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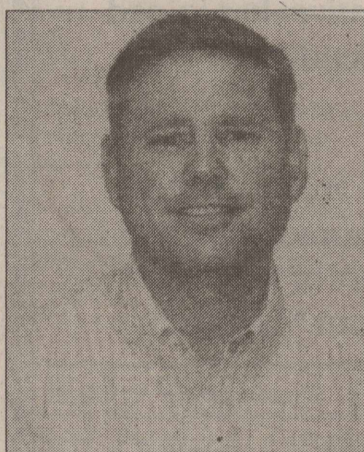
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Tim Weldon Joins First State Bank

First State Bank is pleased to announce that Tim Weldon has been hired as Vice President and Ag Loan officer for the Stratford location. He will begin on July 1st.

A native of Gruver, Tim has an extensive agricultural background and brings many years of experience to the bank. Most recently, Tim has served as the Dallam and Hartley Counties Agricultural Extension Agent since July 2004. Prior to that, he served in Kent County as their Agricultural Extension Agent for three years.

Tim also has experience as a manager of an agricultural flying service, as well as farming and ranching in the Perryton and Gruver areas.

Tim and his wife, Blynn, along with their daughter Bailey plan to relocate to Stratford from Dalhart. Tim and Blynn have four other children and one grandchild.

Cotton Turnrow Meeting

Area farmers are invited to a cotton turnrow meeting on Friday, July 8, 2005 at the David Ford Farm 2 miles south of the Middle Well elevators on County Line Road. The plots located on the west side of the road. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. with viewing and discussion of cotton weed control plots. The plots include several pre and post herbicide treatments to look at as well as some new herbicide combinations that look very good. Dr. Brent Bean, Extension Agronomist will be on hand to discuss the plots. Tim Trimble, Moore County Agent will be discussing current insect situation, scouting and insect identification. Two CEU's will be offered for private, non-commercial, and commercial applicators.

For more information about Moore County Agriculture, Family & Consumer Sciences, 4-H or Community Development, contact the Texas Cooperative Extension-Moore County at the Moore County Annex, 310 E. 1st, Room 100 or call (806) 935-2594. Extension programs serve all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

Queen & Talent Contest to be Held

Sherman County Queen & Talent Contest will be on Tuesday, July 26, 2005. A scholarship is awarded to each winner at each level of competition. If you are interested in participating in this contest, please contact Sherman County Farm Bureau between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday, thru Friday. Deadline for entry is Friday, July 8, 2005.

Medical Fund for Mandy Helmuth @1st State Bank

There has been a medical fund set up at First State Bank for Mandy Helmuth, daughter of Jimmy and Tammie Helmuth. After the birth of her baby daughter she was diagnosed with Peripartum Cardiomyopathy (heart failure). If you would like to help with medical expenses please contact the 1st State Bank.

Breast Cancer Screening July 13th, 2005

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at First United Methodist Church, 520 N. Main, in Stratford on July 13, 2005.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam exam month.

All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees Special Session June 27, 2005

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, June 27, 2005 in the High School Library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Brent Spurlock, Steve Hays, Patti Vincent, Barney Willborn, Gared McBryde.

Board member absent: DeWain Trayler. Guests present were Dinah Horsford, Jim Pearce and Clint Seward.

Tim Gilliland led the invocation.

Joe Reinart read a letter of resignation from Tim Gilliland, Middle School Principal. Steve Hays made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to accept the resignation. Motion carried 6-0.

Patti Vincent made the motion and Gared McBryde seconded to hire Tim Gilliland as the superintendent of schools. Motion carried 6-0.

Jim Pearce discussed with the board details of the computer proposals. He explained how Westgate computer proposal meet all required specs. Gared McBryde made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to rescind all computer proposals received on the Mary Allen computer lab. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gilliland read the new proposals received for the Mary Allen Computer Lab. They were as follows:

Westgate Computers \$935.00 each (Total \$20,570) Meet specs
Dell \$930.87 each (Total \$20,479.14) Didn't meet specs
ASI \$976.00 each (Total \$21,472) Didn't meet specs
SEE ATTACHMENT

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to accept the proposal from Westgate Computers in the amount of \$20,570. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held on declaring the termite spraying as an emergency. Stevenson and Sons Pest Control will spray the old section of the Mary Allen and all of the Junior High for a total amount of \$26,000.00. Gared McBryde made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to declare this bid as an emergency. Motion carried 6-0.

The board took a short recess at 7:20 p.m.

At 7:38 p.m. the board entered into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

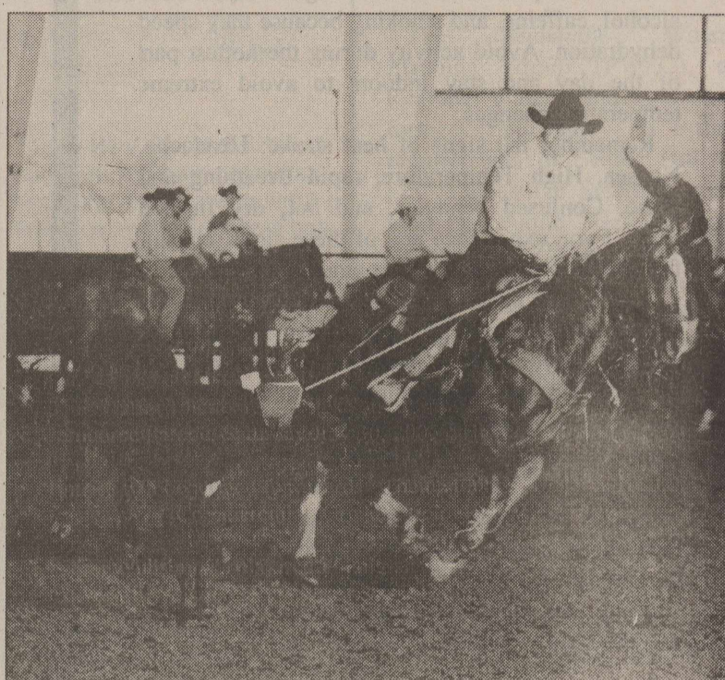
At 8:41 the board reconvened into open session.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to hire Clint Seward as the Junior High Principal. Motion carried 6-0.

