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Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
What do yo mean,
there's a fifty fifty
chance?

Whoever said "there's a fifty fifty chance" or "it's six of one and half a dozen of the other" obviously doesn't suffer from the "luck" that most folks do!

I, for one, believe that the deck is stacked in favor of Murphy's Law...you know, the one that says "Whatever can happen will".

As a classic example, consider a set of doors. Simple, double doors that grace the fronts of businesses by the hundreds and thousands.

There is a fifty fifty chance that you can push on one side and it will open...even if the other side is locked, right? Wrong. As far as I'm concerned I'll bounce off the locked side about eighty-five percent of the time, not fifty!

The same goes for the push or pull function. Theoretically one should have an even chance of getting it right, but again, the odds seem against most of us.

Of course, we could all take the time to read the push or pull instructions that usually are there, but most of us seldom do.

I can't tell you the times I've had an even chance of being selected for something, or winning something, but the luck of the draw just has not been with me yet. The only thing I ever won was a free "make over" and it was a disaster. It took weeks for my hair to get over the shock!

Supposedly there is an equal chance for parents-to-be to have a girl or a boy, yet we all know people with an entire flock of girls or boys. I met a family once that had six girls and one boy. So much for equal chances!

We all know people who lead charmed lives...they win at bingo, they win at the lottery, they win drawings and raffles.

Most of us can only look at them with awe.

While I can't complain about my overall luck (I think we've been very fortunate) I can honestly say that the odds seem against me in the "little lotteries of life".

Or, is it that I, and most other people, just don't think about all those times that we DO get it right the first time? Do we just not note the times the door opens on the first try. Hmmm. Nope, I still think I'm either on the losing end of those fifty fifty chances, or else the chances aren't even to begin with!

People 'n Things

The Pattonville breakfast for January 18 has been cancelled.

Prairiland PISD will dismiss classes on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 21st.

Cunningham Baptist Church cook-books are available for \$8.00 each at the following locations: Allen's Food Mart, Guaranty Bank, City Drug, the Times office and Deport School in Deport.

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Deport Councils discusses street repairs

After clearing the agenda of routine matters such as approving minutes, financial reports and giving the okay to pay bills Monday night the Deport City Council settled into taking care of business at hand.

David Falls of Hayter Engineering discussed the final draw on grant #714239, street repairs and final inspection on grant #703040.

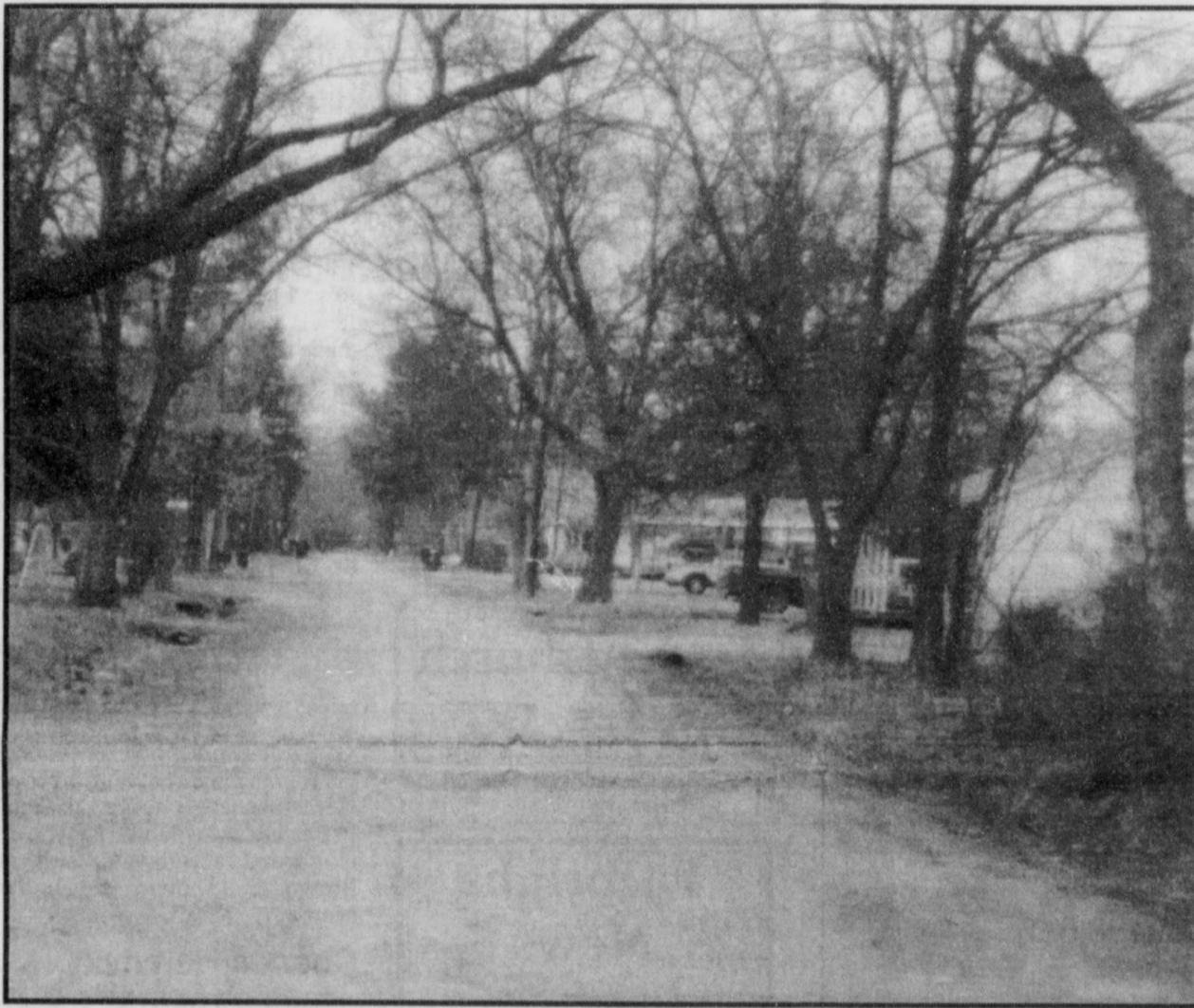
Council agreed to wait until next month's meeting to approve the final draw in order to allow the contractor enough time to pay all bills. The council also gave Hayter Engineering the go-ahead to advertise for bids for street repairs on College, Depot and Trail Streets within the city.

McClanahan and Holmes was named to conduct an audit by the council.

No action was taken on the proposed storage buildings to be built inside the city limits by Neil Rozell.

The council tabled the issue pending viewing the building plan.

They agreed to pay \$50 due on resolution on Texas Good Roads, and approved the insurance (workman's compensation) for the Deport Volunteer Fire Department members



MAJOR Street repairs are planned for College Street in Deport. The street is 11 to 12 feet wide presently. Plans are to pulverize the surface of the street, then put a layer of rock, which will be used to build up the road and finish with an asphalt top. The road will be 21 feet wide with an 18 foot driving surface upon completion. Portions of Depot and Trail Streets will be replaced in the same manner. Work on the streets could start by June of this year. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



"LOST IN THE STORM" was the title of the play Mrs. Ford's Fourth grade presented Tuesday to other classes. It was about a cattle drive on the Chisolm trail, and was part of social studies and reading for the class. Class members played the part cowboys, cooks, cattle and even had a "real" campfire. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Basketball Games reversed on schedule

According to Coach Charlie Martin, the Prairiland Varsity Boys and Girls games were "flip flopped" on the schedules sent home.

He would like everyone to know that Prairiland will play this Friday, January 17 AT Como Picton, and next Tuesday they will play AT Prairiland against Honey Grove.

Hunter Education Course To Be Held

A mandatory Hunter Education Clas will be held January 20, 21, 23 and 24 starting at 6 p.m. at the Blossom School Cafeteria. Call Danny McHam at 982-6893 or Greg Williford at 737-9846 for complete information or to sign up.

Prairiland Board tends to short agenda

The Prairiland CISD Board of Trustees extended Superintendent L.C. Stout's contract was extended through June of 1999.

The board reviewed district policy complaint procedures, but took no action.

They went into executive session at 8:05 p.m. and came out at 9:45 p.m.

The minutes were read and approved, the financial statement for December and tax report were approved and payment of December bills okayed.

In attendance were Board members Chet Downs, Charles Fendley, David Basinger, Virgil Jones, Billy Sessums and Clyde Bankhead and Johnny Patterson.

