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# The Southwestern

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Student Publication

'tis the season...

## Study skills vary for learning types

"It's important for [students] to know their learning style so they can prepare for finals."

Dr. Dennis Gentry

By Megan Franks  
Staff Reporter

With each second that passes, final exams draw nearer and palms begin to sweat. Students stare blankly into textbooks and study guides as they ask, "How can I remember all this stuff?"

The real question is not "How do I study?" but rather, "How do I study more effectively?" The answer is: knowing your learning style.

"It's important for [students] to know their learning style so they can prepare for finals," said Dr. Dennis Gentry, chair of the education department.

There are four types of learning styles—visual, auditory, tactile and kinesthetic—and each has different methods for successful studying.

Visual learners remember more by seeing the information while auditory learners remember most by listening to information. Tactile learners learn by "doing." Since it can be difficult to recall information based on tactile learning alone, these types of learners are encouraged to find their secondary style of learning—either visual or auditory—to get the most out of their studies.

Movement helps kinesthetic learners to remember. Kinesthetic learners should also utilize a secondary style of learning for optimal performance.



Ryan McAdory, a sophomore criminal justice major from Oklahoma City, spends his time in the Grill preparing for finals. Finals begin tomorrow. (Photo by Ashley Claud)

- After you read something, summarize it on tape.
- Verbally review lectures with a friend.
- Read aloud all underlined material in your textbook or read your notes and flashcards aloud.
- Try to form a study group with your classmates so you can verbalize central ideas.

### Tactile Learners

- Using your finger, trace the words you are learning.
- Keep something in your hand that is malleable.
- As much as possible, translate what you're learning into something that can be touched.
- Typing is helpful. If possible, type your notes. Gentry said that writing out notes will also help the tactile learner.
- Facts that must be learned should be written several times.

### Kinesthetic

- Use manipulatives that create whole concepts (skeletal puzzles for anatomy / map puzzles for geography).
- Put your favorite music on the stereo, then try to move on the beat and repeat the information while moving with the music. "Just doing certain actions help commit a thing to memory," said Gentry.
- Seek group interactions.
- Rely on the arts (singing, dancing, poetry, art)
- Ask for assignments/extra credit involving experiments and/or constructing things.
- Study and review notes and materials while walking.

## Pancake breakfast tonight may help, too

By Staci Campbell  
Staff Reporter

There comes a point in nearly every study session in which your mind goes blank. You can't focus, you have no fresh ideas and you've read the same line from the study guide approximately 52 times and still have no clue what it says.

It's time for a break.

So tonight at 10 p.m., instead of running through the BG's drive-through for a coffee or Red Bull,

one suggestion would be to grab a couple of buddies and head to the cafeteria for a pancake breakfast.

The breakfast is for all students, whether you're on the meal plan or not. This breakfast is an annual tradition for SWOSU. It's hosted by President Dr. John Hays and the meal will be prepared by the SWOSU auxiliary services.

The meal is free to all students.

"It is paid for by the Dean of Students office. It will be served and hosted by Dr. Hays and his execu-

tive staff," Cindy Dougherty, Dean of Students, said.

Dougherty is responsible for organizing the breakfast, sending reminders and booking it on the school calendar. She will also serve with Dr. Hays, other vice presidents, deans and directors.

Hays and others expect to serve about 1,000 students.

If you have any questions, you may contact Dougherty. She can be found in Stafford 214 or may be reached by phone at 774-3767.

The following study tips come from Debbie Spinney of the University of Indianapolis B.U.I.L.D. Program and Dr. Gentry: Visual Learners

- Take good notes in lectures; re-organize them onto small cards that can be carried for review.

- Read an assignment for 25 minutes and then take a 1-5 minute break.
- When reading a textbook assignment, read the summary and conclusion first to get a general idea of the information.
- Underline main points in bright colors.
- Use charts, maps, film-

strips, notes, and flashcards. Gentry suggests creating concept maps and drawings to help remember key concepts.

- Review your underlined information frequently.
- Write out everything for frequent and quick visual review.

### Auditory Learners

- Tape your lectures and take your notes from your tape. This gives you a double auditory input. Gentry suggests listening to the tapes on your way to work, before bed or while exercising.
- Sit in the classroom where you can hear the lecture clearly.

## New year's resolutions are tough for some to keep

By Staci Campbell  
Staff Reporter

A resolution is a resolve, determination or firmness of purpose, according to Dictionary.com.

But, few really are determined enough to keep the resolutions we make. Most have given up and stopped making resolutions at all.

This New Year will be no different. A few will bust out a list of 20 or more things we want to fix about ourselves.

Things like "save money," "lose weight" or "eat healthy" are bound to be on the to-do list, only to be forgotten two

days later when you buy that king-sized Reese's cup.

There are a few exceptions to the resolution-maker.

Philip Maucieri, a speech communications major from Ft. Worth, Texas, knows all the right tricks about making and keeping resolutions.

"I've never broken a resolution. Not once. Never. No way," Maucieri said.

He said he makes resolutions every year. One repeated resolution that Maucieri makes every year is, "Don't get fat. Don't eat too many bonbons."

So far, so good.

But, Maucieri is an exception to the rule. Most strive to

be as dedicated, but "normal" people tend to fall short.

Rebecca Smith, a sophomore allied health major from Washington, admitted that she makes resolutions every year.

The longest she'd ever made it without breaking her resolution was maybe a couple of months. So, she has a new approach to making resolutions.

"I make a resolution every year, which is that next year I'm going to make a resolution," Smith said.

Then, on the opposite end of the spectrum, are those who disregard making resolutions.

Lauren Wimberly, also an allied health major from Mus-

tang, said she doesn't even bother making resolutions. She said she's pretty sure that she's never made one before.

"I just say 'Cheers to the New Year. Suck it last year. Kiss me, boyfriend,'" Wimberly said.

So, if you're like Philip, start thinking about those resolutions now. If you're like Rebecca, maybe make one or two highly achievable resolutions this year. And if you're like Lauren, then just kick back and enjoy the New Year's Eve bash this season.



Whitney Finch's resolution is to work out more.



