

Looking Ahead

• Stock Show Schedules The schedules for the major Texas shows are as follows: San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo - January 31 thru February 17; San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo - February 21 thru March 2; Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo / Austin - February 29 thru March 15; Houston Stock Show and Rodeo - March 3 thru March 22.

• KC-O'Brien Ex-Students Homecoming

There will be a homecoming planning meeting for all interested ex-students at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, February 21, in the KC High School Library. The homecoming will be the first weekend in June - June 6 & 7, 2008.

• The Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show February 23 in Munday. Over

Cities And Schools Taking Applications For Places On Ballots

Schools and cities in county are readying for the May 10th school board trustee and city council elections. All cities and schools have positions coming open.

In Benjamin, the city will have four positions open. Those positions are mayor, currently held by Sylinda Meinzer, two full term, two-year council positions currently held by Lorene Powers and Fred Carver and one unexpired one-year term, currently unfilled.

Benjamin school board has six places open. Three full term, three-year places currently held by Richard McCanlies, Tim Horne and Glen Heard and three places for unexpired terms of two years currently held by Jimmy Barrientez, Kim Moore and Linda Griffith.

The Knox City city election has three two-year full term council seats coming open that are currently held by Danny Reese, Terry Utley and Cody Manning.

Knox City-O'Brien CISD has three full term three-year seats coming open currently held by Scott Lynn, Charlie Schur and Bill Stewart.

The city of Munday has two two-year full term council seats coming open that are currently held by Danny Carden and Kyle Bibb.

Munday CISD is accepting applications for two full term three-year, positions on school board. Those positions are currently held by Sam Hunter and Bob Moore.

City of O'Brien election information was unavailable as of press time.

Entities began taking applications for places on ballots on Monday and will continue through March 10th. Applications may be picked up at city offices and school administrative offices. Remelle Farrar, New Community Development Director Met With Citizens Around The County Last Week



Remelle Farrar speaks with Dennis and Pam Duke of Benjamin at the Benjamin Courthouse during her last "Meet and Greet" of the day. Farrar also met with citizens in Knox City and Munday earlier in the day. According to Judge Floyd the events were successful as many citizens came out to introduce themselves and speak with Farrar.

100 quilts displayed. Raffle quilt, "Tree of Life French Braid". Tickets are \$1 each. Viewers Choice, concession stand, door prizes, vendors, merchant mall, handicap accessible, free parking. From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$3. At the Munday Elementary Gym.

• Return of the Golden Girls

Return of the Golden Girls presented by Noah Project - North will be Saturday, February 23 at the Haskell Civic Center. Silent auction begins at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and show begins at 7:00 p.m. \$12.50 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under.

• Knox City Little Dribblers Tournament

The Knox City Little Dribblers Tournament is this Saturday at the Knox City High School Gym.

Benjamin Little Dribblers Tournament

The Benjamin Little Dribblers Tournament will be March 1, at the Benjamin School Gym.

• KC Junior High Track Meet

The Knox City Junior High will have a track meet March 6 at 2:30 p.m. at the Knox City Track and Field.

13th Annual Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show To Be Held February 23

The Annual Knox Prairie Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show will be held Saturday, February 23 at the Munday Elementary School. The event is sponsored by the Munday Chamber of Commerce and will begin at 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be a small admission charge.

There will be over 100 quilts displayed including the raffle quilt "Tree of Life French Braid", viewer's choice, vendors, door prizes, bake sale and lunch.

Cotton Pickin' Café will be serving chicken spaghetti, green salad, frozen fruit salad, rolls, three-layer pie and iced tea from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for a nominal fee.

Also a class, taught by Amanda Bibb, Penny Winchester-Kyzer and Mary Cartwright, will be held at 1:30 at the school. They will instruct you in adding the artistic motif to a wholecloth quilt or a wall hanging. This class will be free of charge.

Annual Fundraiser Barbecue And Silent Auction Nets \$4,500

It was a beautiful day, a good time had by all, and a very eventful day for the "Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center"! What more can one ask? The annual barbecue, on February 3rd, to support the museum and other historical preservation efforts in Knox County was a smashing success for the tenth time in a row. Best of all over \$4,500 net profit came in, from the gathering of people from Knox and the surrounding counties. As usual, many former residents also make it back for what has almost become a county wide reunion.

This fundraiser is the largest money maker for the year and, of course, the whole county helps. The beautiful quilt was won by Dawn Vanderpol of Benjamin. The Rhineland Quilters donated their time and skills by hand quilting the "Knox County Card Tricks" quilt. The pieced top was also donated.

We had 40 door prizes and 77 silent auction items, plus several large monetary donations for expenses. You can't forget the ladies who baked the delicious pies and desserts, and made deviled eggs. The Rhineland women and helpers made the delicious potato salad and coleslaw. The brisket was cooked by Pepe Bolanos and helpers; the turkey was cooked



Volunteers prepare for the annual fundraiser barbecue

by commission members; and the sausage was cooked by men on the commission and helpers; and don't forget the famous "KCHC Beans", made by a special recipe of a former commission member. Oh yes, one more delicious item, the barbecue sauce is made by a faithful museum supporter. Six, 4-H Club members helped people by carrying their plates and drinks and selling quilt tickets. Two young men from the Benjamin School helped cook and clean on Saturday and Sunday, and

two men from the County Jail helped put up the chairs and tables, and then cleaned the building, on Sunday. As you can see, all these people put the project over the top, working days prior to the meal and on the eventful day. We can't thank everyone enough. People came, they ate, they talked, and they laughed. We all enjoyed visiting with each other. The visiting continued while viewing the Museum Building, with around eighty people touring the facility, with compliments of a "job

well done".

