

Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
He's been traumatized!

Most of you have heard me talk about Gunner, the Bengal cat. He weighs in at 20 lbs plus, and is still growing. Because he has a touch of Asian Leopard Cat, he has a tendency to leap straight up when startled and take off. He's a loving and affectionate cat but sensitive.

Thomas and I were wrapping Christmas presents Sunday morning. On the floor was an empty trash sack with a slash in the side, which had contained gifts. Gunner decided to investigate the sack. I wasn't paying much attention until a sudden rattle and thud startled us. Gunner took off, his head through the slit in the side of the bag, his feet tearing holes through it. I didn't know any living creature could move that fast. He had to be at sub light speed as he tore down the length of the living room, swiping the Christmas tree, which rocked back and forth, shedding a few ornaments but fortunately not falling over!

He made a lap of the bedroom, shot back into the living room, claws scraping grooves in the wood floor. I was yelling at Thomas to catch the sack, being too crippled up to do so. My husband's thought processes were clear....he wasn't about to grasp a plastic bag with a terrified cat attached to it! He isn't fond of bleeding.

Poor Gunner was so terrified that he wet himself, and the floor in the process, smashed into the window and vanished into the kitchen. That's where things really became complicated.

Gunner vanished into the kitchen cabinet. This cabinet has an open back which leads into the works on the whirlpool tub we recently installed. The poor cat became tangled in the works of the tub, of course, just out of reach!

There I was, lying on the floor with a coat hanger, my head and shoulders cramped up in the cabinet trying to hook the bag enough to rip it loose from my poor, petrified cat. Every time the bag rattled the cat retreated a little further. Finally, the bag was out of reach entirely and we went to plan "B".

We went to the bathroom and began to unscrew the access panel on the front of the tub. Of course, when that happened three of our brand new ceramic tiles broke in half. Finally, though, we were able to reach in and grab the bag and rip it free. The cat, however, remained entrenched in his hiding place.

It took about five hours before his golden face, with green eyes about the size of quarters, emerged from the opening. He walked on claw tips head swiveling back and forth in case any killer bags still lurked around.

I finally coaxed him into my lap, where he stayed for a long time, still not purring.

It took all night before his familiar, loud buzz began to circulate again.

While his fear was not funny, now that it's over and no serious harm occurred, I'm unable to consider the sight of a twenty pound cat, trailing streamers of black bag, feet only hitting the floor about every fifteen feet or so, without breaking into a grin.

Merry Christmas, folks, and watch out for those trash bags!



Merry Christmas



REJOICE!



Talco Times

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DRAWING-the winner of a decorated Christmas cake baked and decorated by Delane Seykora was Vickie Francis as members of the Talco Fillies girls softball team watched. The winner was Tina Nolen of Talco. All proceeds from the chance sales went to help sponsor a trip to Marshall to see the Christmas lights for the team. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT-Johna Ingram, Laci Hinton and Kendra Birchfield showed their Christmas spirit Thursday at the Talco School wearing their Santa hats. All the student enjoy their Christmas parties in the afternoon before dismissing for the holidays. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Talco Gift Subscriptions.....

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To Tim and Beverly Taylor from David and Teresa Taylor.

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To Allean Fussell from Mrs. Omie Hanks.

To Mrs. Hubert Smith from Mrs. Omie Hanks.

To David and Teresa Taylor from Beverly Taylor.

To Randy Jones, Stanley Jones, and Terry L. Jones from Imogene Lewis.

To Darrell Stockton from Cecil and Dorothy Stockton.

More Christmas memories published this week

We are publishing several Christmas memories that either did not place or were received to late for judging in the contest.

They may be found in several spots in this week's publication.

We hope our readers enjoy them as much as readers say they enjoyed last week's entries.



Papers on sale now

December 1st is the beginning of the annual paper sale. The Blossom Times, Bogata News, Deport Times and Talco Times are now on sale through December 31st at \$2 off their regular price.

That makes the already inexpensive papers even better value. They make a great Christmas gift, to parents and grandparents with kids in school, to the elderly who want to keep up with what is going on in the immediate world around them, and, of course, to yourself.

At less than 29 cents a week, locally, or 34 cents a week elsewhere it is a tremendous value.

See the full page ad elsewhere in this publication for complete information and a handy ordering blank.

Blossom Charter subscribers are entitled to an additional \$1 off their paper.

All gift subscriptions will be published in the paper during the big Christmas edition.

Letter From The Publisher

A letter from the Publisher:
I would like to take this time to thank all our loyal subscribers who continue to take the paper in spite of delays in delivery.

Since the overhaul of the postal system in July of 1996, out of county delivery has not been as good as it used to be.

We have tried everything postal officials have suggested, but we simply have people whose papers do not get to them in a timely manner.

As I have stressed over and over, the problem does not lie with the local post offices, but rather at the big distribution centers.

We will continue to try everything possible to make delivery better.

We appreciate your patience more than you can ever know.
Nanalee Nichols, publisher

Fireworks booth to open this week

The Talco Baseball/Softball Association will sponsor a fireworks stand throughout the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The booth will be located on Hwy. 271 south of Talco (in front of Mr.

and Mrs. Martin Cabell's home). All proceeds from the stand go to help support the summer baseball/softball teams in Talco. Your purchases will be appreciated.

Guaranty Bank announces election, promotion

Art Scharlach, President and CEO of Guaranty Bank announced the election of one officer and the promotion of two officers, following the December Board of Directors meeting. Chad Elledge was elected to Assistant Vice-President and Barry Jones was promoted to Assistant Vice President of Guaranty Bank-South Location and Carole Nixon was promoted to Assistant Vice President of Guaranty Bank-Paris.