## Christmas cookies are a holiday season necessity

By Larissa Copeland  
Staff Reporter

It's Christmas Eve. A light layer of snow (or dead grass; this is Oklahoma after all) covers the ground. The Christmas tree glitters under a coat of ornaments and garland as children sit in front of the nearest window, peering outside in hopes of catching a glimpse of Santa Clause and his flying reindeer. Finally, bedtime rolls around and everyone regretfully leaves the room, but not before putting a plate of cookies and a glass of milk on a nearby table.

Christmas cookies, according to classbrain.com, originated in the 1930's as a way for "naughty kids... to bribe Santa at the last minute and nice kids... to thank him for all his hard work on Christmas Eve." Since then they've become just as much of a Christmas tradition as a Christmas tree and candy canes for many families.

The *Southwestern* was lucky enough to secure an interview with one of the masters of cookie-making, Cassie Copeland. Copeland has been baking delicious holiday treats for at least 20 years.

"Christmas cookies are one of my kids' favorites," Copeland said. "And they're very easy to make. I use a sugar cookie recipe, but there are plenty others out there that include spices like nutmeg and ginger."

For anyone who plans to try his or her hand at Christmas cookies this year, Copeland's recipe is as follows:

1 1/2 cups powdered sugar  
1 cup butter or margarine, softened  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 teaspoon almond extract  
1 egg  
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon cream of tartar  
Granulated sugar or colored sugar

1. Mix powdered sugar, butter, vanilla, almond extract and egg in large bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients except granu-

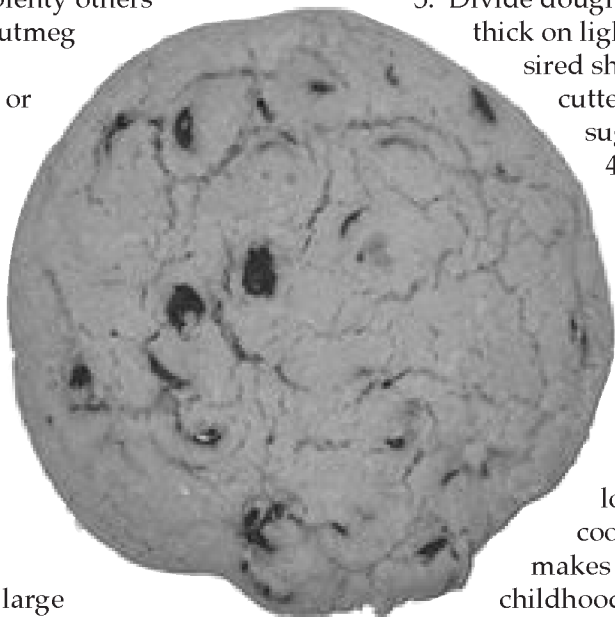
lated sugar. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours.

2. Heat oven to 375°F. Lightly grease cookie sheet.

3. Divide dough in half. Roll each half 1/4 inch thick on lightly floured surface. Cut into desired shapes with 2- to 2 1/2-inch cookie cutters. Sprinkle with granulated sugar. Place on cookie sheet.

4. Bake 7 to 8 minutes or until edges are light brown. Remove from cookie sheet. Cool on wire rack.

Unfortunately, halfway through the interview, Copeland admitted that her recipe was not, in fact, an age-old family secret passed down through generations but a recipe located in an old Betty Crocker cookbook. Despite the fact that this makes one *Southwestern* writer's entire childhood a lie, the cookies themselves are guaranteed to be good.



## Students receive NASA grants

Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford has received \$12,000 from the Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium and the University of Oklahoma to provide additional scholarships and intern positions to SWOSU students.

SWOSU is a partner with OSGC and OU to create a highly-educated workforce trained to continue an ever-expanding aeronautics exploration program. SWOSU and local business partners provide matching dollars for the program.

Students who received the fall awards are: Joshua Adkinson, Hobart; Tanea Danielle Bagwell, Clinton; Amy Cain, Indianoma; Casey Cochran, Boise City; Henok Ermias, Weatherford; Kelly Fine, Dalhart, Texas; Neil Funwie, Weatherford; Lauren Gladden, Lawton; Kelly Groves, Marlow; Joel Kardokus, Lookaba-Sickles; Jessica Mengers, Mustang; Georgia Miller, Fletcher; Jimmy Maloy, Arapaho; Abigail Ntneh, Oklahoma City (Westmoore); Garrett Scott, Granite; Darlene Schroeder, Watonga; Antionette Smith, Tulsa; David Supeck, Tulsa; and Cammi Valdez, Enid.

The student scholarships are awarded to fund the students' research projects and provide student internships with local industries and non-profit organizations. The number of scholarships and the amount awarded are determined annually. Scholarships are awarded in both the fall and the spring so that more students have an opportunity to participate.

Madeline Baugher, instructor in the Department of Entrepreneurship and Computer Systems, is the grant's principal investigator and the internship director for SWOSU. Applications for the spring awards will be taken starting in January. Applications are available on the Department of Entrepreneurship and



Southwestern Oklahoma State University students in Weatherford recently received scholarships and intern positions made possible by a \$12,000 grant from the Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium and the University of Oklahoma. The purpose of the awards is to create a highly-educated workforce trained to continue an ever-expanding aeronautics exploration program. Among the students who received fall awards are (front from left): Joel Kardokus, Kelly Fine, Cammi Valdez and Antionette Smith. Back from left—Anita Blankenship, director of SWOSU Office of Sponsored Programs; Abigal Ntneh; Garrett Scott; Henok Ermias; and Madeline Baugher, SWOSU instructor and program director.

Computer Systems website at <http://www.swosu.edu/compsci/nasagrants.asp>.

The scholarship recipients are selected by a committee of SWOSU faculty including: Sue Ball, Department of Biological Sciences; Dr. Ric Baugher, Department of Industrial & Engineering Technology; Dr. Stephen Burgess, Department of Psychology; and Dr. William Kelly and Dr. Tony Stein, both in the Department of Chemistry and Physics.

