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Answerline

Q. When is the new LaQuinta going to open?
A. LaQuinta is now hiring staff and plans are to open later this month. (See Help Wanted ad in today's Record.)

Briefs

Howl Nite
Howl Nite at the Magic Kingdom 2017 will be held Mon., Feb. 27th at 7 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each from Ann Bazany at high school. Children 3 and younger do not need a ticket. If there are seats remaining, tickets will be sold at the door for \$8 each.

Archery Safety Class
The archery program will be having another safety class for new 4-H signups 3rd-12th grade on Feb. 23rd at 5:30 p.m. Also, for anyone interested in 22 rifle, that program will be meeting Feb. 28th at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office 440 E 2nd St. The cost is \$25. Register online at <https://tx.4honline.com>. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Softball Signups
The Mitchell County Girls Softball Association will hold signups in the Kelley Gym on Thurs., Feb. 16th from 8 to 9 p.m. and Sat., Feb. 18th from 1 to 5 p.m. Cost is \$60 for the first player and \$50 for each additional player. Eligible players are ages 5 to 14 as of December 31st, 2016. Bring a copy of the birth certificate for first-year players or those new to the league. For more information, call John Martinez at 325-728-8367.

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Traffic stops lead to money, drugs

Several traffic stops by the 32nd Judicial District Task Force has netted currency, vehicles and drugs since the beginning of 2017. Over \$800,000 in currency, several vehicles and pounds of methamphetamines have been taken off the streets in the past month and a half.

The first of several Notices of Seizure were filed in the Mitchell County District Clerk's office on January 5th. Luis Gerardo Cabello of Juarez, Mexico, was driving a 1995 Jeep Cherokee when he was stopped for a traffic infraction.

According to the filing, the stop occurred on December 21, 2016. Cabello was also in possession of \$22,940, and the



document petitions the court to define the vehicle and currency as contraband, effectively open-

ing the path for forfeiture and seizure.

An affidavit was filed by DA

Investigator Ronnie Stiltner describing the stop in detail. He said he stopped the Jeep when he could not see any insignia of registration on the vehicle.

Cabello claimed he had visited his uncle for four days in Dallas and was returning to Mexico. The affidavit said the driver was noticeably nervous and gave an obvious deceptive response when giving his uncle's name.

The driver was asked about contraband and gave consent to search the vehicle. The search revealed two duct taped bundles of currency in a secret smuggling compartment inside the engine's intake manifold. When he was interviewed, Cabello admitted he was hired by someone to

travel to Dallas where they took the vehicle and then brought it back to him later to drive back to Mexico.

Stiltner filed another affidavit about the forfeiture involving Jose Luis Mejia of Juarez, Mexico. The investigator said he stopped the driver of a white 2006 Ford Explorer at approximately 3:30 on the afternoon of December 29th, 2016, near mile marker 217. The Explorer was pulling a car dolly.

Mejia claimed he was traveling to Oklahoma to pick up a car. Doubting the legitimacy of Mejia's story, Stiltner asked for consent to search the vehicle and consent was granted. During

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Elections heating up as filing deadline nears

Local city and school races are heating up as the filing deadline quickly approaches. The deadline to apply for a spot on the ballot is Friday, February 17th at 5 p.m., and several citizens have already filed.

The Colorado ISD Board of Trustees election will see two contested races, as Place 2

incumbent John Martinez has filed to keep his spot on the board. He will face challenger Cliff Shiller. Place 5 incumbent Shane Johnson filed for re-election recently, and Jamie Alvarez also filed to run for the seat on the board. So far, Veronica Boone is the only candidate for Place 1.

Potential candidates can go by the CISD Administration Building at 1132 Hickory Street to pick up an application. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 to 5 p.m.

The city council races are coming together

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Wallace students speak to CISD board

Three Wallace Accelerated High School students came to the CISD Board of Trustees meeting Monday night to tell the board and those attending just what Wallace means to them. The report was part of a campus report by Wallace Principal Darryl Williams.

Williams began his report by saying that he feels honored to have the students at Wallace. At one time, there were only 12 enrolled and now there are 31. The staff there is educating over 60 students from the area.

After talking about an upcoming dance being planned by a student committee, Williams let three students stand up in front of the board and tell their stories.

The first student, Elizar of Sweetwater, said he has enjoyed being able to open up to his fellow students and teachers. He said he has been surprised at how nice it has been to build relationships. If all goes well, he will graduate next week.

Selena was the second student to talk. She said she has attended WAHS before but dropped out. After contacting several schools in the area, she found that the staff at Wallace would let her come back and finish her high school education.

"Mr. Williams saved the day," she said. Williams added that Selena lives on her own, works at Sonic and gets good grades.

Jasmine of Snyder told board members she had been struggling in school in Snyder, but she's found support and help at Wallace.

"Our school is like family," she said. "Wallace gives people a second chance."

Jasmine is a sophomore but plans to accelerate her studies and be a senior by next year. She wants to go on to become a lawyer.

Sarah Nelson has applied to take the open position of Discipline Alternative Education Program teacher. The DAEP program is housed in the same building as WAHS, which was formerly Colorado Middle School. Williams said he thinks Nelson will be an asset.

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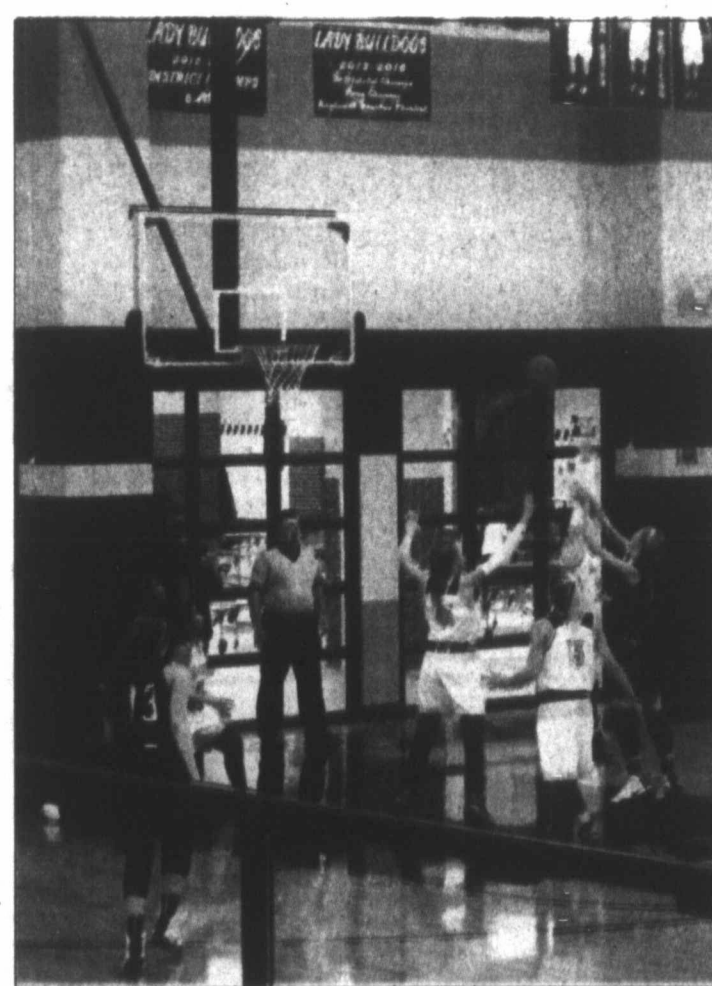
Kelsey found guilty

Last week, officials from the District Attorney's office tried a State Jail Felony case, and David Kelsey was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance. By law, Kelsey was mandated to get probation.

On Tuesday, February 7th, Kelsey went before a judge and jury to be tried for a possession charge. With the trial continuing into Wednesday, the jury found him guilty and sentencing was handed down by 32nd Judicial District Judge Glen Harrison.

DA Ricky Thompson said the range of punishment on the case was 180 days up to two years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. However, Texas legislation mandates that an individual who has no prior felonies and is charged with a state jail felony possession must get probation.

After the jury pronounced a guilty verdict, Judge Harrison issued the sentence of two years in a state jail which was suspended. Kelsey was placed on community supervision, aka probation, for a period of four years and was fined \$4,000. He was also ordered to pay \$498 in court costs and \$800 in restitution for the psychologist. He will also have to complete 100 hours of community service.



ON TO THE AREA ROUND... Kaitlin Kimball (1) scores a basket in the Lady Wolves' (in black) win over 52-36 win over Comanche at Clyde in the bi-district round of the playoffs. Lady Wolves coming in for the rebound were Makaylah Rivera (4) and Conley Niblett (33). Colorado City is set to play the winner of the Holiday-Peaster game in the area round later this week. See game story, page 8.

