



Pictured above are the "Little Raider" cheerleaders gathered Saturday, Aug 4 for their first practice. They got expert advice from the Rice Raider Cheerleaders.

Texas Crop Weather Report

Agricultural Summary

Warmer weather was prevalent across most regions of the state with continued rains in the western areas.

Cotton continued to progress with an increase of heat units across most areas of the state.

Corn continued to mature in most areas of the state as many producers were preparing to harvest.

Soil moisture was adequate in most areas of the state; however, a surplus of soil moisture was reported in South Central Texas and the Upper Coast.

The Trans-Pecos area received the most moisture with 0.1 to 4.0 inches of rainfall.

South Central and South East Texas received 0.50 to 2.0 inches of rainfall.

North East Texas received 0.01 to 3.0 inches of rainfall.

The Panhandle received 0.01 to 1.5 inches of rainfall.

South Texas received the least amount of rainfall with zero to 0.1 inches of rainfall.

Wet soils continued to cause harvesting problems in South and East Texas.

Range and pasture conditions were good due to the previous moisture and warmer conditions.

Hay cutting and baling continued in most areas as weather and soil moisture conditions permitted.

Livestock remained in good to excellent condition in most areas of the state.

Field Crops Report

Cotton: Warmer and drier weather continued to help cotton progress in the Northern High Plains.

Increased heat units helped cotton continue to progress as it was blooming in some areas of the Northern Low Plains and Southern High Plains.

Cotton was suffering from excessive moisture in some areas of the Edwards Plateau and South Central Texas.

Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Corn: Corn was doing well in the Northern High Plains as irrigation continued in some areas.

Corn continued to mature in the Blacklands as many producers were preparing to harvest.

Excessive rain continued to hamper corn maturity and harvest in South Central Texas.

Statewide, corn condition was mostly good to excellent.

Sorghum: Sorghum was progressing well in the High Plains.

Harvest continued in South Central Texas as excessive soil moisture caused some concerns about quality.

Also, excessive soil moisture made harvesting difficult in some areas of the Coastal Bend.

Drier conditions in South Texas prompted producers to resume harvest.

Sorghum conditions were mostly fair to good statewide.

Peanuts: Peanuts were in good condition in the Southern High Plains with little evidence of insect pressure.

Peanuts were also progressing well in some areas of South Texas.

Peanut conditions were mostly fair to excellent statewide.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Melon harvest continued in some areas of the Southern High Plains, North East Texas, and Trans-Pecos.

Pecans continued to develop in the Cross Timbers and Blacklands with scab and fungus reported in some areas.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Livestock were in good condition in the Edwards Plateau, but parasites were becoming a concern.

Cattle continued to be in good shape across most areas of the state.

Hay cutting and baling continued in the Cross Timbers, Blacklands, and North East Texas as weather permitted.

Excessive soil moisture halted hay harvest in some areas of the Upper Coast.

Ranges and Pastures remained in good condition with lots of green forage in most areas of the state.

Statewide, range and pasture conditions were mostly good to excellent.

Woolard, Dornak Given Hunting Shower

Leslie Ann Woolard and Curtis Wayne Dornak were honored with a camouflage and hunting theme couple shower on Saturday, August 4, 2007 at Matthews' Camp-house in Matthews, Texas.

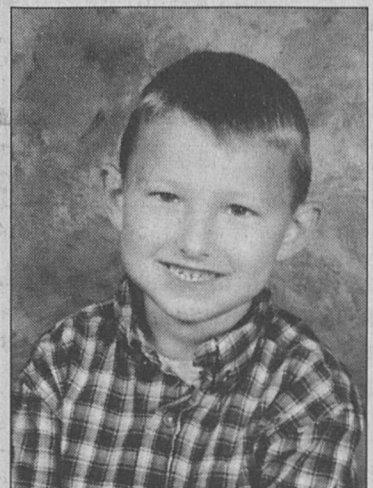
Leslie Woolard, the bride-to-be, wore a camouflage and white "Bride" in bright orange on the front pocket and Curtis Dornak, the future groom, wore a camouflage shirt with "Groom" in bright orange on the front pocket. Leslie's corsage and Curtis' boutonniere were accented with colorful shotgun shells.

Refreshments included a hamburger supper served with pinto beans, and an assortment of desserts and appetizers.

Special guests were Robert and Donna Woolard, parents of the bride-to-be; Preston and Mary Jane Dornak, parents of the bride-to-be; Lenhart and Jo Ann Swoboda, grandparents of the bride-to-be; and Helen Dornak, grandmother of the future groom.