The internship program is open to both graduate and undergraduate students. The internships are served locally at businesses like Hudson Technology Solutions, Inc., Stafford Air and Space Center, and the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

## Tuba concert rescheduled

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 12th annual Tuba/Euphonium Christmas concert will be held this Monday, December 17, on the Weatherford campus.

The concert, sponsored by the SWOSU Department of Music, was supposed to be held December 10 but icy weather conditions forced postponement.

The event features tuba and euphonium players from the 8th grade to adult. Everyone is welcome to participate in the actual concert as well as attend as a spectator.

Registration, which is free, will begin at 4 p.m. in the SWOSU Fine Arts Center lobby. The 4:15 p.m. rehearsal and 6 p.m. concert will be held in SWOSU Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

For information, please call the SWOSU Music Office at (580) 774-3708, Dr. Terry Segress at (580) 774-3175 or Dr. Robert Chambers at (580) 774-3719.

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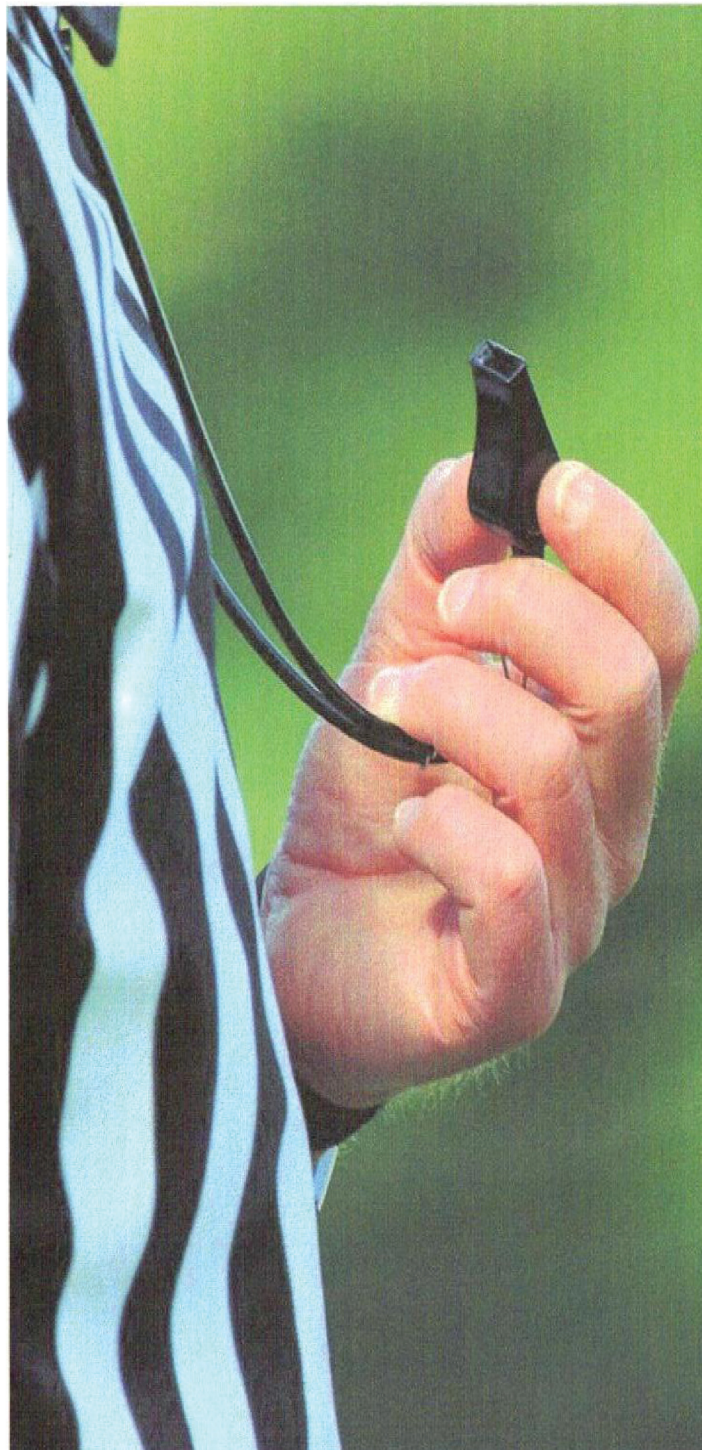
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## New bill affects driver's licenses

By Katherin Martin  
Staff Reporter

On Nov. 1, House Bill 1804 became effective. This bill affects each person who has a \$21.50 piece of plastic that has the best picture he or she has ever taken on it. Maybe not, but a driver's license or identification card is important.

Not many ever look closely at this piece of plastic, but now is the time for people to look at the expiration

date of it.

HB 1804 states "Anyone who is a U.S. Citizen may still appear at a Tag Agency to have their license or ID card renewed. However, if the license is expired, even 1 day, the person must appear before an Examiner, and must bring documents to prove the person is legally in the U.S. A person will not have to retest unless their license is expired over 3 years."

Going to an examiner can be a time consuming process. Many times

one must make an appointment and then wait in line. There is also the added hassle of digging out identification such as your birth certificate, passport and social security card. With fraud cases on the rise, now more than ever the state is taking extra steps to protect peoples' identities.

For further information one can call or visit the Department of Public Safety at 405-425-2424, or <http://www.dps.state.ok.us/dls>.

## Web site gives tips for car-buying students

By Mike Smith  
Staff Reporter

Consumers are faced with a wide variety of choices every day. But when it comes to buying new cars, those choices become some of the most important consumers will face.

Whether buying a new or used car there are many obvious factors to consider. Mileage, miles per gallon, and cost are just a few. Throw in style and color concerns, and what seems like an easy choice becomes increasingly harder.

Many websites, maga-

zines and books describe different methods on saving money or how to buy the right car.

One of the more reputable sites is CarBuyingTips.com. This site gives site references and appropriate search resources and has gotten great reviews by its users.

The site even provides tips on how to haggle for better prices.

According to the site, the best time to buy a car is during the fall, when car sales slump and car manufacturers are offering larger consumer rebates in order to offload the previ-

ous year's cars so that they can fill the showroom floors with the newer models.

Another helpful tip is that instead of trading in your old car, make an attempt to sell it on your own. A private seller will make at least \$3,000 more on average than if it is traded to the dealer.