Desal plant could be producing water soon

Mitchell County Commissioners Court convened Monday morning with routine business to be handled. Bills amounting to almost a million dollars were approved, and County Auditor Heidi Harris provided a breakdown of the bills.

In open court, Harris presented bills in the amount of \$961,341.29 which were approved as presented. After the

meeting, she said that the big jump in the total was due to a payment being made on the jail bond and expenses from the evaporation ponds at the desalination plant.

The jail bond payment amounted to \$437,635, and costs from the evaporation ponds were \$422,052.56. According to BOED representative Woody

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Business 20 repaving project is on horizon

According to TxDOT Public Information Officer Mary Belle Turner, the transportation agency is planning a paving project that will impact all of Business 20 from west of Colorado City, through downtown and back out the east side. No details are available at this point, but Turner will issue a press release as more information is known.

Turner, who is the PIO for the Abilene District, said Tuesday

morning that, while there are plans to repave Business 20, no details are available because the project has yet to be awarded, there's no cost estimate and no timeline for the project as of yet.

What is currently known is that the project will include milling up the existing pavement, making any necessary base repairs, putting down sealant and overlaying with new pavement.

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LOCAL NEWS

Busy Saturday ahead at C-City State Park

The staff at Lake Colorado City State Park have many activities planned this Saturday to fit just about everybody's lifestyle, and they are hoping citizens will come out and take part in the fun, free adventures they have planned.

On Saturday, February 18th, there will be opportunities to help create the new hiking trail, learn about and participate in geocaching and enjoy a treat around the campfire while listening to stories and learning some history.

The day will begin at 9 a.m. with an opportunity to be part of something big! Volunteers are needed to help work on the creation of a new hiking trail, Roadrunner Loop. There are a few things volunteers should keep in mind.

Workers should wear appropriate clothing to work outdoors and bring along their favorite pair of work gloves. Hand tools

and safety equipment will be provided, along with plenty of water. The work day is expected to last until noon.

Email the park at kyle.ohaver@cpwd.texas.gov or call the office to get information on how to sign up as a statewide volunteer.

Geocaching is a way to bridge technology and nature, and it helps get people outdoors and moving. Superintendent Kyle O'Haver will present Geocaching 101, a program that gives a basic introduction about geocaching with lots of hands-on experience.

The class is set to be held from 1 to 3 p.m. It's fun for the whole family and good for kids ages 8 to 108. Class size is limited, so call the park at 728-3931 to reserve a spot.

Later in the evening, the sweetheart edition of All Around the Campfire will be held. What could be better than cooking hotdogs on a campfire while lis-

tening to stories and eating some sweet treats like s'mores and monkey bread?

The campfire program is set to be held from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be games and a night hike to go with the campfire if the weather permits. If the weather is bad, the program will be moved indoors.

There is no cost for the programs however you will still need to pay daily entrance fees of \$4 per adult and children 12 and under are free. If you have a valid Texas State Park Pass there is no charge.

There's no charge for the volunteers who come to help with the trail during that time. Volunteers must be at least 16 to work without a guardian. Those 17 years or younger will need a guardian's signature on a volunteer form.

For more information or to have a form emailed to you, call the park office at 325-728-3931.

OBITUARIES

Betty Bailey 1936-2017

COLORADO CITY -- Betty Kathrine Bailey, age 80, passed away Friday, February 10, 2017 at Mitchell County Nursing and Rehab Center in Colorado City. Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at First Baptist Church in Loraine with Reverend Herb Roever officiating. Private family interment was held at Loraine Cemetery. McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater was in charge of arrangements.

Betty was born March 9, 1936 in Bryan County, Oklahoma, to the late Gene and Mattie Lee (Mansell) Duke. Betty married Roy Dee Bailey January 6, 1953 in Durant, Oklahoma. They moved to Loraine in 1976. Roy passed away in December of 2007. Betty was a housewife and was a Baptist.

She is survived by her children, Ricky Bailey and wife Teresa of Loraine, Gary Bailey and wife Liz of Big Spring, Danny Bailey and wife JoAnna of Big Spring, Melody Morris and husband Mike of Loraine, Kathy Bailey and Jim of Archille, Oklahoma, and Misty Bailey of Denver, Colorado and her sister, Lucille Beshires of Archille, Oklahoma. Betty has 12 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her sons, Alan and Kevin Bailey; daughter Renee Bailey; a granddaughter Marion Eagle Bailey; and a brother T.J. Duke.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mccoyfh.com.

W.D. Whitesides 1918-2017

WESTBROOK -- W.D. Whitesides, age 99, went to be with the Lord, Thursday, February 9, 2017 at the home of his daughter.

W.D. was born and raised in Mitchell County and married his wife Clola Wilson September 4, 1937 in Colorado City. They were married 73 years. W.D. started working on the Charlie Thompson Ranch and later moved and started working in the oilfield. He eventually went to work for Halliburton Oilfield Services and worked for them for 25 years which 13 of those years were spent in Farmington, New Mexico. He retired from Halliburton and he and his wife returned to Texas in 1970. They settled in Sweetwater where he worked for the City of Sweetwater operating heavy equipment, then moved to Westbrook where he went into business for himself operating heavy equipment.

W.D. is survived by his daughter, Sue and husband Wayne Pierce of Westbrook. He has four grandsons, Tom Whitesides and wife Georgeann of Colorado City, Todd Whitesides of Colorado City, DeWayne Pierce, Cary Pierce and wife Tracy of Westbrook; and a granddaughter, Stephany Brower and husband Bryan of Plant City, Florida. He has 14 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Clola; his son, T.A.; and his two sisters.

The family received visitors Sunday, February 12, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Services were held Monday, February 13, 2017 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Westbrook.

Almaz Webb 1940-2017

GRANBURY -- Almaz Ruby Webb, 76, of Loraine passed away Wednesday, February 08, 2017 in Granbury. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at the First Baptist Church of Loraine with Herb Roever officiating. Burial followed in the Loraine Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Loraine.

Almaz was born in Sweetwater to Eddie and Ruby Nayfa on August 9, 1940. She graduated from McMurry University and worked as a school teacher for 30 plus years. She married Linton Ray Webb on March 5, 1967. She loved her church and sang in the church choir for many years.

Almaz is preceded in death by Linton Ray Webb, her husband of 42 years.

She is survived by her daughters, Sherri Barton and husband John of Midland, Shelli Berry and husband David of Tolar, Sheryl Dowell and husband Randy of Huckaby; grandchildren, Alyssa Barton, Allie Seaman, Gage Dowell, Cameron Barton, Kollin Dowell, Kailin Dowell, Braegen Berry, Mason Berry, and Chase Barton.

Pallbearers were Gage Dowell, Cameron Barton, Kollin Dowell, Braegen Berry, Mason Berry and Chase Barton.

Robert Aguilar

LORAIN - Robert Antonio "Anthony" Aguilar, 38, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 5th. Anthony spent most of his career dedicated to his profession in the oil field as a truck supervisor. His love of family could be seen in all he did. Those left to cherish Anthony's memory are his wife, Mary Ann Limones Aguilar and his children, Daniel Matthew Finley, Skylar Sierra Aguilar, and Robert Anthony Aguilar III.

He is survived by his mother, Rosé Mary Aguilar; sister, Amanda Roberta Aguilar; and brother, TJ Aguilar. He will be missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Anthony is preceded in death by his father, Robert Anthony Aguilar.

A funeral service for Anthony was held on Friday, February 10th at 10 am at St. Joseph's Church in Loraine. Interment followed at Loraine Cemetery. Visitation was held Thursday evening February 9th from 5 to 8 pm at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home with a Rosary service afterwards at 6pm.

Online condolences may be made on line at www.kikerseale.com.

Food for fines continues at library

The annual Food for Fines program is well underway at the Mitchell County Public Library, and the public is encouraged to participate to have their fines dismissed and bring in food for local families.

The program will continue until February 28th. All food collected will be donated to the Community Mission in Colorado City.

Small canned goods or boxed items will be worth 50 cents, and

the larger canned or boxed items will be valued at \$1. There is no limit on the number or amount of fines that can be cleared, but bills for lost or damaged library items are not eligible for the Food for Fines program. Fines do not include printing charges, damaged item charges, replacement charges, lost or missing items, or other service charges.

The materials must be returned in good condition for your fines to be cleared. The library does not accept home-canned items, cans that are past their expiration date or are dented, rusted or damaged.

"We are excited to offer this program as a way for patrons to eliminate their fines, comes back to the library and help out a great organization," Librarian Brigada Hiser said.

For any questions or if you need more information, please call the Mitchell County Public Library at 728-3968.