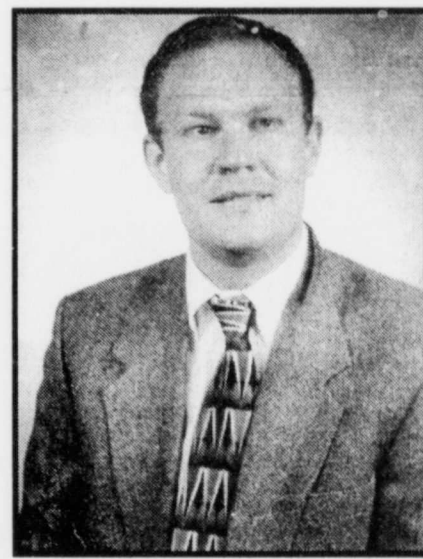
Chad Elledge was elected to Assistant Vice President of Data Processing. He joined Guaranty Bank in January, 1997 as PC Support Specialist in the Data Processing Department. He is a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and has a Bachelor's Degree from Texas A&M University in Computer Science. He attends the Trinity Baptist Church.

Barry Jones was promoted to Assistant Vice President. Barry joined Guaranty Bank in August, 1995 in the Accounts Receivable Department. He transferred to the Customer Ser-

vice Department and then was elected Banking Officer in January, 1997. He currently oversees the Guaranty Bank-South Location. Barry is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and a graduate of the Art Institute of Dallas in Music/Video Business. He has also taken bank related courses at Northeast Texas Community College. He and his wife, Niki, have one daughter, Taylor. They attend the Talco Church of Christ.

Carole Nixon was promoted to Assistant Vice President. Carole joined Guaranty Bank in December, 1993 at Guaranty Bank-Paris location. She was elected Assistant Cashier in December, 1994 and she currently oversees the Customer Service Department.

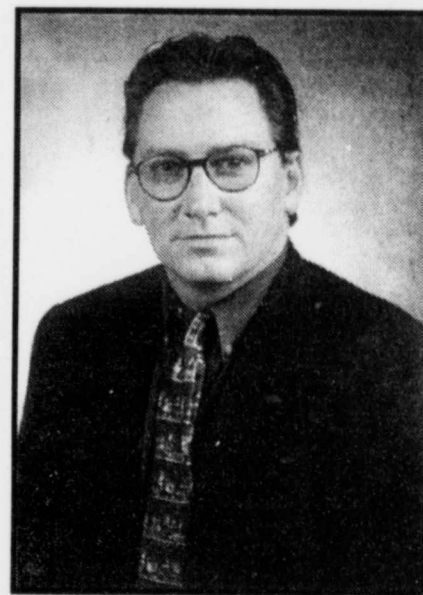
Carole is a graduate of Deport High School. She and her husband, Gary, have three children, Lanell, Raymond and Paul and three grandchildren. They attend the Presbyterian Church in Deport.



Chad Elledge



Carole Nixon



Barry Jones

Papers will not publish New Year's week

There will be no publication of the newspaper next week, New Year's week.

Publisher Nanalee Nichols says "our crew has put in over sixty hours a week for the past few weeks in order to publish our big Christmas edition and get all the renewals marked up and they have earned a break. New Year's week is traditionally a 'slim' week for everything except Christmas visitors, which will be published in the next edition.

Our Deport and Bogata offices will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for people to renew their subscriptions.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM-The Talco School students, parents and guests enjoyed the annual Christmas program sponsored by music teacher, Neva Oats, on Thursday, Dec. 18. The program ended with the 5th through the 8th grade students singing "Silent Night". (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Liz Irwin

This week's cook column comes from several of our readers that have submitted recipes to us.

We get numerous calls telling us how they enjoy the column and our weekly paper from the area towns. We certainly appreciate everyone's calls and comments. Always feel free to call us or send us a line... but only if you include one of your favorite recipes or someone you would like to see in the column.

I would like to take this time to wish everyone of our readers a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the 1998 New Year!!!!


The **Simple Bread Pudding** recipe comes from Nancy Elkins of Paris. It sounds like a simple and quick recipe and will be good on

these cold days that are ahead of us.

Mary Fenner of Mt. Pleasant sent in the **Poppy Seed Dressing, Taco Dip and Pecan Pie Mini-Muffins**. Look for her later on with some more of her wonderful recipes.

Dave Seber clipped out these cookie recipes that he thought that we might enjoy from a Galveston newspaper. They are the **Three-in-one Cookie and Magic Cookie Bars**. The Three-in-one's can be made into Mint Chip Cookies, Candied Cookies or Cream Cheese Frosted Bars. The Magic Cookie Bars are super and I'll bet you can't eat just one, either!!!

Have a great holiday and we will see you in the kitchen!



Christmas Memories

By Janice Fox

The best memories of Christmas that I remember is the last Christmas in '88 that I spent with my dad. He always loved Christmas. We would put the tree up together, enjoying every moment. My daughter, JaLeah, was eight months old that Christmas and my dad loved to watch her little eyes dance as we put the tree up and turned on the Christmas lights.

When Christmas Eve came, we would all get together and have snacks, then came the fun part, my dad would wait until the perfect moment, then he would bring out his special gifts and pass them around to everyone, he got more enjoyment out of watching all of us open our gifts than him opening his own.

Everyone that still has their dad, please be thankful and know that you are blessed. I wish I could have my wonderful dad to enjoy again this Christmas.

Fear comes from uncertainty. When we are absolutely certain, whether of our worth or worthlessness, we are almost impervious to fear. Thus a feeling of utter unworthiness can be a source of courage.