Lastly, the most important tip for buying a car is to do your research on the cars you want and the deals the dealerships are offering. A consumer



can never know too much when he or she is bombarded by pushy salesmen.

An informed consumer can save countless dollars by just knowing what he or she is talking about, instead of just assuming that the salesman is making suggestions in his or her best interest.

## Southwestern hosts high school tourney

Southwestern Oklahoma State University is hosting a basketball festival December 14-15 involving high school teams from Anadarko, Clinton, Casady and Weatherford.

The festival will be held at Rankin Williams Fieldhouse on the Southwestern campus.

Games on Friday will be held at 4, 5:30, 7 and 8:30 p.m. Games on Saturday are scheduled for the same times and will follow the 2 p.m. Southwest-ern women's basketball contest vs. Kansas Newman.

Todd Boyd, director of the Southwestern Admissions and Recruitment Office, will have an area available for visits with parents and students about Southwestern, which has campus locations in Weatherford and Sayre.

Boyd said adults and students 9<sup>th</sup> grade and above will be able to register for four \$250 scholarships—one per school—which will be given away during Saturday's games. Winners of the scholarship drawing will be able to choose the scholarship recipient, a senior who is planning to attend Southwestern during the 2008 fall semester. The scholarships can be used at the Weatherford or Sayre campuses.

Also, there will be door prizes given away at the games.

Additional information is available by calling the Admissions and Recruitment Office at (580) 774-3782.



## Campus police offer pick-up service

*Designed for students scared for their safety*

By Samantha Shubert  
Staff Reporter

Feeling harassed? Threatened? Do you repeatedly look over your shoulder when walking to your car late at night? Or do you constantly check your back seat for predators?

If these scenarios describe your constant battle with paranoia due to threatening messages or the harass-

ment of a heartbroken significant other, then it's time to take advantage of Southwestern's safety measures.

The campus police offer a pick-up service in which they will escort the nervous student across campus or to their vehicle.

"We have always performed this service [in the] ten years I've been here," said Police Chief Rick Bolar.

Although this service has been avail-

able in the past, campus police wants students to know about the available safety measures.

Bolar said the police escort a student two to three times a semester.

He said this service is another way to not only protect students' personal safety but students' peace of mind as well.

"We are always glad to help out in any way we can," Bolar said.



Major Ron Russ and the other campus police officer offer a pick-up service for students. (Photo by Ashley Claud)

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Mascot Messenger

Well, everyone, the semester is coming to an end. My first semester as SWOSU’s mascot has been a great one, and I’m really excited about the next one!

The Christmas season is approaching! It’s my very first Christmas in Weatherford! I think the humans I stay with, though, are a little concerned about me. There’s talk about not having a Christmas tree anywhere that I visit. Now, that may sound terrible, but you have to understand that I have a little habit of eating household plants. People sometimes chew their nails or twist their hair; I like the occasional nibble of greenery. A Christmas tree decked out with shiny lights and stuff might be too tempting.



Look! It’s my new nephew Kirby. Isn’t he cute?

I also think that they are afraid of me eating the presents. Now that is ridiculous. I don’t eat presents. I love presents, but sometimes I get a little overexcited and feel the need to peek. Unfortunately, when dogs “peek” at presents, we lack the ability to fix them so that no one can tell that we peeked. That is one area where humans definitely have an advantage.

As some of you know, I was sick for a while. Well, I’m doing much better now. I’m sort of on a diet for now. I’m on a special food allowance to help me lose some weight. I’ve lost four pounds since October, and my goal is to lose five more. I have to confess, though, that I’ve cheated a little. (Who doesn’t cheat on diets?) I have a really good canine friend at home named Liberty, or just Lib for short. See, her food is where I can’t reach, but we had a deal. If I nudged her leg, she would give me some of her food. We got caught, though, so now I can’t be with her when she’s eating.

I’ve been very busy lately. I got to visit the campus book store for their open house last week. I also went to a basketball game, but I wound up spending all night near the concession stand. (A very tempting place for a dog on a diet...) You see, the gym was very loud – so many whistles, horns and songs from the band - and my ears are really sensitive. They are trying to find some ear protectors for dogs - rather humiliating, but at least I’ll get to watch the games! If you have any ideas, let Rita Hays know. I appreciate it!

I have great news! My half-sister had a pup, and I’m an uncle to little Kirby. I have a picture of when he was about four weeks old. He’s about two months old now. I’m so proud!

Good luck on finals! I’ll be thinking lots of happy thoughts for you. Have a wonderful Christmas break. I’ll see you next semester!

We will ever sing our praises to the White and Blue,



Students should watch out for illegal interview questions

By Kristy Wilson  
Copy Editor

“Pasquale- that’s a Spanish name, isn’t it?”

How would you respond if you were asked an illegal interview question? Many students know how to dress for an interview and the types of questions asked there, but what they may not know is how to respond if they are asked an illegal interview question.

An illegal interview question is one that is prohibited by law for a prospective employer to ask. Generally, they are ones that ask for personal information rather than something that is job-related.

These questions may be about gender, race, religion, marital status, age, disabilities, sexual preferences, country of origin, health or family status (whether or not you have children).

So what should you do if you are asked an illegal question?

There are four basic approaches to handling the situation.

- **Answer the question.** If the question is one you don’t mind answering, just respond and move on to the next question. Only answer the question if you are comfortable

doing so; it is best to keep your answer brief.

- **Answer the “intent” of the question.** Rephrase the question into a legal one, and then answer that. This is the best option since it allows you to provide an answer without giving up your rights. The interviewer will probably realize their mistake and appreciate your quick thinking and composure, which will strengthen your interview. For example, a commonly asked question is whether you are a U.S. citizen, which is illegal to ask. The best way to answer would be to rephrase, “If you mean to ask if I am authorized to work in the U.S., the answer is yes”. This is the appropriate question for the employer to ask.
- **Change the topic of conversation and avoid the question.** This doesn’t always work, but if you are a skilled conversationalist you may be able to steer clear of the question.
- **Refuse to answer the question.** This is the last thing that you want to do, but it may be necessary. It will likely cost you the job, but if the question was blatant discrimination or offensive it may be your only recourse. You have the right to terminate the interview and walk out. Take into consideration that you

may not want to work somewhere where you are asked inappropriate questions.

