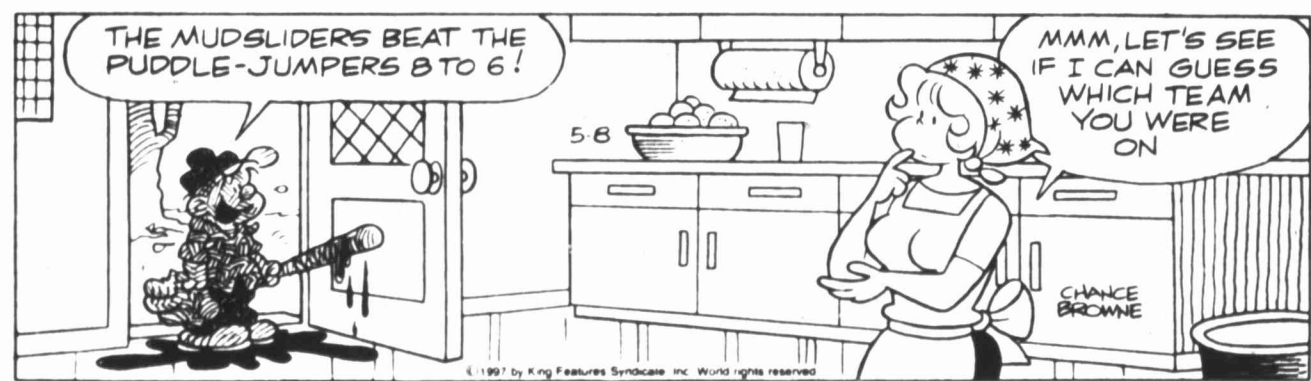
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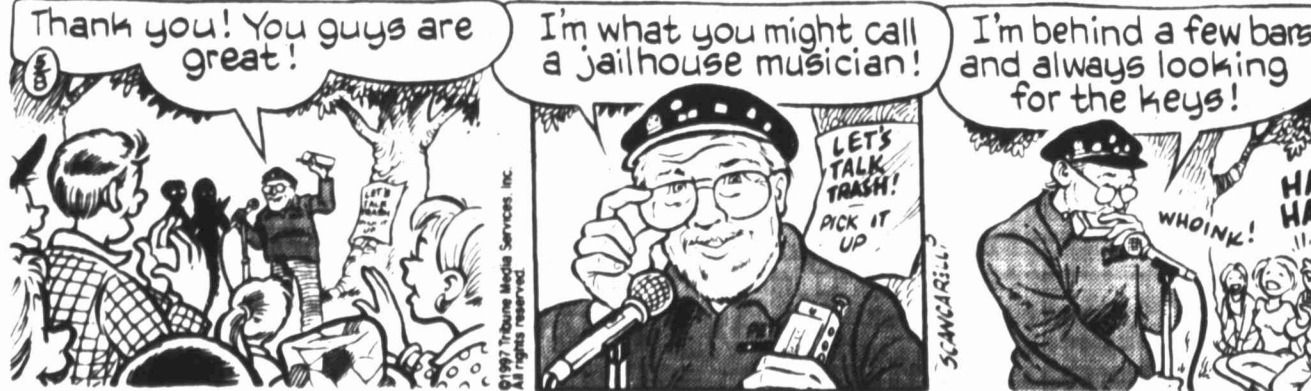
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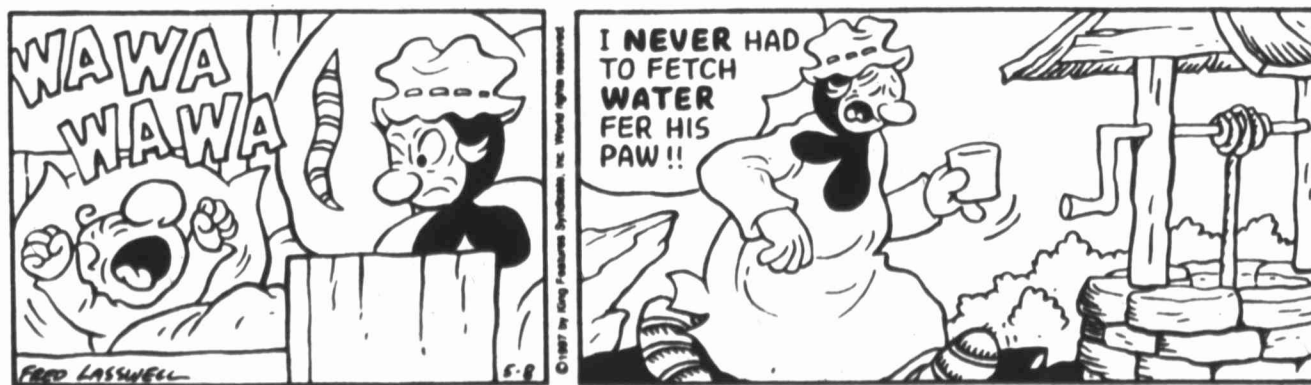
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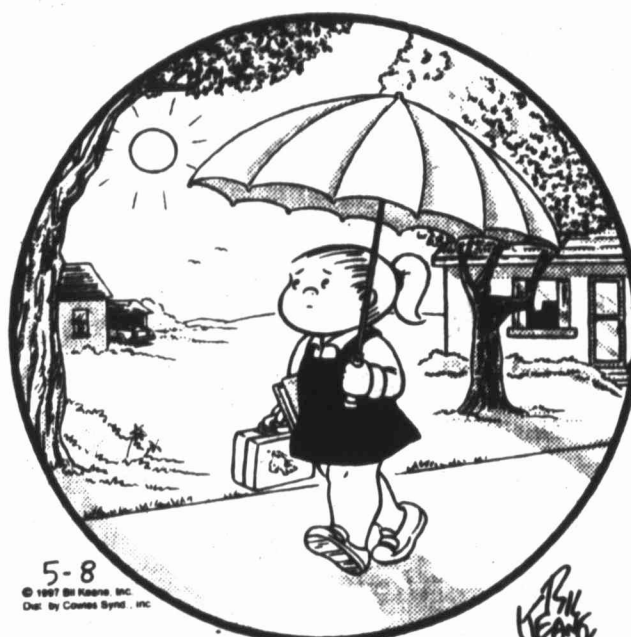
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, May 8, the 128th day of 1997. There are 237