—Eric Hoffer

December 25, 1997
Reader Recipes
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Simple Bread Pudding

1 cup sugar
3 eggs
2 cups scalded milk
1 stick butter
4 slices bread-toasted
1 teaspoon vanilla

Melt butter in pyrex dish, crumble toast in butter and stir until coated. Beat sugar and eggs. Add scalded milk slowly to egg mixture. Add vanilla. Pour mixture over toast and sprinkle top with cinnamon and nutmeg. Place pan into larger pan of hot water. Bake uncovered for 35 to 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Serve warm or cold.

Poppy Seed Dressing

3/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup vinegar
1-1/2 teaspoon onion juice
1 cup salad oil (option 1 tablespoon)
1-1/2 teaspoons poppy seed

Blend on high all ingredients well except poppy seeds. As a variation use the juice of fruit and mix in one small package of vanilla pudding and mix. Add 1 teaspoon poppy seeds and pour over chilled fruit.

Taco Dip

1 can bean dip
1 avocado dip
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 package taco mix
shredded cheese
diced tomatoes-Rotel
green onions-chopped
black olives

In dish, spread bean dip, avocado; then mix sour cream, mayonnaise and taco mix. Add olives, then spread on top of avocado dip. Top with cheese, tomatoes and green onions. Refrigerate and serve on nacho chips.

Pecan Pie Mini-Muffins

1 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup chopped pecans
2/3 cup melted butter
2 beaten eggs

Mix brown sugar, flour and chopped nuts in a bowl. Mix melted butter and eggs together. Add butter and egg mixture to the flour and mix thoroughly. Put in mini-muffin pans and fill to 2/3 full. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until done.

Three-in-one Cookie


3/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup butter
2-1/4 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream eggs, sugar and butter. Add dry ingredients. For Mint Chip Coconut Rounds add 1 cup mint flavored chocolate pieces and 1/2 cup coconut. Drop batter by teaspoons onto greased cookie sheet. Bake 10 minutes at 350 degrees. For Candied Cookies add 1-1/2 cup of MSM's and 1/2 cup nuts. Bake 10 minutes at 350 degrees. For Cream Cheese Frosted Bars press mixture into greased 9-inch square pan. Bake 25 minutes. Cool slightly and cut into 24 bars. Spread with frosting of 3 ounces cream cheese, 1/2 cup powdered sugar and 1 teaspoon lemon juice.

Magic Cookie Bars

1/2 cup margarine
1-1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs
1 can condensed milk
1 cup chopped nuts
1 package shredded coconut

In a 13x9-inch pan, melt butter. Sprinkle crumbs over butter. Pour milk evenly over crumbs. Top evenly with remaining ingredients. Press down gently. Bake 25-30 minutes at 350 degrees or until lightly browned. Cool before cutting.



Christmas Memories

By Nadine McClung Caldwell

The Christmas I remember most was when I was six years old and my sister was three years younger. We lived in Vernon, Texas and the depression hit us hard, but I didn't realize we were so "poor", because every one I knew was as hard up as we were. We couldn't buy a tree and didn't have a car so we couldn't go to the country and cut a tree.

Somehow my mother took baling wire and made a bell. She wrapped each wire with red and green crepe paper.


That year my sister and I each received a ring and a doll tied on the bell. At that time, it didn't mean as much to me as it did in later years. It reminds me of the poem "There'll be something in that stocking, won't there, Mary, every time?"

Christmas Memories

By Robbie McLaughlin

My memories of Christmas Time are good memories when Johntown was a community that were neighbors and friends. At Christmas Time the old school house auditorium would be full of people who came to see the Christmas Play the school children were in. There was a big wood burning stove that kept us warm. There was a big Christmas Tree, and all the children got a present. It seems like in my memories that everyone who lived in Johntown was there. As a child it was scary to go out on the stage-afraid you would not remember your lines and everyone would be watching.

At home, on Christmas Night we all got socks with fruit, nuts and candy. And of course, something from Santa. In those days we were happy for anything we got, no matter what it was. I was so careful with my toys, I still have a doll bed and a green glass tea set, but no girls to hand them down to. But best of all are the memories that stay with me through life.



Christmas Memories

By James Case, 1985

"What Christmas Means to Me"

As I sit here Christmas morning, I know without a doubt That Christmas is the time of year to not be down and out.

It's hard to keep my spirits up and chase my blues away, 'cause I can't afford a gift for my wife on Christmas day.

She knows I have no money, and I almost see a tear, But she smiles and says "That's OK, it'll be better for us next year."

Although my pockets are empty, I'm as happy as can be, 'cause I've got someone who really cares, that's what Christmas means to me.



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No exceptions on registration times.

- Friday, January 9 — No Registration
- Late Registration: Monday and Tuesday, January 12-13 8 AM - 6 PM (\$20 Late Fee)
- First Day of Class, Monday, January 12 Call (903) 782-0425 for information.

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Ada Jean Jackson dies December 22

Ada Jean Norwood Jackson, age 56 of Clarksville died Monday, December 22 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Paris.

Services were scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 24 in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Bro. John Griswood officiating. Burial followed in Bluff Cemetery.

Mrs. Jackson was born January 8, 1941 in Verdon, OK, a daughter of Marshall Edwin and Mary Elizabeth Curry Norwood. She was a housewife and a member of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Ray Jackson in 1983 and a sister, Edwina Norwood.

Surviving are a son, Tony Jackson of Paris; daughters, Sheryl Shonebarger of Paris and Tammie Heffner of Clarksville; sisters, Arnetta Bailey of Dallas and Ailene Clark of Caddo Mills; a brother, Albert Norwood of Tulsa, OK and 12 grandchildren.



Mrs. Lena J. Powell dies December 21

Mrs. Lena J. Powell, age 85, formerly of Bogata, died Sunday, December 21 in Deport Nursing Home.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 23 in the Blossom Church of God with Rev. Billy Daniels, Rev. Larry Bridges and Rev. Robert Kennedy officiating. Burial was in Restland Cemetery at Cunningham under the direction of Wood Funeral Home, Deport.