Keep in mind that most interviewers who ask illegal questions don’t realize that they are doing so. They don’t know about discrimination laws, what questions are proper to ask or how the information may be used by others in a discriminatory way. Most illegal interview questions are asked when the interviewer is attempting to be friendly and asks a seemingly innocent question about your personal life or family background.

Topics that many interviewees may get into trouble with are marriage, children and pregnancy. While this is a more common problem for women, men face the same discrimination. Don’t feel obligated to answer questions about future plans for children or your marital status. The interviewer is only allowed to ask questions such as if you are willing to relocate and other areas that directly relate to job requirements.

If you feel that you have been deliberately discriminated against, you may talk to a lawyer or the local Equal Opportunity Employment Commission.

‘Tis the season for holiday movie classics

By Jonna May  
Staff Reporter

No holiday season would be complete without watching a few corny movies. And let’s be honest—there is a cornucopia of holiday films from which choose. So, here is a rundown of favorite (and not-so-favorite) motion pictures.

*It’s a Wonderful Life*, starring James Stewart and Donna Reed, is truly as old as time, yet a classic. It follows the life of a family man turned workaholic whose brush with death causes him to rethink all that he thought was important.

Not quite so old is *A Christmas Story*, starring Peter Billingsley. It’s a comedic not-so-traditional spin on one family’s holiday happenings. This movie takes you on an adven-



ture with little Ralphie to obtain the hallowed “official Red Ryder carbine action, two-hundred shot range model air rifle, with a compass in the stock and ‘this thing’ which tells time.”


*Christmas Vacation*, starring Chevy

Chase, is a hilarious look at the Griswold family Christmas experience. This one will have you rolling on the floor laughing in no time. It’s an annual holiday must-have.

*The Santa Clause* is a more recent movie, but just as great. You’ll smile as you watch Tim Allen morph miraculously into jolly ol’ Saint Nick.

Some other great seasonal flicks are *Home Alone*, *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street* and *Christmas with the Kranks*.

There are also some duds that just fail to spread holiday spirit. Such doosies include *Jingle All The Way* (with Arnold Schwarzenegger), *Jack Frost* (with Michael Keaton) and *Ernest Saves Christmas*.



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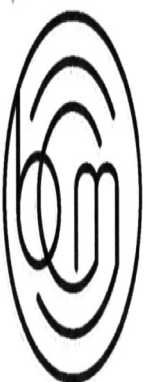
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### Barbequed hot dogs

From [baltimoresun.com](http://baltimoresun.com)

- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup chili sauce
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp. dry prepared mustard

Combine first five ingredients in round, glass dish. Add hot dogs and coat with mixture. Cover with waxed paper and cook 5 to 6 minutes.

## Movie Review

*Martian Child* is a corny science fiction movie that is just good enough to be recommended.

*Martian Child* is about a science fiction writer named David (John Cusack) who adopts a boy who thinks he is from Mars.

The flick turns out to be a little strange, but touching nonetheless.

The "martian," Dennis (Bobby Coleman), believes he is on a mission from Mars to collect artifacts from Earth, and that his

parents will return to the planet to retrieve him one day. The behavior is so bizarre that even David begins to wonder if there is any truth to his actions.

The question of if Dennis really is from Mars lingers throughout the movie. He makes wishes that coincidentally come true and seems to know an extreme amount of information for such a young kid.

Although the meaning of the movie was touching, I found myself criticizing the writing of the script

## Martian Child



throughout the movie.

John Cusack, usually a great actor, was a bit sloppy in this film.

It was sappy and cliché, but the adorable little boy and his weird quirks saved the movie.

The flick wasn't so much of a disaster that I wouldn't recommend it. Kids would love the movie and parents would, too. As for the college-age adult—maybe not, but that's just my opinion.

-- Brooke Watson

# Holiday season is upon us

By **Samantha Shubert**  
*Staff Reporter*

The month of December is indeed a busy one. It's mainly a time in which many different festivities are celebrated. It is host for a variety of celebrations, including Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and the Winter Solstice.

**Christmas**, the most practiced festivity in the United States, is marked by its décor and great food. Yet beyond the twinkling lights, jolly old Saint Nick and mistletoe lies the foundation of Christmas itself. A Christian holiday, its religious basis celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. For some, the more secular version of Christmas forfeits religion, and instead focuses on winter festivities and traditions.

While Christmas is a holiday that stems from the Bible, it is unclear as to when the actual date is or why the 25 stuck as Christmas Day. Over the years, the season for giving has become the symbol for decorated trees, presents and folklore, including

Santa, Frosty and Rudolf.

Even President Franklin Delano Roosevelt recognized the impact Christmas shopping had on the economy and moved the Thanksgiving holiday earlier in November.

**Hanukkah**, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a Jewish celebration. It is an eight-day holiday rooted in history. Following a victory for independence around 165 B.C., there was just enough consecrated oil left to fuel the Temple's eternal flame for one day.

However, rather than extinguishing after one day, it remained burning for eight days. Hanukkah tradition dictates that candles are lit every night of the holiday. Religious rituals include blessings and prayers while more secular traditions consist of gift giving.

Hanukkah also faces religious and secular disputes, but it has quickly grown to be one of the great identifiers of the Jewish religion.

**Kwanzaa**, a holiday celebrated from Dec. 26 through the first of January, is almost exclusively an

American holiday. It is a Pan-African festival that primarily honors the African-American culture. Started by Ron Karenga to provide African-Americans an alternative to Christmas, the first Kwanzaa was celebrated 41 years ago.

Kwanzaa consists of gift giving and feasts, similar to Christmas and Hanukkah. Kwanzaa is derived from Swahili and translates to "first fruits." Officially spelled with two ending "a's" the second was added so the Kwanzaa would have seven letters to parallel the seven days of celebration as well as Karenga's "Seven Principles of Blackness."