Barney Willborn made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to hire Cindy Seward subject to assignment. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held on the service road, the chain link fence around the Athletic facilities, the parking lots, security issues and the vehicle replacement schedule.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



Mark Miller and his horse "Badger"

Miller Honored by AQHA & Bayer™

Denver-Mark Miller, a recent graduate of Stratford High School and his registered American Quarter horse Redge Sante aka "Badger" were recently honored by the American Quarter Horse Association and legend by Bayer with a \$300 college scholarship and a Tod Slone Saddles breast collar for being named the Texas High School Rodeo Association's Boy's Horse of the Year winners at the Texas High School Finals Rodeo held 6/13-6/18, 2005 at the Expo Center of Taylor County, Abilene, Texas.

To be eligible for the AQHA Bayer Horse of the Year honors, the rider had to be a current member of the National High School Rodeo Association and of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association. In addition, the nominated horse

had to be a registered American Quarter Horse. Once all eligibility requirements were met, the horse and rider who earned the most points were awarded the honor being named the AQHA Bayer Horse of the Year. From there, they are eligible to compete for national AQHA Bayer Horse of the Year honors by competing at the National High School Finals Rodeo held July 18-24, 2005 in Gillette, Wyoming. At the National High School Finals Rodeo, AQHA Bayer Horse of the Year contestants will be vying for \$5,000 in college scholarships and another \$4,000 in prizes sponsored by the American Quarter Horse Association and Legend by Bayer.

"The NHSRA is very proud to have the AQHA and Bayer

Attention Electricians

The 79th Texas Legislature provided an opportunity for all experienced electricians who have not yet received their state license to obtain a license without having to pass the state electrician exam.

House Bill 1317, which was authored by State Representative Joe Driver, reopens the grandfathering period for electrical licenses, effective immediately. Under this bill, electricians who hold a municipal or regional license, or who can demonstrate that he or she has the required amount of education and experience, will have until December 31, 2005, to obtain a license without passing the state electrician exam.

The state electrician licensing program was created by the 78th Texas Legislature. Since September 1, 2004, all electricians in Texas are required to be licensed, either by the state or by a municipal or regional authority, unless exempted by law. Since the law took effect more than 97,000 electricians across the state have received state licenses.

The original law allowed for a grandfathering period from

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as national corporate partners. It is the sponsorship support that the NHSRA receives from its valuable corporate partners that allow it to assist with the development of dedication, leadership, responsibility, and commitment in today's young people," explains NHSRA Marketing Director Mitchel Miller.

STRATFORD JAMBOREE PARADE

"CELEBRATING THE SEASONS"

The Stratford Jamboree invites you to show off your town, organization or business in the Stratford Jamboree Parade, Saturday July 30, 2005. The Parade theme is "CELEBRATING THE SEASONS".

Entries will be judged for awards: Theme Floats 1st - \$100.00, 2nd - \$80.00, 3rd - \$65.00
Commercial & Organization Floats (Separate Adult and Youth categories)

Riding clubs must be attired in long-sleeved western shirts, blue jeans, boots and hat. Individual Cowgirl or Cowboy 1st prize- \$35.00, 2nd - \$20.00 Riding Club - 1st prize- \$35.00, 2nd - \$20.00

Kiddie entries - Theme & Non-Theme, prizes ranging from \$7.50 to \$1.50

Parade entries will be placed and judged at 10:00am at the Stratford Depot parking lot. Horse participants may unload and park trailers on the CRP ground north of the ball park (the end of the parade) and assemble on the vacant lot north of the water tower. Kiddie entries will be placed and judged at the Stratford Grain Feed Store parking lot.

Please fill out this form below and return it to the Stratford Jamboree (Happy Bank) or the City Hall by July 29, 2005.

For more information contact: Sean Hardman, Parade Chairman
366-5581(work) 366-3650(home)
Stratford Jamboree (Trish) 366-2265

Stratford Jamboree Parade Entry
PO Box 1
Stratford, Texas 79084

City Hall
PO Box 188
Stratford, Texas 79084

CIRCLE ENTRY AND INDICATE NUMBER IN GROUP

Automobile	Open Class	Wagon or Buggy
Riding Club	Cowboy/Cowgirl - Junior/Senior	Machinery/Equipment
Theme Float - Commercial/Adult	Organization/Junior Organization	
Kiddie - Theme / Open Class	Marching Organization	
Number in Group		

For publicity purposes, please give a description of your entry and identify the participants.