Mrs. Powell was born December 4, 1912 in Linden, the daughter of Theo and Minnie Lee Slusher. She married Willie (Bill) Powell on June 28, 1933 in Hugo, OK. He preceded her in death on February 28, 1993. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Jo Ann Kennedy in September, 1997.

She is survived by two daughters, Janie Martin of Clarksville and Sue Hart of Blossom; 11 grandchildren, Martha Kuhle Sherry Martin, Hayden Martin, Kim Roach, Robin Tittle, Christopher Kennedy, Dedra Smith, David Hart, Daniel Hart, Derek Hart and Darla Scott; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Neale Mauldin dies December 20

Neale Mauldin, age 59, formerly of Bogata, died Saturday, December 20 in St. Joseph Hospital in Houston.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 23 in Bogata Church of Christ with Benny Cogburn officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Mauldin was born September 8, 1938 in Bogata, the son of Carl Nelson and Minnie Rebecca Stephenson Mauldin. He was retired from the bus maintenance department of Galena Park School District.

He is survived by his aunt, Vera Craddock of Bogata; cousins, Mrs. Roy Lee Hutson, Mrs. Don Roach, A.D. Stephenson and John Paul Hawks, all of Bogata, Mrs. Wayne Brown of Texarkana, Mrs. Bill Jeffries of Ponca City, OK, Truman Stephenson of Galena Park and Mrs. Nell Barkley of San Diego, CA.

Bearers were Mark Stephenson, Bill Bryson, Scott Bryson, Justin Roach, Don Roach and Ricky Don Roach.

Card of Thanks


A personal thanks to Mike Sessom and also a word of gratitude and thanks to all residents of Woodland and Detroit. A special thanks to the Volunteer Fire Departments of Pine Creek and Detroit for all their help. Words cannot express our appreciation and gratitude.

Dean and Linda Melton A.W., Betty and Little Dean and Ruby Ross
Merry Christmas!

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank Red River Healthcare Center for the excellent care they gave our grandfather, **Clyde Roberts**, and the continued care they are giving our granny and mother, **Ardena Roberts and Juanita Foster**. We'd also like to thank them for letting us use the chapel for the funeral services. Thanks to Wood Funeral home and the Wood family for their care and support.

The family of Clyde Roberts



Bogata V.F.W. Post 8187

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 time. The VFW and its Auxiliary meet every second and fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. The VFW Post 8187 no longer has Bingo on Saturday p.m. * The Broadway Junction Band will play for New Year's Eve Dance. So make plans to be there for New Year's Eve.

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YOUR LOCAL WEEKLY NEWS PAPER

Robert Houston Turk dies December 19

Robert Houston Turk, age 64 of Dallas, died Friday, December 19 in Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas.

Services were held Monday, December 22 at 1:00 p.m. under the pavilion of Woodland Cemetery. Wood Funeral Homes had charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Turk was born August 29, 1933 in Detroit, the son of Andrew Albert and Gracie Crews Turk. On July 17, 1986 he married Lou Ann Almond. He was a construction worker.

Surviving are his wife, Lou Ann Turk of Dallas; his mother, Gracie Vancille of Paris; three sons, Robert Allen Turk of Tawakoni, Robert Wayne Turk and Andrew Louis Turk, both of Dallas; two daughters, Star Louise Faye Goss and Joyce Rene Almond, both of Dallas; two sisters, John Thomas Turk of Oklahoma, William Albert and J.W. Turk, both of Paris; two sisters, Daisy Smith and Mary Turk of Paris; and two grandsons, Anthony Quinton Almond and Robert Justin Hill.

Bearers were Hollis Topping, Billy Turk, Terry Turk, Allen Turk, Randy Goss and Durriel Hamil.

Card of Thanks


We wish to express our sincere appreciation for all the visits, prayer calls, flowers, cards and food given to our family during this time of sickness and sadness.

We wish to express a very special thanks to Red River Healthcare Center and East Texas Medical Center at Clarksville for their special attention and caring concern while we were with them.

Also, our thanks to Wood Funeral Home for their special efforts on our behalf.

Words can never express our thanks or our feelings for all who thought of us during this time.

The family of Barney Alsbrook



Christmas Memories

Bill Musgrove's Country Store
By Jo Nerberry

When I was just a boy, maybe 3 or 4, we rode in a wagon to Musgrove's Country Store.

It was in the winter of 1929 in a place called Cunningham and close to Christmastime.

I recall a little bell that rang above the door and shelves were filled from the ceiling to the floor.

There were barrels of nuts and fruits and jars of pretty candy, but Ma was busy buying goods she thought would come in handy.

Most of all what caught my eye was a metal monkey bank. It tapped upon a little drum, plinky, plink, plink, plink.

I thought of all the pennies the little bank could hold, but when I asked how much it cost, Pa said it was sold.

And on that Christmas morning I was surprised to see that funny little monkey hanging on the tree.

