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It's time to party in Muleshoe

Annual Independence Day celebration will draw a crowd

Double-D and the Phantom Band will be the feature entertainment at this year's July 4 celebration in Muleshoe's new city park.

Organized in 1991, Dawn Merriott and Don Conner are the vocalists and Mickey Merriott is the "music man," operating the Phantom Band's



PARTYING PETE

They are set to begin their performance at 7 p.m., and will be followed by Muleshoe's traditional fireworks display, coordinated by the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department.

The Calvary Baptist Trio will precede Double-D and the Phantom Band with a collection of patriotic and gospel tunes. Double-D and the Phantom Band have performed for various organizations and gatherings in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The public is encouraged to bring their lawn chairs,

enjoy the performances and stay for the fireworks, which will begin at about 10 p.m.

Other events being held during this year's Independence Day celebration include Muleshoe's own version of a "powerball lottery," which can best be described as "power-plop bingo."

That's right! Another round of Cow Patty Bingo is scheduled to be held in the park, with tickets available from the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce. This event is set to begin at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a carnival again this year, with the rides and related games and vending booths set up at next to the old Boy Scout building at Main and Ave. H.

Area residents and visitors alike can also enjoy the annual July 4th parade, set to begin at 10 a.m. The theme for this year's event is "Let Freedom Ring!"



Photograph by Larry Thornton

The dirt's flying now!

Ground preparation for the expansion at Dillman Elementary began this past week with the removal of asphalt and concrete from the school bus unloading lane.

Pictured above, an employee with McHam Construction piles up large sections of concrete from the bus lane prior to it being hauled away.

The expansion project is part of a multi-million dollar, school district wide facility improvement bond issue approved by Muleshoe ISD voters in May 2006.

At a school board meeting held Tuesday, July 25, action was taken on the second phase of the project, which includes the expansion at Muleshoe High School.

New principal wants to impact students' lives

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

While many students have no difficulty remembering the instructors from their senior year of high school, we shouldn't fail to recognize the impact educators from earlier years have on us.

Such is the case of Watson Junior High School's new principal, Alex Salazar, who feels strongly that Muleshoe is the place he needs to be.

Moving from the Ft. Worth Independent School District, where he was an

assistant principal for the past seven years, Salazar made it clear in Friday's interview that not only was the Bailey County seat the community in which he and his wife, Stephanie, wanted to raise their two-year-old son, Isaac, but that Muleshoe's junior high was the campus he wanted to administer.

"At this point in my life, I feel like I can make the most impact in junior high," he said.

"My choice is to be at a junior high," Salazar said, explaining that for the most part a student's personality has already formed by the time he or she reaches high school, and how important the "tough" years in sixth, seventh and eighth grade are in the development of a student.

"You have to want to be in junior high to be effective," Salazar said about all educators who choose to specialize in that area of education. "Where the rubber meets the road is in junior high, in my



WATSON JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL ALEX SALAZAR

opinion," he added. Salazar was also the Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsor at Floydada, a relationship with the students he said he particularly enjoyed.

Salazar said teachers primarily impact the students in their classrooms, but as principal he has the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of many more students through the teachers under his supervision.

A 1992 graduate of Abernathy High School, Salazar attended both Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla., and Texas Tech University, from which he graduated in 1997.

Stephanie Salazar will be working with the pre-Kindergarten students at Muleshoe, and previously was employed as an instructional specialist at Ft. Worth ISD.

Journal closed

The Muleshoe Journal office will be closed on July 4 due to the holiday, but will reopen at 8 a.m. on Thursday.

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The only true freedom is that which comes through the blood of Christ

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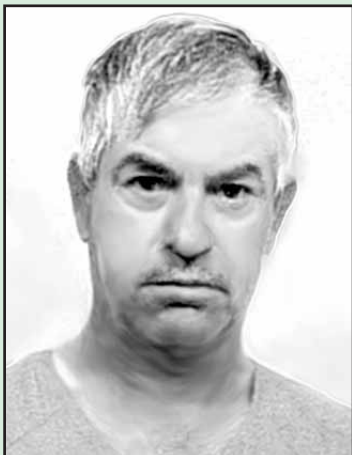
Muleshoe's fireworks display will begin at about 10 p.m., on July 4th, at the new city park, depending upon the light conditions.

Kitchens' conviction affirmed by seventh district

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals for the Seventh District, Amarillo, has reviewed and affirmed the Oct. 28, 2005, capital murder conviction of Larry Brent Kitchens, according to Dist. Attorney Johnny Actkinson.

Kitchens received a life sentence for the Oct. 10, 2003, of Vince Simnacher, finding him guilty of entering Simnacher's home with the intent of committing a felony — a required element in the state's



LARRY KITCHENS

capital murder prosecution. Although Rhonda Kitchens and Derwin Beauchamp, both of whom were killed during the same incident at the Simnacher residence in Bailey County.

However, an earlier Bailey County jury acquitted Kitchens of the Beauchamp murder, and the State Court of Criminal Appeals barred his prosecution in the death of his ex-wife's because double jeopardy had attached in the Beauchamp murder prosecution.

Kitchens attorney, Richard Wardroup, claimed during the 2005 murder trial that Kitchens wasn't aware of what he was doing at the time of the crime, arguing that Kitchen's mental state prevented him from knowing what he was doing.

Wardroup's closing remarks supported the

claims Kitchens made from the witness stand.

"If I'd have been in my right mind, none of this would have happened," Kitchens testified.

"Larry Kitchens admitted shooting them," Wardroup said during his closing argument, "...the rest of the story is that he didn't know he was doing it."