Winter Storm breaks up, conditions better than predicted

Northeast Texas was fortunate the first part of the week when a major cold front that was predicted to dump snow, sleet and ice on the area broke up and did not paralyze the area Tuesday. Temperatures all that day remained in the 20 degree range, and only the occasional rattle of sleet fell. During Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning rain began to

fall, icing porches and steps, gravel roads and bridges severely. However, temperatures rose above freezing, and more rain fell de-icing roads and leaving only bridges slick. This was a definite improvement from what would have occurred if the rain and sleet had fallen on Tuesday.

Some area schools began classes late in order to give the roads time to become safe for travel.

Deport Clinic announces expanded hours

St. Joseph's Deport Family Clinic has announced Expanded Hours to better serve their patients.

The hours are currently in effect and are as follows: Monday 11 a.m.-12 noon, 1:00 p.m. til 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Fridays the clinic is open from 7:00 a.m. until noon, then from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The expanded hours will allow people to see the doctor or nurse practitioner before going to work, or after work, or before or after school. It is hoped this will make it more convenient for patients to obtain the medical care they need.

Appointments are preferred, however walk-ins will be worked in.

Call 652-4040 to make an appointment.

Polling place named for Saturday Election. Vote for or against pay increase for Lamar Co. Sheriff's Department

Polls will be open on Saturday, January 18, 1997 for voters in Lamar County to cast their vote for or against pay raises for the employees of the Lamar County Sheriff's Department.

Voting locations will be: Blossom Pct. 1, First Methodist Church; Pct. 4 Church of the Nazarene; Cunningham, First Baptist Church; Deport-First Baptist Church; Pattonville, Pattonville Community Center.



NEW OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT: Daniel Womack will be operating the Diamond Shamrock Station in Deport. The station has been operated as Roach Oil Company for the past several years. As of Saturday, January 11, Gary Bryant of Paris purchased the business. The name has been changed to Deport Shamrock. Most of the same services offered by Roach Oil Company will be offered by Deport Shamrock. The business will be open Monday through Friday and until noon on Saturday. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Books donated to Deport Library

The following books have been donated to the Deport Library. The person to whose memory the book is

In Memory of	Book Title	Donated by
Gary Reilly	Goofy Visits Plato	Paige & Jordan Freeman
	Three Orphaned Kittens	Larry & Ann Bee Salter
	The Crippled Lamb	Leslie & Paula Taylor
	Cats and Carols	Doris a& Paul Jackson
	Count On Me	Buddy & Tracy Freeman
Cleo Salter	The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey	Leslie & Paula Taylor
	Town Mouse Country Mouse	Charlie & Jenita Baker
	The Snow Speaks	Ronnie & Linda Baker
	One Wintery Night	Prairiland ISD
John Dickinson, Sr.	Parable of the Sower	Juanita Davis
Barry Gardner	Parable of the Vineyard	Juanita Davis
Tracy Harvey	Alabaster's Song	Laura Wright
Lola Glover	Legend of the Poinsettia	Pam McKee
Gilbrt Huddleston	Leaves from a Child's Garden of Verses	Paula & Leslie Taylor
	Rodeo Day	Carol Jones
Wilburn Nichols	Cowboy Charlie	Pam McKee
	The Sweetwater Run	Johnny & Fran Patterson
Odis Watson	The Magic School	Buddy & Traci Freeman

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Country Cooking

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Liz Irwin

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Okay! It is that time of year again! The holidays are over with. . . all of the decorations are packed up. . . well, with the exception of that extra strand of lights you forgot to pack and that roll of ribbon and an ornament or two that was left on the coffee table. . . everything is back to normal. Did I say normal! You can't button those jeans! Sweats feel wonderful. Who needs a belt anyway? I'll start exercising tomorrow. . . yea, call me and we will walk a mile or two!

It is the time of year when everyone is down to the old New Year's Resolution! Have you broken it yet? Fudged just a little maybe? Okay, dieting is no fun. . . but you will feel better after you get rid of that spare tire! Or maybe a set of spare tires for some of us! It is not easy to diet. Those of us that have no will power will never see a size 6 again (not that I ever saw one to begin with)! What was it your mom always bought. . . 6 Husky. Now everyone has a large department and you can get just a bout any size you want. . . but you will still feel better, the old heart

will run better, and the high blood pressure will drop, if you lose around 10 pounds.

I have rounded up some recipes for the sweet tooth to go along with all of that chicken, fish, carrots and broccoli that we are going to consume in the next few weeks! What about it gang! Are you ready? Let me know how you make out!

Refrigerator Bran Muffins Surprise is not so low-cal, but it will keep you regular with all of the bran cereal and they are very good!

Apple Bran Muffins are very good too and only 170 calories.

Pumpkin Muffins are another good snack along with the Apple Carrot Muffins.

I have also included a Lo-cal Casserole and to top it off. . . Lo-Cal Ice Cream.

And just in case (after all, the weatherman has promised the last few weeks). . . I added a recipe for **SNOW ICE CREAM!** Does anybody have any fond memories of making this and a recipe? Let me know!

Hope you have enjoyed this and we will see you in the kitchen!

January 16, 1997

Refrigerator Bran Muffin Surprise

1-1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup solid shortening
2 eggs
2-1/2 cups flour
2-1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups buttermilk
1 cup boiling water
2 cups all-bran
1 cup 100% bran
1 cup Quaker 100% Natural cereal
3/4 cup raisins or nuts
3/4 cup diced apple

Mix first 7 ingredients and pour boiling water over 100% bran-let absorb and cool-add to dry ingredients, plus milk and other ingredients. Stir well, cover and refrigerate. Do not stir again. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes. Keeps in refrigerator for up to 5 weeks. Peanut butter and other fruits may be substituted for apples.

Apple-Bran Muffins

1 cup applesauce
1 medium tart apple-diced
1 cup 100% bran cereal
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup oil
2 large eggs
1 cup wheat bran
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup whole wheat flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease twelve muffin tins. Combine applesauce, apple, cereal, sugar, oil and eggs in large bowl. Let stand for 5 minutes. Combine bran, flours, baking powder, cinnamon and salt in another bowl. Stir dry ingredients into apple mixture until just blended. Spoon into prepared muffin tins. Bake 20 minutes and cool for 5 minutes in pan. Cool completely.

Pumpkin Muffins

1 cup boiling water
1/2 cup oil
2-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1 cup honey
1 cup buttermilk
1 cup pumpkin
2 eggs
2-1/2 cup wheat flour
2 cups all-bran
1 cup wheat germ
1 cup chopped pecans
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

Combine first 4 ingredients in large bowl; let cool. Stir in buttermilk, pumpkin and eggs. Combine flour and remaining ingredients; make a well in cen-

ter and add pumpkin mixture; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. Spoon batter into muffin tins sprayed with non-sticking spray and bake for 20 minutes. Batter can be refrigerated up to 3 days.

Apple-Carrot Muffins

2 medium sized apples
2-2/3 cup wheat flour
3 teaspoon baking powder
1-1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
3/4 teaspoon mace
1/3 cup wheat germ
3 eggs
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup shortening
3/4 cup finely grated carrots
3/4 cup chopped walnuts

Sift flour with baking powder, salt and spices. Stir in wheat germ. Beat eggs with sugar and add shortening, diced apples, carrot and dry mixture. Mix until all flour is moistened. Stir in walnuts. Spoon into muffin tins and bake at 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes.

Lo-Cal Casserole

1 small cabbage head
1 pound ground lean beef or turkey
1 small onion
1/3 cup raw rice
1 can tomato soup
1 can water

Chop cabbage and place in greased casserole. Sauté meat and onion; stir in rice. Pour on top of cabbage. Mix soup with water and pour over casserole. Cover and bake 350 degrees for 1 hour. 199 calories per serving.

Lo-Cal Ice Cream

4 eggs-beaten
1 pint half and half
1 pint whipping cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
65 packets of Equal sweetener
4 sliced bananas or 1 pint fruit
1/2 cup nuts

Do not cook. Mix and beat ingredients together. Pour in freezer and fill with milk.

Snow Ice Cream

2 quarts milk
2 cups sugar
8 eggs
flavoring desired

Heat milk and sugar for 5 minutes. Do not boil. Pour hot milk over beaten eggs and add flavoring. Beat well. Cool and pour into glasses half-filled with fresh clean snow. Serve at once.

If a friend is in trouble, don't annoy him by asking if there is anything you can do. Think up something appropriate and do it!

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Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
652-6051



Worth Baker came home Sunday from Red River Healthcare Center after suffering several weeks there recuperating from hip surgery.

Several in the community have been ill with the flu and symptoms including Jimmie King, James Latimer, Loyd Cavender, Marla Crump, Marie Legate and probably others. We hope they get better soon.

Betty Rodgers, Monty and Shelley Rodgers went to Dallas Saturday shopping.

Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga made a business trip to Sherman Sunday.