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LOCAL NEWS

Lions Club hears Conley describe steps to becoming game warden



MAKING THE CUT — Dillan Conley presented a program to the Colorado City Lions Club last week about the stringent application process and academy training of becoming a Texas Game Warden. After his presentation, he received a certificate and pen from Lions Club Vice President Janet McCollum.

Texas Game Warden Dillan Conley came to the weekly meeting of the Colorado City Lions Club, as he was the guest speaker. He reported to Lions about what it's like to become a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Warden.

Conley said that applicants need to be aware of certain requirements before applying. All applicants must be at least 21 years old, be a U.S. citizen with a bachelor's degree. They must also have a valid driver's license and clean background. There are other tests that must be passed before submitting an application to the TPWD, including a psychological and physical condition exam, along with screenings for hearing, vision and drug use.

Conley came to Colorado City right out of the academy last August. He started the process in February of 2015 and was officially accepted in October 2015. He spent seven months, or 30 weeks, at the training center in Hamilton County. A total of 1195 candidates submitted applications and only 41 candidates made it through the academy and received job offers.

Out of the 1195, only 950 applicants went through the basic PT test where they had to run, do sit-ups, do push-ups, and complete a swim test.

During the interview process, another major weeding-out occurred and only 482 candidates made the cut. The interview process consisted of completing a personal history statement and going before an interview board with three game wardens of various ranks and answering questions.

The background investigation portion included extensive background checks where personal history statements were checked and copies of driver's licenses, birth certificates, college transcripts, military records and credit records were checked. When that part of the application process was completed, there were only 155 applicants to make the cut.

Conley said the next step was for cadets to be ranked based on what had been learned from background checks, and the number dropped to 142. After a review by a Colonel, Lt. Colonel and Director of HR, only 131 applicants were still on the list.

In October of 2015, Conley received his conditional job offer from the agency, and the number of applicants dropped to 43 after the physical test and psychological test. Conley said each candidate could accept or deny the invitation to go to the academy, and only 41 chose to accept.

The lengthy process leads up to the actual academy which was "intense", Conley said. The 200-acre academy is still under construction on donated land. Conley said it is a huge facility that has all the amenities to give cadets the situations they may experience as game wardens in the field.

Conley showed a slide of what the average week of a cadet entailed and Lions were surprised to learn that after completing a very long, busy day, cadets still had to clean and study for the next test.

"We were extremely busy," Conley said. "It was intense!"

During academy, other game wardens and personnel would visit to take part in the training. There was a lot of role-playing and Conley said some played the part of someone nice and some played the part of someone who's angry and mean.

Part of the training included qualifying with firearms at the gun range and time in the Fire Arms Training Simulator that provides training for decision-making skills.

Water survival is also a big part of cadet training, as it is of the utmost importance to learn to fight and perform rescues while fully clothed in the water. Cadets are also taught breathing strategies which helps them learn to stay underwater longer. Swift water training is also practiced and even the training is quite dangerous but also important to learn.

There's a driving course, and cadets get plenty of practice on learning to control a vehicle. Conley said he particularly enjoyed the driving.

"It's a ton of fun!" he said.

Cadets were well-educated on handling wildlife, and Conley said he got to grab a big, mean alligator. There were so many aspects to the training that it was obvious Lions were only getting a taste of what it may have been like.

Conley said he was pleased to get word he was being sent to Mitchell County, as it was one of the top destinations on his list. Cadets get to turn in a wish list of locations, but the agency sends them where they may be the best fit. Conley said that over 30 went to Texas-Mexico border.

Out of the 41 graduates, two were female game wardens. There are over 530 game wardens in Texas.

Conley said that he's made contact with over 500 dove hunters and 400 deer hunters during his time here, and he's had great experiences.

"It's been a very great year of people following the law," Conley said.

TxDOT celebrates 100 years of service

To honor the past while anticipating the future, the Texas Department of Transportation celebrates a century of service this year with a traveling exhibit and other events to highlight the agency's ongoing mission of connecting Texans to what matters most — the people they love and the places they need to be.

"Through 100 years of collaboration and leadership, TxDOT has helped connect communities to commerce and people to opportunity by building and maintaining the backbone of our healthy economy — now the tenth-largest in the world," said Gov. Greg Abbott. "That robust transportation system paves the way to prosperity for more families and more businesses each and every day. On behalf of the people of Texas, I congratulate TxDOT on their first 100 years and look forward to continuing our work to accelerate economic opportunity and fuel Texans' freedom to aspire."

As the state's economy and population continue to grow, TxDOT remains committed to meeting Texas' ongoing and ever-changing transportation needs. In the early 1900s, the goal was connecting farms and ranches to market; today, it's safely moving goods and a population of more than 27 million across a nation-leading 80,000 miles of state-maintained roadways — even in the midst of historic growth in our population and trade.

"A century ago, Texas' state highway system was established to get Texans out of the mud," said Texas Transportation Commission Chairman Tryon Lewis. "Now, under the leadership of Gov. Abbott, and with the support of the Legislature, the Transportation Commission is dedicated to getting Texans out of traffic jams and moving them as safely and efficiently as possible to their destinations, and then back to their loved ones."

To commemorate this 100-year milestone, TxDOT invites the public to visit its centennial website. The public also is invited to "Track the Truck" and join in the celebration as a refurbished, 27-foot-long 1918 Liberty Truck makes its way across the state as part of a traveling exhibit that tells the district-by-district story of the agency's 100-year history. Along with the truck, the exhibit will feature historical photos and a visual timeline highlighting

significant dates and achievements.

"We are extremely grateful for the century of support from our elected leaders and citizens who most recently authorized measures to increase highway funding, which will allow us to deliver new projects to keep Texans moving for the next 100 years," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "Our traveling centennial exhibit affords us a great opportunity to thank the public and share a uniquely historical perspective of how our roadways have evolved from their early beginnings into the expansive network we know today."

The TxDOT Story
Born as the Texas Highway Department on April 4, 1917, the earliest incarnation of the Texas Department of Transportation was tasked with a challenge that continues today — there's a lot of ground to cover in Texas.

In its first nine months, the Texas Highway Department registered nearly 200,000 automobiles and drew the first official map showing the routes of 8,865 miles of improved roadways that would tie Texas together.

As Texas grew, so did the department's responsibilities. In the 1970s, its scope would stretch beyond roads and highways to local and regional public transit providers. Throughout the 1990s and 2000s, the agency was assigned additional duties, including aviation and railroads along with ports and waterways. It also was given a new identity — the Texas Department of Transportation, or TxDOT for short.

Today, TxDOT continues to address the state's ongoing and growing transportation needs. From its humble beginnings of 10 employees and a 1918 construction project creating a 20-mile road between Falfurrias and Encino to the world's first precast network arch bridge in Fort Worth, TxDOT has grown into one of the state's largest agencies with more than 11,000 team members maintaining 80,000 miles of Texas roadways.

It's been a century of service and TxDOT looks forward to the next 100 years of connecting Texans to what matters most.

For media inquiries, contact TxDOT Abilene Public Information Officer, Mary Belle Turner, at MaryBelle.Turner@txdot.gov or (325) 676-6817.



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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH From Vietnam with love

Dr. Paul Bennett of Sulphur Springs was an Army dentist in Vietnam. Occasionally he worked on civilians. Just a few weeks before leaving Vietnam, he had a Vietnamese civilian as a patient. Her name was Thuan.

"I met him in 1972," says Thuan. "It was at a hospital in Saigon. He worked on my teeth."

Both found each other fascinating and they had a couple of meals together. They became friends. Paul left Viet Nam in 1972, but brought memories of Thuan home with him.

"I really couldn't get my mind off this lovely young lady I met just before I left Vietnam," says Paul, who established a dental practice in Sulphur Springs after leaving the Army. "I dated, but couldn't get serious about anybody because I was thinking of Thuan."

Thuan had worked for some American companies in Vietnam and came to the US in 1975. "When I stepped on American soil for the first time, that was the happiest day of my life," she says. She got a job with a bank in California.

"I couldn't get this man off my mind," says Thuan. "I thought about him all the time for years. I decided to try to find him and one of my friends told me that I could look him up through the American Dental Association. So that's what I did."

Paul said he had a call one day his office. "My receptionist told me there was a call from someone named Thuan. I never even knew that she got out alive. I talked to her and she said she would be flying to Phoenix. I told her that if she would go on and fly to Dallas I would take her out to dinner and we could get caught up on each other. So when she walked off the airplane I said 'I lost you one time I'm not going to lose you again.'"

They were married three months later and last year celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary.

"We had a connection," says Thuan. "I knew I was in love with him. He didn't know it because I didn't tell him. And he was in love with me and never told me. Then six years later we met and the feelings were still there. He could never forget about me and I could never forget about him."