Aside from cultural festivities, with December comes the **Winter Solstice**. The Winter Solstice, known to some as Midwinter, occurs on Dec. 21 or 22. It is also the longest night of the year or—depending on how one looks at it—the shortest day of the year. As the beginning of winter, it is often thought of as a time for rebirth and serves as a natural foundation for many holidays such as Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa.

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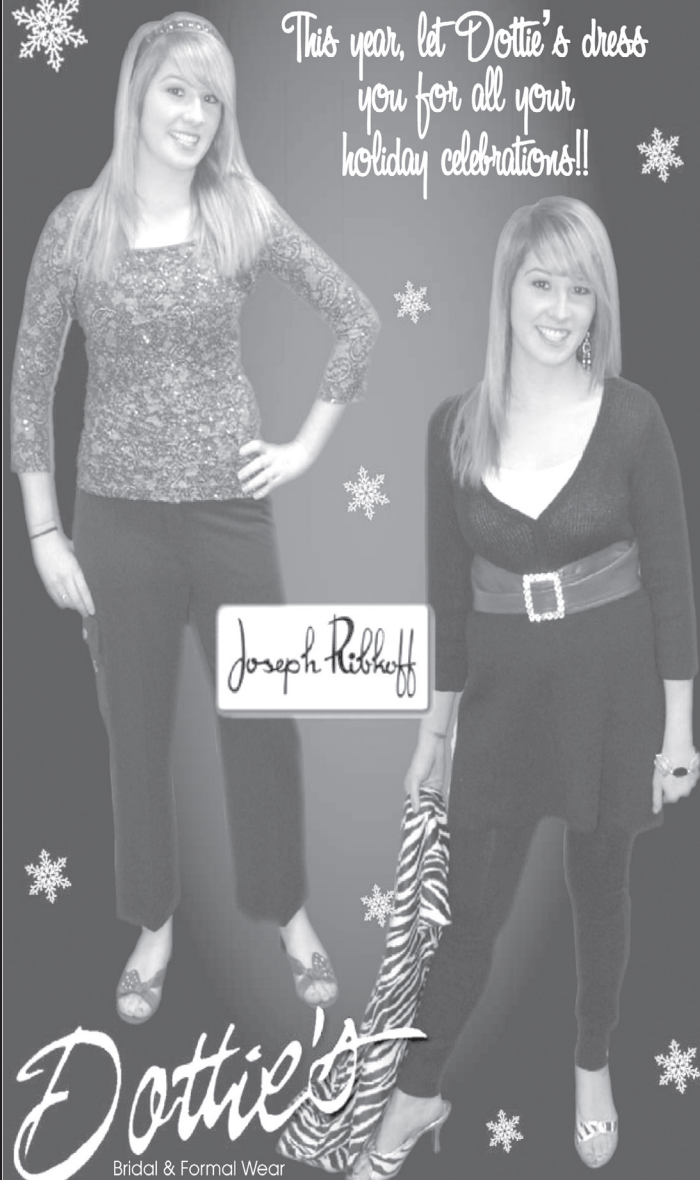
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# Sports

## Lady Bulldogs keep winning

Southwestern Oklahoma State University kept its record unbeaten at home with a 74-60 victory over visiting Texas Women's University Saturday in Weatherford. The victory was Southwestern's fourth in as many home games and improved its overall record to 5-3 on the season.

Lucy Ramon scored 23 points and Toby Beer added 16 for the Bulldogs who have won two straight against Lone Star Conference South Division teams. The Bulldogs will next play at home Monday against Rhema Bible College. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

Southwestern led much of the game and had a relative easy time with the visiting Pioneers. TWU did manage to tie the game midway through the second half at 40-40 be-

fore the Bulldogs pressed the advantage and pulled away with a 19-7 run over an eight minute span.

Beer made back-to-back three pointers in the stretch to spark the run.

In two games this season, Beer has made eight-of-12 three point attempts and is averaging 15.0 points per game.

Ramon's basket and free throw at the 5:16 mark gave Southwestern a 59-47 lead and put the game out of reach. Ramon's 23 points was her best scoring effort of the year and raised her season average to 15.0 points per game.

Southwestern ended the game making 46% of its shots on 23-of-50 attempts. TWU made 40% on 25-of-62 shots.

The Bulldogs owned a considerable advantage at



Kadée Carter and the Lady Bulldogs have won four straight home games.

the free throw line. Southwestern made 24-of-30 free throw attempts while TWU made only three of its six

attempts. TWU had twice as many fouls (22-11) and had three players whistled with five personal fouls.

## Men win 8 straight

Southwestern dug down and got defensive, and it came at the best times staying unbeaten thanks to a 63-53 overtime victory over Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

The victory was the No. 13 Bulldogs eighth straight in as many games. The Javelinas, who at one time were one of two unbeaten teams in the Lone Star Conference, lost their second straight and now stand at 5-2.

Southwestern pitched a shutout in the five-minute overtime forcing the Javelinas into three turnovers and securing the defensive rebound after three errant three-point attempts. Trevor Guy had 18 points and Clarke Hale added 17 for the Bulldogs.

However, the Bulldogs got back in the game thanks to a stubborn defense and limiting TAMUK to just one attempt each time down the court. The Bulldogs forced TAMUK into 19 turnovers and had three times the second-chance points as TAMUK, 18-6.

Southwestern trailed 34-22 at the break and still found themselves in a double-digit hole midway through the second quarter before beginning to chip away at the Javelinas' lead. The Bulldogs went on an 11-2 run to get back within one point at 44-43 when Guy scored with 9:50 to play. TAMUK's slim margin held until Kendall Smith put Southwestern ahead at 50-49 with an inside shot at the 4:47 mark.

Hale made a big arching three-point shot in the closing minutes to keep Southwestern ahead but the Javelinas tied the game at 53-53 when Juan Lanueze scored inside with 53 seconds to play in regulation.

The overtime was all Southwestern as Guy and Hale each scored quick baskets and the lead was 58-53 with 3:30 to play. TAMUK fouled down the stretch and the Bulldogs converted at the charity stripe to put the game away.