Knox County residents, former residents, and people with Knox County connections, thousands of them, have made the museum building project a success. Everything that has been done so far has been paid for. It may have seemed like slow progress, but it has been steady and will continue to be successful when the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center is in operation, due to all who have helped and whose interest will surely continue.



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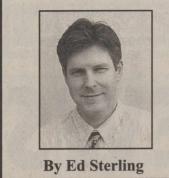


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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

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AUSTIN - Higher-ups at the Texas Department of Transportation sat in front of two state Senate committees for about three hours and tried to answer questions about how the agency got to where it is, in a financial sinkhole.

At a Feb. 4 meeting, lawmakers in a joint meeting of the Senate Finance and Transportation Committees questioned **TxDOT** Executive Director Amadeo Saenz Jr., interim chair of the Texas Transportation Commission Esperanza

Senate Committees Question TxDOT Over Finances

"Hope" Andrade and others.

The officials said TxDOT committed a \$1.1 billion bookkeeping error and scheduled more road projects than the agency could afford to fund. This resulted in road project freezes and cutbacks.

Lawmakers expressed disdain over how that could happen. They asked if this was a political stunt to push the state closer to public-private roadbuilding projects or just a case of incompetent management.

Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, called for an independent audit of TxDOT's financial records.

Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, serves as vice chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

"Fortunately, legislators from both parties, every region and all backgrounds, are equally fed up with TxDOT," Watson said.

"Not only will there be some major reforms on tap for the next legislative session, but the Sunset Commission is reviewing the agency from top to bottom."

Texas emerges as key in primaries

Super Tuesday primary elections or caucuses in 24 states on Feb. 5 made U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona the prohibitive favorite as the Republican Party candidate for president.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney ended his quest for the nomination after spending more than \$35 million of his own money on the campaign.

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee stayed in, having won five states himself on a shoestring budget.

With less than a month to go until its March 4 primaries, Texas is primed for a duel between McCain, the defense-minded war veteran, and Huckabee, the ordained Baptist minister with populist appeal. At this point, neither McCain nor Huckabee has the financial means to saturate Texas media markets with advertising.

Another candidate still in the GOP race is U.S. Rep. Ron Paul of Lake Jackson, Texas, a wild card with his Libertarian leanings and pro-life stance. His following, especially among college students and younger Texans, could draw double digits and tighten the race between McCain and Huckabee.

The Democratic presidential candidates, U.S. Sens. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., had nearly matching delegate counts after Super Tuesday and other state primaries held Feb. 6-10. As of Feb. 11, Obama had captured 19 states and Clinton, 12. Both candidates are expected to spend time and advertising dollars in the delegate-rich Lone Star State as March 4 approaches.

Group studies gaps in education

Texas schools serving mostly poor and minority students often have less of everything that matters in education - especially strong teachers.

That finding was published in January by The Education Trust, a Washington, D.C.based non-profit that promotes "high academic achievement for all students, pre-kindergarten through college."

The Education Trust found that "Instead of providing these students with the kind of teachers they need to catch up to other students, low-income, Hispanic and African-American students in Texas are:

• Less likely to be assigned to fully certified teachers;

· Less likely to be in classrooms with experienced teachers; and

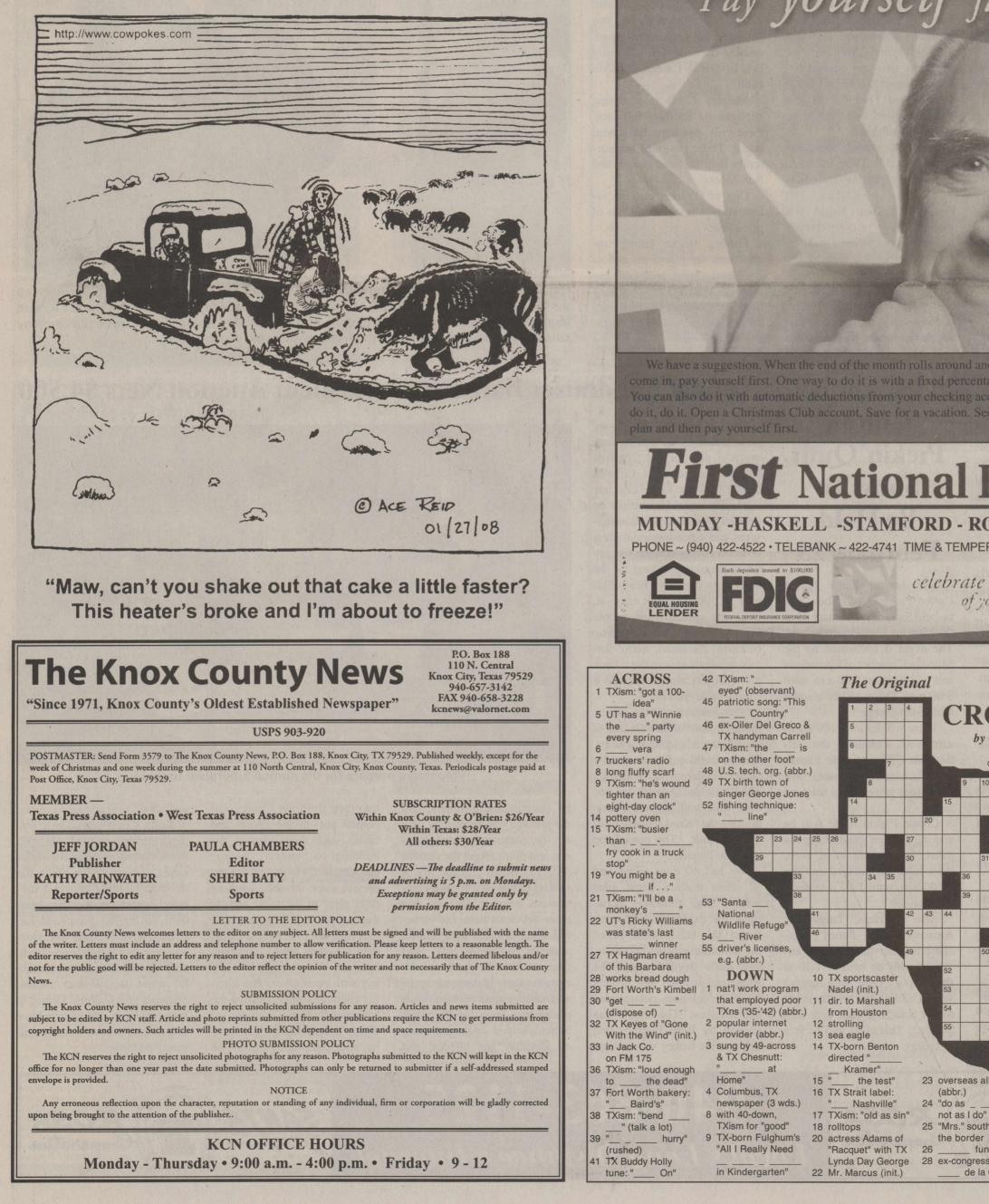
• Less likely to attend a school with a stable teaching force."