Organization Name: _____ Contact Person: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Telephone: _____

PRAISE SERVICE
7:30 P.M.
Each Wednesday
County Barn

Sherman County Crimestoppers

Sherman County Crimestoppers needs your help. In the early morning hours of May 29, 2005 a person or persons committed the crime of Criminal Mischief by vandalizing the Stratford City Hall and the First State Bank of Stratford.

Crimestoppers pays up to \$1,000.00 in cash for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved. If you have any information on these or any other crimes contact the Crimestoppers answering machine at 366-TIPS (8477) and leave a code name and return phone number or call the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office at 366-5551 or the Stratford Police Dept. at 366-3051. All callers will remain anonymous.

Knights For Christ
By Dawn Bright

Knights for Christ is a non-profit, Christian Youth Community Service Organization, started by Dawn and Shawn Bright earlier this year. Dawn has been inspired to work with young people for over 10 years. She has worked in the youth ministries at some of the largest churches in the United States, as well as in smaller churches. She home schools 4 children of her own, which helped inspire her to start an organization to help the youth of her community.

Since then Dawn has studied the laws on Christian organizations and awaited the

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Heed the Heat

By Susie Spurlock

Hot weather can be a problem for older people with heart problems and other health issues, especially people living alone or on fixed incomes. Overexposure to heat and sun can cause dehydration and heat stroke. So, pay special attention to the person in your care when temperatures are above 90 Degrees F and humidity is high (75% or more).

An older person is at greater risk of heat exhaustion which can become heat stroke because the aging body is less able to cool itself. Some medications and heart disease can increase the likelihood of heat stroke. Also, an elderly person may not feel the heat as much as a young person would.

To prevent heat stroke, ask the doctor or pharmacist if the medicine the person is taking can increase the risk of heat stroke. Use clothing made of light-colored, loose, breathable, lightweight fabrics. Use a fan, an air-conditioner, or a cool wet cloth on the forehead. Offer 6 to 8 glasses of water even if the person is not feeling thirsty. Avoid alcohol, caffeine, and smoking because they speed dehydration. Avoid activity during the hottest part of the day and stay indoors to avoid extreme temperature changes.

Remember the signs of heat stroke: Headache, Nausea, High Temperature, rapid Breathing and pulse, Confused behavior, and hot, dry flushed skin. If you experience any of these signs, consult the doctor immediately to get emergency help.

As a person ages, he or she feels less thirsty, so a special effort should be made to provide fluids to prevent dehydration. A person's fluid balance can be affected by medication, emotional stress, exercise, nourishment, general health, and of course, the weather. Dehydration, especially in the elderly, can increase confusion and muscle weakness and cause nausea. Nausea, in turn, will prevent the person from wanting to eat and drink, thereby causing more dehydration.

Make this a safe and fun summer by finding ways to keep your cool.

Grilling Tips

Be organized—Have everything you need, including kosher salt, ready before you start.

Gauge the heat—Place your hand about six inches above the grate. You should be able to hold it there for three seconds.

Keep it lubricated—Always oil the grate before using it.

Turn, don't stab—Use tongs or a spatula. A fork will drain flavor-rich juices.

Give it a rest—Grilled foods taste better and juicier if let standing for a few minutes before serving.

Source: www.foodfit.com
Diamond Crystal kosher salt is available at select grocery stores or by calling 1-800-428-4244.

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First State Bank would like to introduce Lynz McCracken as our newest employee in Stratford. Lynz, a Stratford native, has joined First State Bank's Lending Department.

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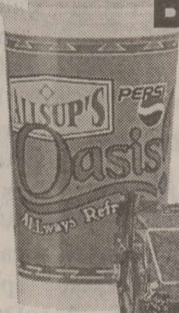
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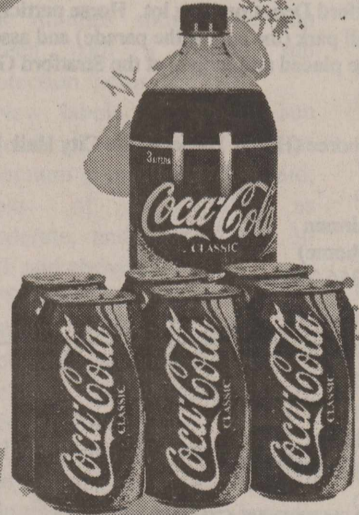


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Engagement Announcement

and Mrs. Jose Aguilera of Stratford announce the engagement and approaching August marriage of their son, to Rebecca Cavazos. Rebecca is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cavazos, of Amarillo. The bride-to-be is employed Hoffman, Sheffield, Sauseda and Hoffman Law Firm. The prospective Groom is employed at Ben E. Keith. The couple plan to reside in Amarillo following their marriage.

Johannes Announces First USDA Farm Bill Forum & Topics for Public Comment

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns June 16th, 2005 announced the first Farm Bill Forum and the topics on which the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be seeking input from America's farmers, ranchers and rural residents regarding the development of the 2007 Farm Bill.

The next farm bill will affect America's entire agricultural community," said Johanns. "That's why I want to ask America's farmers and ranchers for our farm policy is working and how we can make it better. I believe very strongly that they will serve a voice in this process." The first Farm Bill Forum will be held in Nashville, Tennessee on July 7th from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. CDT at RFD-TV Northstar

Studios. The public is invited to attend and participate in the forum, which will be broadcast live on RFD-TV. In addition to accommodating approximately 300 in the audience, the forum also will accept calls from across the nation.