Betty Rodgers visited Marcella Wright Monday evening.

Loyd Cavender was visited by his daughter, Helen Roebuck of Reno.

Red River County Roots

This week's query is from Mrs. Willetta Kessler, 2636 South 8th St., Springfield, IL 62703-3831. Her grandfather, Alexander Hume Cooper (31 July, 1851-April, 1939) was born in AR, and died near Medill, Lamar County. Buried Springhill Cemetery. His wife, Rebecca Elizabeth Causey, was born 1861 MS and died 1890, Blossom, Tx. She is buried in Knights of HONor Cemetery. Trying to locate information about either, but especially Rebecca and her Causey relatives. She was a sister of William "Will" S. Causey, who lived in Detroit in the 1920's. Will's wife was Mahala. Other Causeys who lived in the Detroit area may have been related. Alexander Cooper had brother, Bennie Cooper and a Melvin Cooper was also related.

If you can help Mrs. Kessler, please write to her at the above address.

To have a query placed in this column, please write to: Red River Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, TX 75426.

Obituaries

Vertie Allen dies January 11

Vertie Estelle Parks Allen, age 80 of Blossom died Saturday, January 11 in Cherry Street Annex Nursing Home.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel of Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home with the Rev. Glen Renfro and Bill O'Neal officiating. Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Allen was born September 13, 1906 in Lamar County, a daughter of Mack and Tora Annie Walter Parks. She married Gilbert Lambert Allen on August 18, 1928 in Pattonville. He died June 23, 1984. Mrs. Allen was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church of Blossom.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Jerry Donald and Joyce Allen of Blossom; two grandsons, Donald Mike Allen and wife Kathy of Huntsville and Paul David Allen and wife Rita of Pearlant; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Eulalah Hoosey of Irving and Jeanette Cotton of Commerce; one brother, Gerald Parks of Paris and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Allen was preceded in death by two brothers, Al Parks and A.D. "Bud" Parks.

Bearers were Robert Cheatham, Orville Allen, Dean Parks, Dudley Parks, George Parks and Donald Parks.

Mrs. Ocola Morris dies December 14

Mrs. Ocola Morris of Talco died December 14 in Bogata at Red River Healthcare Center.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 18 at Lillie Hill Baptist Church in Longview with Rev. Eli James Mason officiating. Lewis and Garrett Funeral Home made burial in Lillie Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Morris was born in 1901 in Harrison County, the daughter of Capp and Florence Harris. She married Frank Morris, who preceded her in death, along with one child, Mathis Swain. She lived in Talco since 1971 and attended Lillie Hill Freewill Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters, Oras and Delores Morris of Longview, Frank and Magaline Morris, Jr. of Amarillo, Corine and L.C. Thomas of Bogata and Katherine Swain of Amarillo; 19 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Bearers were James Brown, J.E. Howard, Ernest Swain, Lafayette Brown, Sr., Anthony Brown, Troy Morris.

Charles Hammett dies January 3

Charles Junior Hammett of Galveston died January 3 at his residence there. Services were held at Malloy and Son Funeral Home January 6 at 10:00 a.m. with entombment in Grace Memorial Park in Alta Loma.

Charles Junior Hammett was born in Cunningham on September 19, 1923, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hammett. He retired from Dickson and Wealthproof Company.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy of the home; four step-children and two sisters, Mallie Rodgers of Lakewood, CA and Mildred Howard of Paris; two brothers, B.W. Hammett of Lyons, KS and Hal Hammett of Texas City.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the visits, prayers, phone calls, donations, cards and food and the kindness shown us during the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to Bro. Renfro and Wood Funeral Home for their services.

The Family of Duane White

Card of Thanks

I would like to say "Thank You" to Dr. Miller and the Central Hall staff at Red River Healthcare Center in Bogata in behalf of Ocola Morris.

Letha Brown

Card of Thanks

To my many friends and family who called, sent flowers, brought food, sent cards, visited, thought of and prayed for me, I can't say thanks enough. What a great privilege to have friends like you. This is the way life should be. Thanks again for all you do.

In Christ,

Chad Barnes

Mary Pomroy Stone dies January 10

Mary Pomroy Stone, age 84, merly of Clardy, died Friday, January 10 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Health Center. She was a current resident of Blossom.

Bright-Holland Funeral Home conducted services in the chapel at 2 p.m. Monday with the Rev. Joe Moore officiating. Intement followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Stone was born September 1912 in Red River County, a daughter of Claude and Eller Mas Parkess. She worked for nine years as a licensed vocational nurse at Joseph's Hospital and Health Center and then for 16 years for Holywell Vassarrette as a seamstress.

She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church for more than 50 years along with Mrs. Virgie was a loverly gospel singing and music. She was active in church work.

She married Elmer D. Pomroy February 15, 1929 in Hugo, Ok. After his death on November 1, 1969, she married Hershel S. Stone October 1, 1971 in Deport. He died June 5, 1996.

Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara and Roy Allen of Blossom and Mrs. Harriet (Neva) Dillard of Duncanville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, J.C. and Barbara Pomroy and Bobby and Judy Pomroy, all of Clardy; a step-daughter and son-in-law, Onita and Kenneth Short of Paris; a son-in-law, Fred Skidmore of Clardy; two sisters, Bertie Hadaway of Kilgore and Bobbie Russell of Houston; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren, six step-great-grandchildren and five step-great-great-grandchildren.

The bride- was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; two brothers, one sister and a daughter, Robb, Jean Skidmore.

Bearers were Johnny Hatcher, Weldon Stone, Bobby Harrell, Rena Merritt, Charles Kennedy, Bennie Short, Charlie Pomroy, Johnny Pomroy, Carl Hatcher and Lewis Clement.

George Junior Wilson dies January 14

George Junior Wilson, age 73, Dallas, formerly of Lamar and Tarrant Counties, died Monday, January 13 in Balch Springs.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 16 in Pleasant Grove Baptist Temple in Dallas with R.D. Wade officiating. Graves services were set for 2:30 p.m. Talco Cemetery.

He was born December 26, 1923 in Paris, and married the former Francis Emelene Hamlett in Paris July 9, 1944. He was ordained gospel ministry in December, 1944 and pastored churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Colorado. He organized four new churches during his ministry.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank each and every one who helped make our lent cake and pieauction a success. special thank you to Judy Easley for making our beautiful PIP cake. It means a lot to these young people see how much you come out and support them. Being a PIP member every time they leave the floor, they leave a winner! A sincere thank you from:

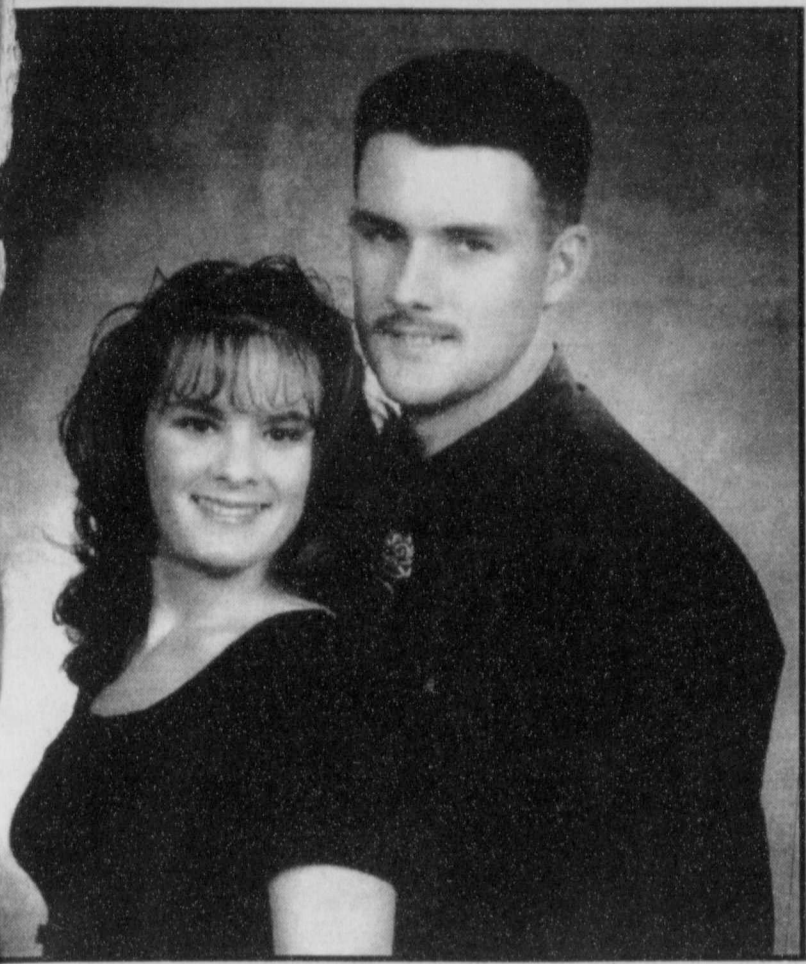
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Alishia Diane Roddy to wed John Keith Bratcher

Roddy-Bratcher announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Roddy of Blossom are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Alishia Diane Roddy to John Keith Bratcher. The couple will be married Saturday, March 8, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Baptist Church on Highway 82 east of Blossom. The Reverend Neil Higginbotham will officiate the ceremony. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jane and the late Talma Roddy of Blossom and Mr. and Mrs. James Fox of Webb City, Missouri. She is a graduate of Prairiland High School and is a student in the Paris Junior College R.N. Program.