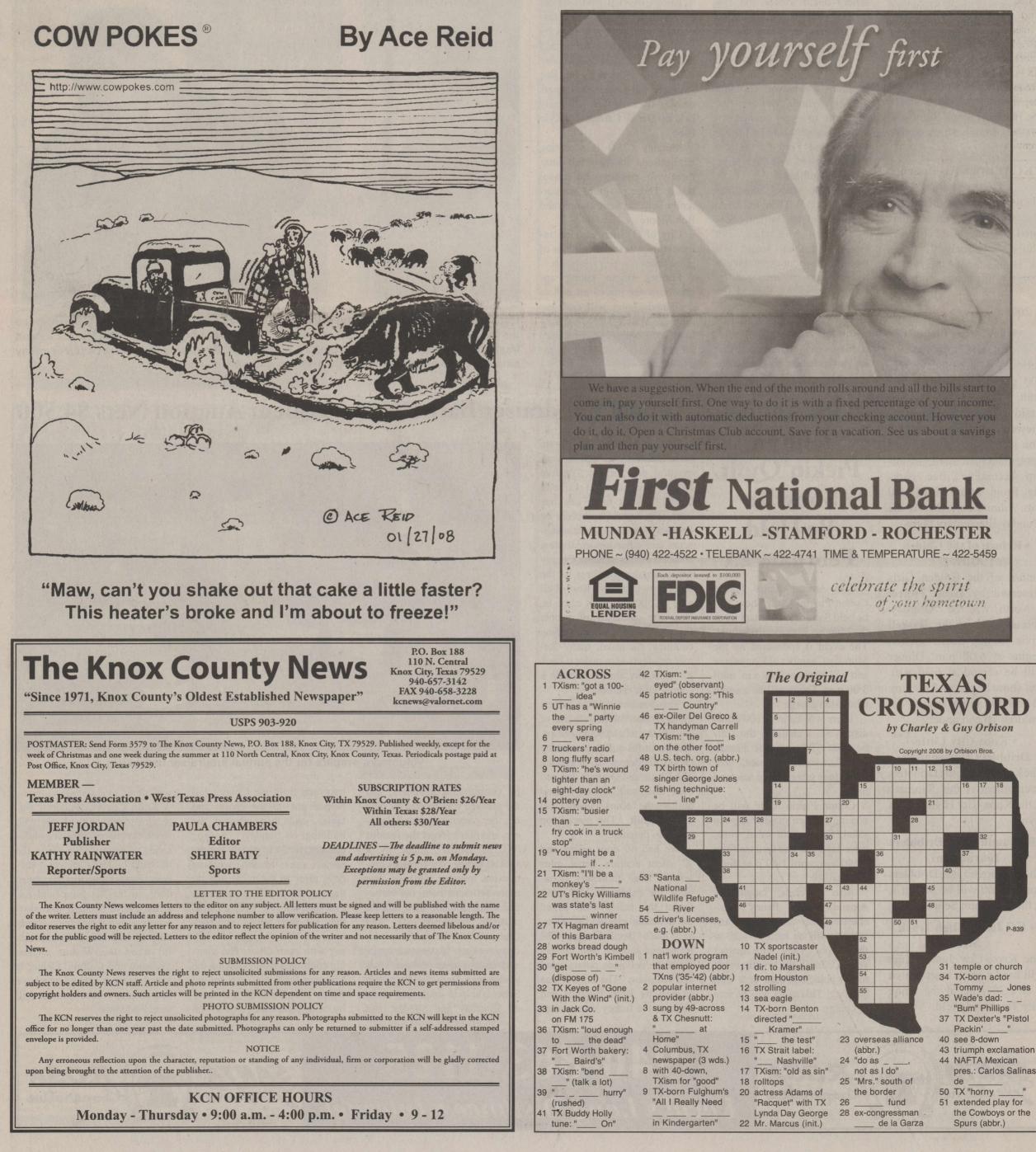
Conservator running

for top post Richard Nedelkoff, current state-appointed conservator of the troubled Texas Youth Commission, is a candidate for appointment as the agency's executive director.