However, the dist. attorney's arguments — and the evidence presented — appeared to carry more weight as the jury deliberated for less

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ITV college classes offered

The Muleshoe Extension Center, at 621 W. Second, has released its summer ITV class schedule.

Among the Monday-Thursday classes are courses in American history, mathematics, English and macroeconomics.

For additional information, including class details, admissions and online registration information contact 806-894-9611, ext. 2374, 2375 or 2372.

For distance education information, contact 806-894-9611, ext. 2340.

Park View blood drive

To make sure Muleshoe area residents have enough blood on its hospital shelves this summer, Park View Nursing Care Center is hosting a blood drive with United Blood Services from 8:30 a.m. until noon, on Wednesday, July 11, in the donor bus.

Donors must be 17 years of age, have a picture ID, weight at least 110 pounds, and be in good health.

United Blood Services now does free cholesterol testing at blood drives. Anyone interested in donating may contact Sandy at 272-7578 for more details.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting Thursday, July 12, at noon, at Park View Nursing Home. Lunch will be served.

The program, *Caring for the Care Giver*, will be given by Kenna Dubberly of the Garrison Geriatric Education and Care Center in Lubbock

For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent - Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, 272-4583.

Three Way School Reunion

Former students at Three Way School are invited to take part in a reunion to be held on Aug. 4 at Park Plaza Holiday Inn, 3201 Loop 289 South Lubbock.

There will be an auction of sports trophies, tapes of ballgames, and a few annuals are available. A silent auction will start Saturday morning and end at 4 p.m.

For additional information, contact Jean Abbe of Morton at 806-266-8658, or email questions or address information to granabbe@fivearea.com.

Early registration is Friday, Aug. 3, from 5-7 p.m. Registration will continue on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. The meal will be served at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per adult, and \$25 per child.

Salvation Army camp

The Salvation Army will be hosting a free summer camp for children 10-12 years in age at Camp Hoblitzelle from July 30 to Aug. 4.

Among the activities will be fishing, swimming, boating, archery, golf, horseback riding, crafts, hiking, zip line, team events, nature/science education and nightly chapel services on the lake.

The application deadline is July 9. Contact Debbie Crabtree at (806)272-3647 or Llonda Blackwell at (806)441-2971, or visit www.hoblitzelle.com for additional information.

FSA committee deadline set

The deadline for individuals wishing to get their names on the Farm Service Agency County Committee election ballot is Aug. 1. For additional information, visit your county FSA office or USDA Service Center, or go to www.fsa.usda.gov.

Drivers license office to be closed

The drivers license office in Muleshoe will be close at noon on July 6. On July 11, the drivers license office will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The office will reopen for its normal operating hours at 8:30 a.m. on July 16.

AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA and Al-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd.

Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

Diabetes support group

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet this month on Tuesday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m., in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

The program will be "Overcoming your fears." This program is free of charge to anyone interested.

For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, 118 West Ave. C., Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Obituaries

Bill Hunt

A graveside service for Bill Hunt, 79, of Muleshoe, was held on Tuesday, July 3, at the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, with Curtis Shelburne of Muleshoe and Brandon Hudson of Waco officiating.

Hunt died on July 1, 2007, in Lubbock. He was born on June 9, 1928, in Lone Oak, and married Mary Holly in Clovis, N.M., on Dec. 16, 1955.

Hunt had lived in Muleshoe since 1950 moving from Petersburg.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe, and the Order

of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodge, both of Muleshoe. He was also a 32nd degree Mason. Hunt worked as a farmer.

Survivors include his wife — Mary Hunt of Muleshoe; a son — Mike Hunt of Muleshoe; and a son and his wife — Craig and June Hunt of Muleshoe; three sisters — Christine Roberts and Dorothy Hipp, both of Lubbock, and Wanda Jo Reynolds of Oklahoma City, Okla.

He is also survived by three grandchildren — Holly, Ashton and Haley Hunt.

Hattie Heathington

A graveside service for Hattie Fay Heathington, 98, of Muleshoe, was held on Monday, July 2, at the Bailey County Cemetery with Don Sharp officiating.

Heathington died on June 30, 2007, in Muleshoe. She was born on Oct. 16, 1908, in Bradshaw, and married Farris Heathington in O'Donnell on May 19, 1928.

Heathington moved to Muleshoe from O'Donnell in 1946.

Heathington was a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband — Farris, in 1964; a son — Willard F. Heathington, two grandchildren and three sisters.

Survivors include two sons and their wives — Aubrey Margaret



HATTIE FAY HEATHINGTON

Heathington of Muleshoe, Kenneth and Julie Heathington of O'Donnell; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; and two brothers — J.W. Gardenhire of Tahoka and Bill Gardenhire of O'Donnell.

Memorials may be sent to the Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 S. First, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Ruth Webster

Funeral services for Ruth Webster, 75, formerly of Lubbock and Muleshoe, were held on Saturday, June 30, at the Lynch Funeral Home Chapel, Greenville.

Webster died on June 28, 2007. She was born on June 8, 1932, in Langdale, Ala.

She was a nurse for 50 years caring for people in the Lubbock area hospitals, worked for West Texas Hospital, South Park Hospital, and retired from the surgicenter of Lubbock in 2005.

Webster attended Vanderbilt University and received her nursing degree from Crawford W. Long nursing school in Atlanta, Ga.

Survivors include her her two daughters and their husbands — Ruth and Randy Evans of Denton, and Nancy and Jim Allison of Spokane, Wa.; and four grandchildren.