She will graduate in May of 1997 with an Associate Degree in Nursing and is currently employed by St. Joseph's Hospital as an L.V.N. Her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry H. Bratcher of Blossom and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Bratcher of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Butler of Paris and Kathryn E. Butler also of Paris. He is a graduate of Prairiland High School and Kilgore College Fire Academy and is employed by the City of Mt. Pleasant as a firefighter, LifeNet EMS of Clarksville and Titus Regional Medical Center EMS in Mt. Pleasant as an EMT Intermediate.



Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith, married 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith honored on 50th anniversary

Weldon Douglas Smith and Melba Joyce Cooper were united in marriage December 21, 1946 in Paris. They were honored with a private 50th anniversary party on Saturday, December 21, 1996 at their home in Bogata by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Those who celebrated the happy

occasion with Weldon and Joyce were Randall, Mona and Jason Childres of Magee, MS, Stephen and Brandi Childres of Ellisville, MS, Charles and Jenita Baker of Cunningham, Donovan, Sherry, Brock, Hillary Baker, Randy, Jenissa and Heather Stephen of Paris.

Lamar County Sheriff's Report. . . .

January 11, 1997-1 minor accident, 1 grass fire, 1 miscellaneous public, 1 burglary of building, 2-911 violations, 2 noise disturbance, 1 criminal misheif, 1 suspicious vehicle with 187 inmates.

January 12, 1997-2 stranded motorist, 1 criminal misheif, 1 stray animal, 1 suspicious person, 2 assist, 1 arrest, 1 suspicious vehicle with 187 inmates.

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Lady Pats drop district to Chisum

By Michael Richardson

Chisum was holding a 5-0 record and the Lady Pats were trying their hardest to deal them their first defeat. However, it was meant to be as the Lady Pats fell 47-56. The game was closer than the nine points deficit indicates as the Lady Pats had to resort to fouling in the final minutes of the game to try and gain control of the ball and of course the Lady Mustangs were making their foul shots.

Cari Irwin and Katha Crawford both fouled out during the fourth quarter, but did an excellent job holding Chisum's big post girls way below their average scoring. The JV fell also fell to 21-27 with Brandi Patterson hitting for 9 points.

Friday night saw the ladies travel-

ing to the Lone Oak area for another district match. Once again the ladies played hard but fell short 63-70. Despite a 3/5-3 point performance from Sesums and a 3/9 from Upchurch, the ladies had trouble with the short shots under the goal.

Irwin had a good night, rebounding for 12 and Crawford grabbed 8. Overall the Lady Pats are hanging with their district opponents although they now stand 14-7, 2-4.

11-AA is one of the toughest districts in the state and the Lady Patriots have posed a threat to every opponent in the district.

The JV team also fell to Lone Oak 23-26 with Stacy Harrison having 13 points.

Prairiland 47-Chisum 56					
	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Free Throws	Points
Brandi Upchurch	6	1	4	7/10	18
Breah Sessums	3	4	2	-	7
Cari Irwin	7	1	1	1/2	3
Katha Crawford	4	1	1	3/4	5
Meagan Hatfield	5	2	1	5/9	9
Christy Patterson	3	1	2	-	4
Susan Singleton	1	1	-	-	-
Felicia Taylor	1	-	-	-	-
Prairiland 63-Lone Oak 70					
Brandi Upchurch	5	3	-	5/7	20
Breah Sessums	3	8	1	2/2	19
Cari Irwin	12	-	1	3/5	11
Katha Crawford	8	1	-	1/2	9
Meagan Hatfield	2	3	1	-	-
Christy Patterson	7	1	1	2/2	2
Susan Singleton	1	-	-	-	-
Felicia Taylor	1	-	-	-	2
Kim Gibson	1	-	-	-	-

Prairiland wins over Lone Oak 55-40

Three Patriots scored in the double figures Friday night on the Lone Oak campus 55-40. Todd James scored 14, Cory May 13 and Jeremy Day 12.

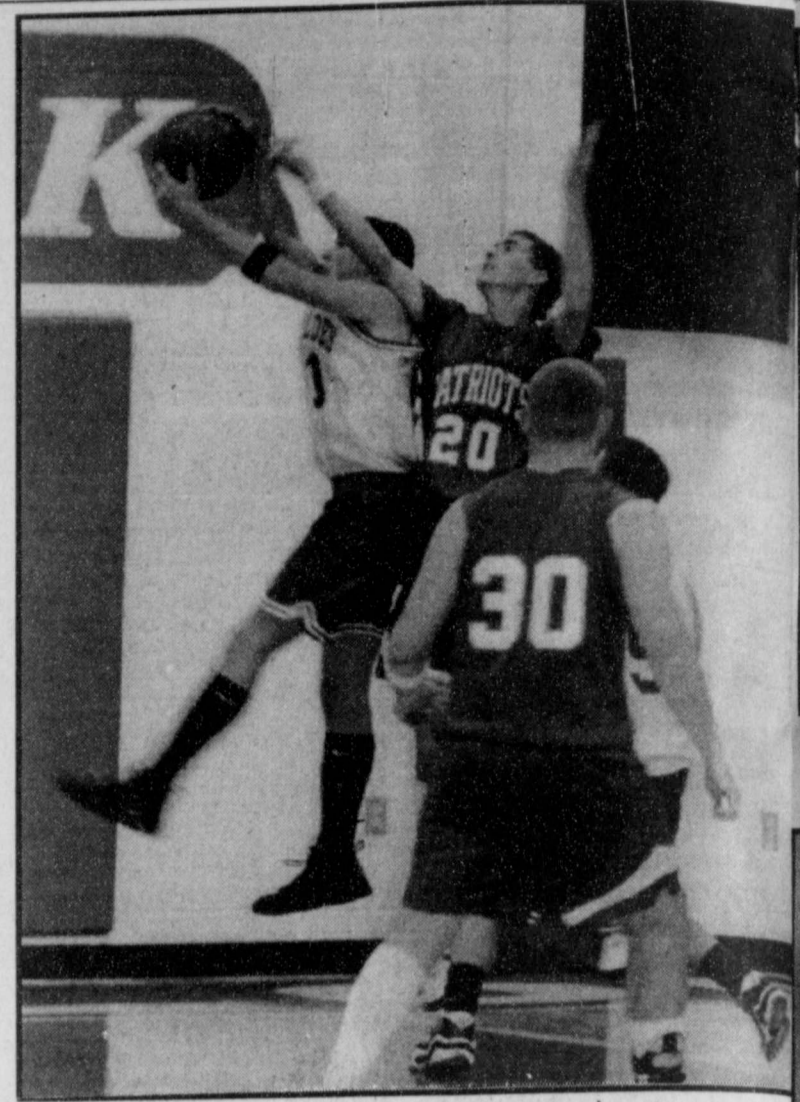
With the game tied at 12-12 at the end of the first quarter. May hit 6 of his 13 points in this quarter. The Pats outscored Lone Oak 11-8 in the second to take the lead 23-20.

Justin Taylor hit for 7 of his 9 points in the fourth quarter and the Pats took the win home. This will get the boys back in contention for a shot at dis-

trict play although their free shooting will need to improve, only hitting 7 of 20.

Prairiland 55-Lone Oak 40

- Todd James 14
- Cory May 13
- Jeremy Day 12
- Justin Taylor 9
- Cary Langston 2
- Jackie Davidson 2
- Drew Owen 2
- Brandon Maroney 2



#20 Patriot Justin Taylor goes up with a Lone Oak player for the rebound in last week's basketball action. The Pats traveled to Lone Oak to take the victory 55-40. #20 David Ford watches the action. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Prairiland High School Calendar of Events

Week of January 20, 1997

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

20 MLK Holiday
 PIP Practice
 21 JVG, JVB, VG, VB, here, 4:30 vs. Honey Grove
 22 Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., Library
 24 JVG, JVB, VG, Vgb at Cooper, 4:30
 25 Little Dribblers 105

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Pattonville News

By Rita Cox 784-0283
Visiting Earline Wilson this week were James, Dorothy Cunningham, Henrietta, S.C. Short, Betty and Summer Slayden and Betty Jo Taylor. Ruby Blevins and Alice Bumgarner, Linnie Bailey visited Ruby's sister in the nursing home. Also Steve and Joan and daughter visited Bill, Ruby this week.