Thuan thinks she's very fortunate. "When I moved here, the people were very kind to me. They immediately accepted me. I got my realtor's license and went to work selling real estate and helping Paul in his office. I got to know many people. When we retired, I got invited to join all sorts of clubs and organizations."

"We think we're very blessed," says Paul.

Legislature activities in Texas Senate last week

By Teresa Beckmeyer
West Texas Voice Online

The full Senate had its first chance last Thursday to debate banning Sanctuary Cities in Texas.

Just after lunch, Senators commenced their arguments for or against the motion to bring the bill to the floor for a vote. Over the next three hours, all twelve Democrats repeated questions and talking points to discredit the bill as unnecessary at best, and discriminatory at worst.

The debate prompted Republican Sen. Jane Nelson to stand and lament what she called the large amount of "misinformation" swirling around this bill.

Sen. Charles Perry took it a step further, calling it outright "fear-mongering."

Readers will remember from our previous alert from the committee hearing that the bill requires cities and counties to comply with federal requests to detain suspected illegal immigrants. These detention requests from ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) are

only triggered after a person is arrested and booked for a separate crime and his or her name is flagged by the feds.

Perry reiterated numerous times that the bill only applies to persons already lawfully arrested. Under his bill, police would not be instructed to ask about the immigration status of people halted for traffic citations or other petty offenses that do not end in arrest. He and other Senators insisted this bill would not turn local law enforcement officials into federal immigration enforcement agents.

Sen. Royce West and Sen. Sylvia Garcia in particular raised concerns about the potential violation of individuals' Fourth Amendment rights. Sen. John Whitmire was worried about Latino communities being afraid to speak to or cooperate with police for fear of unintentional self-incrimination. To the questions on racial profiling, Perry responded that existing laws against profiling would not be changed. Referring to fears of souring police-community relations, he pointed to language in his bill

which prevents law enforcement officers from turning illegal immigrants over to Federal agents if they are victims of, or cooperating as witnesses to a crime.

During his exchange with Sen. Whitmire, Perry read a list of Texans killed by illegal immigrants to emphasize the need for the legislation. Earlier, Sen. Joan Huffman discussed her experience with victims of such crimes, arguing they might have been spared had those here illegally been previously deported.

Finally, the motion to bring the bill forward prevailed, and Sen. Perry was able to present the bill to the body for a vote. Then on "second reading," ("first reading" being the committee phase), Senators were able to offer amendments to the bill. There were thirty-nine in all—debate on which took another three hours.

Most amendments were killed on party lines, but a few were acceptable to Sen. Perry and were approved.

On Friday, the body voted, again along party lines to "read" the bill for a third time, and finally passed it.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 17
Feb. 18
Feb. 18
Feb. 18
Feb. 21
Feb. 23
Feb. 24
Mar. 3
Mar. 21
Mar. 27
Apr. 11

Last Day to File for Candidacy
Roadrunner Loop Work Day
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PUBLIC RECORDS

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D. Kirk Edwards, to Betty T. Edwards, Deceased, CC Probate.

Dana L. Henderson, Revenue Officer, Cheryl Cordero, for Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, to Cooperative Gin Association, Federal Tax Ln.

Robert Theodore Keeley, Robert T. Keeley, aka, to RTK Ranch, LP, Special E/D.

Robert T. Keeley, Robert Theodore Keeley, aka, to RTK Minerals, LP, Mineral Deed.

D. Craig Pearson, Dist Dir, Railroad Commission of Texas Oil and Gas Div, to C & S Operating, Notice to Operator/RE.

Lucid Energy Westex, LLC, Ryan D. Moss, Exec VP & Chief Fin Offr, Lucid Energy Holdings, LLC, Lucid Energy Logistics, LLC, Lucid Energy Products, LLC, to Wells Fargo Bank NA Admin Agent/Beneficiary, Brandon Kast, VP, Chad Clark, TTEE, Amended and Restated.

John Leo Kennedy, III, Jenice Kennedy, to Quicken Loans, Inc, Title Source, Inc, TTEE, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc "MERS" Beneficiary, Deed of Trust.

Jaquelyne Ann Box, to Lisa Fallin, Warranty Deed.

Lisa Fallin, to Royce D. Clay, TTEE, City National Bank of Colorado City, Deed of Trust.

John Bradley Whittington, to Reatta Energy, Inc, JR Purvis, Pres, Corrected Oil and Gas.

Amanda Jane Covey, Affiant, to Nancy Jane Beal Covey, Deceased, Public, Affidavit of Heirship.

Wesley Keith Covey, Affiant, to Nancy Jane Beal Covey, Deceased, Public, Affidavit of Heirship.

Brian Heath Covey, Affiant, to Nancy Jane Beal Covey, Deceased, Public, Affidavit of Heirship.

Juanita Inez Carver, to Ricky Carver, Benny Carver, Enhanced Life Estate.

Jan Jesus Moreno, Jr, to David R. Alvarez, Warranty Deed.

Roxanne Brasher, to New Horizons Energy I, LLC, Matthew Lofgran, Pres, Assignment/Conveyance/BI.

Dan Bray, to New Horizons Energy I, LLC, Matthew Lofgran, Pres, Assignment/Conveyance/BI.

Dan C. Bray, to Matthew Lofgran, Pres, New Horizons Energy I, LLC, Assignment/Conveyance/BI.

Linda Jean Barton, Anna Laura Denison, Patricia Lynn Neel, Lee Sisters, LLC, to New Horizons Energy I, LLC, Matthew Lofgran, Pres, Assignment/Conveyance/BI.

Veral W. Matlock, Successors and Assigns, Edith Matlock, to New Horizons Energy I, LLC, Matthew Lofgran, Pres, Assignment/Conveyance/BI.

Terry Haggerton, Cheryl Haggerton, to Hag Oil, LP, Asgmt & Bill of Sale.

Mark E. Rhoads, to C & C Investments,

Mineral Deed.

Mark Wayne Morrow, Admin/Indiv, Rita Faulks Morrow Estate, Deceased, to Andrew Jacob Faulks, Special W/D.

JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA, Ednique Williams, VP, to Paul Barr, Margaret Barr, Release of Lien/DT.

Johnny Edwards, to Terri Beights, Agent, Power of Attorney.

Meredith Edwards, to Terri Beights, Agent, Power of Attorney.

Wells Fargo Bank, NA SUCC TTEE, George M. Brown, Estate Trust, Corrie Hoyt Brown, Estate Trust.

Caroline S. Thompson, VP & Asset Mgr, to Ty Johnson, Trustees Deed.

Louis A. Morelton, Korina Morelton, to Don Driver, Indiv/TTEE, Bobbie Jo Driver Trust, Warranty Deed.

Vickie B. Spray, to Jerry Leonard Gay, Corrected Warranty.

Vickie B. Spray, to Randy F. Peacock, Warranty Deed.

Vickie Spray, to Felipe Anguiano III, Warranty Deed.

William Lance Walker, Jr, to Donald E. Volbrecht, Caroline R. Volbrecht, Warranty Deed.

Loraine Economic Development, Donald Sewell, to Robert Vangundy, to Richard Williams, Gift Deed.

Troy A. Powell, to Billy Dale Geiger, Leslie Ann Geiger, Warranty Deed.

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Jose Francisco Diaz, Driving While Intoxicated 2nd, 6/11/16

Don Glenn Herrera, Poss Marij <2oz, 12/14/16

Christopher John Lopez, Criminal Trespass, 11/20/16

John Paul Pantoja, Driving While License Suspended/Invalid, 12/29/16

James Keith Dunlap, Duty Striking Unatt Veh, 10/29/16

Mark Cornutt, Theft >=\$20-\$500 By Check, 10/17/16

Dianey S. Delatorre, Theft>=\$20-\$500 By Check, 7/16/16

BH Wilson, Theft>=\$20-\$500 By Check, 12/12/13

Deanna Klaustermeier, Theft>=\$20-\$500 By Check, 9/13/16

Thomas Evans, Theft>=\$20-\$500 By Check, 5/13/16

Auzzell Fredrick Gittens, JP-Driving While License Invalid, 10/28/14

Rebecca Provines, Theft>=\$20-\$500 By Check, 11/25/13

Rudy Garcia, Jr, Theft Prop \$20-\$500 By Check Enh, 3/31/14

Thomas Jacob Rivera, Theft Prop \$20-\$500 By Check Enh, 6/23/15

Crystal Sanchez, Theft Prop \$20-\$500 By Check Enh, 8/14/14

Christina Gutierrez, Theft Prop \$20-\$500 By Check Enh, 3/27/13

Gabriel Salazar, Theft>=\$20-\$500 By

Check, 5/3/14

Jodi Latisha Wall, Theft Prop \$20-\$500 By Check Enh, 7/31/15

ARRESTS

Willie Martinez, 52, THP, POM < 2 oz, 2/3/17

Jeremy Wade Grimes, 36, CCPD, DWLI w/Prev, 2/4/17

Ronald Terry Parham, Jr, 35, THP, DWLI w/Prev, 2/4/17

Nathan Daniel McWhorter, 33, MCSO, Warrant X2, M&R Bail Jumping, FTA MTP, PCS, 2/6/17