Acting Director Dimitria Pope said at an interim meeting of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice that she is not being considered for the job.

Nedelkoff, TYC's third conservator since allegations. arose last year regarding abuse of youth in thae facility, has resigned as chief operations office with Florida-based Eckerd Youth Alternatives Inc., a post that he had held until recently while serving as TYC conservator.





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Large Animal Vets And Bronc Riders

By Baxter Black, DVM The Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) is making an effort to encourage more young people to participate in the Bareback, Saddle Bronc and Bull Riding events. Simultaneously, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) is making an effort to encourage more stuequine veterinarians.

Does that mean more young people are less interested in riding or doctoring untamed large herbivorous animals? Exactly!

In both cases the primary reasons given by the 'non-interested' are; the work is too hard and the pay is not enough. American and Canadian young people, as a rule, have become more worldly, resigned to life, and content with the path most frequently traveled, i.e., team roping and pet practice.

So, we are going about it the wrong way if we think 21st century America will fur-

nish enough youngsters to fill the needs of the PRCA or the AVMA. I would bet that the average U.S. high school student spends more time playing virtual sports and games in front of a screen than they do actually participating in real physical games and sports. A generation ago this wasn't the case. Coincidentally, back then there was dents to become livestock and no shortage of large animal vets and bareback riders, either.

> I'm thinking if you want bronc riders and large animal practitioners, you need to look somewhere other than civilized America. Someplace like Iran, Tierra del Fuego, Mongolia or Louisiana. And there's hope on the horizon. Already, last year's National Finals Rodeo had more roughstock riders from Louisiana than from Rhode Island, Quebec and Kentucky, all together!

We should concentrate on luring bullriders from grittier places. Major League Baseball has done a wonderful job seeking hungry talent from countries like Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. There are probably enough baseball players from Mexico and the Caribbean in the major leagues to support their own Low Rider Bus Line!

South America has been a good source of herders for American sheep ranchers.

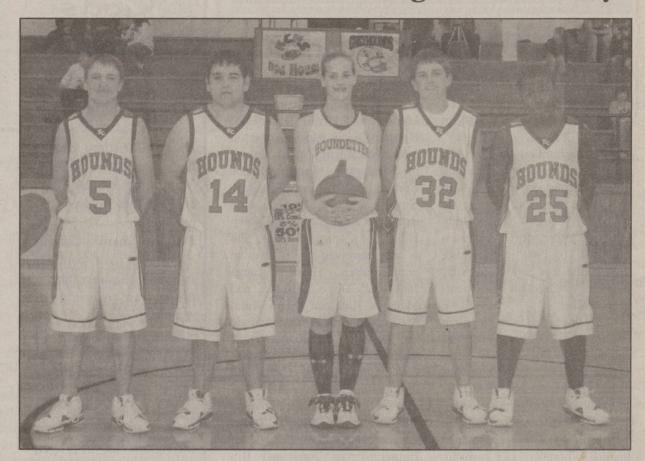
It's an easy jump from sheepherder to bareback rider then on to dairy veterinarian.

Where do we begin? The easiest place to start would be the Mexican border.

They come here to work. They want to. The work is not too hard for them...the pay is enough. And we need them. Instead of deporting the illegals we catch, we should give each one, man or woman, a chance to ride a bronc and castrate a bull calf. If they appear to have the aptitude, we send them to a bull riding school and/or enroll them in a pre-vet major at bilingual schools like UCLA, NMSU or University of Florida. Twenty years down the road, the problem would be solved!

Author's note: It is amazing how I can see through complex problems so clearly. No wonder Condeleeza calls so often! Well, on to the next sticky wicket; Miracle Whip or Hellmann's Mayo as the National Condiment?

KC Basketball Seniors Recognized Tuesday



The five seniors on the Knox City Greyhound and Houndette basketball teams were recognized Tuesday evening, Feb. 5, at their final home game of the season. (L to R) Orrin Myers has been active in Greyhound basketball for four years. He is undecided about his plans upon graduation. Andrew Ingland has been a part of the Greyhound basketball team for two years. He plans to attend a junior college after graduation. Sarah Burt has been active in varsity basketball for 3 years. She plans to attend college upon graduation. Cody Trimble has been active in basketball since coming to Knox City. He looks forward to attending Blinn College and Texas A&M. Rico McCrary has been active in Greyhound basketball for three years. He is currently undecided about his plans upon gradution.

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OBITUARIES

Julia C. "Judy" Anderson

87, passed from this world into heaven on February 10, 2008 in Lubbock, Texas.

She was born on April 6, 1920 near Rule, Texas and was the oldest of fourteen children born to George Madison and Flossie Elizabeth Williams Martin. Judy married Billie Ray Anderson on April 19, 1941 in Stamford, Texas. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and greatgrandmother.

Judy graduated from Henrietta High School. During World War II, while her husband was serving in the U.S. Army overseas, she served her country as well by working as a "Rosie, the Riveter" at Consolidated Aircraft in Fort Worth, Texas where she helped build B24 bombers. Her husband, Bill, preceded her in death on October 15, 1982.

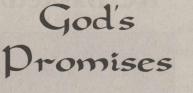
She was also preceded in death by her parents, brothers- Robert, George, Ernest, Milton, Marshall, Roy, Melvin and baby boy Martin and sisters- Adeline Vines, Lillian Martin and Peggy Hertel.