Johannes made the announcement in remarks to the State Convention of the Illinois FFA in Springfield, IL. The 2002 Farm Bill, which authorizes many of the programs operated by USDA, expires with the 2007 crop year.

Johannes noted that in his remarks that he was approaching the Farm Bill Forums with an open mind. "I do not begin this process with preconceived notions about the direction future farm policy should take," said Johanns. "We will use the feedback we receive to help us determine the best course for a new Farm Bill."

Throughout 2005, Johanna

and other senior USDA officials will participate in the Farm Bill Forums that will be held across the country. The dates, locations and times of the forums will be announced as they are scheduled and be available on the USDA website at <http://www.usda.gov/farbill>. The public will be invited to attend the forums and to present oral comments.

As the current Farm Bill covers a diverse array of program areas, six topics have been identified to provide a framework for the forums. The primary topics addressed at the forums will reflect various concerns affecting rural America such as commodity, conservation, and rural economic development issues. In addition, some forums will be dedicated to other important programs authorized by the farm bill such as food assistance, research and education programs.

USDA will be seeking public discussion on farm policy considerations regarding the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture in global and domestic markets; challenges facing new farmers and ranchers as they enter agriculture; appropriateness and effectiveness of the distribution of farm program benefits; achievement of conservation and environmental goals and enhancement of rural economic growth and opportunities to expand agricultural products, markets and research.

The public will be invited to provide comments on six specific questions based on these policy considerations:

1. How should farm policy be designed to maximize U.S. competitiveness and our country's ability to effectively compete in global markets?
2. How should farm policy address any unintended consequences and ensure that such consequences do not discourage new farmers and the next generation of farmers from entering production agriculture?
3. How should farm policy be designed to effectively and fairly distribute assistance to producers?
4. How can farm policy best achieve conservation and environmental goals?

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Class of 1985

Class of 1985 L/R Top: EL. Bas, Supt; Kevin Cotney, Berry Summerour, Monica Dettle, Kerry Boren, Collin McKinney, Christy Lancaster, Travis Williams, Sam Brite, Principal. (2) Mike Yell, Sponsor; Shirlyn Christian, Sponsor; (3) Andy Alexander, Chris Baker, Paper Bennett, Drew Blake, Russel Brooks, Leah Brown, Robbie Bullock, Jean Cleavinger, Richard Cloyd, Chris Crabtree, Todd Drake; (4) Laura Duran, Mari K Engelbrecht, Becky Goad, Alvin Hamrick, Joe Harker, Serena Heiskel, Brenda Herbel, Floyd Keener, Deana Lane, Nanette Lasley, Kevin Long, Ramona Martinez, (5) Shawn Meidinger, Doug Mires, Pat Oakley, Sabrina Palmer, Keith Parsons, Doug Pickens, Eddie Pickens, Krisann Reese, Irma Rendon, Sheila Robertson, Seth Sawyer, Jerry Trevino.

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First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed
5th & Main

Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed.: Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette
520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic

Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master
6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
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Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Ernie Maiwald
N. 3rd & Chestnut

Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message

Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Brent Farney
702 N. 3rd

Early Service 9:00 a.m.
Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.
Late Service 11:00 a.m.
Growth Groups Nightly 7:00 p.m.
Wed. - Youth Group Teen Kids 7:00 p.m./Adult Choir 7:00

La Mision Bautista

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Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuella Dominical 9:45 am

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Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
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The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Marriage is Honorable

The old time traditional family and the institution of marriage have fallen on hard times. Divorce rates have been high for a number of years. Sex education, safe sex theories and the big push to condom use have not slowed the rate of teen pregnancies. Homosexuality and lesbianism are presenting themselves as viable alternative life styles. Neither the sanctity of marriage nor the immorality of sexual activity outside of marriage enter into the discussion of these matters. What is the answer to this breakdown in families and in marriage? There is a desperate need for people, young and old, married and single, to understand the real meaning of marriage, to highly esteem marriage and to hold marriage in honor. The Bible tells us, "The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make a helper suitable for him'" (Genesis 2:18). Then the Bible explains, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall God instituted marriage for our own good. This is why the Bible exhorts, "Let marriage adulterers God will judge" (Hebrews 13:4). If you are young person caught in the trap of sexual activity outside of marriage, you need to learn some lessons from God. Or if you are married and your marriage is not on a solid footing, you need to turn to God for help. And even if you have some solid ideas about marriage, teaching from God's Word, the Bible will still help you.

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Srbicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
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Farm Bill Cont. from page 3

5. How can Federal rural and farm programs provide effective assistance in rural areas?
6. How should agricultural product development, marketing and research-related issues be addressed in the next farm bill?

Notice of these questions were published in the June 17, 2005 *Federal Register*. Comments will be accepted at public forums and may also be submitted electronically via the Internet at the USDA home page (<http://www.usda.gov/farm> bill) by selecting "Farm Bill Forums," by email to FarmBill@usda.gov or by mail to Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, Farm Bill, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3355.

USDA will review the public comments received by December 30, 2005, including any analyses, reports, studies and other material submitted with comments that address the six questions.