Diana Rodriguez Perez, 48, MCSO, Warrant, DWI 3rd or more

Enemicio De La Rosa, 45, Tom Green, PCS, 2/7/17

Bryan Conrad McClure, 42, Tom Green, Burg of Hab, 2/7/17

Erik Contreras, 32, Tom Green, Man Del CS, 2/7/17

Shay DeHaven Ashby, 35, Tom Green, Warrant, 2/7/17

Robert Sherman Young, Jr, 30, Tom Green, PCS, 2/7/17

Geezis Equay French, 37, Tom Green, Warrant X3, 2/7/17

Elizabeth Alice Jenkins, 55, Tom Green, Burg of Hab, 2/7/17

Ashton Allen Bingham, 19, Tom Green, POM, 2/7/17

Jonathan Paul Cauthorn, 30, Tom Green, Crim Misch, 2/7/17

Kelvin Deon Manefee, 52, Tom Green, Burg of Bldg, 2/7/17

Larry Dale Craft, 27, CCPD, Warrant, Scurry Co, 2/8/17

Rebecca Inez Smith, 54, CCPD, Warrant Theft of Prop, 2/8/17

David Wesley Kelsey, 61, Nolan Co, Prob Vio, 2/9/17

John Michael Garcia, 28, CCPD, Resisting Arrest, PI, DOC Lang, 2/9/17

Nicholas Ray Leyse, 38, Self, Court Comm, 2/10/17

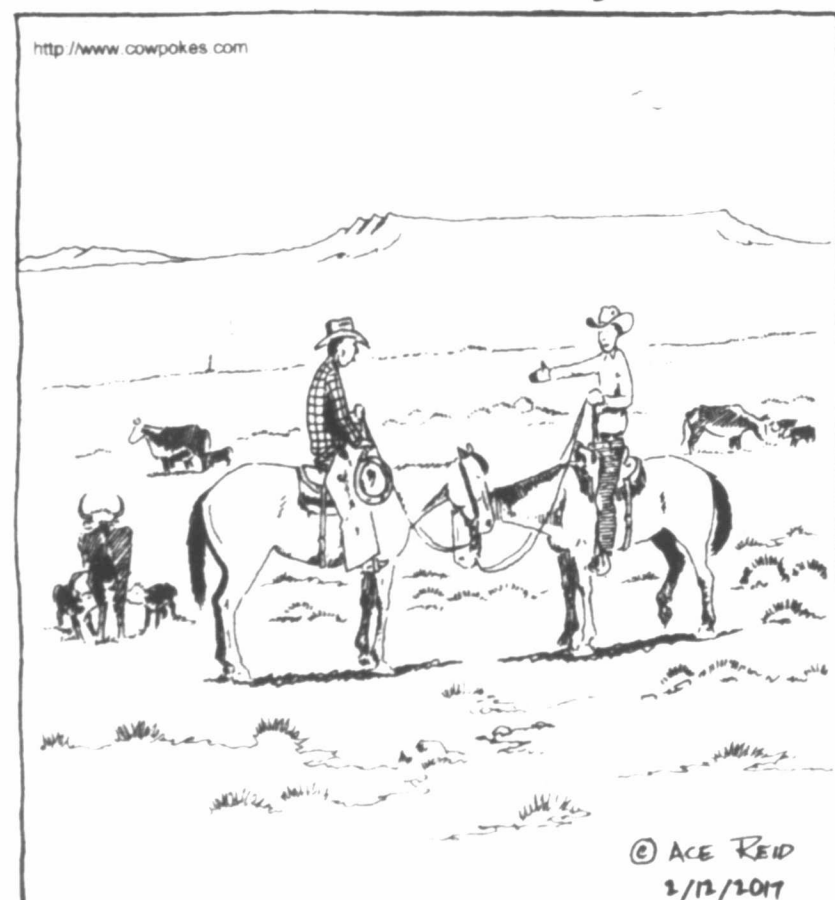
Brian Garcia, 24, MCSO, DOC Language, 2/10/17

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LOCAL NEWS



BRIDGING THE GAP... Mrs. McKinney's 1st grade class participated in the FCCLA Bridging the Gap project. Students sang songs from the EIEI Oops program. Students in the class are: Immanuel Bender, Kylie Egan, Jayrdan Espinoza, Trent Floyd, Hendrix Glass, Alexia Gonzales, Jaiden Green, Noah Hardesty, Saniyah Harrell, Carsyn-Kaye Jurgens, Nevaeh Manely, Kennedy Martin, Nathan Molina, Bryson Moore, Brianna Muñoz, Mia Obenhaus, Gracie Oden, Hunter Proctor, Jadon Reyna, Addison Rivera, Maricella Rivera and Landon Rodriguez. Photo courtesy of Brittany McKinney.

MONEY

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The search, 58 bundles of methamphetamine concealed in a compartment in the undercarriage of the vehicle were found. Unofficial field weight was approximately 50 pounds.

Mejia was arrested and the Ford Explorer and tow dolly were seized.

On January 16th, Investigator Stiltner stopped the driver of a white dually pickup pulling an auto transport trailer carrying three vehicles. The trailer was displaying an unclear/unreadable license plate. According to an affidavit filed by Stiltner, the stop occurred at 10:47 a.m. at mile marker 211 in the westbound lanes of I-20.

The trailer displayed a temporary paper registration that was not readable due to the plastic covering being frayed and covered in road grime.

The driver, Teddy Nesbitt of Brownsville, Tennessee, was a commercial auto hauler and was transporting the vehicle for hire. Nesbitt cleaned and taped the temporary tag. However, Stiltner researched the vehicle being hauled and noticed discrepancies in the shipping.

A consent search of the vehicle revealed that a gray 2003 Acura MDX sport utility vehicle contained a secret compartment concealing three packages of duct tape-wrapped, vacuum packed bundles of currency amounting to \$178,970.

Nesbitt was found to have no involvement with the offense and was released. The affidavit said it was evident that the smuggling scheme was being conducted using the unwitting auto transport business.

Billy Joe Sides, another investigator of the 32nd Judicial District Attorney's Office, filed an affidavit regarding a stop he made on I-20 on January 31st.

Sides said he stopped a purple

commercial vehicle with a California license plate for failure to signal lane change at approximately 8:41 that morning. The driver was identified as Jade Hong Nam and Sides asked to see the bill of lading for vehicles that were being transported by Nam. The affidavit says that Sides noticed one of the vehicles had some indication of possibly being used to conceal and transport illegal contraband.

Nam gave consent for Sides to search, and the investigator found a false floor compartment in the vehicle which was a 2006 Volvo XC-90 SUV. The compartment was empty at the time of the stop but is considered a criminal instrument and the vehicle has been seized.

The driver was not arrested.

On February 1st at 2 p.m., Investigator Stiltner made a traffic stop on I-20 near mile marker 211. The driver, identified as Saul Meliton Calderon-Gutierrez of Chihuahua, Mexico, was stopped for traveling 86 mph in a 75 mph zone.

Calderon was the registered owner of a gray 2006 Pontiac Grand Prix. Stiltner became suspicious of Calderon when he said he had been to Dallas on vacation, but a check showed that he entered into the U.S. at Presidio in West Texas less than 48 hours earlier, not leaving enough time for vacation.

During a consented search, Stiltner found wrapped, concealed plastic-covered bundles of money totaling \$101,320. The vehicle and money were seized and Calderon was arrested for money laundering.

The bust bringing in the largest sum of money occurred on Thursday, February 9th at 9:30 in the morning. Investigator Stiltner stopped a 2014 white Toyota Corolla on I-20 near mile marker 210.

The stop occurred because the passenger, identified as Maria Loreto Duarte Corral, was not wearing her seatbelt. Also, the registration in the rear windshield did not match the license plates on the Corolla.

The driver, Alfredo Marizcales, gave consent to search the vehicle which revealed sophisticated electronic secret compartments built into the floor of the vehicle. The compartment held numerous wrapped packages of U.S. currency totaling \$609,132. Evidence contradicting their stories was also found. During an interview, Du-

arte was also found to have more than \$8,000 in one of her purses.

A small child was also in the vehicle but didn't belong to either of the people in the car. Duarte said it was her grandson. The child was taken into the custody of the Department of Family Protective Services after the mother, Rosa Duarte, was contacted by phone.

Marizcales and Duarte were both arrested for 1st Degree Felony Money Laundering.