Judy is survived by her two sons and spouses, Mark and Beverly Anderson of Lubbock, Texas; David and Teri Anderson of Ulysses, Kansas; and daughter Mary Beth and Sam Hillard of Georgetown, Texas. She leaves behind eight grandchildren -Casey Anderson Carlson and husband Don of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania; Kobi Melton

Julia C. "Judy" Anderson, LeBlanc and husband Brandon of Round Rock, Texas; Jason Melton and wife Tiffany of Houston, Texas; Alesha Anderson of Canyon, Texas; Zach Anderson of Manhattan, Kansas; Lance Corporal Nye Justice of Twenty-Nine Palms, California; and daughters, Maeghan and Caitlon Hillard of Cameron, Texas. She is also survived by four great grandchildren Hawk, Kanga Jane, and Dove LeBlanc; and Madalyn Kathleen (Madi Kate) Melton. Surviving sisters include Jan Davis of Granbury, Texas; Sue Ricketts of Old Fort, North Carolina as well as sisters and brothers-in-law, Marion Urban of Carrizo Springs, Texas; Polly and Ben McMillin of Conroe, Texas; Gayle and Alton Anderwald of Burnet, Texas; June and Bill Mullins of Golden Colorado; Ken Anderson of Big Spring, Texas; and Keith Anderson of Granbury, Texas as well as numerous nephews and nieces.

A Funeral Service was held at the First Baptist Church, Knox City, Texas on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Burial followed in the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home, Knox City.

Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehabilitation, 4601 Hartford St., Abilene, Texas 79605, (325) 793-3400, http:// www.westtexasrehab.org/support/donate.html.



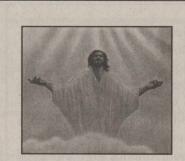
By Jim Reid, Pastor **O'Brien Baptist Church**

Every Christian wants to have an effective prayer life. Many times we ask God for answers that we seem not to receive.

Perhaps many Christians even lose their confidence in prayer because they did not see an answer to their request.

Is this fair of us not to keep praying, if we feel that God did not answer our prayer? Jesus taught much about prayer, therefore we want to be sure that we understand the significance of prayer. Jesus wants us to know that if we want our prayer answered we must:

1. Learn to pray consistently. If we only go to God in time of need or emergency then we are only praying with a selfish heart. We're only considering our self without any respect to God's Holiness or His desire of us. We must rely upon God each and every day to have continual communication with Him and go to Him confessing and repenting of our sins. We also want to remember to pray daily thanking Him for our provision and pro-



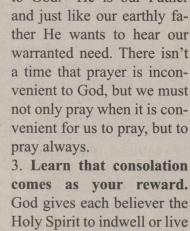
tection over our family from temptation and evil.

2. Learn that answers don't always come with convenience. We must be persistent with our requests to God. He is our Father and just like our earthly father He wants to hear our warranted need. There isn't a time that prayer is inconvenient to God, but we must not only pray when it is convenient for us to pray, but to

comes as your reward. God gives each believer the Holy Spirit to indwell or live within the believer. It is His power that speaks to God and knows the heart of God. He will then speak to you the heart of God.

It His Holy Spirit that enables us to be comforted with His answers to our prayers and to bring about the answer through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I encourage reading Luke 11: 1-13 and trust God to give you understanding and answers. May the love of God be seen in your life in everyway everyday.



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13th Annual Knox Prairie Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show Quilts: A Work of Art

Sponsored by Munday Chamber of Commerce Raffle Quilt "Tree of Life French Braid" Viewers Choice • Food & Beverage Door Prizes • Vendors • Merchant Mall Handicap Accessible - Free Parking We are still accepting guilt show entries! Saturday, February 23, 2008

Munday Elementary School West Main Street in Munday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission — \$3.00 per person

Cotton Pickin' Cafe

Serving Chicken Spaghetti, Green Salad, Frozen Fruit Salad, Rolls, Three-layer Pie and Ice Tea

\$6 per person • 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Or Until Tickets Are Sold!

A class will be taught by Amanda Bibb, Penny Winchester-Kyzer and Mary Cartwright instructing you in adding the artistic motif to a wholecloth guilt or a wall hanging during the Quilt Show at 1:30 p.m.



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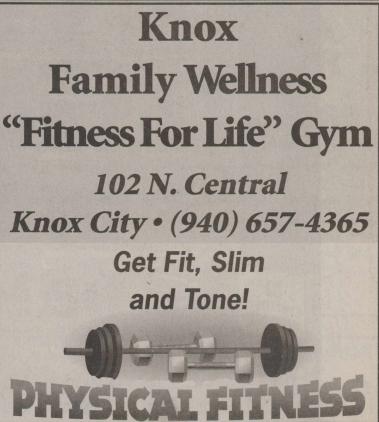
February 18 - February 22

Monday, Feb. 18 - CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY! Tuesday, Feb. 19 - German Sausage, Butter Beans, 7 Minute Cabbage, Cornbread and Peach Crunch w/Topping Wednesday, Feb. 20 - Fish with Tarter Sauce, Blackeyed Peas, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies and Cobbler Thursday, Feb. 21 - Stir Fry Chicken & Vegetables, Buttered Rice, Pea Salad, Sliced Bread and Pudding Friday, Feb. 22 - Sliced Ham, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Hot Rolls and Cookies Alternate Desserts for Diabetics Call in Orders by 10:00 a.m.

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Bloodmobile To Be At KC High School And Knox County Hospital February 18

Two blood drives will take place in Knox City on Monday, February 18. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at Knox City High School from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and at the Knox County Hospital from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Both blood drives are open to the public.

"It is important to give high school students who are age 17 or older the opportunity to donate blood. They are our future, and a positive experience may inspire them to become regular blood donors," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter.