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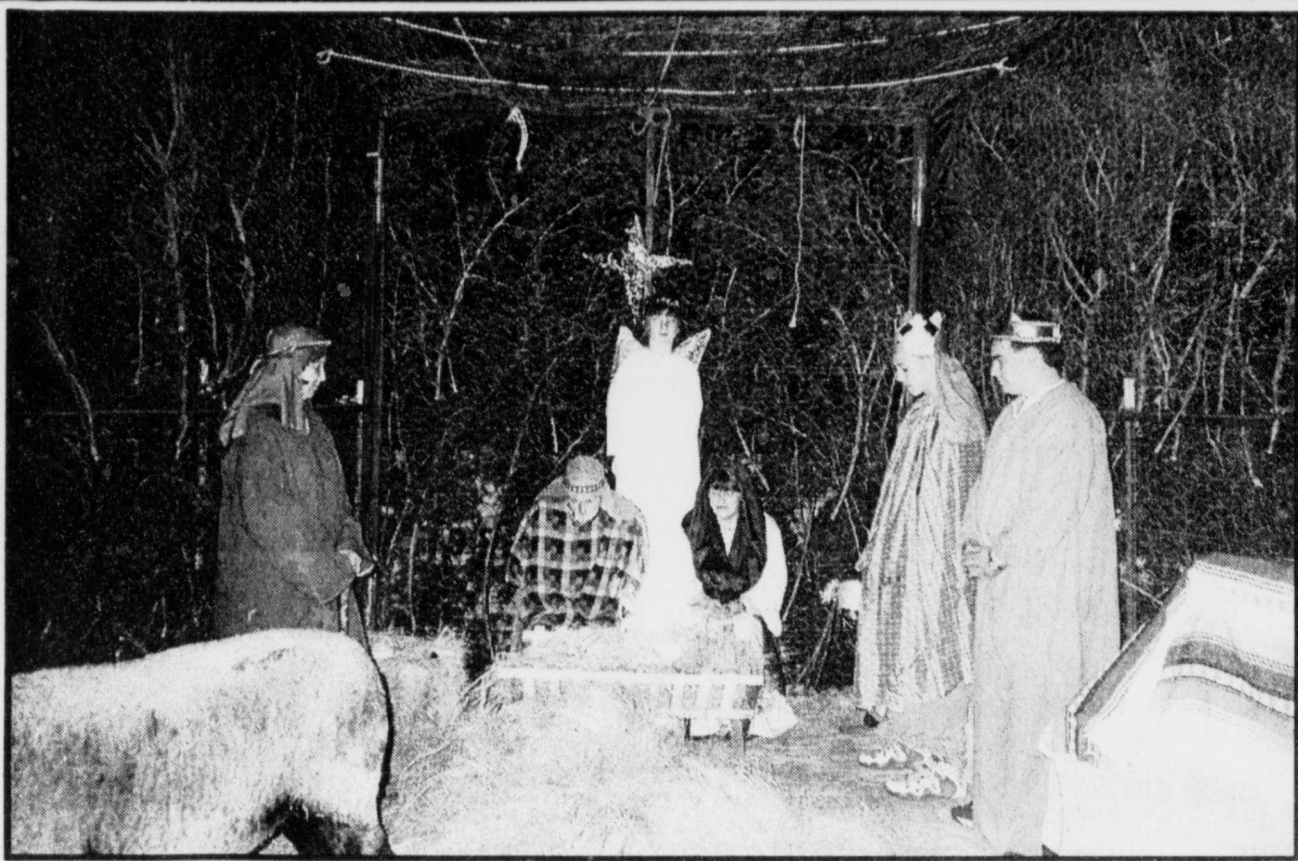
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MEMBERS OF JOHNTOWN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH- presented their annual live nativity December 18-19 and 20.

Careful diagnosis essential for attention deficit/hyperactivity

Inattentive and hyperactive children do not necessarily have attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

"Diagnosing ADHD requires testing and careful evaluation of a child's behavior," said Dr. Diane Treadwell-Deering, a child psychiatrist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and a specialist at Texas Children's Hospital's Learning Support Center. ADHD, characterized by short attention span, distraction, impulsiveness, aggressiveness and constant attention getting behavior, is a biological disorder present at birth. Symptoms, often recognized by day-care or first grade teachers, must be present by age 7 for classification as ADHD.

"Clinical experience and testing helps us determine whether the symptoms and behaviors are abnormal for a child's age and developmental stage," Treadwell-Deering said.

Diagnosis involves obtaining information about the child's habits and life-style from teachers, parents and other adults. Specific tests to determine attention span, impulsivity and how a child approaches academic tasks are given.

Physicians also rule out conditions that can have similar symptoms such as learning disabilities, depression, anxiety, obsessive-compulsive dis-

order or petit mal seizures.

Once diagnosed, there are several medication choices. "Stimulants, such as Ritalin, dextradrine, Cylert and Adderall are most often prescribed for attention span and concentration problems," Treadwell-Deering said. "Medication choices often depend on the child's main symptoms."

Other medications, such as tricyclic antidepressants and clonidine, can be given in combination with stimulants or when stimulants are not effective. Wellbutrin may be prescribed when a child has ADHD and depression.

Treadwell-Deering recommends structuring the environment in a way that helps the child concentrate and pay attention. She suggests the following techniques:

- * Getting a child's attentions when giving instructions - make eye contact, touch his arm or shoulder.

- * Giving clear, explicit and short instructions rather than a long list. Not "go clean your room," but "go put your books on the shelf."

- * Making the child repeat instructions.

- * Giving a written list or verbal instructions supported by something written - like a chore chart.

- * Most of these techniques work well for all kids and especially well for children with ADHD," she said.



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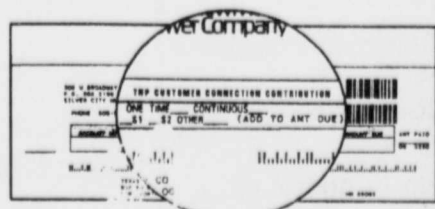
The Customer Connection works like this. During the year, customers can pay an extra dollar or two - or more - with their electric bill each month. TNMP then



matches those contributions, and together, we decide what projects to support.

Projects for 1997 have ranged from playground equipment to books for a rural bookmobile - projects customers like you helped decide were important to their community.