DA Ricky Thompson said that an attorney representing the defendants in the latest case had filed documents on their behalfs.

ELECTIONS

FROM PAGE 1

for the City of Colorado City. Traven Berrie has filed and will run against District 1 representative Sammy Contreras. Recently appointed District 2 councilman Charles Rice will be on the ballot to keep his seat on the council, as will Timothy Boyd in District 5. Both men were sworn in during a meeting at the beginning of the month.

Jim Baum is the only candidate to file for the mayor's spot so far. Anyone wishing to file for a place on the ballot should go by City Hall at 180 W. 3rd Street in Colorado City to pick up an application.

Incumbent Dwayne Smith joins John Chaney to become the second citizen to file for a place on the Loraine ISD Board of Trustees.

Three at-large positions are up for election and are currently held by Chaney, Smith and Joey Lujan.

Applications for candidacy can be picked up at the administration office, located at 800 S. Lightfoot in Loraine, inside the main building in Room 608.

The last day to register to vote in the elections that will be held May 2nd is Thursday, April 6th. The first day of early voting will be Monday, April 24th.

REPAVING

FROM PAGE 1

Turner said there will also be repairs made to some of the bridge joints at the eastern and western ends of the road.

So far, TxDOT Area Engineer Matt Evans met with the mayor and other city officials to see if there is any validity to rumors of a tunnel under Business 20. Mayor Jim Baum said he has not heard of any such thing.

Turner said a pre-construction meeting will be held and more details will be available after that meeting. Watch the *Record* for more information on the subject.

CISD

FROM PAGE 1

set to the program.

In other business, presiding election judge Brenda Kelley was approved by the board, along with alternate judge Sonja Rocha. The presiding judge is paid \$14 per hour plus an additional \$25 for picking up supplies and delivering returns. The alternate judge will be paid \$14 per hour.

A textbook committee was named and approved by the board. Members of the committee are: Liz White, Harold Sowa, Judy Merrell, Brenda Hammond, Laura Switzer, Robin Senter and Jennifer Morris. They will review instructional materials for Career and Technical Education and Languages other than English.

CISD Superintendent Reggy Spencer discussed a few ways that CISD staff is attempting to help students achieve success and get good results on tests. Sometimes those ways come in the form of incentives.

Like last year, kids that pass the STAAR test will get a little money and those scoring near the top will get even more. Spencer said

that the district will pay teachers extra that beat the state averages. He said the district looks at other districts and teachers performing well and will buy curriculum that seems to be working.

Tutoring will begin soon and students can stay at school until at least 4 p.m. now to get extra help from teachers.

"We hope this helps our kids," Spencer said, adding that he is willing to do as much as possible to help students achieve success.

School nurse Elena Marquez has resigned her position. The district hopes to have a recommended applicant by the March 9th meeting.

In his report to the board, Spencer said that enrollment hit 1005 last week, the highest it's been so far this year. Colorado Elementary Principal Melinda Alexander reported that there are 122 students in the pre-k classes.

Absences are high due to illness, and Spencer said that Germblast has visited the campus for a disinfection to help control the spread of germs.

COURT

FROM PAGE 1

Anderson, expectations are for the desalination plant to be operating and producing water by the end of this month.

Payroll in the amount of \$81,036.80 was approved as presented by County Treasurer Jennifer Rivera.

A public official bond was approved for Precinct 1 Commis-

sioner Randy Anderson in the amount of \$3,000.

Kristy Tyra, Oncor Area Manager of Customer Operations, attended the meeting and introduced herself to the court. Tyra took the position that came open with the retirement of Jim Clements.

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Each year is different. This year, we received toys in drop boxes, and we received cash donations. This allowed about 100 families to have a happy Christmas, and it put smiles on the faces of about 300 Mitchell County kids.

In addition to the ones listed above, we also have record of 17 families, which included 50 children, helped by teachers, school groups and other individuals.

Special thanks to:

All the faithful citizens that mail in donations year after years. Dot and Dan Smith at the Community Mission who are always supportive and work so hard to make the project run smoothly. Volunteers that continue to show up on work days to fill gift bags. Our news media, *Colorado City Record* and KVMC/KAUM, for always getting the dates, information and deadlines out to the public. We appreciate each Mitchell County resident. We are so fortunate to live in a caring, giving community.

Thank you,
Jan Lemons and Kiwanians

LOCAL NEWS

WALK AROUND THE TOWN

By Ginny Harmon

It will be six years this month doing this column. I have had a lot of news going on this last six weeks.

I went out for dinner Sunday night to Mary's Café. I went with Judy Bell and Mary Riley. The food was so good. I saw my good friends, Mayor Jim Baum and his pretty wife, Linda. It was so good to see them. Also, sitting next to them was Judge Mayo and his wife, Janet. They both look great.

Janet never changes. She is like Linda. They just keep going and never age. That had been the first time I have been out at

night to eat in a year.

I had such a good time. I even drove. Poor Judy Bell and Mary! It was the first time I drove a car for a while. I'm starting my second childhood. On March 14th, I will be 88 years old.

Now, this is what's going on at the Colorado City Senior Apartments. Janet Free and Ellen Potts have been very ill. They are some better. I worry about these two. They have both been in the hospital two times each.

Mary Riley is going to Abilene to stay with her brother for a few days.

We still have coffee on

Wednesday mornings. Jimbo Morgan makes the coffee for everyone. Gladys is one of our bakers. She and Judy Bell make good things to eat. The joy we have with Susan Barr. She makes us all laugh.

Judy, Gladys and Ken are starting a garden. I will pull up a chair and watch. No green thumb for me.

What a surprise it was to hear from Shirley Scott, my beautiful friend. Shirley, Sendia and I went to Big Spring to eat. I had such a good time. I miss you, Shirley.

A dear friend, Betty Shawn, passed away. We will all miss Betty.

Brenda Shiflett had her upper back done. She said she is doing fine. She wears a neck brace. Hurry back to work, Brenda. I know Mary Jones from Curves misses you a lot.

Glenda Stinson and Sherry Berry are new grandparents and great-grandparents. Congratulations to Lauren.

Pastor James Williams has stopped by to see how I'm doing. He is from New Life Bible Ministries. I hope to get back soon. I miss all of you.

Lou Garrett and Tommie Williams came by to see me. I was so glad to see them.

My grandson, Chris Grissom, passed away Tuesday. He was 47 on the 13th of February.

I know my Ed will be glad to see him. I know of tears I have shed will be no more, because he will not suffer anymore. He was my first grandchild. The love I have for him is so great.

Lana Vardeman wished her daughter, Summer, happy 25th birthday. Remember when Summer would have cats and dogs at her dad's vet clinic. She was so adorable. We all watched her grow up.

We all know about Justin and Ika Goebel. He was injured so severely. We all cried and prayed for him. His sweet mother, Donna, is trying to be brave for everyone.

Justin and his wife never refused to treat an animal. These two showed kindness and love to everybody. We will continue to pray for them.

See you next month!



1ST PLACE YORKSHIRE — Kaymey Russell exhibited the 1st place Lightweight Yorkshire Barrow at the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo recently. Those pictured are: (l-r) Reggy Spencer, Kerrey Russell, Brayley Cooper, Kourtney Cooper, Denise Farmer, Brenlye Strain, Kaymey Russell, Matt Farmer, Rebecca Russell, Robby Russell, Jagger Collier, Will Collier, and Coty Strain. Photo courtesy of Rebecca Russell.

Russell places 1st with barrow at Fort Worth Stock Show

Kamey Russell, an FFA member from Colorado City, exhibited the First Place Light Weight Yorkshire Barrow in the Junior Barrow Yorkshire Show at the 2017 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on February 3. The 2017 Show is hosting junior exhibitors from 238 counties across Texas competing for awards and \$161,830 in premiums.

Of the 33,000 entries at the nation's oldest livestock show, the livestock exhibited by more than 11,500 junior exhibitors are among the best market animals

in the country. While the livestock are impressive, one of the Show's main objectives is to support the professional and leadership development efforts offered by 4-H and FFA programs in Texas.

"Cultivating tomorrow's business and civic leaders goes to the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's core purpose," said Stock Show President, Brad Barnes. "Our commitment to these young men and women remains strong and we're humbled that so many Texas youth choose to ex-

hibit at the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo."

Twenty-three days of fun-filled entertainment is on tap from January 13 through February 4 at the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. Get your tickets today and enjoy a fun-filled western heritage experience. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.fwssr.com. Ordering tickets is also made easy by calling (817) 877-2420. Get ready for Prime Time — get out to the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo.

Raffle tickets still available to help with Goebel expenses

Tickets are on sale now for a benefit raffle to help defray medical expenses for Justin Goebel. Local citizen Barry Holman has offered a custom-built saddle, valued at \$2,000.