BERRY-TOPPED BROWNIE ICE CREAM CAKE

- 12 servings
- 1 package (19 to 21 oz.) fudge brownie mix
- 2½ cups Breyers All Natural Vanilla Ice Cream, softened
- 2½ cups Breyers All Natural Chocolate Ice Cream, softened
- 3 cups sliced strawberries
- ¼ cup chocolate-flavored syrup

For brownies, line 9-inch square baking pan with foil; spray with cooking spray. Prepare brownie mix according to package directions. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Lift foil by edges and transfer brownie to rack. Place cutting board on top; flip so brownie is foil side up on board. Peel off foil; discard. Using sharp knife, trim edges; cut brownie in half.

To assemble, place one brownie half on sheet of foil; spread with vanilla ice cream. Top with second brownie half; spread with chocolate ice cream. Wrap tightly; freeze until firm.

To serve, remove cake from freezer; let stand 5 minutes. Cut into pieces; transfer to plates. Top with berries; drizzle with chocolate syrup. Variation: Substitute raspberries or mixed berries for strawberries.

NUTRITION INFORMATION (1/12 of recipe): Calories 480, Total Fat 21g, Saturated Fat 7g, Cholesterol 55mg, Sodium 180mg, Total Carbohydrates 67g, Dietary Fiber 1g, Protein 6g.

Beef Markets Should not feels Brunt of Texas Cow Linked to Mad Cow Disease

By Blair Fannin

College Station-Cattle trading throughout the Lone Star state shouldn't be impacted after a cow linked to Texas tested positive for mad cow disease, a livestock economist said Thursday.

"I don't think it's going to make that much difference because this is a national market," said Dr. David Anderson, Texas Cooperative Extension livestock marketing economist. "The futures market already had built that trading in after the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) first announced they were doing the retesting."

Trading activity Thursday, June 30th, 2005 saw live cattle contracts for June finish at \$82.77 per hundredweight, up 40 cents per hundred weight (cwt).

Texas is the nation's largest beef producing state with more than 5.7 million head of cows. The more than 13 million head of beef and dairy cattle and calves in the state are valued at more than \$10 billion.

The USDA said Wednesday the second case of made cow disease came from a 12-year-old beef cow in Texas. Its location was not revealed.

The cow originally tested negative in November 2004 but was ordered to be retested by the inspector general. A second test came back positive was confirmed by a laboratory in Weybridge, England.

Jim Robb, director of the Livestock Marketing Information Center in Denver, said the second case found in

the U.S. "certainly adds uncertainty to the market place and the unknowns."

"But it's clear that consumers recognize it's not a human health concern," he said. "This seems to be an isolated case and the USDA and researchers have said (all) along there will be some isolated cases (since the 1997 ruminant feed ban). The U.S. risk assessment said a small number of animals will be found. I think if this unfolds as anticipated, it's clearly related to an older animal born before the ban. It's isolated as most BSE cases are."

After the Agriculture Department's announcement on June 24 confirming the second case of mad cow disease, cattle futures finished the following Monday on a high note. Fed-cattle futures were up 35 cents a hundred pounds to finish at \$82.52 per hundredweight (cwt). Fed cattle are those ready for slaughter at 1,200 pounds. Boxed beef leaving the packinghouse was up 68 cents per hundredweight at market close at \$134.83 per cwt.

Anderson said many fire walls are in place to protect the U.S. beef supply.

"A number of safeguards have been put into place and have worked," Anderson said. "These safeguards have prevented higher-risk animals from entering the food supply. I think many people are confident that USDA has several measures in place to protect the nation's food supply."

Robb said he doesn't feel it will deter beef grilling activities.

"I don't think (mad cow disease) is on the front of consumers' minds.

Farm Service Agency Allocates Loan Funds for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers & Ranchers

Perryton, TX-The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) allocates a portion of its farm loan program funds specifically for socially disadvantaged applicants (SDA) including minority and women producers.

"FSA farm loans are available to all qualified applicants, but by setting aside funds specifically for minorities and women, the Agency ensures members of these specific groups can receive a portion of available funds--assuming they meet FSA loan eligibility requirements," said James M. Heck, Farm Loan Manager for Ochiltree County FSA.

By FSA definition, an applicant is considered socially disadvantaged if he or she is a member of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice, without regard to individual qualities. FSA has identified socially disadvantaged groups as Women, Blacks, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asians and Pacific Islanders.

FSA offers both direct and guaranteed farm loans. Farm loan funds can be used to purchase farms, livestock and equipment. They may also be used to operate a farm, build or repair service buildings, pay for soil and water conservation practices, and in some case refinance debt.

For direct loans made by FSA to purchase a farm the terms may extend to 40 years with a current interest rate of 5.375 percent. Direct operating loans may be made for one to seven years with a current interest rate of 4.625 percent, which is subject to change.

"Applicants requesting direct real estate loans should be aware that funding for this program is limited and may require a waiting period before funds are available and applications approved," said Heck.

FSA guaranteed loans are made by banks or other commercial lenders and are guaranteed by FSA for up to 90 percent of any loss. The guaranteed loan program includes both operating and real estate loan programs. If a loan applicant is able to obtain financing from a private lender equal to 50 percent or more of the total funds needed to jointly finance the purchase of the farm, the interest rate on the FSA direct loan would be fixed at 5 percent.

SDA loan applicants do not receive automatic approval. Individuals must be U.S. citizens with a satisfactory history of meeting credit obligations, have sufficient education, training or experience managing or operating a farm, possess the legal capacity to incur debt, and be unable to obtain credit through traditional lending means.

"Qualified loan candidates are provided information and assistance to develop sound management practices, analyze problems and utilize available resources essential for successful farming in the ever-changing agricultural environment," said Heck.