FYI

If your college student is graduating or has made the Dean's or President's List, in order for that information to appear in the *Muleshoe Journal*, we must receive notice from the respective educational institution. Your son or daughter must sign a release so the information can be sent to us. Have them visit their bursar's office to sign a form indicating they wish to share their good news! Once permission to share information has been granted, the college or university should send the info via email to: editor@fivearea.com.



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Editorial

High court decision should brighten the day for Big Oil

In a move that no doubt brought cheers from the dilapidated and financially-strapped board rooms of corporations such as ExxonMobil, Shell or Chevron, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed itself this past week, slapping its own hand over a decision that has stood for almost a century.

Most of us don't recall, and if we read about it in a history course... don't remember, but in 1911, the Supreme Court ruled against Standard Oil Company, stopping the price-fixing practices it was using to destroy its competitors.

Using what was known as the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, the federal government battled the formation of corporate monopolies.

Now, with the oil companies' record setting profits of last year — totaling about \$85 billion for the three previously mentioned companies (If you prefer to use the "M" word rather than the "B" word, that translates into \$85,000 million) — our nation's high court has suddenly decided that such price-fixing practices as John Rockefeller and his crew were using at the original Standard Oil Company apparently aren't so bad after-all.

Even more than that, instead of it being a henderance to competition, it is now somehow possible for manufacturers to "increase competition" by prohibiting the sale of their product at a reduced price.

While we haven't had an opportunity to look at the facts behind this latest bit of economic logic, we must say that the concept has us... well, mystified.

The civil action that made it to the country's top court and resulted in this particular piece of judicial nonsense didn't involve the oil companies; however, we can't help but think it won't be long before Big Oil will attempt to make use of this latest court decision to take an even bigger cut of the pie.

Ever since the formation of OPEC, the oil companies have pointed their collective fingers at the leaders of these foreign oil-rich countries, and complained about their production and price control practices.

With the recent high fuel prices resulting from what many claimed to be artificial fuel shortages, and this past week's gutting of anti-trust regulations, Big Oil can stop pointing fingers and openly reclaim its seat at the price-control table.

In his dissent over the high court's 5-4 ruling, Justice Stephen Breyer wrote, "The only safe predictions to make about today's decision are that it will likely raise the price of goods at retail."

Which means it probably won't be long before falling oil prices will be a thing of the past.

Independence Day...

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As in previous years, the July 4th parade will form at the old boy Scout Hut on Main Street, and proceed to East American Blvd. (Hwy. 84), before turning left toward the stoplight.

The parade will turn left again at First Street and will return to the staging area.

The Muleshoe Chamber's Brisket Cook-off contest will also be returning, and is set to begin with a contestants meeting on July 3, at 6 p.m.

There will also be a Men's and Women's Softball Tournament on July 3-4, at the Rocky Flores Softball Park.

There is a \$125 entry fee, for the softball tournament, and a registration deadline of June 30.

It is a 3-2 pitch open class tournament with first through fourth place team trophies. First place will also receive hoodies; second place will receive long-sleeve shirts and third place will receive t-shirts.

Contact Richard Orozco at (806)946-6063 or (806)272-3576, or J.C. Orozco or (806)946-7776 for additional information about the tournament.

The chamber's plans for this year's activities also include kiddie games in the east parking lot of the chamber office, beginning at 10:30 a.m., a homemade cobbler contest.

MulePutt golf will be open from 2-9 p.m.. This year's muleshoe pitching contest will be held at the miniature golf course, beginning at 2

p.m.

Other events scheduled through out the day include: Carolyn's Christmas Creations, which will be hosting a parking lot sale, food and refreshments, a return of the Mi Tierra Mariachi Band and Starbright the Clown.

Carolyn's will be hosting a limbo contest, starting at 1 p.m., with a \$100 cash prize;

And the Strong Arm Wrestling Championship, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

There are three divisions in the arm wrestling contest — Mens, Women and Juniors.

There will also be a stick horse race for the younger kids, following the arm wrestling.

At Williams' General Store, there will be a tent sale and Dummy roping for the kids, beginning at 11 a.m., with buckles and prizes for the winners.

There will be a muley and kiddie roping contest at the Good times Arena, located on Hwy. 214.

An antique tractor exhibit has been scheduled for this year's festivities, at the new city park. Contact Don Phelps for more details.

"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck...."
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Pancake breakfast held at senior center

The Onieta Wagnon Senior Citizens' Center held a pancake breakfast Saturday. Pictured above are some of the area residents who stopped by to help the center in its fund raising efforts.

Photograph by Mike Jones

Kitchens...

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than an hour before returning with a guilty verdict.

"This is a simple case. They don't get much simpler," Atkinson argued. "The only way to judge intent is by your actions..."

According to the dist. attorney, Kitchens could still receive permission to appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin — Texas' final court of criminal appeals — with a Petition for Discretionary; however, Atkinson believes it is unlikely.

Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

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The death of 'Captain America' signals the end of an era

There was a time when superheros were just that... superheros. They were symbols of what was good in the world, elevated by some special power or ability that set them off from the common man.

Sure, there have been heros amongst us — non-fiction individuals who weren't given life in the pages of a comic book — but in many instances such real-life heros have also had the problems related to all human beings.

All too often, our real-life heros failed to maintain a degree of "worthiness" that was only obtainable within the world of the fiction novel... the movie... or the



television screen. But that's okay, isn't it?

Don't such failures show that the heros who actually walk among us are in many cases no different from each of us, and that the things they do are things and abilities that we can attain?