Fortunately, Goebel is recovering slowly after undergoing many surgeries. He is still in University Medical Center in Lubbock and has had a few setbacks but is making a miraculous recovery at this time. Holman is offering his talents to benefit the Goebel family.

A drawing for the saddle is set

for April 3rd and tickets cost \$25 each or \$100 for five. The saddle will be custom built to the specifications of the winner's choice up to the price of base saddle, estimated to be about \$2,000.

Goebel is a local veterinarian who was severely injured in an automobile accident on Monday, January 16th. He has already had multiple surgeries and more are scheduled. Justin and his wife Ika are both veterinarians in Mitchell County. They have one son, Ethan, and are expecting another child in May.

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Donna Madrid
City Secretary

LOCAL NEWS



REPRESENTING CHS – Several FCCLA students competed at a conference in Waco last weekend, and many qualified to advance to the state contest which will be held in Dallas in April. Students competing were: Caleb Chaney, M'Leah Alexander, Jisell Ventura, Esmeralda Carlos, Amor Carrillo, Lilly Parras, Dillon Adkins, Anessa Hulme, Muranda Garcia, Kaytlin Sims, Diana Santiago, Sara Barrera, Kimmy Ventura, and Malishia Payne. Photo courtesy of Judy Merrell.



MOVING ON UP – First graders reaching the 50% mark in the Accelerated Reader program celebrated with Mrs. Merrell and the FCCLA class at Colorado High School recently. They are: (l-r) Isabella Wood, Aiden Carrillo, Toby Bell and Karoline Hammond. Photo courtesy of Melinda Alexander.

Colorado High students advance to state FCCLA

Colorado High School's FCCLA students attended the Region 2 FCCLA Conference in Waco last weekend. The theme of the conference was "Rise. Lead. Succeed." Part of the conference is a contest, and several CHS students competed.

The following students will advance to the state competition in Dallas on April 5th-9th.

Caleb Chaney placed 1st in Leadership, and Esmeralda Carlos placed 1st in Teach and Train.

Amor Carrillo placed 1st in Interpersonal Communication.

Placing 2nd were Lilly Parras and Dillon Adkins in Life Event Planning. Anessa Hulme and Muranda Garcia placed 4th in National Programs in Action. M'Leah Alexander and Jisell Ventura placed 5th in Focus on Children.

Other FCCA members competing were: Kaytlin Sims, Diana Santiago, Sara Barrera, Kimmy Ventura and Malishia Payne.

SCHOOL MENUS

COLORADO ISD BREAKFAST MENU Feb 20-Feb 24

Monday- Student Holiday
Tuesday - Pita pocket breakfast, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Chicken and waffles, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - Stuffed bagel, sausage, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - Dutch waffle, bacon, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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Monday- Student Holiday
Tuesday - Meatball sub sand, potato rounds, fresh veggie cup, fresh fruit, vanilla pudding, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Fiesta bowl, gar-

den salad, tiny tomato cup, fruit cup, choice of milk.

Thursday - Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, broccoli, apple slices, choice of milk.
Friday - Corn dog, oven fries, baby carrots, peaches, crispy cereal treat, choice of milk.

LORAIN ISD BREAKFAST MENU Feb 20-Feb 24

Monday- Cereal, toast, pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - Cereal, toast, chicken-n-biscuit, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - Cereal, toast, french toast, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

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Friday - Cereal, toast, dutch waffles, bacon, fruit, fruit juice,

LORAIN ISD LUNCH MENU Feb 20-Feb 24

Monday- Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, garden salad, peaches, Tuscan vegetable, milk.
Tuesday - Pizza choice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, chilled pineapple, cookie, milk.

Wednesday - Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, garnish, salsa, tiny tomato cup, refried beans, hot cinnamon roll, milk.

Thursday - Cheeseburger, garnish, oven fries, veggie cup, orange smiles, milk.

Friday - Pulled pork sliders, garden salad, savory green beans, apple slices, milk.

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Monday- Student Holiday
Tuesday - Egg, sausage, muffin,

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Wednesday - Scrambled eggs w/biscuit and gravy, cereal, milk.
Thursday - Waffles w/topping, syrup, cereal, milk.

Friday - Breakfast casserole, cereal, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD LUNCH MENU Feb 20-Feb 24

Monday- Student Holiday
Tuesday - Salisbury steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, banana pudding, milk.

Wednesday - Taco salad bowl (shell, ground meat, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes), Charro beans, Spanish rice, salsa, sheet cake, milk.

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SPORTS

Lady Wolves' defensive pressure too much for Maidens



BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS! The Lady Wolves traveled to Clyde to face Comanche in the bi-district round of the playoffs Monday night and came away with a win to earn the title of bi-district champions. Clancy White (3) does her part by laying up two points for the Lady Wolves, while teammates Kaitlyn Kimball (1), Conley Niblett (33) and Sara Roach (23) run in for the rebound.

Wolves lose to Stanton in close game, 48-44

Despite getting off to an early lead, the Colorado City Wolves varsity basketball team couldn't manage to stay on top and lost to the Stanton Buffaloes at home, 48-44 last Friday. The loss brings

the Wolves' season record to 17-10.

The Wolves had no trouble scoring in the first frame of Friday's game and led 16-6 at the end of the first quarter. A second-

quarter rally by the Buffaloes seemed to turn the momentum of the game, and the Buffaloes had closed the gap to 25-20 by halftime.

While the Wolves managed to stay on top, the shots weren't going in the net for them in the third period. However, they held a slim 33-26 lead over Stanton at the end of the quarter.

Stanton rallied hard in the final quarter and fouls by the Wolves gave the Buffaloes plenty of opportunities to score. The game came down to the wire, with the clock

being stopped multiple times in the last few minutes due to fouls.

The Wolves didn't have enough time to recover from Stanton's lead, and the Buffaloes won 48-44.

Kwentin Malveaux led in scoring with 13 points, and Tommy James was at the top of his game, scoring 11 points. Markis Monroe added 9 points and Omar Boone pitched in 5 for the Wolves.

The boys faced Coahoma at the home of the regular season.

CLYDE - As a general rule, coaches spent hours every season preaching the importance of effort and playing good defense. Looks like the Colorado City Lady Wolves have been listening ... a lot.

Colorado City certainly stepped up the effort - and because of that, turned in a smothering defensive performance - on Monday evening in their Region I-3A bi-district showdown with the Comanche Maidens. The Lady Wolves forced 32 turnovers in 32 minutes of play and rolled to a 52-36 victory in front of a large crowd in the Clyde High School gym.

"We knew if we played good defense and stopped fouling, we would be OK," said Kimball, who now leads his team into the area round of the Class 3A playoffs to face either Peaster or Holliday.

Now 23-8 for the year, Colorado City didn't waste any time in bewitching the Maidens' offense. The Lady Wolves forced eight Comanche turnovers in the initial 4:25 of the contest and turned that into a quick 7-0 lead.

The news only got worse for the Maidens from there. The CHS defense ramped up the pressure even more. Colorado City forced Comanche into five more turnovers in the remainder of the opening eight minutes of the game and sprinted to a 13-5 lead.

As a team, Comanche committed 13 turnovers in the first quarter.

The Maidens, the No. 2 seed out of the District 6-3A race, looked as if they had gotten on track in the second. Despite committing eight more turnovers in the frame, Comanche managed to pump in 13 points in the quarter - seven of which came via the free throw line - and

struggled into the half trailing by nine, at 27-18.

Having taken away much of Comanche's offense threat with its defense, Kimball said he told his team to focus on eliminating fouls during the half. Fewer fouls meant fewer scoring opportunities, he reminded them.

"That's what we talked about at the half," said Kimball. "I said, 'We've got to stop fouling.'"

With that in mind, the Lady Wolves all but eliminated Comanche's postseason dreams in the first four minutes of the second half. The C-City defense caused eight turnovers in the opening 4:10 of the second half and turned that into a staggering 9-2 run. Colorado City held a commanding 36-20 lead with 3:50 left in the third.

Overall, Kaitlyn Kimball and the C-City offense outscored Comanche by a 14-5 clip in the frame and rolled into the fourth quarter clinging to a 41-23 advantage.

One of eight C-City players to score in the contest, Kimball finished the contest with a game-high 15 points. Conley Niblett narrowly missed reaching double figures in the win, scoring nine.

Taylor Smith drove the final nail into the Comanche coffin early in the fourth. Just 2:10 into the fourth, the Lady Wolves' standout pushed home back-to-back shots from the floor - netting her only four points of the affair - and ballooned the Colorado City lead to 19, at 47-28.

Comanche posted a 13-11 run in the fourth but it was too little, too late.