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PARTY TIME- The Talco 4th grade, Mrs. Orrill's class, tear into their gifts at their Christmas party held on Thursday, Dec. 18. All the students had a wonderful time before dismissing for the holidays. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Talco Locals

By Nancy Brown
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The Talco Fillies girls softball team, coaches and friends traveled to Marshall Thursday, Dec. 18. The group enjoyed Marshall Pottery, supper at McDonalds and viewing the Christmas lights. Attending were Nancy Brown, Mayra Clark and Luke, Patsy Smith, Delane Seykora, Marta Rhoades, Elodia Grissom, Robert Caul Rhoades, Troy Morris, Torrie Grissom, Melanie Smith, Angie White, Jennifer White, Kristi Cooksey, Jessica Fenner, Jessica Griffin, Cassandra Norman, Rebecca Sanders, Whitney Savage, Jesi Navia, Leslie Richeson, Lorena Parker, Helena Vanegas and Jennifer Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fenner and Jessica visited friends in Louisiana over the weekend.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Fail of Palestine. They all enjoyed exchanging Christmas gifts and lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Presley.

Patsy and Arthur Smith, Melanie and Russell and Vickie and Josh Craig shopped in Sulphur Springs on Saturday.

The Talco EMS and Fire Department volunteers and their families enjoyed a Christmas party at the Talco City Hall on Saturday, Dec. 20. Following a covered dish meal the group played games for prizes and the treat of the evening was an appearance by Santa.

Harold Bonham has returned home from a recent hospital stay. He is reported doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown spent the day in Quitman Sunday for the Brown family Christmas celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jack Brown. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Adler of Plano, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tatum, Mark and Nick of Plano, Martha Cody of Lewisville, Ruth Colley of Quitman, Louann and Mike DeBerry of Greenville and Anita, John, Benjamin and

Jasmin of Austin.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fail of Kilgore and Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Presley visited with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail.

Recently William Lee Watts of Longview visited with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lester Watts.

Guest pastor at the Talco Assembly of God Church Sunday was Bro Lynn and Esther Hutsel of Dallas. Everyone enjoyed lunch following services. At the evening service the church held their Christmas program.

The Talco Bethal Church of God in Christ held their Christmas program on Sunday morning. Everyone enjoyed the children's play, music and fellowship.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Russell and Melaine this week are Aaron Smith of Lufkin and Chad, Zack and Josh Smith of Elysian Fields.

Area toll free calling boundaries to expand again

Telephone customers in 64 rural Texas communities who petitioned for larger toll free local calling areas as long ago as 1993, are one step closer to having the cost saving service because of a decision made this week by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Petitions for the expanded local calling (ELC) program were delayed at the federal level because they each involved calling between an area served by Southwestern Bell (SWB) and one served by a different phone company. Now that they have FCC approval, the Texas PUC and SWB can complete the required process to make local calling available.

In an order released recently, the FCC allowed SWB to modify its service boundaries in order to provide ELC to these communities. According to the federal order, "Granting the modifications are necessary to meet the needs of local subscribers and will not have any significant effect on competition."

"The customers in these areas have waited a long time for this calling option," said PUC Chairman, Pat Wood III. "We've worked hard with the FCC to make these approvals a reality, and now we'll do our part now to make ELC happen."

The decision was hastened by the efforts of Texas' U.S. senators and representatives, state legislators, the PUC, and many aggressive community leaders whose intervention helped solve a telephone calling problem for rural communities in Texas and all over the nation. Almost every state has some cases that involve calling across telephone company boundaries, but Texas has the most according to the FCC.

"The waiting and hard work by residents of these communities and

their representatives is starting to pay off", said Linda Hymans, coordinator of ELC petitions at the PUC. "Now we're anxious to get ELC going in these communities as soon as possible."

Even with FCC approval, it could take six to 12 months before ELC service is available in these communities. SWB will file cost studies and a proposed implementation schedule of the equipment and software changes which must be made for the service to begin. After the PUC approves an ELC petition, it may take several weeks or months for SWB to complete the technical modifications required to begin ELC service.

Upon implementation, the ELC program will provide local instead of long distance service to the other rural communities named in the petition. The charge to customers will be a monthly flat rate fee of up to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7.00 per business line.

Originally 66 ELC petitions were delayed at the FCC. Two communities, Albany in Northwest Texas and Pawnee in South Texas, were granted FCC approval in August to use ELC. Albany began using ELC to Breckenridge on October 1. Pawnee's service to Kennedy and Karnes/Fall City will begin in late January 1998.

Communities affected by this FCC order include: Alba, Annona, Bellevue, Ben Wheeler, Blessing, Bogata, Bowie, Bremond, Bronte, Canton, Chester, Chico, Clarksville, Cross Plains, Dawson, Dodson, Edom-Brownsboro, Flat, Forestburg, Frankston, Fentress, Frost, Gatesville, Grand Saline, Hamlin, Hankarmer, Haskell, Hubbard, Irene, Itasca and Jarrell.

Other communities include: Kopperl, Lakeside Village, Leona,

Madisonville, Milford, Mineola, Montalba, Moran, Morgan, Mount Vernon, Murchison, Neches, Nordheim, Oakland, Pineland, Pettus, Putnam, Reklaw, Richland, Seagraves, Sterling City, Streetman, Sunset, Teague, Tenaha, Troup, Tulia, Wallisville, Walnut Springs, Weimar, Wortham and Yorktown.

The popular ELC program has provided many communities with a larger toll free calling area. To date, more than 910 ELC petitions have been processed by the PUC since the 1993 passage of Senate Bill 632 which mandated ELC for rural areas. ELC is a two way flat rate service that can be initiated by a petition from smaller telephone exchanges seeking to call other exchanges within a 50 mile radius. Customers in the petitioning exchange can vote to get up to five exchanges for the flat, monthly fee. Each additional exchange over the first five costs and additional \$1.50 per month. For these exchanges, usually a "Community of Interest" exists because the petitioners need access to the other area's hospitals, schools, libraries and other establishments regularly called by residents.