Probably, but what's wrong with having a hero, fictional or not, with abilities we can only aspire to attain?

What's wrong with a superhero who can't be hurt

or killed?

When the fictional character Superman first hit the pages of the graphic novel, I seem to recall that he was so "unstoppable" that his comics were becoming boring.

The introduction of Kryptonite gave the series a much needed shot of excitement.

But even then it was known that adding excitement was one thing,

actually killing off the character was another.

In the very near future, Marvel Comics will feature the burial of Captain America. It's truly a sad day in comic history.

Yes, I admit it, Captain America was one of the first comics I collected. And maybe this has something to do with the sadness I feel over this comic character's demise. But it wasn't too long before the Captain was joined in my collection by other superheros, each marketed by Marvel Comics.

In my younger days, it was something like the war between Fords and Chevys. You either focused on the

superheros of D.C. Comics, or Marvel Comics. Sure, you read and kept abreast of what the other guys were doing, but the vast majority of your available funds went to a specific publishing house.

But, Captain America... it's as if a childhood friend has gone... a mentor, who taught many youngsters that the principals of right and wrong on which this nation were founded were still alive and worth fighting for.

Where the dreams and aspirations set down in the Declaration of Independence might be hard for a kid of nine or 10 to understand, the image of

Captain America, bedecked in his red, white and blue costume fighting against a supervillain who opposed those same ideals wasn't.

Parents may have scoffed at the brightly-colored pages and simple plots, but they can't deny the importance of the sense of justice and fair play that were implanted in countless young hearts through those same pages and plots.

For that, and for all of the other things you, and others of your ilk, taught me — such as what to do should I ever encounter a time and dimension-traveling robot set on world domination — Captain, I thank you.

BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Traveling Light by Max Lucado

I fell asleep in the Louvre. The most famous museum in the world. The best-known building in Paris. Tourists are oohing and aahing, and that's me, nodding and snoring. Seated on a bench. Back to the wall. Chin to my chest. Conked out. The crown jewels are down the hall. Rembrandt is on the wall. Van Gogh is one floor up. The Venus de Milo is one floor down. I should have been star struck and wide eyed. Denalyn was. You'd have thought she was at Foley's Red Apple sale. If there was a tour, she took it. If there was a button to push, she pushed it. If there was a brochure to read, she read it. She didn't even want to stop to eat.

But me? I gave the Mona Lisa five minutes. Shameful, I know. But it wasn't my fault. I like seventeenth-century art as much as the next guy — well, maybe not that much. But at least I can usually stay awake. But not that day. Why did I fall asleep at the Louvre?

Blame it on the bags, baby; blame it on the bags. I was worn out from lugging the family luggage. We checked more suitcases than the road show of the Phantom of the Opera.

I can't fault my wife and daughters. They learned it from me. Remember, I'm the one who travels prepared for an underwater wedding and a bowling tournament. It's bad enough for one person to travel like that, but five? It'll wear you out.

You think I'll ever learn to travel light? I tell you what, let's make a pact. I'll reduce the leather bags, and we'll both reduce the emotional ones. After all, it's one thing to sleep through the Louvre but quite another to sleep through life.

We can, you know. Do we not dwell in the gallery of our God? Isn't the sky his canvas and humanity his magnum opus? Are we not encircled by artistry? Sunsets burning. Waves billowing.

And isn't the soul his studio? The birthing of love, the bequeathing of grace. All around us miracles pop like fireflies — souls are touched, hearts are changed, and — Yawn. We miss it. We sleep through it. We can't help it. It's hard work carrying yesterday's guilt around.

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The Fourth of July: A legacy of liberty

Each Fourth of July, we gather to celebrate our nation's independence with fireworks, street parades, backyard barbeques and other familiar rituals that mark a summer in full swing.

But this uniquely American holiday commemorates not only the anniversary of our nation — it celebrates America's bedrock principle of freedom and honors our steadfast legacy of liberty.

When the founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, they pledged their "lives, fortunes and sacred honor" to defeat tyranny.

They had faith in the righteousness of their struggle, but no guarantee of its success. And yet, they strove through difficult times and against seemingly impossible odds to secure the freedoms we enjoy today.

For eight long years, the Continental Army and Navy struggled against the much larger English forces.

The members of



Capitol Comment

By U.S. Sen.
Kay Bailey Hutchison

America's first Congress stayed true to their chosen course, even as King George III called for their heads.

With help from our allies, America eventually secured its independence.

America continues to share its legacy of liberty throughout the world.

Our first military action as a new nation was to drive the Barbary Pirates from the shores of North Africa.

In World Wars I and II, we allied with the free nations of Europe and Asia to combat and repel the forces of despotism and oppression.

For more than 40 years, we fought a Cold War against communist dictators.

Today, freedom is again embattled, and our legacy demands that we defend it. The enemies who attacked us on Sept. 11 have no respect for human life and no respect for freedom.

They have vowed to subjugate the world to their fundamentalism and to establish a global theocracy based on their extreme and corrupted version of Islam. We cannot allow them to succeed.

We have engaged these enemies in a Global War on Terror.

Make no mistake — Al Qaeda seeks the destruction of liberty as assiduously as any foe we have ever faced.

They attacked us and our allies before Sept. 11, and

have done so since in the London, Madrid and Bali bombings.

Our vigilance has thankfully foiled such attempts on our soil, including recent bomb plots at Fort Dix and JFK International Airport.

Our brave servicemen and women are fighting terrorism in Iraq, in Afghanistan and around the world so the terrorists will not be able to export their heinous crimes to America.