Makaylah Rivera and Taylor Epperson joined Kimball and Niblett in turning in solid performances for CHS. Rivera poured in seven points, while Epperson added six. Smith and Kaci Pharris chipped in four, while Alexa Garza added three.

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JUMP SHOT FOR TWO - Tommy James (13) takes a shot in the Wolves contest against Stanton last Friday night. The Buffaloes beat the Wolves 48-44 in Colorado City.



UP FOR TWO! Makaylah Rivera sinks a jump shot for the Lady Wolves in the bi-district game against Comanche Monday night in Clyde. The Lady Wolves came away with the win over the Lady Maidens 52-36 and move on to the area round of the playoffs.

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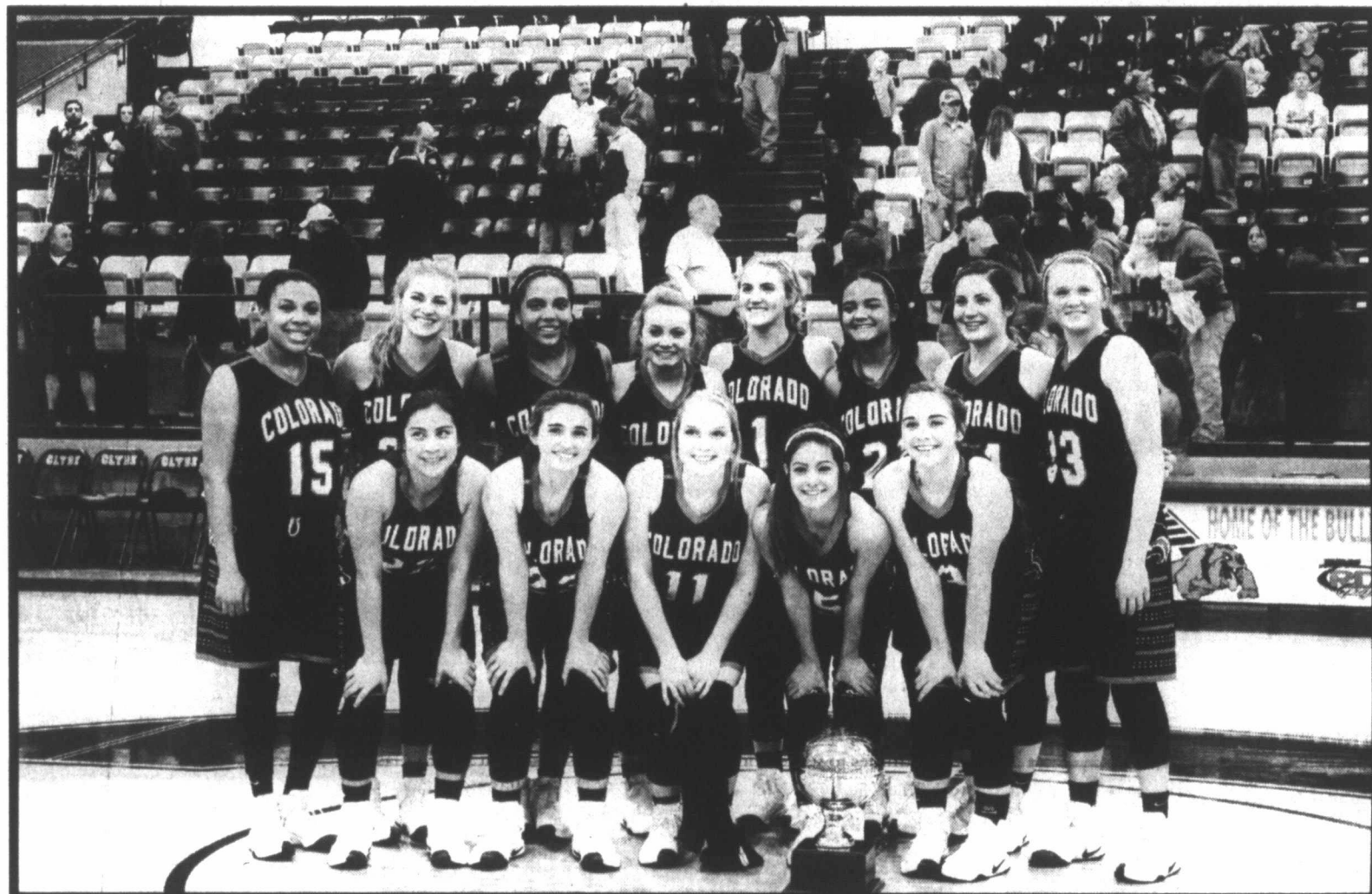
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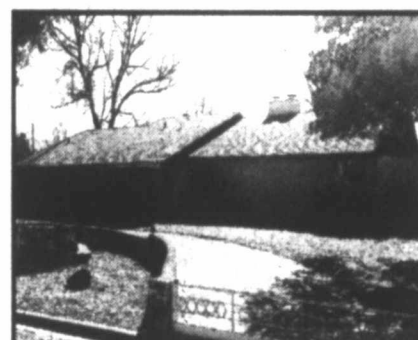
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LOCAL NEWS

Chamber banquet to feature luau theme

The Colorado City Chamber Board would like to extend an invitation to everyone to come to the Colorado City Civic Center for a luau at the 108th Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The banquet is set for Friday, March 3rd at 7 p.m. at the civic center, located at 157 West 2nd Street. Tickets cost \$20 each and can be

purchased from any chamber board member.

Board members are: Janina Ratliff, Audra Hoback, John Chaney, Sherry Dockrey, Jerry Shields, Richy Womack, Kody Wood, Joni Laceyfield, and Starla Casares.

Nominations have been turned in for Citizen of the Year, the Agriculture Award, and three Out-

standing Educator awards, one for each school district in the county. The winners will be kept secret until the night of the banquet.

The civic center will be decorated in colorful luau décor, and the evening promises to be full of fun. Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP by calling the chamber at 325-728-3413 by Thursday, February 23rd.

Kiwanis Club annual pancake supper nears

It's time for an annual event that raises money for good causes and provides a delicious meal to all those attending. Members of the Colorado City Kiwanis Club will hold the annual Kiwanis Pancake Supper on Friday, February 24th.

Members of the local club will serve all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, bacon and drinks from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the dining area of the new Wallace Senior Citizens Center, formerly the CMS Cafeteria. The facility is located on the west side of

the building at 312 E. 12th Street in Colorado City.

Cost is \$7 for adults and \$14 for kids 12 and under. All proceeds benefit the club and the youth of Mitchell County.

Mark those calendars and make plans now to attend.

Texas oil, gas permits continue rising trend

The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) issued a total of 956 original drilling permits in January 2017 compared to 510 in January 2016. The Midland district, which includes Mitchell County, led in the state by far in oil well completions with 167.

The district also had five gas completions and a total of 350 permits to drill were issued by the state.

The January total included 865 permits to drill new oil or gas wells, 12 to re-enter plugged well bores

and 79 for re-completions of existing well bores. The breakdown of well types for those permits issued January 2017 included 259 oil, 67 gas, 607 oil or gas, 18 injection, one service and four other permits.

In January 2017, Commission staff processed 418 oil, 84 gas, 31 injection and three other completions compared to 951 oil, 197 gas, 52 injection and four other completions in January 2016. Total well completions for 2017 year to date are 536; down from

1,204 recorded during the same period in 2016.

According to Baker Hughes Inc., the Texas rig count as of February 10 was 362, representing about 49 percent of all active rigs in the United States.

For additional drilling permit and completion statistics, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-gas/research-and-statistics/well-information/monthly-drilling-completion-and-plugging-summaries/>.

Library to offer tax help next Wednesday

Next Wednesday is the day that AARP tax preparers will be in town to provide free filing of income taxes, and those wanting to

get help need to call the library and make an appointment.

Expert tax preparers from AARP will come to Colo-

rado City to the Mitchell County Public Library for income tax return preparation again this year on Thursday, February 23rd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tax returns will be filed electronically, and there are a few things that citizens should bring with them to their appointment. Two forms of identification are a must. One should be a photo ID, such as driver's license or Texas ID Card. The second must be the original or a copy of your Social Security card, Form SSA-1099 or the ITIN Card or letter.

Tax documents from 2016 and 2015 tax returns should also be taken to the library. Examples of 2016 tax documents are: Social Security statements, W-2s, 1099s, health insurance 1095A or B forms, bank routing and account numbers for direct deposits, receipts if itemizing, 1098T college expenses, child care expenses, property taxes, medical and charitable gifts.

Local librarians are excited to offer the service, and those unable to be present on February 23rd may be able to use the service on March 21st or April 11th. Tax preparers will come back to the library on those dates.

For more information or to sign up for the service, call the library at 325-728-3968.

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