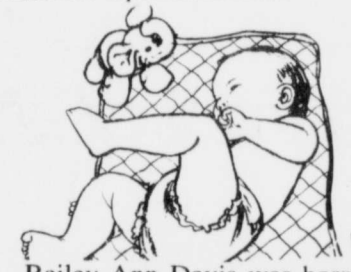
In Texas' changing regulatory environment, the PUC facilitates competition and customer choice while regulating electric and telephone utilities to ensure that rates, operations and services are just and reasonable for consumers.

For questions or complaints, customers can call the Public Utility Commission at 1-888-PUC-TIPS (1-888-782-8477) or write to the Office of Customer Protection at the PUC, Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Customers can also reach the PUC through Internet e-mail at customer@puc.state.tx.us

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their calls, cards and visitations both while in the hospital and at home. May God Bless and Merry Christmas
Harold Bonham

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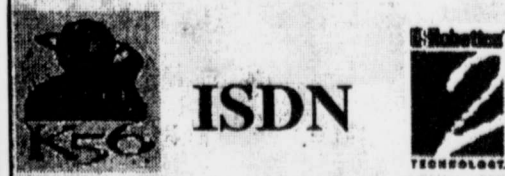
Bailey Ann Davis was born December 10 at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford, Oregon, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21" long. Bailey is the daughter of Judd and Becki Davis. Judd is the son of Kenneth and Barbara Davis of Colorado Springs, CO and the evening news co-anchor for the NBC affiliate in Medford. He is the grandson of M.J. and Betty Davis of Luverne, Alabama. Bailey and her father were filmed by the KOBI Channel 5 new crew for the evening news in Medford. She is the seventh great grandchild for M.J. and Betty Davis



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Round Robin tournament to begin January 3

Rivercrest Junior High Lady Rebels, seventh and eighth grades, will host a Round Robin tournament on Saturday, January 3 at Rivercrest. The seventh grade team will play Mt. Pleasant at 9:00 a.m. The eighth grade team will play Crockett at 10:30 a.m. Play will continue throughout the

day with the championship game for the seventh grade at 6 p.m. and the championship game for the eighth grade at 7:30 p.m. Other teams entered in the tournament are DeKalb and Cooper. Everyone is encouraged to attend these games and support your junior high teams.



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Monday
Breakfast
 Oatmeal with cinnamon
 Toast & Jelly
 Fruit or Fruit Juice and Milk
Lunch
 Chicken nuggets with ketchup
 Mashed potatoes with gravy
 Mixed vegetables
 Hot Rolls, butter & honey
 Peaches
 Milk

Tuesday
Breakfast
 Cinnamon Rolls & Cinnamon Toast
 Fruit or Fruit Juice & Milk
Lunch
 McRib sandwich
 Potato Salad
 Coleslaw
 Chocolate Cake
 Pickles
 Milk

Wednesday
Breakfast
 Sausage & Biscuits
 Jelly
 Fruit or Fruit Juice & Milk
Lunch
 Corn dogs with mustard
 Black-eyed peas
 Macaroni & Cheese
 Rosie applesauce
 Milk

Thursday
Breakfast
 Breakfast burrito with sauce
 Fruit or Fruit Juice & Milk
Lunch
 Chef Salad with turkey & ham
 Dinner rolls & Crackers
 Apple wedges
 Milk

Friday
Breakfast
 Cereal & Toast with jelly
 Fruit or fruit juice & milk
Lunch
 Hamburgers
 Seasoned beans
 Burger Salad
 Chips
 Milk

People 'n Things

The Rivercrest Lady Rebels A & B teams will host North Hopkins on Dec. 27 beginning at 2:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the teams.

The Rivercrest Rebels varsity will travel to Ardmore, Oklahoma for tournament play beginning Dec. 29. The Rebels will meet Ardmore at 9:00 p.m. on Dec. 29. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the team.

District play begins Dec. 30 for the Rivercrest Lady Rebels and Rebels. The teams will host Alba-Golden at Rebel stadium beginning at 6:00 p.m. come out and support the teams!