As we celebrate this Fourth of July, we send our special thoughts and earnest prayers to those American men and women who fight to defend our way of life.

Our founding fathers pledged everything they had to secure our freedom. Today, we honor the men and women who follow in their footsteps to preserve it, and carry on our legacy of liberty.

Texas still tops in power production

For decades, starting with Spindletop, Texas produced oil and gas that powered the United States to its 20th century leadership in the world. Even today, Houston is the technological center for energy production worldwide.

Fossil fuels are now being slowly depleted. But Texans are notoriously resilient. So it's entirely appropriate that Texas is re-emerging as an energy king yet again — this time as the national leader in renewable energy.

A study released last month predicted renewable energy production would add 173,000 jobs in Texas, and make a \$22.8 billion impact on our state's economy by 2025. That would make Texas the nation's biggest renewable producer, including biofuels, wind and solar power.

Texas already leads in wind power. Last year, Texas surpassed California as the top state in wind electricity production, and our lead is growing. The nation's largest wind farm is Horse Hollow, a 47,000-acre spread near Abilene. Even bigger ones are planned.

In late June, the U.S. Department of Energy



Texas Times

By U.S. Sen.
John Cornyn

announced that a Texas public-private consortium, the Lone Star Wind Alliance, had been selected to run a large-scale wind research and testing facility at Ingleside, near Corpus Christi. The plant will test next-generation wind turbine blades. Some may exceed 300 feet in length and dramatically increase electrical production.

Use of wind energy goes back to the start of civilization — deploying sails to move boats or windmills to grind grain. In some areas of Texas, you can still see relics of old windmills that brought up water from underneath Texas grassland.

Today, wind energy production is focused on parts of the state where the wind seems to blow incessantly — including the Panhandle, Trans-Pecos, Gulf Coast and West Texas.

We're the only state committed to offshore wind development as well.

Wind is a clean source of electricity, but it generates controversy. Critics say wind turbine fields are noisy and threaten wildlife, especially migrating birds. The current owners of two neighboring mega-ranches in South Texas, King and Kenedy, are at odds publicly over Kenedy plans to lease acreage for wind turbine use.

But over time, the case for renewable energy seems inevitable. One wind energy expert put it this way: "There is plenty of wind, and always will be. It's just like an oil field that doesn't run out."

Increasing use of alternative sources will help reduce our dependence on foreign oil. But they're still not economically competitive with traditional fossil fuels.

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Pioneer, Settlers reunion not planned

There will not be a Pioneer, Settlers Reunion held at Muleshoe this year, according to Maurine Hooten.

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Can't stand the heat this summer? Stay out of the tanning booth

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS
All tans are created equal, no matter what the source of the damaging ultraviolet rays, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert.

That's why tanning booths aren't any safer than natural sunshine when it comes to skin damage, said Courtney Schoessow, Texas Cooperative Extension health education and development specialist. Because tans are signs that skin has been damaged, she said. "Tanning beds have been marketed as a 'safe' alternative to sunbathing outdoors," Schoessow said. "However, tanning is actually an unhealthy habit.

This is because the radiation that causes tanning also causes deep skin changes that can lead to skin cancer."

Two main kinds of ultraviolet radiation are UVA and UVB, she said.

"The UVA rays can penetrate deeply and damage the skin's lower layers," Schoessow said. "This can cause sunburn, wrinkles, freckles, suntan, precancerous skin conditions and skin cancer. UVB rays can damage the skin's outer layer and also cause sunburn and skin cancer."

Tanning booths emit mostly UVA radiation, she said. This kind of radiation may not burn the surface of the skin as badly as UVB

rays, but it does penetrate deeper into the skin and cause more permanent damage.

So even though the radiation in tanning booths may feel more 'gentle,' Schoessow said, don't be fooled.

"There's no such thing as a safe tan," she said. "Sometimes people associate a suntan with good health and vitality, but that's just not the case. Yes, our bodies do need some sun to produce vitamin D, but it just takes a small amount of sunlight for that to happen."

According to the American Cancer Society: "Ultraviolet radiation from sunlight can damage DNA, the critical genetic material in every cell of every person. When damaged by UV radiation from sunlight or artificial light sources such as sun lamps and tanning

booths, DNA loses its power to control how and when cells grow and divide. Sometimes this DNA damage leads to the formation of skin cancer."

And if that isn't scary enough, consider this. According to the American Academy of Dermatology, UV radiation—whether from the sun, sun lamps or tanning beds—can damage the body's immune system and can "cause premature aging of the skin, giving it a wrinkled, leathery appearance."

But what about getting a 'base tan'—doesn't that help prevent sunburn?

In a word: No, Schoessow said.

"You can still potentially sunburn if you have a base tan," she said. "So not only can you potentially sunburn but you will already have damaged skin by tanning artificially."

But for some, summer just isn't summer without getting tan. Schoessow's advice: Investigate sunless tanning products.

"The Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of these products since 1977," she said, mostly in the form of over-the-counter lotions and creams. "These products interact with the dead surface cells in the outermost layers of the skin to darken the skin color. Using these products gives you the 'look' you are wanting to achieve without the cancer risk."

However, Schoessow said, in order to more completely protect skin from damage by UV rays: always wear sunscreen with at least a 15 sun protection factor, stay out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. if possible, wear protective clothing with long sleeves

and pant legs and hats with brims, and wear sunglasses with 100 percent UV protection.

For more information on this and other health issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Health or contact Mandi Seaton, County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas Cooperative Extension, 806-272-4583.