For more information regarding FSA loan programs, contact the Ochiltree County FSA office at (806) 435-6597, ext. 2 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov>.

Over 50 Under 50

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tor music.

16. Your eyes won't get much worse.
17. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
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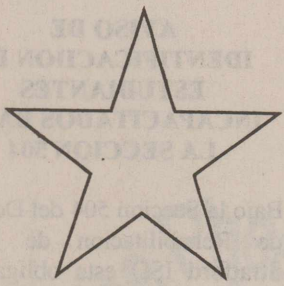
Black and White
(Under age 50?)
You won't understand.)
You could hardly see for all the snow,
Spread the rabbit ears as far as they go.
Pull a chair up to the TV set,
"Good night, David. Good night, Chet."
Depending on the channel you tuned,
You got Rob and Laura, or Ward and June.
It felt so good. It felt so right.
Life looked better in black and white.
I Love Lucy, The Real McCoys, Dennis the Menace, the Cleaver boys,
Rawhide, Gunsmoke, Wagon Train,
Superman, Jimmy and Lois Lane.
Father Knows Best, Patty Duke,
Rin Tin Tin and Lassie, too.

Donna Reed on Thursday night
Life looked better in black and white.
I wanna go back to black and white,
Everything always turned out right.
Simple people, simple lives,
Good guys always won the fights.
Now nothing is the way it seems,
In living color on the TV screen.
Too many murders, too many fights.
I wanna go back to black and white.
In God they trusted, alone in bed they slept,
A promise made was a promise kept.
They never cussed or broke their vows.
They'd never make the network now.
But if I could, I'd rather be in a TV town in '53.
It felt so good, it felt so right.

Life looked better in black and white.
I'd trade all the channels on the satellite,
If I could just turn back the clock tonight
To when everybody knew wrong from right.
Life was better in black and white.

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(NAPS)—To create a Berry-Topped Brownie Ice Cream Cake, alternate layers of fudgy brownie baked from a mix with Breyers All Natural Vanilla and Chocolate Ice Creams and freeze. When it's time for dessert, slice and top with your favorite berries and a chocolate syrup drizzle. For more recipes, visit www.icecreamusa.com.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- July 8-10 "Beauty and the Beast" Youth Musical Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- June -Aug.20 "Texas Legacies" Musical Tue.-Sat. 806-655-2181 Pioneer Amphitheater Palo Duro State Park
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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP

The Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWP), a Regional Water Planning Group formed pursuant to the requirements of Senate Bill 1 (75th Legislative Session), will hold a Public Hearing on August 9, 2005 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West, Amarillo, Texas beginning at 7:00 p.m., CST. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present to the public the results of the Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan for Region A, Panhandle Water Planning Area, and to solicit input and comments from the general public and interested parties and entities. Region A comprises all of Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall and Childress Counties.

Action at the Public Hearing will consist of a presentation on the Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan, receipt of written and oral comments from the public, and comments from the PWP.

For more information, please contact: Colby Waters, Regional Water Planning Coordinator, PO Box 9257, Amarillo, TX 79105; telephone 806/372-3381; e-mail cwaters@prpc.org.us. The PWP will receive written and oral comments at the hearing and will also receive written comments separate from the hearing. Individuals wishing to submit written comments separate from the hearing may

address their comments to the Panhandle Water Planning Group, Attn: Colby Waters, at the above address. All written comments submitted separate from the hearing must be received at the above address no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 12, 2005. All comments received will be considered prior to final adoption of the Regional Water Plan.

Copies of the Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan will be available for public review and inspection at the County Clerk's office in each county listed above. In addition, copies of the Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan will be available at the following public libraries or alternate locations for public review and inspection: Dallam County (Dalhart); Sherman County (Stratford); Hansford County (Spearman); Perry Memorial (Perryton); Higgins; Channing City Hall; Kilgore Memorial (Dumas); Hutchinson County (Borger); Roberts County (Miami); Hemphill county (Canadian); Oldham County (Vega); Amarillo (Downtown Library); Carson County (Panhandle); Lovett Memorial (Pampa); Wheeler; Canyon; Claude; Clarendon; Wellington; Memphis; Childress and the offices of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 West Eighth Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.

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Consumer

(NU) - If packing everything you own and lugging boxes across the lawn during brutal, 90-degree heat is not your idea of a summer fantasy, you're not alone. According to industry statistics, nearly 10 percent of the country is preparing for one of life's most stressful events: moving. To help people alleviate the stress of moving, Sud-

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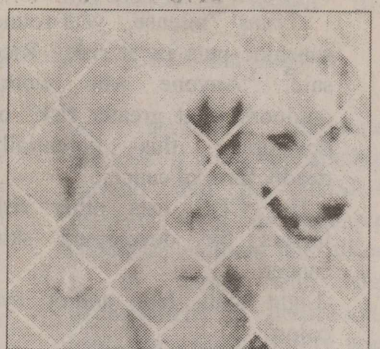
I would like to thank everyone in the community for the outpouring of generosity and support during my illness. The food, the cards, phone calls and other acts of kindness were greatly appreciated. Thanks again to everyone and May God richly bless each one of you.

Wayne Lavake

Thank you to all the sponsors, players, and helpers for contributing to the fun at the 4th annual Hogmen Scholarship Golf Tournament. My parents and I really appreciate the scholarship that was awarded to me. Thanks to Coach Jim Hand for putting this event on in honor of the Stratford Elk Linemen. Thanks again for a great time and the honor of receiving the first scholarship here in Stratford.