## New-look baseball squad readies for spring

By Adam Phillips  
Staff Reporter

The football team wins a share of the Lone Star Conference North Division title; the volleyball squad contends, regardless of the fact that they are three years young; the men's basketball team begins their season on an 8-0 tear. Beyond the horizon spring looms, and with the type of wind that we're accustomed to, baseball season is fast approaching.

Losing 22 of their first 26 games, the 2007 Bulldogs finished the season winning 18 of their last 24 games, placing them second in the LSC North Division. The baseball team looks to improve on last year's surge, considered one of SWOSU's most memorable turnarounds in its athletic history. This year, however, will bring about strange territories in a season of new beginnings.

The Bulldogs bring an entirely different look to the 2008 season; a new coach, new recruits, new conference structure, new uniforms and new additions to the diamond.

Scott Selby begins his first year at SWOSU, after having spent 10 years as head coach at Southern Nazarene University. Over his 10 seasons at SNU, he compiled a 275-224 record, leading the team to its first regional win in school history. One of the toughest adjustments Selby has had to make is all the unfamiliar-

ity that comes with the new job.

"Being at SNU for 10 years allowed my players and I to get to know one another; they had a good understand of what I wanted vice versa," Selby said. "The biggest difference here is that unfamiliarity, knowing what I want from them day in and day out."

At his side are Assistant Coach Zack Saunders, Pitching Coach Brady Hybsha and Operations Director Jared Prock.

With him, Selby brings in a large recruiting class. There are only 12 returning players from last year, of those are first team selection Lance Scales, and second team selections Ty Pool, Dakota Streber and Moose Wathen.

Pool expects a much better season this time around.

"Last year we practiced, but not like we do this year. Selby makes us show up physically and mentally every day for the entire time we're there," Pool said with a fatigued look on his face, "Not to mention we've got a bit more talent this year."

Also new to the 2008 season is the structure of the LSC conference. Unlike last year where the conference was split into the North and South division, the LSC has decided remove the divisions. This forces all 12 teams to battle it out for 8 playoff spots.

"Our conference is big enough where we should have two divisions. Now that we're all one conference, we'll have to travel much more," Selby



Pitcher Nathan Perez and outfielder Bow Buckner warm up before a chilly baseball practice. The baseball team's first game is Feb. 2. (Photo by Ashley Claud)

said

As for what we can expect to see in the spring, only time will tell.

"It all depends on how we show up and play come opening day. From what I've seen from fall practice we're going to play small ball and create a lot of our runs," Selby explains.

The diamond is going through some upgrades to prepare it for springtime.

"I've had some work done to the bullpens and dugouts. We're working

on the outfield fence, and I'm working on getting a brand-new scoreboard and locker room/press box for the spring," Selby said. "This team, this program has so much potential."

The Bulldogs jump right into the swing of things when they return from Christmas break, with their first game scheduled on Feb. 2 against Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ark. The first home game is on Feb. 12 against St. Gregory's University.

## NFL mourns slain football player

By Ricky Frech  
Staff Reporter

On Nov. 26, 2007 an All-Pro NFL player, Sean Taylor of the Washington Redskins, was shot and critically injured while at his home in Miami. The next day Taylor died from blood loss.

He was shot in his femoral artery, which is one of the biggest arteries in the body, and doctors were unable to stop the bleeding in time.

On November 30th, 2007 four men were arrested on suspect of murdering Sean Taylor. All were denied bail and were charged with murder the very next day. None of the four men are over 20 years old. It is suspected that the crime was an attempted robbery gone wrong. However, some doubt this because nothing was taken from the residence and

two weeks prior, a similar break-in was reported at Taylor's house and a kitchen knife was left on his pillow.

In memoriam of Taylor, his teammates began their next game after his death by starting only 10 men on defense to signify his spot in their hearts.

On Dec. 3 about 3,000 friends and family members attended Taylor's memorial service. Most teammates spoke at this service as did all of Taylor's surviving family members.

"My heart is broken," said teammate LaVar Arrington, "I'll get through it, we'll all get through it."

Redskins coach Joe Gibbs may have summed up Taylor the best by saying, "Many times God must have looked down and said, 'Man, I made a great football player.'"

His fans are honoring him in a different way. A large group of Redskin and football fans a like



have made a giant push to vote for Taylor to start in the annual Pro Bowl. They think this is an appropriate tribute for such a prolific player and it is hard to argue.

Before his death Taylor was having a career year by getting 42 tackles, one forced fumble, and eight interceptions. Taylor is survived by his fiancé, Jackie Garcia, and his 18-month old daughter, Jackie Taylor.