Buster and Louise Crossland visited Travis Crossland on his birthday. Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver of Paris visited T.B. and Louise this week.

Don and Donnie Gentry went to Pittsburg Sunday to an archery shoot. T.J. Fowler's mother, Lucy, spent Thursday night with T.J. and Margaret after getting out of the hospital.

Keith and Peggy Parsons went to Whitehouse to Greg and Connie, Alisen Parsons to celebrate Greg's 37th birthday. Peggy and Keith also went to Detroit Saturday for Drew's ballgame.

Calvin Day's birthday celebration began Thursday when his 7-year old granddaughter, Ashlee Waggoner sang Happy Birthday. Other calls were from his brother, Hammond of Allen, Tex and Jerry Day of Pottsboro, Bob and James Day of Pattonville.

Kolton Edwards of Deport, Paul Bruhn, pastor of Shady Grove United Methodist Church. His sister, Ruth O'Brien of Garland sent him a card. For lunch Calvin was treated to a free lunch by his friends, JoAnn and Howard Lyons of the German Sausage Place. His children had a birthday supper for him. Attending were Kevin Day, Kyle and Kathy Dickson and children, Danny and Lisa Edwards and children.

James and Calvin Day attended the funeral of their cousin, Grace Cunningham Thursday and also visited Ruth Stell of Paris, another cousin.

Drew boren spent Sunday with Bret Burden in Deport. Kadee, Meagan Stogner and Liz went to Allens Chapel.

Ruby Blevins visited David Geer, Lois Sparks, Dorothy McDowra, Mrs. Crawford and Linnie Bailey. Also Mickey Keener visited Bill and Ruby Blevins.

Angie Sepulveda and friend are going to Austin for the weekend. Also we wish our Pattonville Postmaster Barbara Dawson a speedy recovery from surgery.



THE HOMEMAKING CLASSES of Rhonda Bangs and Sandra Graves recently enjoyed visiting the Deport Nursing Home during the holidays. (Staff Photo)



PATTONVILLE POST OFFICE employees Rita Cox, left, and Barbara Dawson, right, held a Customers Appreciation Day on Friday, January 3. Here they visit with David Shelton of Pattonville. They presented each customer with a calendar and key chain. (Staff Photo)



Fire ant quarantine proposed for RR County

During the months of March through July of 1996, the Texas Department of Agriculture surveyed counties in Texas that were not previously quarantined for red imported

fire ant to determine whether the infestation has spread to those areas. As a result, they discovered widespread infestations in Red River County.

The proposed quarantine will require the treatment of all plants, (potted plants, transplants, sod, etc.) for fire ants before they are shipped to non-quarantined counties. It will also require a permit to be obtained from the department prior to shipment.

Furthermore, this action will limit the movement of hay stored in contact with the ground when shipped out of the quarantine areas into Northern and Western markets. All of East Texas is currently quarantined.

A public forum will be held Thursday, January 23 at 11:00 AM in the District Courtroom of the Red River County Courthouse. Representatives of the Texas Department of Agriculture will be on hand to outline the requirements of the quarantine as well as address comments and questions regarding the proposed quarantine.

Anyone interested in attending is invited to do so.

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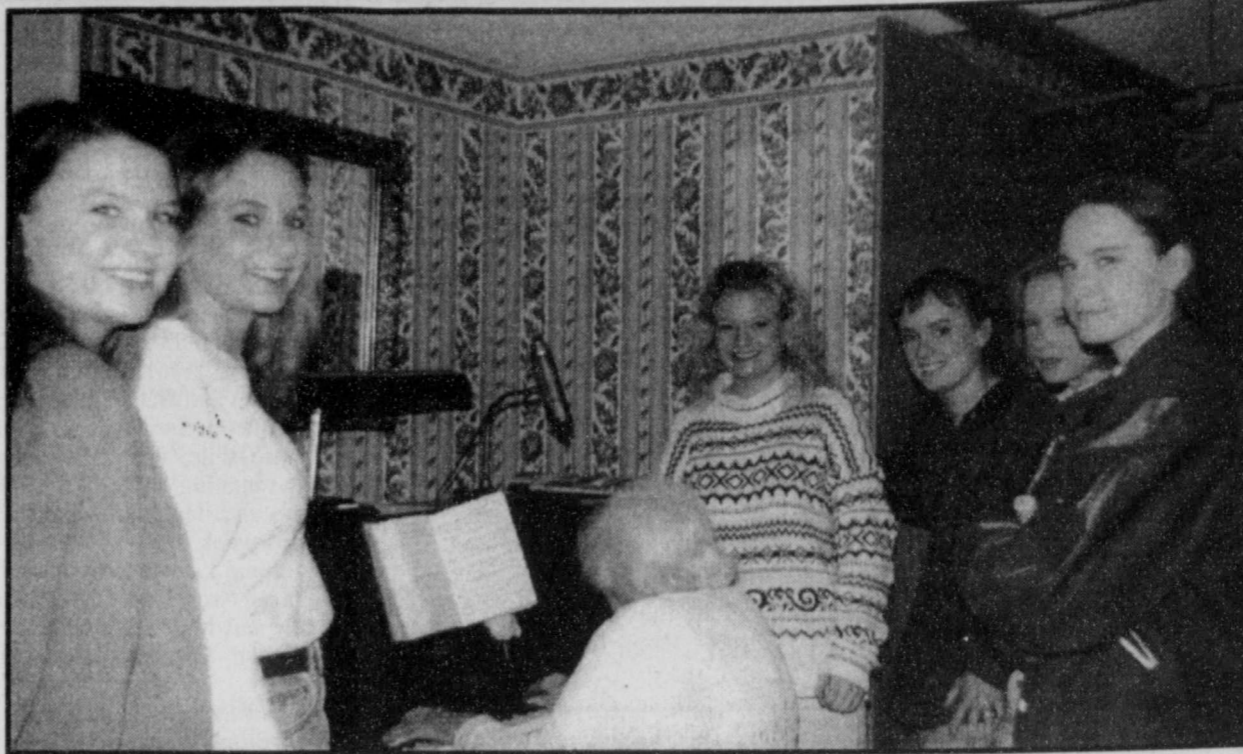
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Blossom Locals
Call YOUR News to 982-5829

Doris Baughn recently visited with Rhonda and Ray Hudson and family in Del Rio.

The second semester at Blossom school has begun and everyone is looking forward to the end of the school year with a little less than 80 days left.

On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland attended the monthly meeting of the Deport Eastern Star.

David and Colleen Cleveland visited with Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland on the phone Sunday. Also with Brett and Tiffany Cleveland of Wichita, Kansas.

The Blossom Volunteer Fire Department's annual chili supper is coming up on Saturday, February 1. Buy your tickets early and support this organization.

Don't forget that the Blossom Neighborhood Girl Scouts on in high gear with their cookie sale for this year.

Angel Henry of Dallas and Marvin Henry of Amarillo were Christmas visitors in the home of Billie Henry recently.

Our condolences to the family of Leon Stewart.

Word was recently recieved of the death of Nettie Smith who was the wife of Eddis Smith who was a former pastor of the Blossom Baptist Church. Sandra Adams of Garland visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Mathena over the weekend.

Jamie Irwin of Palestine spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and family.

Hershal Shands visited with his ister Dorothy Scott of Madisonville and they traveled on to Houston to visit another sister Oleta Ripley last week.

Judy and Haskell Booth had supper with Minnie Lee Shands one day last week.

Jim and Kathy Weddle of Denton enjoyed Sunday visiting with Jr. and Pauline Weddle.



East Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
Call 982-5309

The Post Oak Fire Department held their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday night, January 7 with 8 attending. After the business meeting and some discussions, Verlon Vaughn showed a video.

Johnnie Lee of Post Oak Fire Department and Buford Cleveland of Blossom Department attended the quarterly county-wide department meeting at the Fairgrounds in Paris Monday night, January 16.

Rhoda Lee has some skin cancers

removed from her face last Tuesday. She is improving but is very sore.

Micheal Flatt had his right shoulder cracked in a freak accident while playing ball at his home Saturday afternoon. He was taken to the emergency room Sunday morning.

Stepanie Roberts attended church yesterday with the Mark Bates family.

F. M. Allen is not feeling well and is undergoing tests this week. We have had light snows on Wednesday and Sunday nights.