Drivers license office to be closed

The drivers license office in Muleshoe will be close at noon on July 6. On July 11, the drivers license office will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The office will reopen for its normal operating hours at 8:30 a.m. on July 16.

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Registration for the second summer session at South Plains College is set for 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Monday, July 2, at the Levelland, Reese and Plainview campuses.

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Wedding Showers



COURTNEY GUZMAN

Guzmans honored with shower

Courtney and Fabian Guzman were honored with a wedding shower on Sunday, June 10, at the home of Ladonna Scott of Earth.

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Becky Jones, Rosa Davis, Reta Mimms, Jana St.Clair, Celie Parham, Janette Thorn and Ladonna Scott.

Among the hostess gifts presented were a Kitchen Aid mixer, an iron and a crockpot.

Special guests in attendance were Lucinda Guzman, Gloria Guzman and Kimberly Harris.



JAMES AND MELANIE BARRETT

Barretts honored with shower

James and Melanie Barrett were honored with a wedding shower on Saturday, June 23, at the home of J.D. and Julie Cage.

The bride's parents are Mattie and Janet Holsaeter. The groom's parents are Bruce and Cindy Barrett of Muleshoe.

Hostesses for the event included Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Adrian, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bamert, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Barrier, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Black, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Black, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Black, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bruns, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Cage, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Conklin, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Conklin, Dr. and Mrs. Stacy Conklin, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Glover, Mr. and

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The hostess' gift presented to the couple was an antique table.

Among the special guests attending were Matti and Janet Holsaeter, Katrina Holsaeter, Andrew Holsaeter, Bruce and Cindy Barrett, Marge and Charles Penix and Frank Barrett.

Reducing feed costs among topics of beef cattle course

Hay production costs have risen sharply in recent years due to higher fertilizer, equipment, fuel, and labor prices. Supplemental feed costs have also increased.

Strategies for dealing with these problems, plus many more beef production issues, will be featured at the 53rd Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course, coordinated by Texas Cooperative Extension, Aug. 6-8, at Texas A&M University in College Station.

"Beef cattle producers are at the mercy of ever changing weather conditions and must continuously make adjustments to management practices in response to changing environmental conditions," said Dr. Jason Cleere, extension beef cattle specialist and conference coordinator.

The goal should be to reduce the amount of hay or supplemental feed without sacrificing performance, Cleere said.

Several cattleman's college sessions at this year's short course will focus on managing a ranch so that cattle harvest more of the forage themselves.

"Management strategies to combat rising costs of fertilizer, fuel and hay" is the title for this year's forage management program during the short course, said Dr. Larry Redmon, extension forage specialist.

"Fertilization strategies, hay quality, overseeding winter pastures and utilizing legumes to reduce nitrogen inputs will all be discussed during this session," Redmon said.

The nutritional management session will be centered on supplemental feeding programs for the cow-calf and stocker producer.

Topics include: What will protein and energy prices be in the future? What are my options? Should I use a self-fed supplement or a hand-fed supplement?

An additional cattleman's

college seminar will focus strictly on grazing management.

New to this year's cattleman's college will be a session titled "Issues affecting landowners."

An in-depth discussion on leasing the wind, water and mineral rights of your land will be highlighted during the program.

The short course will have 19 specialized workshops that are part of the cattleman's college.

A general session will include discussions of the cattle market outlook, the beef industry of the future, and emerging cattle markets.

Short course registration costs \$140 per participant if registered by July 30.

Producers interested in attending may register online at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/ansc/BCSC/index.html> or by contacting Cleere's office at (979) 845-6931 for more information.

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Even the most optimistic projections have renewables meeting only one-quarter of our energy needs by 2025.

Congress is currently debating energy legislation with incentives for rapid development of alternative sources. The majority believes legislators should pick certain technologies and reject others, backing these decisions with major new government spending programs.


Some want a big tax increase on traditional oil companies to finance these projects. This would increase the cost of gas for Texas drivers, and make our electricity and natural gas more expensive. It would also make American energy

projects, and Texas firms, less competitive worldwide.

I have a different view. I believe Washington isn't smart enough to pick and choose, because we need it all—oil, gas, biofuels, solar, wind, nuclear, clean coal and other technologies.

Over time, renewables promise great benefits — to the environment, to our energy security and to our economy. But alternative sources will never meet the entire energy needs for our growth.

Our policy remains in doubt while Congress debates. But one fact appears certain — no matter what direction is taken on energy, Texas will be at the forefront in producing it.