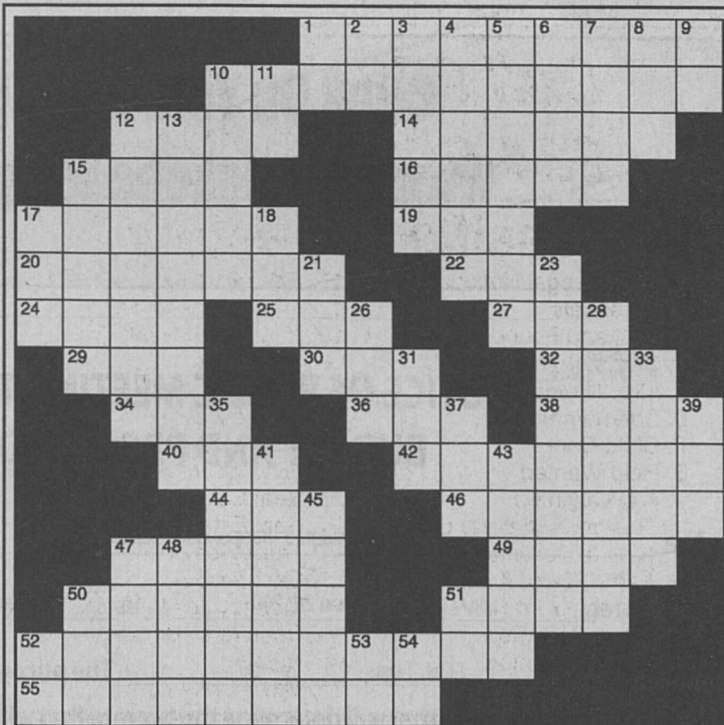
The 50 hostesses presented the couple with a perfect flame 4 burner stainless steel gas grill.

Leslie and Curtis will be married on September 29, 2007.



Cameron Ray Muzny Celebrates 9th Birthday

Cameron Ray's sister Samantha, honored him with a party for his 9th birthday with family and friends Saturday, August 4. She baked his favorite cake and served ice cold lemonade and cookies. His grandparents and aunt from Sealy along with his Nana Seaholm and friends were in attendance. Now he is looking forward to his 10th birthday so he can have more fun and also thanks his sister.

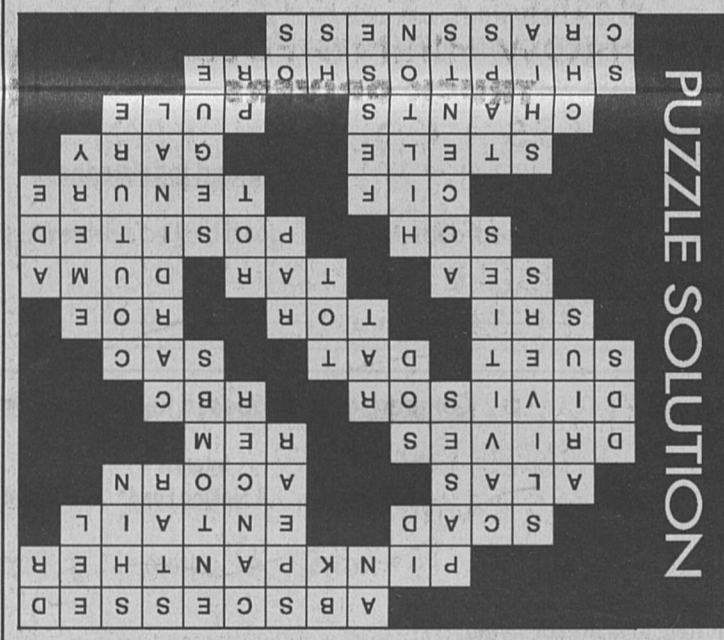


CLUES ACROSS

1. Infected inflammation
10. Inspector Clouseau movie "The"
12. Any of several carangid fishes
14. A way to make possible
15. Expression of sorrow or pity
16. Fruit of the oak tree
17. Golfers tee shots
19. Radioactivity unit
20. You divide a number by it
22. Corpse count (abbr.)
24. Bird treat
25. A digital tape recording of sound
27. A bag-like structure
29. California think tank
30. Hill (Celtic)
32. Caviar
34. A very large body of water
36. Distilled from coal
38. Russian assembly
40. Old Austrian monetary unit (abbr.)
42. De _____; not withdrawn
44. Cost, insurance, and freight markings
46. Employ for life
47. Ancient stone slab bearing markings
49. _____ Hart, politician
50. Intones
51. Whine
52. Maritime radio
55. An unrefined quality

CLUES DOWN

1. Article
2. Berkelium
3. A stalk of asparagus
4. Fourth sign of the zodiac
5. Burial
6. Featured performer
7. Leg bone
8. Snake-like fish
9. Physician's title (abbr.)
10. Bullfighting maneuvers
11. Potato state (abbr.)
12. Cuts thin
13. Decayed areas in teeth
15. Sea catfish genus
17. Tooth caregiver (abbr.)
18. Grass farm product
21. Common rodent
23. Ohio's state bird
26. A young child
28. High fashion designing and dressmaking
31. Knock
33. Abrasive mineral
35. Regional speech patterns
37. Decompose
39. Sweet fruit juice beverage
41. Hotel chain
43. Proceed without interruption
45. A broad horizontal band across a shield
47. One branch of orthodox Islam
48. Draws from
50. Chronicles, abbr. (Biblical)
51. Propyl (abbr.)
52. _____ Johnson: a family co.
53. High school
54. Osmium



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