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Wednesday

Breakfast:
Oatmeal
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Chicken tetrazzini
Salad
Rolls
Fruit cocktail
Milk

Thursday

Breakfast:
Sausage, biscuits
Fresh fruit, jelly
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Taco salad
Pinto beans
Spice cake
Milk

Friday

Breakfast:
Peanut butter rolls
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Hamburger deluxe
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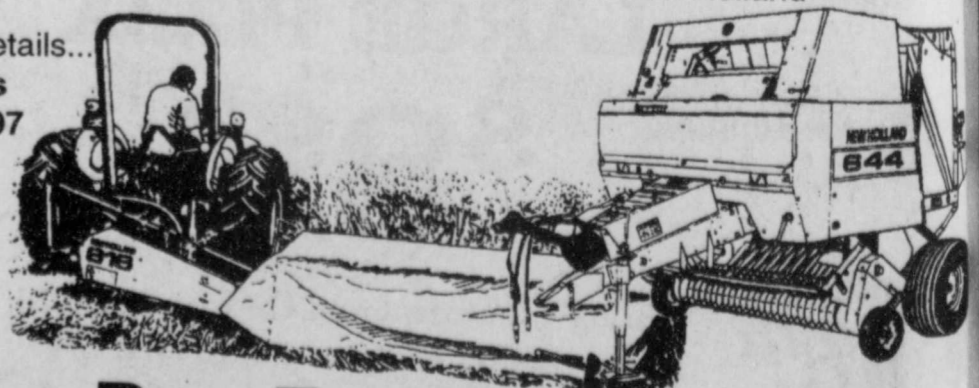
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Cunningham News

By Carol Jean Williams
 Lou Hatfield Call 652-6792



Larry and Frieda Sinclair, bring the message at Cunningham Baptist Church

Family Revival to be held at Cunningham

The congregation of Cunningham Baptist Church would like to invite everyone to come to a Family Revival beginning Sunday, January 26 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday at 7 p.m. The evangelists are Larry, Frieda and their son "Willie Joe" Sinclair of Fairfield. The Sinclairs have been in the ministry with the SBC for over 25 years. Larry and Frieda utilize their god-given talents in singing, chalk art, ventriloquism and of course, preaching, to reach the lost and revive the spiritually defeated.

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Sunday dinner at Jane O'Neals included Sue Jackson from Paris, Karla and Karen Palmer, Bogata, Dwayne & Lisa Drinnon's children, O'Neal & Weston.

Billy Ray Oats was honored with a 50th birthday celebration at the Life Tabernacle Church Saturday night. Neva Jean, children and guests dressed fifties style and the fellowship hall was decorated fifties style. About 75 people attended.

For dinner Sunday, Geneva Norwood had her entire family; Neva, Billy Ray and children; Frankie, Julie and family, Scotty, Treda and family.

Jonathan Arnold visited Charles and Jean Williams over the weekend.

Mary Helen Whitney and great-granddaughter Jayci Whitley; Kathy Miller and Kati visited Billie Pirtle of Bogata on Saturday for lunch and the

afternoon visit.

Ruby Ailes and Carolyn Cochran visited Joe and Ethel Williams this past week.

Nelta Musgrove and Geneva Norwood went to Dallas this past week to visit a friend in Presbyterian Hospital.

Guests for dinner and an afternoon visit with Marie Watson were Bruce Watson and Vicki Davis; Brad and Bret Watson; Dena, Legate and Brooklyn.

Delana and Barbara Dunlap spent Saturday night with Lucy Fowler.

Dinner Guests Sunday of Joe and Georgia Oats were Billy Ray, Neva, Georgina and Brandon Oats and Amanda Durock.

Larry and Pam O'Neal visited his mother, Opal O'Neal in Annona Sunday.

L.D. Malone returned home Saturday afternoon from Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, where he had heart surgery.

Kathryn Sugg and Kathy ate lunch with Linda Klinger, Lindsey Kelsey Sunday. Lindsey spent Sunday night with Kathryn.

Velma Cox visited Walker and Willie Devlin Thursday afternoon.

Ollie Ruth, Carl Buford and June Guthrie from Talco visited Norman and Rachel Sain Monday. They visited them again on Thursday.

Ollie Ruth spent the weekend with Rachel. Monday Ollie Ruth, Carl Buford and June had dinner with Norman and Rachel Sain. Larry and Virginia Bell visited Norman and Rachel Sain Saturday afternoon.

Claudia Whitney is temporarily not feeling well.

Region VIII ES Center Schedules Technology fair

The Region VIII Education Service Center is hosting its second annual Technology Fair from 12 noon to 6:00 P.M., January 23 at the Titus County Civic Center. This year's Fair promises to be bigger and more diversified than last year's. Currently there are 15 vendors scheduled to display their wares ranging from educational software to Internet connectivity products. Some well recognized vendors will include Broderbund, the Learning Company, (MECC and SoftKey), Learning Services and Scholastic, Inc.

In addition, 25 concurrent mini sessions will feature presentations on topics of interest to parents, educators and business people such as Internet, multimedia and desktop publishing applications. Among the

presenters will be students and teachers from the Region VIII area as well as from distant locations such as Gladewater, Bastrop, Fort Worth and Birdville. There is no charge to attend any of the sessions. However, there may be some limitations to the number of seats available in some sessions.

Students from 22 schools in Region VIII have created Internet web pages that feature their schools and their communities. Entries will be judged on the basis of design, style and degree to which schools and communities were featured. For a second contest, teachers and students have created displays that feature technology utilization within their schools. Each of these displays will

be presented during the Fair. Winners of the two contests will be announced at the Fair and all entries will be displayed. A grand prize will be awarded to a lucky person who is among early registrants. For more information about the Fair and registration, contact Sherry Kugler at 903-572-8551.

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Deport Nursing Home News
 By JaLynda Mitchell

Visitors of Johnnie Waren were Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith, Dorothy Holt, Joyce Wilson, Bobbie Bailey, Ruby Blevins, Linnie Bailey and Edith Crawford.

Visiting Mamie Fletcher were Dorothy Whie, Clyde Rhodes, Lila Screws, Becky Proctor and Denny Fletcher.

Margaret and Cecil Allen, William Geer, Alice Bumgarner and Irene Walker visited David Geer.

Billie Sawyer's visitors were Laura Sawyer, Nell Gardner, and Mary Sawyer.

Bonnie Johnson was visited by Poly and Clara, Jim and Sharon Johnson.

Visitors of Henry Jacks were Sally and J.E. Burkett and Mary Lambert. Irene Walker and Patsy Ward visited Edith Franklin.

Tammy Aubrey visited her grandmother, Ima Griffin.

Visiting Jewel Smith were Darrell Smith, Dale Smith, Larry and Shirley Haskell, Larry Smith, Bobby and Ronnie Merchant, Charlie Dale Smith, Donald Ray & Dynetta Smith.

Pat Talley visited Betty Gardner. Floy Sparks' visitors were Nina Sparks, Keith & Peggy Prsons, and Mavis Sowards.

Earl Sain was visited by Phyllis Phillips.

Visitors of Gilbert Marshall were Cecil & Margaret Allen, and Melvin Marshall.

Visiting Sara Gilmer were Dewey and Marlin Thomas, Weldon and Joyce Smith, Suzann and Kyle Shovan.

Terry Johnson was visited by Joyce Wilson, Dorothy Holt and Cecil and Margaret Allen.

Brodie Bell's visitor was Martha Glover.

Tony & Kathy Corso visited Loretta McMurray.

Gene hulsey visited Lora Hulsey. Visitors of Milow Hume were Paul and Weldon Hume, Weldon and Joyce Wilson and James Paul Hume.

Visiting James and Sarah Wilson were Larry and Jackie Wilson. Wynell Gilbreath visited Grace Griffin.

Jane Rhoades was visited by Patti Amis and Becky Hayes. Dean and Dorothy Babb's visitors were Karla Burk.

Visitors of Linnie Bailey were Ruby Blevins, Alice Bumgarner, Pat and Debra Bailey, Mavis Sowards, Rosina Martin, Juanita Dune, and Willie Mae Speir.

Visiting Johnnie McLemore were John McLemore, Ulis and Joann Bailey, Nannie Ham and Harel McLemore.

Pam Humphrey visited Genevieve Humphrey.

Lena Powell's visitors were Sue Hart and Jamie Martin.

Terry McDowra was visited by Cherry Walker and Sue Salter.

Barbara and Fred Biggerstaff visited Don O'Dea.

Paula Pervis visited her mother Marietta Parsons.

Jo Wrenn was visited by Pam Campbell, Chance Crawford, Joyce Wilson, Dorothy Holt and Reba Muncelle.