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Francisco Garcia, Portales, NM	1	Red bull clf	195 lbs.	at \$340.00
Jewel Greenwood, Lovington	1	Red str	430 lbs.	at \$124.00
Prime Time Cattle, Olton	4	4 Yell. bulls	435 lbs.	at \$120.00
Prime Time Cattle, Olton	5	5 Red bulls	583 lbs.	at \$110.00
Johann Newdorf, Seminole	1	Char. bull	445 lbs.	at \$120.00
Royce Blair, Plains	3	3 Yell. bulls	555 lbs.	at \$108.00
J-Merge Inc., Earth	4	4 Blk. str	565 lbs.	at \$117.00
ACU, Morton	3	3 Mxd. str	575 lbs.	at \$109.00
Rick Ramos, Plains	1	Char. bull	590 lbs.	at \$109.00
Carl Greenwood, Hobbs, NM	4	4 RWF str	606 lbs.	at \$108.00
Orbie Luman, Milnesand, NM	3	3 Blk. str	743 lbs.	at \$101.00
Walking J Farms, Muleshoe	2	2 Red bulls	760 lbs.	at \$92.00
Prime Time Cattle, Olton	2	2 Blk. hfrs	415 lbs.	at \$124.00
Prime Time Cattle, Olton	2	2 Char. hfrs	460 lbs.	at \$118.00
Walking J Farms, Muleshoe	2	2 Red hfrs	533 lbs.	at \$107.00
J-Merge Inc., Earth	5	5 Blk. hfrs	570 lbs.	at \$102.00
H&W Cattle, Lubbock	1	Char. pair		\$885.00
H&W Cattle, Lubbock	1	Red cow P8		\$750.00
H&W Cattle, Lubbock	1	Blk. cow	1050 lbs.	at \$59.00
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Pat Newsom, Sudan	1	RWF cow	1255 lbs.	at \$58.50
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L.G. Montgomery, Abernathy	1	Shorthorn cow	1310 lbs.	at \$57.50
Blème Barnes, Tulia	1	Red cow	1035 lbs.	at \$60.00
J-Merge Inc., Earth	1	Blk. cow	1425 lbs.	at \$59.00
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On Time Off, Hummingbirds, Grackles, and Grace

I've been working at home on this Monday morning.

Like many preachers and, come to think of it, folks from another honorable profession, barbers, I often try to take at least some time off on Mondays, though it often doesn't work.

When it does, then sometimes on Mondays I'm mowing the yard, puttering about in the garage, or spending some time exploring outlying roads on my motorcycle. Often it means that, instead of working in my study

We've got a holiday this week. I'm glad, but, like many folks, I'm working extra hours to be able to take the time off for the holiday down the line. I don't care to do the math and find out "actual hours off."

Working at home this morning, I glanced out the window and noticed that my hummingbird feeders are empty.

I love hummingbirds and have been trying to attract a few. I like birds in general, except grackles. I hear some grackles are endangered. I don't believe it, but I hope so. If the last living pair of grackles decides to take a dip in my bird bath, I hope they get cramps from chowing down on my birdseed before swimming and drown.

In my yard I've seen grackles aplenty. Only one hummingbird. And now I'm worried about him. My first recipe of hummingbird nectar called for red food coloring. Now I hear that red food coloring isn't good for hummingbirds, that it can cause several problems including mutations.

Great. I fed one little hummingbird. Now I'm picturing a massive, mutated, 10-lb, evil, grackle-looking thing with fangs where its little beak once was, coming out only at night to swoop down and carry away small household pets.

Well, I had good intentions. But if you live near our house, I'd be on the lookout for a mutated hummingbird. I think I'll break from work for awhile and make some more nectar. No food-coloring this time.

I'm thankful for grace, both from any hummingbirds I've unwittingly poisoned and from the God who created the little guys. I suppose he made grackles, too, but I'd rather not dwell on that.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

at the church on the desktop computer, I'm working at home on my laptop computer. At least at home I get to wear gym shorts and go barefoot. Taking Monday off usually means burning some midnight oil later in the week, but it's worth it.

By the way, opinions on this among the clergy vary. My younger brother takes Fridays off. Mondays are too close to Sundays. He says he'd hate to feel that bad on his day off.

One thing's sure, I think. If you don't take some time off on purpose, you won't take time off at all, and you'll be worth a lot less when you're not "off" (or at least as close to it as any "on call" 24-hour-a-day job allows). Strange. We live in a society where taking time off requires more discipline than working constantly. (Research says that on the scale of hours worked per week, Americans are up there pretty high. But we're not "up there" on productivity. Hmm.)

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.

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3. defense exercises, sparring practice
4. canoeing, hiking, fishing
5. lessons, practice, recitals
6. study, singing, praying
7. programming, gaming, web site building

8. brainstorming, stories, editing
9. flight simulation, mock launches
10. swimming, basketball, soccer
11. ballet, hip hop, jazz
12. costumes, acting, shows
13. horses, riding, shows
14. experiments, rockets, robots
15. drawing, comics, animations

Ummph...!
Hey guys! Pull harder!
But, Forest is as strong as a bear!
No kidding!
Do you see the glow from that tent?
I love to read comics by flashlight!
Hey! When did you find time to write home?

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- Capture the Flag
- Nature Walk
- Playing Cards
- Kickball
- Horseback Riding
- Go-Carts
- Magic Tricks
- Photography
- Scrapbooking
- Swimming
- Model Rockets
- Pottery
- Catching Fireflies
- Bicycling
- Spooky Stories
- Mini Golf
- Roasting Marshmallows
- Animal Care
- First Aid Class
- Baking

I have discovered that I am really good at performing magic tricks. I can't make people disappear yet, but I can make your money disappear...ha, ha. I will show you some of my tricks when you come to see me.

Can't wait to see you all on Visitor's Day.
Love,
Forest

P.S. Can you bring me some of those little cakes I like?

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4.) bows, arrows, wrist guards, targets
5.) keyboard, monitor, mouse, software
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The United States of America: A nation in need of repentance

Our nation is a nation in need of repentance.

In Deuteronomy 28, Moses told God's chosen people what they could expect if they were disobedient. While Moses told the Israelites their obedience would be blessed, he spent more time in detailing the things that would result from Israel's disobedience.

This is important because when God finally had enough, and Jerusalem was destroyed and most of its people being carried off into captivity at Babylon, Jeremiah sat down and composed his lamentation, a dirge... a poem detailing his sorrow, that was written in response to specific events predicted by Moses 900 years earlier.

But what does this have to do with us today, with July 4, 2007, approaching, you ask?