"The blood supply is low ' org. and all blood types are needed," Baker continued. "I urge everyone who is eligible to do-

nate blood to support the blood drive on Monday. Blood must be available to patients whenever and wherever it is needed, because it is the blood on the shelves that saves lives."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, well and healthy at the time of donation. Most prescriptions and over the counter medications are acceptable. Those who have questions regarding medications, medical conditions and travel areas outside the U.S. may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit www.meekbloodcenter.

Each donor will receive a long sleeve T-shirt and a free total cholesterol test.

Daniel Named to WTAMU Fall Semester Honors List

Canyon, Texas – West Texas A&M University has named more than 1,100 students to honor lists for the fall 2007 semester. Of that total, 428 were named to the President's List and 677 students were named to the Dean's List.

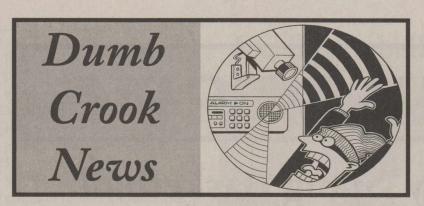
Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Area students include Zane L. Daniel, a senior majoring in Agriculture. Zane is from Guthrie, Texas.

Appreciation Dinner Dr Tom February 21st 2008 Hairgrove Haskell Civic Center Tickets \$10.00 per person 6:30pm Limited tickets available

Contact the Haskell Chamber of Commerce



Teen Impersonates Cop, Tries To Pull Over Real One

It certainly was stupid; it's tough to dispute that. Did it warrant two felony charges? That depends on whose shoes you're in. It was just after midnight on January 20 when an off-duty Mercer County sheriff's deputy and his wife got onto the Milan Beltway from Airport Road in Moline, Illinois. Suddenly, he saw flashing lights in the rear view mirror. But there was something wrong. The deputy didn't pull over. He called 911. "He had the strobes and the red and blue lights, which are representative of the colors of an emergency vehicle," said Milan Police Chief Mark Beckwith. "Probably anyone else would have pulled over, thinking it was an emergency vehicle.

"It's an odd case, and we're fortunate the individual he attempted to stop was an off-duty police officer." And what did Leib say when he was put in handcuffs? "He just made the comment that it was a stupid idea," Beckwith said. Still not disputing it. Now Leib faces a felony charge of impersonating a police officer and another for having red/white/oscillating flashing lights in use in his personal vehicle. That's pretty darn serious. There are two ways of looking at this. One is from the victims' perspective. Beckwith said that the officer was especially shook up when his wife said that, had she been alone, she would have pulled over. And then there's the perspective of the parent of a 17-year-old kid who made a terribly stupid mistake.

Leib didn't have any weapons in the car. He didn't have a badge - real or fake. Heck, he wasn't even wearing a uniform - just street clothes. It can either be terribly frightening to consider his motives, or it can be merely exasperating. Certainly it's possible that the teen was simply going to keep on going, perhaps laughing to himself for getting over on someone.

"To go to the extreme of having those lights mounted in your car ... that makes it more disturbing," Beckwith said. "Maybe the kid was just thinking, 'I want to be a law enforcement officer, and I can't wait.' "The thing is, an incident like this might preclude his eligibility. It's unfortunate." It absolutely is unfortunate. If this kid applies to be a police officer, and they perform a background check on him, and they find out that he wanted so much to be a police officer that he had the audacity to impersonate one, they'll say, "Sorry, people with criminal records can't be police officers."

God knows what Leib was planning to do when the car that he was pursuing actually pulled over. Maybe Mommy and Daddy wormed it out of him by now. Since the state of Illinois considers him an adult, his case is going to be handled in adult court. Well, after all, it was an adult-sized mistake, not a childhood prank gone bad. It was bad at the start. But this begs the question, How much should it cost a teen without a prior criminal record? I'd say that's a tough call, and most of you reading this might say so, too. Maybe regret would count toward something.

Wilma Hogan is now

Funding For Economic Development

The Texas Capital Fund projects. (TCF) is a program administered through the Texas Department of Agriculture to provide funding for qualified economic development projects.

Specifically, funds are awarded for the purpose of assisting in the creation of new permanent jobs or retention of existing permanent jobs in a community.

Texas Midwest Community Network announces workshops scheduled in the region to provide information on the Texas Capital Fund.

The workshops are designed to provide non-frequent TCF users guidance on how to utilize the program and to provide all TCF users the latest information on the rule changes for 2008.

Community developers, economic development organizations, city officials, county officials and consultants for community development will find the workshops valuable in planning economic development

The workshop presenter is Karl Young, TCF Specialist with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Workshop dates and locations:

Feb. 21 – Haskell – TCF is a portion of an all-day workshop offered by Texas Department of Agriculture (also includes information on Certified Retirement Community Program, Business Retention & Expansion, ORCA programs, USDA programs and more) Register by calling the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, 940-864-2477

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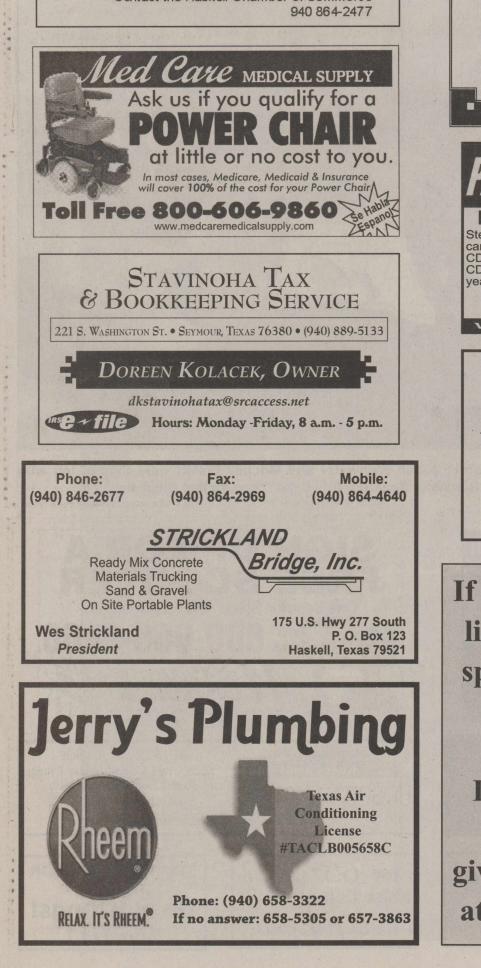