Visiting Russell Grant were Alice Bumgarner, Lennie Bailey, Tom Foley, and Nancy Murphy.

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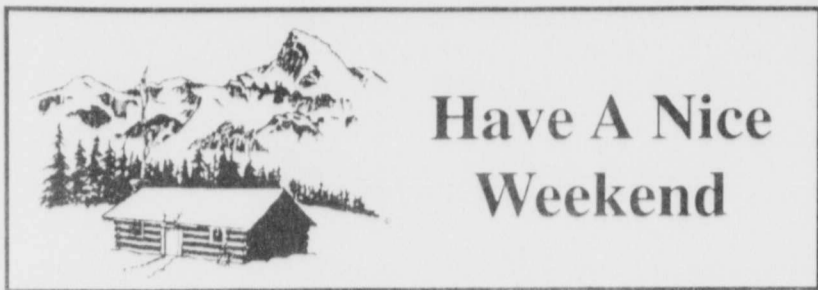
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Author Cindy Boettcher, a member of Texas A&M's Class of 1976, spent six months consulting with Texas A&M University students, officials and members of its Corps of Cadets to create a story that was true to the university's traditions and character.

"Anna Meagan" (note the initials are A and M) is a retelling of the classic Cinderella fairy tale, only this time it's set on the Texas A&M campus and the Aggie mascot, a collie named Reveille, serves as the fairy god-dog.

"I love children's stories and have collected various versions of the Cinderella story for years," said Boettcher. "I got the idea for Anna Meagan after taking (Texas A&M professor) Donna Norton's children's literature class. One assignment was to write a different twist to a classic fairy tale. I got to thinking about this story line and thought, 'Why not?'"

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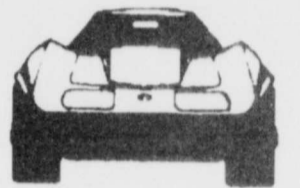
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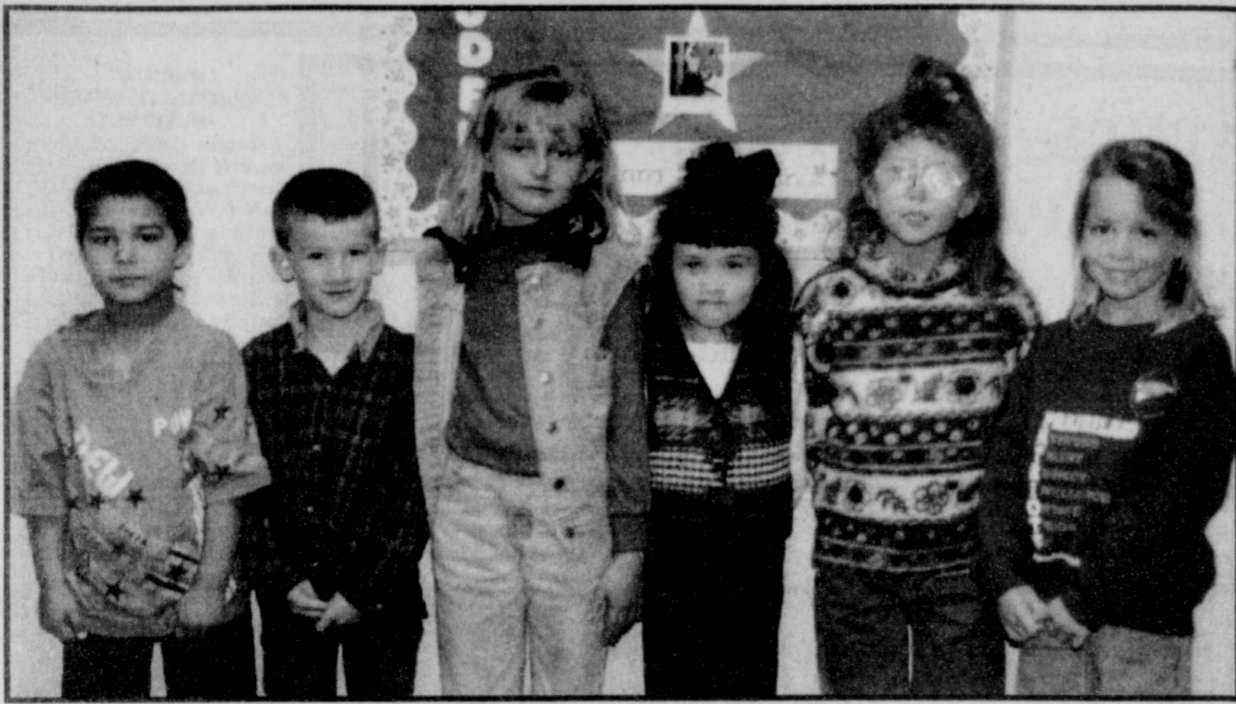
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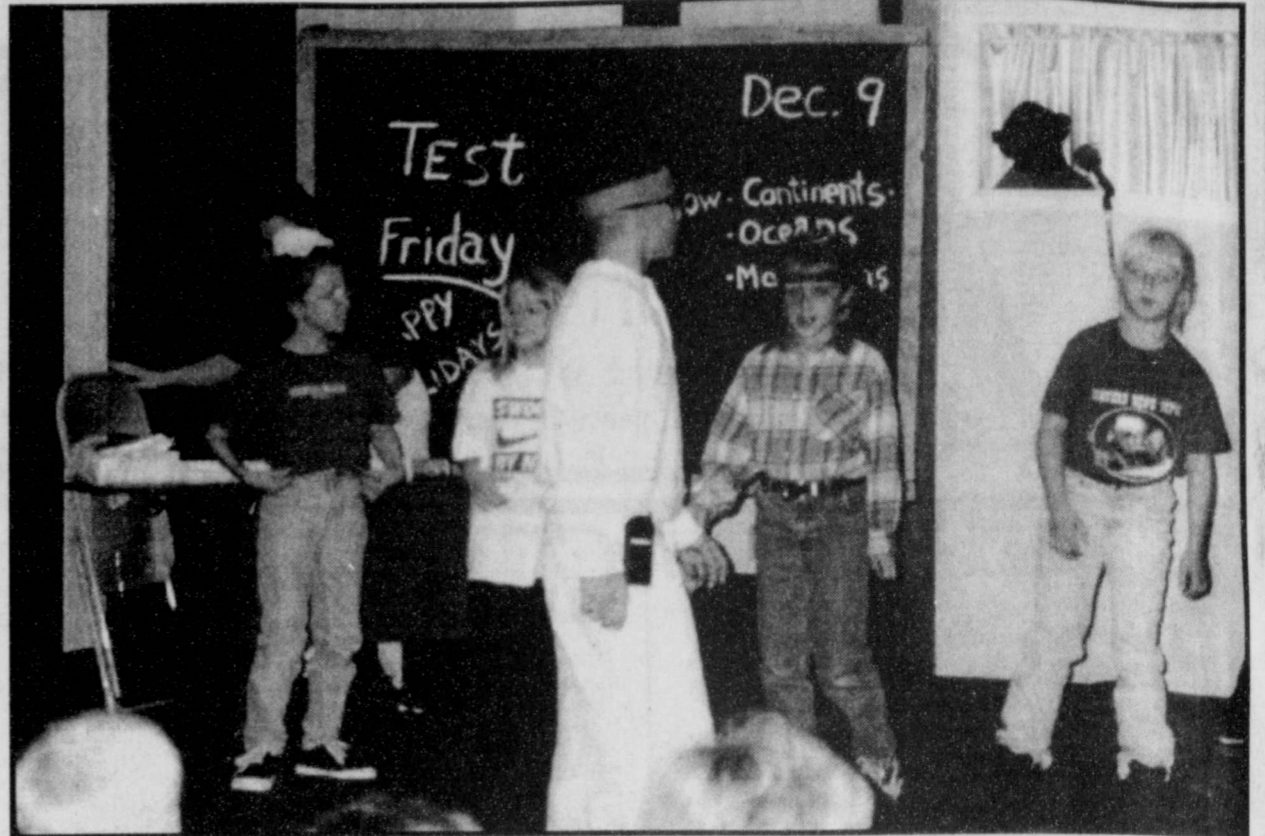
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STAR STUDENTS-Deport Elementary has named their star students recently. From left are, Kindergarten, Stephen Allen and Blake Barnes; First grade, Sarah Murdock and Paige Freeman and second grades Hali Screws and Kalee Graham. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH presented their annual Christmas program. (Staff Photo)

From The Pastor's Heart

A Parable of "A Lighthouse Tragedy"

On a dangerous seacoast there was a crude lifesaving station. It was just a hut, having only one boat. But the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea and went out night and day searching tirelessly for the lost.