Well, as we approach the annual celebration of Independence Day, and all that it means, I want you to also recognize that we are in a position that is dreadfully close to that of Israel just prior to the tragedies which Jeremiah spoke of in the Book of Lamentations... warnings that Moses spoke of almost a millennium earlier.

We have always known that our fate as a nation, and in fact the fates of all nations, are tied to that of Israel. In Genesis 28:14, God spoke of this relationship saying, "All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring."

Lamplight By Larry Thornton

It was God's decision that the nation of Israel would be an example for all other nations, which means we as a nation can compare the potential of our nation to that of Israel's.

The Nation of Israel was selected by God for special blessings. Even before it could be called a nation, God made a covenant with Abraham and promised that Abraham would father a great nation.

Later, God protected his chosen people from drought and famine by sending them into Egypt, and once his people were ready to return to Canaan, God brought them out. But through it all, God asked for their obedience.

Deuteronomy 28:1, NIV, says, "If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth."

This Wednesday, we will be celebrating Independence Day here in Muleshoe and across the nation.

We will be celebrating the signing of the Declaration of Independence, but as any parent can tell their children, who are struggling to achieve their own independence, with

independence comes great responsibilities.

While there has been debate about how deep was the faith of our founding fathers, the simple truth is that at the time this country was founded, the majority of this nation's leaders not only believed in God's existence,



but also worshipped God.

Psalm 33:12, NIV, says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

Through a spectacular chain of events, the United States grew from 13 colonies huddled together on the western shore of the Atlantic Ocean into what is arguably the most powerful nation on the face of Earth.

Just as he did the Nation of Israel, God has truly blessed this nation.

Thomas Jefferson said, "The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time."

There has never been a

nation that has benefited more from God's grace than this one.

With Israel's greatness came problems... problems that resulted from Israel's disobedience.

However, through the ages, God's chosen people repeatedly turned from him, and gave their lives over to idolatry and disobedience.

But many here in the United are faced with the same problem.

In the years following World War II, the United States achieved prominence and prestige throughout the world.

But, since that time, our power and position has been on a roller coaster.

And today, many of our leaders support the passage of legislation that is in direct opposition to God's written word.

There have been great achievements in most areas of life and technology, but as great as they may be, few... if any, are leading us closer to

God.

God had a centuries-old relationship with Israel, and yet God found it necessary to discipline them. Should we then be surprised that this nation of sinners should also face God's punishment?

Doesn't the Bible tell us that God will chastise us as individuals because he loves us.

A French historian once said, "America is great because America is good. If America ever ceases to be good it will cease to be great."

Just as Israel was punished for turning its back on God, so will our nation be punished. It's not a case of "will it happen," it's a case of "when will it happen."

While Independence Day will remain as a time of celebration, it is time for us to remember that only through God's blessings were we able to accomplish it in the first place.

2 Chronicles 7:14, NIV, says "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

If there was ever a land that

need's God's healing, it is this one.

As we go forth this week with the intent to celebrate the birth of this great nation, let us also keep it in our prayers, for only through obedience to God do we have a chance of remaining free and independent.



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Cotton Market Weekly

U.S. cotton futures prices on the New York Board of Trade ended a touch lower Thursday as players took profits after near 10-month highs in the previous session driven by market talk that cotton acreage could be the smallest in 18 years.

Friday morning's release of the anxiously awaited cotton acreage report from USDA showed the estimate for 2007-08 fell more than most analysts and traders had anticipated as cotton relinquished more land than expected to corn.

In its June acreage report, the department estimated U.S. planted acres at 11.05 million, down from the previous estimate of 12.15 million and well below the average trade guess of 11.56 million acres.

The projection is down 28 percent from last year's 15.27 million acres of cotton and is the smallest planted area since 1989, USDA said.

Upland cotton planted acreage totaled 10.8 million with the largest decline coming from Texas which was down 1.4 million acres from last year.

Large decreases also were seen in the Delta and Southeast. While most analysts expected a lower number, they were surprised at the extent of the decline.

"It's shocking, just shocking," said one cotton analyst. "It changes the dynamic for not only the U.S. balance sheet, but that of the world. Someone is going to

have to help pick up that additional production."

Using a 12 percent abandonment figure, which with poor planting conditions could be even higher, and a 775-pound-per-acre yield, 2007-08 crop production could drop to 15.71 million bales from 21.6 million last year, another cotton analyst noted.

In other news, the U.S. Census Bureau announced Thursday that U.S. textile mills used a provisional daily average of 19,473 bales of cotton during the four-week reporting period ended May 26 versus an official 19,257 in April.

Unofficially, mill use in May was 1.1 percent greater than in April. Normally, there is virtually no change between the two months. For the first 10 reporting periods of the 2006-07 season, cumulative consumption was tentatively placed at 4.0 million bales. The figure is

17.2 percent lower than the corresponding period in 2005-06 when consumption totaled 4.9 million bales.

Meanwhile, export sales remained healthy in the week ended June 21. Net export sales of 206,400 bales of U.S. cotton were three percent more than the previous week but three percent less than the four-week average. Primary buyers included China, Turkey, Japan, and Thailand. Net sales of 37,600 bales for delivery in 2007-08 were primarily to China.

Export shipments of 373,500 bales were 15 percent less than the previous week and six percent less than the four-week average.

Trading was slower in the spot cotton market as online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas totaled just 4,118 bales in the week ended June 28 compared to 44,449 bales the previous week.

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A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$283,850.

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is 27,550.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is 4 full time.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 3 full time and 1 part time.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by a majority of the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district.

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