Trent Boyd

Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs and puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes & range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide thee food. All of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

The only exercise some people get is jumping to conclusions, running down their friends, side-stepping responsibility, and pushing their luck!

—Anonymous

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Summer Safety Begins With Sun Screen

By Linda Anderson

College Station* School is out for summer. Hot weather means shorts, shades and sandals. But before donning lightweight summer clothes, do a little basic cover-up, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

Use sun screen on skin that will be exposed to the sun, said Dr. Carol Rice, Extension health specialist. And wear a hat.

It can literally be a matter of life and death, she said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention put it this way: "Exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays appears to be the most important environmental factor involved in the development of skin cancer. When used consistently, sun-protective practices can prevent skin cancer."

What about recent concerns that sun screens can cause possible vitamin D deficiencies by blocking the sun's good radiation? Those concerns may be unfounded, Rice said.

"You need, at most, 10 to 15 minutes (exposure to the sun) three days a week on your arms and hands and you'll get plenty (of sunshine) for your body to produce enough vitamin D," she said.

That concern pales in comparison to this one, she said: The American Cancer Society estimates about 1 million new cases of basal cell or squamous cell carcinoma cancer will be diagnosed this year, as will almost 60,000 cases of malignant melanoma.

According to 2004 figures from the Texas Cancer Council, about 1,700 new cases of melanoma are diagnosed each year in the Lone Star state, and about 450 people die, she said.

"Texas' intense, year-round sunshine puts us at risk," Rice said. "Anyone who works outdoors is at greater risk" of developing this potentially deadly form of cancer.

The CDC lists other risk factors for developing skin cancer:

- Light skin, hair and/or eye color;
- Family and/or personal history of skin cancer;
- Chronic exposure to the sun;
- History of childhood sunburns;
- Certain types of moles or a large number of moles; and
- Freckles, an indicator of sun sensitivity and damage.

Even people without these risk factors should use sun screen to protect themselves from damage by the sun's rays, Rice said. When used correctly, sun screen can block most of the sun's harmful radiation.

In the past, the CDC recommends using sun screen with at least a 15 sun protection factor, Rice said. While that still holds true, anyone who plans to be out in the sun for more than a few minutes should use sun screen with a higher sun protection factor, she said.

New labels should list sun screens of two to 11 SPF as minimum protection, Rice said, those of 12-29-SPF as moderate, and those listed 30 SPF and above as high.

"Sun screens above 45 SPF don't offer additional protection, but they don't hurt," she said. "And price does not predict effectiveness."

To get the most benefit from a sun screen, apply it about 30 minutes before going outside,

Rice said. That way the sun screen will dry onto the skin and not be rubbed off, she added.

Sun screen will need to be reapplied every two hours, or if the person is perspiring heavily or going into the water, Rice said.

"Sun Screens are not waterproof," she said. "Water resistant" sun screens are effective for 40 minutes; "very water resistant" sun screens retain their SPF for 80 minutes.

When using sun screens,

check the expiration date on the container, Rice said. "Like most other items that have an impact on health, they do wear out."

And don't store sun screens in a car or boat or other areas of high heat, she advised. Sun screens can lose effectiveness if stored under these conditions for long periods of time.

In addition to using sun screen, "Be careful about when you go out," she said. "Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. is the highest risk (of damaging UV rays),

And please, she said, remember that there's no such thing as an "a healthy tan."

Tanning is evidence that damage to the skin has occurred," Rice said. And it doesn't matter if the damage is from the sun or from an indoor tanning bed* its still damage.

For more information on this and other health issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web page at <http://fes.tamu.edu> and click on the links to Health and Safety. Also see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nscpep/awareness.htm>

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time she felt led, to start Christian youth group. However, she was led to try something a bit differently than she originally thought. After an outpouring of desire to know Jesus Christ, and be part of something worthwhile, by the youth in her neighborhood, in Dalhart, TX; she began to form the early stages of Knights For Christ. She birthed the idea of Knights for Christ to become a club of honor, integrity, service and education. With the Knightly Commandments and the 10 Knightly Virtues, she formed the club to be something the Dalhart area could truly be proud to be part.

Since then, and after many revisions and repairs to by-laws, the handbook, and the focus events of the club, Knights for Christ was born. Although many unofficial meetings have taken place, the group met, officially, for the first time Saturday, June 25, 2005, to discuss leadership positions, fundraisers, projects, and the future focuses for the club.

Currently Knights for Christ has 5 major projects. Currently, they are working on their first project, called the Medina Family Project. On June 23, 2005, Derinda Medina, a single mother, and her 3 children, ages 5, 8, and 10, lost their home in an electrical fire. It was a rented home; however they did not have any renters insurance. Derinda is a single mother on a little more than minimum wage income. Her oldest child is actually her niece, which she is adopting from a sister who could no longer care for her, due to illness. The club is rounding up all the money, clothes (sizes 6&* in boys, size 14/16 in girls or 0 in juniors, and size 22/24 in women sizes), home essentials, etc. that are donated, to give to the family in order to help them begin again. Donations can be made by contacting Shawn and Dawn Bright at 806-244-1243 in Dalhart, email them at ruwach@nit.net, or visit their website, which is still under construction, at www.knightsforchrist.org of Valrie Wyatt at 806-366-3007 for Dumas and Stratford residents. The family lost everything, but the clothes on their backs and their lives, in the fire. They are very grateful they escaped with that.