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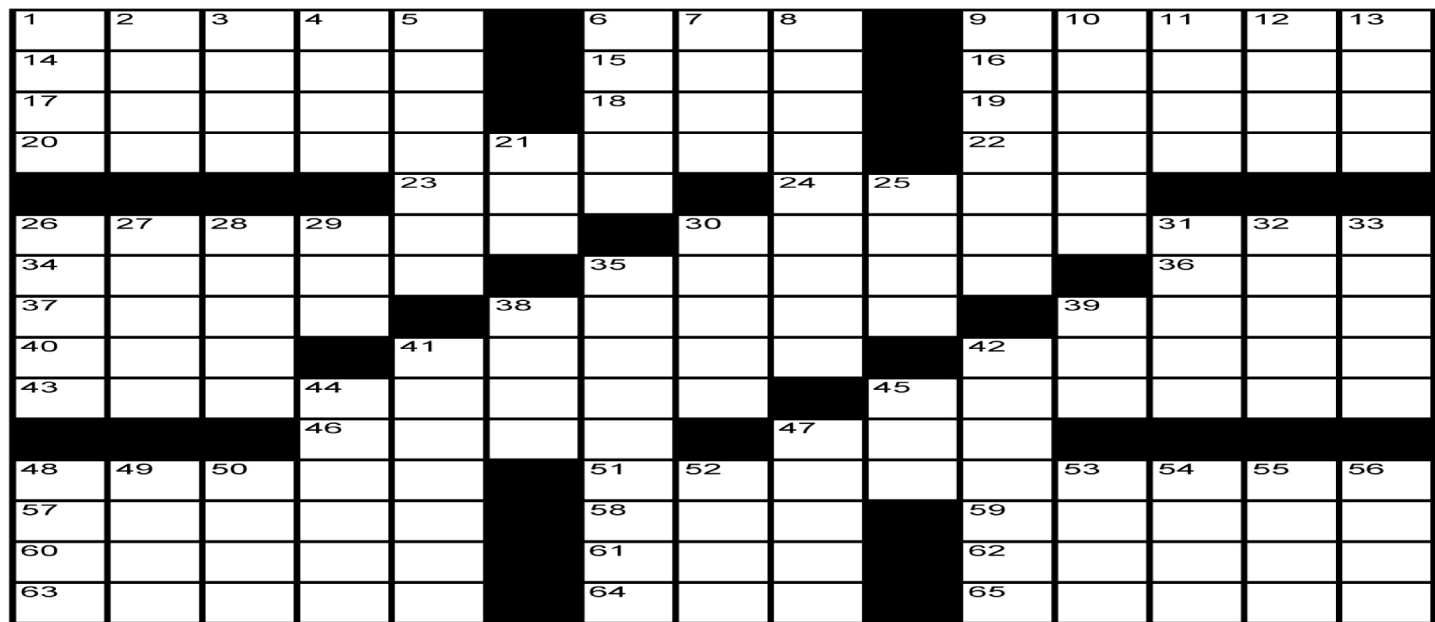
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- 9. Cochlear canal
- 14. Mr. Fudd
- 15. Leached wood ashes
- 16. Beaver trait
- 17. Fat
- 18. Braveheart's "no"
- 19. Cassandra's dad
- 20. Kevin Williamson drama
- 22. Large Mediterranean fish
- 23. Sock filler
- 24. Rainbow goddess
- 26. Circumvent
- 30. Assists memory
- 34. Arrogated
- 35. Ryan Phillippe's spouse
- 36. Single
- 37. Through contraction
- 38. In the middle
- 39. Ancient Peruvian civilization
- 40. Debutant (informal)
- 41. Calf-length skirts
- 42. At the pitches written
- 43. Relating to mountain formation
- 45. Renounce
- 46. Actor Bana
- 47. Bad hair
- 48. Freestyle
- 51. Develops sores
- 57. Surpass
- 58. Locomotion appendage
- 59. Home of Maine Black Bears
- 60. Hindu essence
- 61. Adam's lady
- 62. Canary-like finch
- 63. Melts
- 64. Colored solution
- 65. Favre's measurements

DOWN

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- 2. Napoleon's isle of exile
- 3. Iowa city
- 4. Bird home
- 5. Location of #4 down
- 6. Arm bones
- 7. Baller Nolan
- 8. Unattractive quality
- 9. September min.
- 10. Italian tenor
- 11. Against

- 12. Not fat
- 13. Navy rival
- 21. Bagel accompaniment
- 25. Take it easy
- 26. Excel
- 27. Shows you your seat
- 28. Turbine
- 29. To and \_\_\_\_
- 30. Military doctor
- 35. Made fun of
- 38. Short skirt
- 39. Charged atom
- 41. Between two crenels
- 42. Biblical skin disease
- 44. Bauble
- 45. Sushi garnish
- 47. Pat \_\_\_\_ Band
- 48. Jacket
- 49. Biblical book
- 50. In Mass.
- 52. Collect taxes
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- 56. Not daughters



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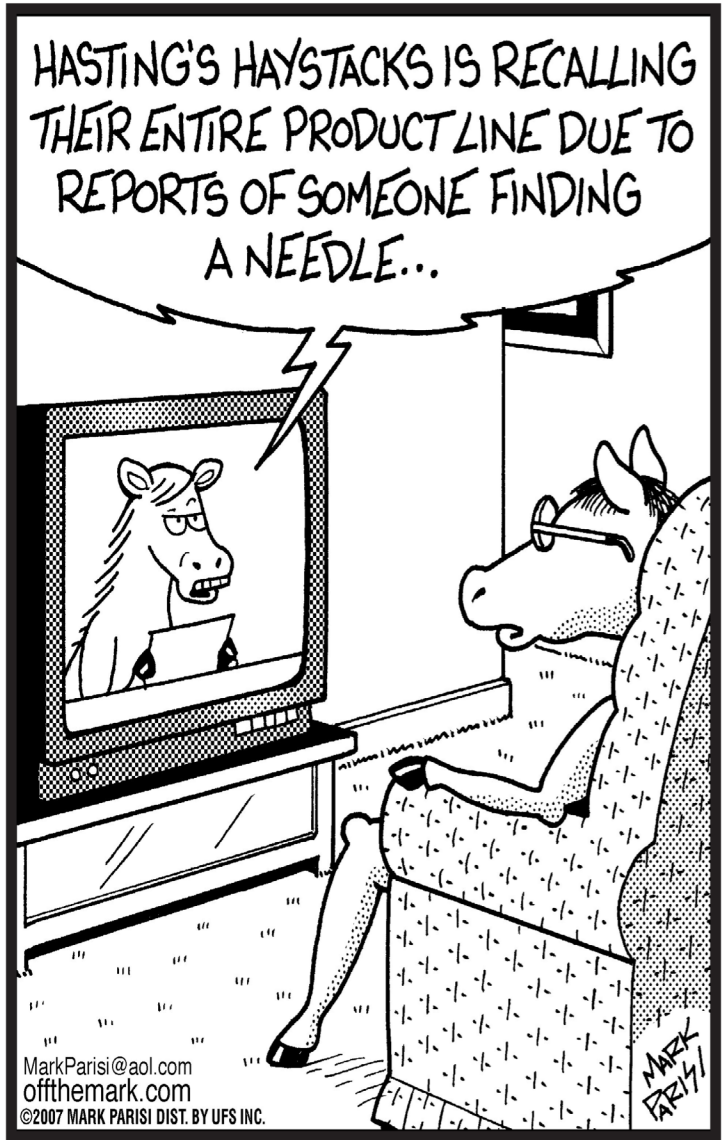


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Sudoku: Number puzzle in which numbers must be fit into a 9x9 grid such that each numeral appears exactly once in each row, column and each of nine 3x3 blocks

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