Many lives were rescued by this wonderful little station. Soon it became famous. Those rescued began to give time and money for its support. New boats were bought and crews trained. The old hut was replaced with a better building and the emergency cots gave way to better furniture.

The lifesaving station became a popular meeting place for its members; they decorated it beautifully and began to use it as a sort of a club. The members began losing interest in lifesaving missions so lifeboat crews were hired for the work. The lifesaving motifs still prevailed in the club decorations, and there was a liturgical lifeboat in the room where club initiations were held.

One night, a large ship was wrecked off the coast and the hired crews brought in loads of wet, half-drowned people. They were dirty and sick and the beautiful club rooms were considerably messed up.

There was a split in the club membership: most of the members wanted to stop the lifesaving activities as an unpleasant hindrance to the normal social life of the club. Some members insisted on lifesaving as their primary purpose, but they were voted down and were told if they wanted to rescue drowning people they could start their own lifesaving station down the coast. They did.

As the years passed, the new station experienced the same changes that had happened in the old. It evolved into a club, and yet another lifesaving station was built. History continued to repeat itself, and if you visit that coast today, you will find a number of exclusive clubs along the shore. Shipwrecks are frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown.

This was an article I had come across recently that was written over 20 years ago.
Tony Corso

Education is the best provision for old age.
—Aristotle

Deport Little Dribblers action

The Deport Little Dribblers teams played at Detroit on Saturday, January 11. Here are the top scorers for each game.

They will be playing on Saturday, January 18 at Chisum starting at 10:00 a.m.

4th grade boys-Deport 19 and Detroit 14. Brent Burden-6, Trevor Norwood 11 and Marty Anderson 2.

4th grade girls-Deport 28-Detroit 0. Kandi Wright 4, Whitney Turner 6, Rachelle Yarbrough 2, Whitney Brook 2, Breanna Holly 4, Britney Martin 2, Rachel Murdock 6 and Johnna Patterson 2.

5th grade boys-Deport 16 Detroit 18. Dakota Mitchell 4, Kevin Gilbert 6, Chris Brunson and Bradley Brown 2.

5th grade girls-Deport 10 Detroit 21. Sarah Tubbs 8 and Erika Norwood 2.

6th grade boys-Deport 29 Detroit 22. Nathan Burden 1, Cody Cavender 3, Jeremiah Jones 2, Casey Elliott 11, Bryan Murdock 8 and Chris Basinger 4.

6th grade girls-Deport 23 Detroit 19 in overtime. Lacy Davis 12 and Leslie Davis 11.

Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

Kenda Blackburn of Sylvan spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Allen.

Randy, Cindy and Amy Talley of Deport visited Bill and Edna Talley Sunday.

Allen Dale and Stacy Huddleston visited his mother, Martha Allen of Deport Friday night. Also there were Charity Huddleston and Bonnie Ruth Huddleston of Bogata.

Our sympathy to Bert and Cindy

Filkins on the death of his grandmother in Michigan.

Keith Pettit of DeSoto spent Saturday with his mother and husband, Beuna and Bob Marshall and celebrated Buena's birthday.

Billie Goheen of Arlington spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch.

Johnny, Kathy and Rena Holt had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. James Holt Monday.

Traci Chipman, Riley and Connor spent Sunday with her parents, Ed and Sandra Burnett of Cunningham.

The family of George and Nell Wolf had dinner with them Friday night and they celebrated Sherrie's 175th birthday.

Allen Dale and Stacy Huddleston had lunch Sunday with her parents, Donny and Laura Wright of deport.

Visiting James and Dorothy Holt Sunday were Kay Woodard, Tim Parks, Dale Williams and Haley.

Deport Locals

By Barbara Crawford
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Thomas and Nanalee Nichols returned from a visit to Bob and Medora Williams at Pt. Isabel. On the way down they toured Victoria and Goliad. While there they attended a party in honor of Leota Miller's birthday, went to Nuevo Progresso and Matamoros Mexico. They toured the King Ranch at Kingsville on their return trip home.

Hugh Jeffus, Sr. celebrated his 86th birthday January 7th with flowers, cards and a cake, plus visits and calls from friends and family.

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Temple of Lubbock visited his mother Reba Temple last week. Her sister Bobbye Bailey of Houston is staying for a longer visit. Kandy Kreitz of Houston visited over the weekend.

Roy & Adeline White have been in Lewisville visiting their sons Randy & Kelli White, Hailey & Will and Tommy & Wanda White and their grandson Tommy White Jr. was home on military leave from the Marines.

George & Roberta Parks of Irving visited his mother Mary Parks and her brother Red Johnson. Margie Parks of Paris visited on Sunday and they attended the funeral of Virtie Parks Allen.

Cindy Burks of Campbell visited her father Claud Burks on Sunday.

Alice Bumgarner and Ruby Dee Blevins of Pattonville visited Linnie Bailey on Saturday, then Alice spent the weekend with Ruby Dec.

Glenda Ballard of Bossier City, La. visited L. C. (Shorty) Ballard and Mary Jane Lowry of Blossom.

Bro. Tony Corso visited Shorty Ballard last week.

Shorty Ballard visited Burl Kincaid and Alvin Harris last week.

Shorty Ballard attended the dinner at Tony Ballards of Clardy over the holidays.

Deport Elementary and Junior High Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

- A Honor Roll**
- First grade: Kayshia Ballard, Kelci Crawford, Ben Dickinson, John Francis, Paige Freeman, Erika Ham, Reagan Harrell, Megan Spann, Susan Anderson, Casey Gibson, Danielle Holland, Jerika McKee, Nisha Mitchell, Sarah Murdock.
- Second grade: Leah Cathey, Lacie Cole, Nikki English, Justin Miller, Charity Musgrove, Hali Screws, Brittney Baker, Kalee Graham, Trista Harper, Amanda Mathews, Ashlee Waggoner.
- Third grade: Joshua Allen, Caralyn Corso, Brittany Filkins, Amberlynn Sugg, Justin Wright, Lance Ballard, Kyle Kinslow, Rebecca Murdock, Mallory Owens, Chassity Wilson, Shane Wilson.
- Fourth grade: Spur Norwood, Matt Dickinson, Breanna Holley, Randy Hoover, Johnna Patterson.
- Fifth grade: Timothy Cox, Miranda Weddle.
- Sixth grade: Susan Whittle.
- Seventh grade: Chance Bankhead, Brad Hunt, Kami Hudson, Jemilynn McKee, Stoney Musgrove, Kara Screws.
- Eighth grade: Lisa Moreland.
- B Honor Roll**
- First grade: Tanya Cave, Kaylien Clausen, Meghan Counts, Dillon Gibson, Shane Gonzales, Paige Martin, Pamela Robinson, Lisa Barnes, Hunter Burris, Ashley Dalton, Erica Ince, Tyler Renfro, Landon Syrus.

- Second grade: Jessica Fox, Danbri Mitchell, Christopher Parker, Brandi Swint, Rockelle Jackson, Bradlee Watson, Angel Deanda, Heather Filkins, Hailey Norwood.
- Third grade: Jaleah Fox, Kecey Howington, Lindsay Kelley, Logan Norwood, Jeremy Smith, Curtis Wilson, Weston Drinnon, Jase Hicks, Jay Curt McKee, Hetie Walters.
- Fourth grade: Laura Barnes, Megan Hargroves, Angel Mantooth, Whitney Turner, Brandon Wright, Adam Ball, Whitney Brook, Brent Burden, Britney Martin, Rachel Murdock.
- Fifth grade: Aaron Arrasmith, Heather Barnes, Sarah Tubbs, Chris Brunson, Carlena Fox.
- Sixth grade: Cassie Arrasmith, Amanda Ba, Miranda Christian, David Crossland, Lacy Davis, Casey Elliot, Bryan Murdock, Chris Basinger, Nathan Burden, Amanda Denman, Megan Graham, Raynie Skidmore.
- Seventh grade: Melissa Barnes, Kelly Kincaid, Jennifer Mathews, Joshua Williams, Kelli Clarkson, Minda Corso, Lucas Miller, Harley Skidmore, Lacy Vinci.
- Eighth grade: Crystal Davis, Amber Gardner, Jessica Semple, Stephanie Wolf, Toni Clarkson, Stanley Cox, Amy Hicks, Kyle Malone, David Newman, Drew Riddles, Tara Simmons, Jennifer Torres.

Covered dish lunch held

A covered dish lunch for seniors in the area was held at the Deport First Methodist Church in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, January 7. Fourteen were present.

Activities followed lunch, included visiting, card games and games of dominoes.

Plans for additional meetings were made for February 4, and will be announced at a later date. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month.

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