Season's Greetings

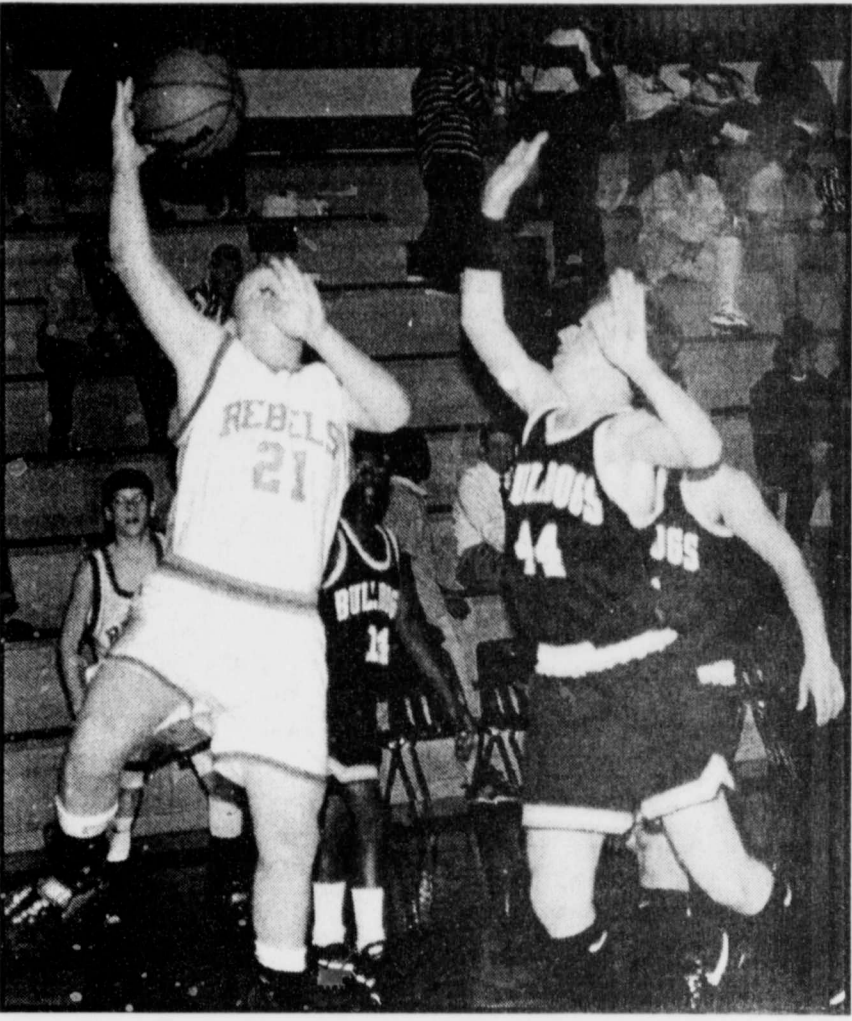


Misty Taylor Gage graduation celebrated

Misty Dawn Taylor Gage of Paris, daughter of Pete and Lillian Taylor of Bogata received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies at graduation ceremonies held at Texas A&M University-Commerce Saturday, December 20. She was also listed in the program as a member of Alpha Chi National Honor Society where membership requires a GPA of 3.5 or higher and 60 semester hours completed at the University level.

Attending the ceremony were Clint Gage of Paris, Pete and Lillian Taylor of Bogata, Larry, Gail, Lindsey and Logan Taylor of Red Oak, Sherrie, Shannon and Allison Boyd, Gary, Debra, Heath and D'Lynn Gage all of Paris, Betty Wise of Cedar Creek Lake and Kim Wise of Dallas. Misty Dawn Gage was honored with a graduation party after ceremonies held at TAMU-Commerce on December 20. The celebration was held at the home of Gary and Debra Gage of Paris.

Guests were served a meal of chicken salad, assorted lunch meat, vegetable trays, fruit trays, cheese balls, party mix, cookies, fruit cake, spiced tea and coffee, candy and chips. Attending the celebration were the honoree, her husband, Clint Gage, Sherrie, Shannon and Allison Boyd of Paris, Lindsey and Logan Taylor of Red Oak, Betty Wise of Cedar Creek Lake, Kim Wise of Dallas, Gary, Debra, Heath and D'Lynn and Virginia Gage of Paris and Pete and Lillian Taylor of Bogata. Hosts for the party were Pete and Lillian Taylor and Gary and Debra Gage.



C TEAM-REbel, Mitchell Jean goes up for the shot as the Rebels defeated Cooper in the Rebel tournament held at Rivercrest Dec. 4-5-6. The Rebel team went on to win first place. (staff photo Nancy Brown)

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Cunningham News

By Linda Anderson
 652-3502 or 652-2059



Johnny and Nelta Musgrove hosted a Christmas party Saturday night at the store for their many family and friends. Stacy Musgrove and family and Scotty Norwood and family were in Blossom Friday to celebrate Tony Duncan's birthday. Geneva Norwood had Sunday lunch for Billy Ray and Neva Oats, Brandon and Georjeana, Scotty, Treda, Spur and Amber Norwood, Frankie and Julie Norwood and boys, Deana Merrill and Patti and Lili Borders. Geneva Norwood and her children and grandchildren and Pete and L'Wanda McKnight and their children and grandchildren and Marie Watson presented a Christmas program for the Sterling House in Paris on Wednesday. Murray and Sue Jackson and Eldon and Janee Jackson spent Sunday in Avery at Flora Bell Jacksons. Jane O'Neal, Sue and Murray Jackson, Janee Jackson, Karla, Andrea, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Dwayne, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon were in Paris Saturday night for the Burks and Barber Christmas. Life Tabernacle Church had its

Christmas salad supper Sunday night after services. Cunningham Baptist Church had a Christmas program Sunday night. Velma Cox spent Wednesday in Paris with Dora Hester. Nettie Powers of Paris visited Bill and Pat Page on Friday. Weekend guests of Silas and Juanita Taylor were Larry and Stacy Taylor, Laura and Robert of Tulsa, OK, Linda and Stephanie Regan of Plainview and Elvis Wright of Minter. Nettie Lois Powers visited Friday. Chad and Jennifer Barnes had supper Saturday night for the deacons and their wives, James and Pat Norwood, Jane and C.D. Glass, Charlie and Stephanie Packard and Leslie Taylor. Mendy Cole and family and Tracy and Briton Norwood had lunch with James and Pat Norwood Sunday. Fred Cole of Paris visited Friday with Ricky and Linda Anderson. Lena Powell, former resident of Cunningham, died Sunday. Arrangements were to be Tuesday in Cunningham. Pete and L'Wanda McKnight had their family Christmas party Saturday, December 13 with 32 present.

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Neva Jean and husband, Billy Ray, who is a farmer/salesman, live in Cunningham. Their children are Brandon, who is a coach too Mount Pleasant and Georjeana who is an occupational therapist at Saint Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Oats' formal education includes a B.S. and M.S. at East Texas State University. She and her family are active members of Life Tabernacle Church in Cunningham. She enjoys all sports as a spectator.

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