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 8, 1945, President Truman announced in a radio address that World War II had ended in Europe. On this date: In 1541, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River. In 1794, Antoine Lavoisier, the

father of modern chemistry, was executed on the guillotine during France's Reign of Terror. In 1846, the first major battle of the Mexican War was fought at Palo Alto, Texas, resulting in victory for Gen. Zachary Taylor's forces. In 1884, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, was born near Lamar, Mo.

In 1886, Atlanta pharmacist John Styth Pemberton invented the flavor syrup for Coca-Cola. In 1944, the first "eye bank" was established, in New York City.

In 1958, Vice President Nixon was shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru.

In 1962, the musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" opened on Broadway.

In 1970, construction workers broke up an anti-war protest on New York City's Wall Street.

In 1973, militant American Indians who had held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 10 weeks surrendered.

Ten years ago: An angry and defiant Gary Hart, dogged by questions about his personal life and his relationship with Miami model Donna Rice, withdrew from the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

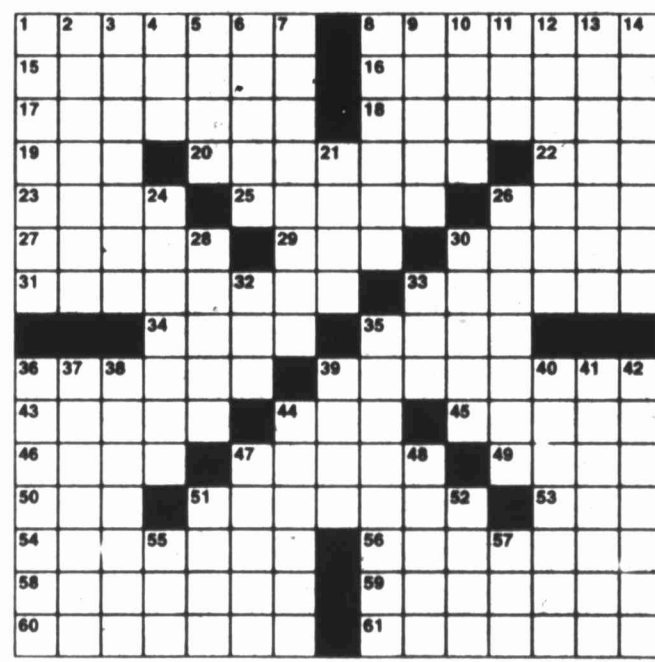
Five years ago: President Bush wound up two emotional days in riot-ravaged Los Angeles, promising to work harder in Washington to enact a "common-sense agenda" of conservative proposals to help urban America.

One year ago: Postal inspectors wrapped up a two-year sting operation in 36 states against the nation's biggest child pornography ring. South Africa took another step from apartheid to democracy by adopting a constitution that guaranteed equal rights for blacks and whites. Julie Andrews declined her Tony Award nomination after her show, "Victor/Victoria," was snubbed for best musical.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Don Rickles is 71. Environmentalist Sir David Attenborough is 71. Author Peter Benchley is 57. Singer John Fred (John Fred and His Playboy Band) is 56. Jockey Hall-of-Famer Angel Cordero Jr. is 55. Singer Toni Tennille is 54. Singer Philip Bailey (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 46. Rock musician Chris Frantz (Talking Heads) is 46. Rock musician Billy Burnette (Fleetwood Mac) is 44. Actor David Keith is 43. Actor Stephen Furst is 43. Rock musician Alex Van Halen is 42. Actress Melissa Gilbert is 33. Country musician Del Gray (Little Texas) is 30.

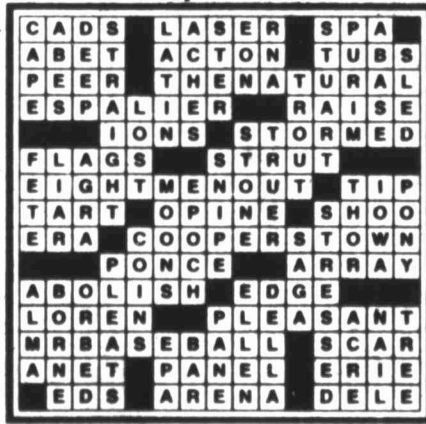
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by Daniel J. Reed

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