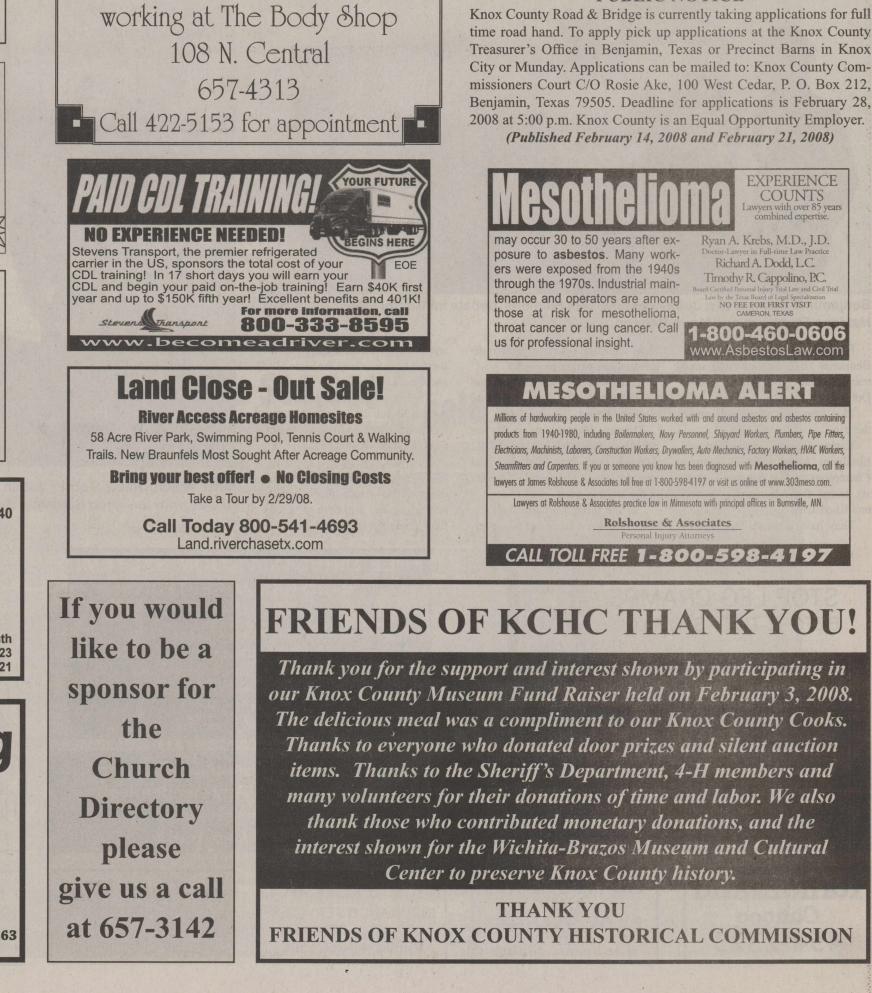
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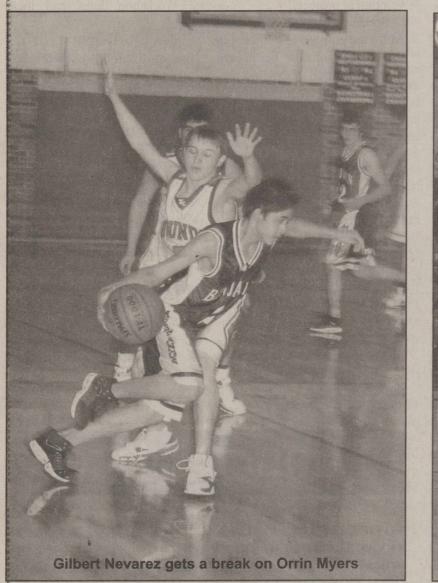




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Benjamin Sports

Mustang And Lady 'Stang Basketball





from behind for the rebound

The Benjamin Mustangs took on the Knox City Greyhounds Tuesday night. The Greyhounds won, but stats were unavailable at press time. The Lady 'Stangs played against the Knox City Houndettes also on Tuesday, the Lady 'Stangs won 44-24; Friday night the Lady 'Stangs lost to the Jayton Lady Jaybirds to close their basketball season. Stats were unavailable at press time.

It's Not Up For Debate **Benjamin Going To State**



BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

On this Monday night the wind is once again blowing right out of the north while thunderstorm warnings are out up in Oklahoma. We may get part of that storm system before morning dawns. We need the rain, but certainly no high wind and hail. And it sounds like we could have some real winterlike weather by the weekend.

Last week was a busy one for the younger set over this way as they practiced, faithfully preparing for the Little Dribblers tournament Saturday in Paint Creek. Guess their hard work paid off as all the teams won first place. There will be more tournaments within the next few weeks and I'm sure they will continue to do well.

Good to report our ill friends are doing better. Saw Lucille Moorhouse on Saturday. She's feeling much better since her surgery a couple of weeks ago. It was good to see her.