Secondly, The Second Greatest Commandment Project, which is a community service project, focused on helping friends and neighbors, and other local people, with dilapidated housing issues. With some paint and materials, roofing materials, several hands, some strong backs, and a few ladders, Knights for Christ second project is to help remodel the home of a local Dalhart family, The Thompson family, who have recently received custody of their 3 grandsons, all under the age of 4, one of which is a special needs child. Knights for Christ hopes to get enough

supplies, funds, and labor assistance to rebuild the roof, paint the inner walls of the home, and possibly do other small repairs. The children will not be allowed to roof without parental consent, of course, and any dangerous tasks will be left to professional adults. The club hopes to do projects like these a few times a year, funds willing. Thirdly, Knights for Christ will be having a fundraiser in the parking lot of Super Wal-Mart in Dumas, TX on July 8th & 9th, 2005. Where they will be raffling off a 6 ft. x 10 ft. pool, an ice cream machine, and hopefully several other prizes. All interested in donating prizes or buying raffle tickets in Dalhart may contact Shawn and Dawn Bright at 806-244-1243, or Valrie Wyatt at 806-355-3007 in Dumas or Stratford, TX. Fourthly, the club will be saving up funds o set up for a college scholarship program. It will be a 1 time scholarship for former Knights for Christ

participants who do outstanding service to their neighbors through the Knights for Christ Club, as well as on their own. The amount is not yet set in stone, as they are still researching the laws on this project. Finally, their fifth project is saving up to pay for their Tax Exemption Status fee, which will be a one time fee of \$500. They are more concerned with helping their neighbors and getting the kids involved with community service, than anything else; however, to continue as an official non-profit organization, they must have this fee and all documents sent by the IRS, returned to the IRS within 2 years of their starting date of June 25, 2005.

Knights for Christ is about being true to God, ourselves, our neighbors, and our nation. It's about living righteously according to a Christian oral code. It's about teaching young people to love themselves, and show each other love through service. To sum it up, it's about teaching our youth to do the right, Godly thing.

Electricians Cont. from page 1

March 1 to June 1, 2004, during which electricians could qualify to receive a state license without taking the state electrician exam if they met specific criteria including, but not limited to, prior local licensure, education and experience. More than 55,000 electricians took advantage of that opportunity. Since that grandfathering period ended, applicants for state electrical licenses except

apprentices have been required to pass a competency exam.

Since the original grandfathering period ended, many municipalities across the state have elected to discontinue issuing municipal license and accept the state license. House Bill 1317 provides an avenue for electricians affected by the discontinuation of these programs to obtain a state license without passing an exam. The bill also allows other electricians who did not take advantage of the first grandfathering period a second opportunity to apply for a state license without passing the state electrician exam.

For more information on the grandfathering period, electrical license exemptions or electrical licensing in general, all interested individuals may contact TDLE's Customer Service Division at (800) 803-9202 or (512) 463-6599, or they can visit the TDLR website at <http://www.license.state.tx.us/electricians/elec.htm>.



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Tornado Plan to Survive!

*PLAN AHEAD! Designate a spot in your home and make sure the entire family knows where to go and what to bring. Have an emergency kit on hand, be sure to include batteries, a flashlight, battery-operated radio, medications and bottled water. Make sure these things are in your designated area.

*STAY INFORMED by following updates on radio or television. Our local stations do an excellent job of relaying weather-related information on a timely basis.

*LEARN THE DIFFERENCE between a tornado watch and a tornado warning. A tornado watch means "watch the sky". A tornado warning means a tornado is likely to develop or a tornado has been indicated on radar.

THE SIRENS SO NOT SOUND WHEN A TORNADO WARNING IS ISSUED...THEY ARE ONLY SOUNDED WHEN A TORNADO HAS BEEN SPOTTED ON THE GROUND IN OR AROUND THE STRATFORD AREA.

Sirens Sound-Now What!

*LISTEN: If you hear the sirens, take cover immediately in strong shelter. If you do not have a basement or storm cellar, move to an interior room in your home such as a closet, bathroom or a room without windows.

*TAKE ACTION: Exit your mobile home and take shelter in a nearby building. If no building is nearby, lie flat in a ditch or ravine.

*GET OUT! Never stay inside your car. Leave the car and lie flat in a ditch or ravine. Never get in your car to seek shelter elsewhere (Note: the courthouse is not a tornado shelter).

*GET LOW! If you are in open country, take cover on low, protected ground.

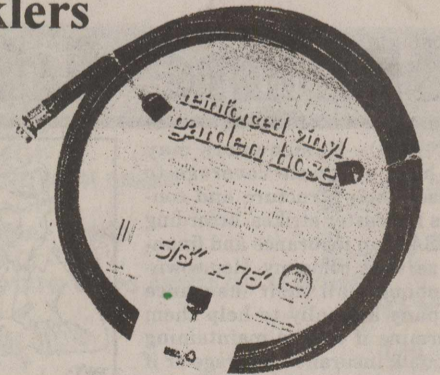
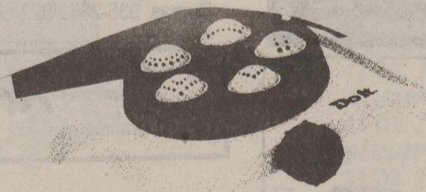
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