There are lots of cases of virus, allergies and flu-like "stuff", but thankfully none of it is lasting long. And then there's a few cases of pink eye and maybe more before the "epidemic" is over. Usually when one child takes something, it spreads like wildfire.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Wanda Vojkufka today. Wanda died on Thursday after being in failing health for several years. She was a Munday area resident many

Keep Benjamin Beautiful City Lake Clean Up

years ago. (She will be remembered as Wanda Driggers when she was in school.) Just a couple of years older than I. Her funeral was Saturday in Weinert where she had lived many years.

Here 'N There

Misty Jones and daughter Abigail of Kent spent last week here with her parents, Mitzi and Shane Welch, Mitchell and Heath and grandparents Jack and Sue Sheedy. Good to report that Sue continues to improve.

Debbie and Mike Moorhouse spent Saturday in Amarillo with her son, Cody and family and helped grandson Blaze celebrate his first birthday. Grandchildren, -Dillon and Randi of Childress accompanied them to Amarillo.

Deann Lamb was in Wichita Falls today for an appointment with her doctor.

I attended a birthday party for Loys Welch (former Gilliland resident now of Seymour) at the Portwood Pavilion in Seymour on Saturday. Loys was 90 on Sunday. A large crowd was in attendance so not only a chance to wish Loys a happy birthday, but a chance to visit lots of friends as well.

Bobby Hudson and Betty Bohannon also were in attendance.

We have learned that Jimmy Pierce, Sr. is having some health problems. My understanding is that he has had some surgery and is now undergoing chemo-... therapy. Please remember him, his wife Ivalene and their children in your prayers.



Benjamin debaters I to r: Julia Acevedo, Tina Siemens, debate instructor C.H. Underwood, Nafeesa Ebraheim and Karla Benson.

For the ninth consecutive year Benjamin High School will send teams to the State Meet in CX-Debate.

This year two teams will make the trip.

Karla Benson and Nafeesa Ebraheim were declared District Champions in five debates against six teams from Benjamin, Jayton and Knox City.

They have a record this year of

eight wins and no losses in two organized tournaments.

This will be Karla's second year to attend the State Meet and Nafeesa's third.

District Runners-up in a super close competition were Julia Acevedo and Tina Siemens. Tina was declared Outstanding Speaker in the District meet.

In the three tournaments, Julia and Tina have a record of nine wins and three losses. This will be Julia's second year to attend the State Meet and Tina's first.

The two teams will travel to Austin March 10-11 to compete in the State Meet against a possible field of 64 debate teams.

Twelve different Benjamin teams have made the trip to State in the past nine years and several have been medalists at the State Meet at the University of Texas in Austin.



Mitzi Welch, Reba Morrill, Justin Rainwater and Mitchell Welch were four of ten who helped with the Keep Benjamin Beautiful City Lake Clean up last Saturday.



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also takes 2 points

The Knox City Greyhounds clinched the District basketball title Friday night, Feb. 8, at Haskell with a final 31-26 win over the Spur Bulldogs. Knox City, Spur and Jayton finished the regular season in a threeway tie for first place in the district standings; therefore the teams played for the title, bragging rights as well as 2nd and 3rd place standings for post season play.

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The Hounds met the Jayton

Jaybirds on Thursday evening in Haskell; and rolled past them in a 57-40 victory.

Bandy Moeller led the Hounds at the hoop with 18 points followed by Jordan Carter with 15 and Shane Strickland with 12. "This was probably the best game we've played this year," began Coach Moore following the Jayton game. "We shot well, and played intense defense. This was also one of our best rebounding games. I

Samantha Esquivel #22 nets 2 for

the Houndettes

Shane Strickland #55 reaches for the net for another points

am really proud of this team."second halAfter the win against Jayton, theled the HoHounds faced the Spur Bulldogs17 pointson Friday. It would be the17 pointsthird game of the week for thecarter withGreyhounds; and probably theclinched thone with the most riding on it .over Spur.. the title. The game was a de-They wfensive battle between the twoArea playteams. The Greyhounds out-of Februarscored the Bulldogs 21-14 in theplace andfirst half; but the Bulldogs did notgreyhoundsgive up without a fight by out-Greyhoundstitle.13-10 in the

Houndettes Close Basketball Season With 44-24 Loss To Lady 'Stangs

The Houndettes closed out their basketball season last Tuesday, Feb. 5, against the Benjamin Mustangs in a 24-44 loss.

Knox City struggled with their shooting in the first half of play, scoring only three points in the first sixteen minutes of action.

However, the second half proved the Houndettes' tenacity and ability to bounce back. "At half-time we talked about playing for pride. The girls came out, hustled and executed their offense to close the game gap within 12 points," stated Coach Peters. The Houndettes went 8-17 on the year. "This season, I am most proud of how we have closed the gap on the skills and knowledge level of the game between the younger and older team members," commented Coach Peters.

second half of play. M.J. Abila led the Hounds at the net with 17 points followed by Jordan Carter with 7. The Greyhounds clinched the District Basketball title for Knox City with the win over Spur

They will move on to the Area play-off game the week of February 18-22. The time, place and opponent has yet to be determined. Congratulations Greyhounds on your District title.

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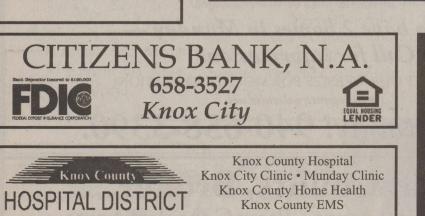
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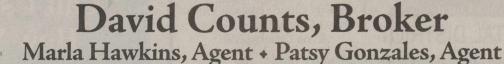
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