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Guiding reporters to fish, facing down bears

What Phil Gager and Mark Morris did for summer vacation

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DALLAS - Living in the middle of idyllic surroundings, teaching a *Los Angeles Times* reporter how to fish...and fending off bears. These are some of the experiences two college students from Dallas

had during their summer jobs as fly-fishing guides.

Phil Gager and Mark Morris, friends since grade school, independently worked as fly-fishing guides at two renowned U.S. lodges.

Phil, 21, the son of John and Beth Gager, graduated from Wyoming Seminary. He is currently a history major at Colgate University in New York and spending a semester in London studying.

He guided at Hubbard's Yellowstone Lodge, one of 40 lodges endorsed by Orvis Co., the well-known fishing outfitter. The lodge is in Emigrant, Montana, at the north entrance of Yellowstone National

"You shouldn't really have to shoot a bear if you know how to be around one."

Mark Morris
On his encounter with a hungry bruin

Park.

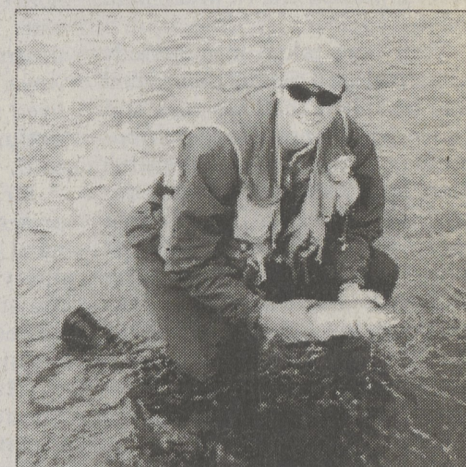
Phil, who has been fly fishing since he was eight years old, apprenticed with Pat McCord, a 1996 Orvis Guide of the Year, on Colorado's Frying Pan River last summer. After talking with the owner of

Hubbard's for three years in a row, he finally got a job there.

His job consisted of picking clients up from the airport and pretty much staying with them their entire two to six day stay. Phil tied hundreds of artificial flies, gave casting instructions and brought his clients to the fish.

"I love to fish and it was great to be out there meeting a lot of people," said Phil, who recalled one group of South African business men as his funniest students.

"Most clients are really nice people. You get some who are whiny if they're not



Phil Gager showed off a trout at Hubbard's Yellowstone Lodge, where he worked for the summer as a fly-fishing guide.

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Descendant of Amistad revolt leader will bring story to area

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DALLAS - Last year, much of the nation first heard the name Amistad. It sounded strange, foreign. But, the Amistad has proven to be a significant chapter in American history, although little known until now.

For Samuel "Hingha" Pieh, the word represents bravery, sacrifice, perseverance and triumph.

It also serves as inspiration and an important link to his family.

Mr. Pieh is the great-great grandson of Sengbeh Pieh, a Mende, who worked through his chains on the slave ship and led the revolt on which Steven Spielberg's movie "Amistad" was based.

Mr. Pieh will speak about his ancestor's experience and will discuss "History Unexplored - The Legacy of the Amistad" in Walsh Auditorium at College Misericordia on Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. The movie "Amistad" will follow his discussion. The program is free and open to the public.

In 1839, 49 Africans were enslaved from West Africa in the

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POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

I don't like this

Catherine Clements held fast to her mom, Jeannie's, hand as Mary Kozick, Gate of Heaven kindergarten teacher, tried to calm her

fears about the start of school. Gate of Heaven held a get-acquainted night for new students last week. Add'l photos, pg 5.

College has big plans for future

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DALLAS - College Misericordia has big plans. With the \$7 million Bevevino Library and technology center in the works, a renovated student center and new majors, the college is gearing up for the next century. All the activity under the direction of Dr. Michael A. MacDowell, who is the college's new president.

"The mission of the college is to continue to grow in a thoughtful and planned way that maintains a high quality education," said MacDowell.

The president sees the college as a real community resource. "You can't have a better industry in the community. It does most things you want it to do and doesn't do things you don't want. This year we will expand social and cultural offerings for both students and the public," he said.

The Bevevino Library will be an important asset to the Back Mountain, said MacDowell. The 37,500 sq. ft. building will have three floors, and will contain the latest in computer cataloging equipment, local access networks, a CD-ROM network, a computer-

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Claude Shaver turns 100 Sept. 3

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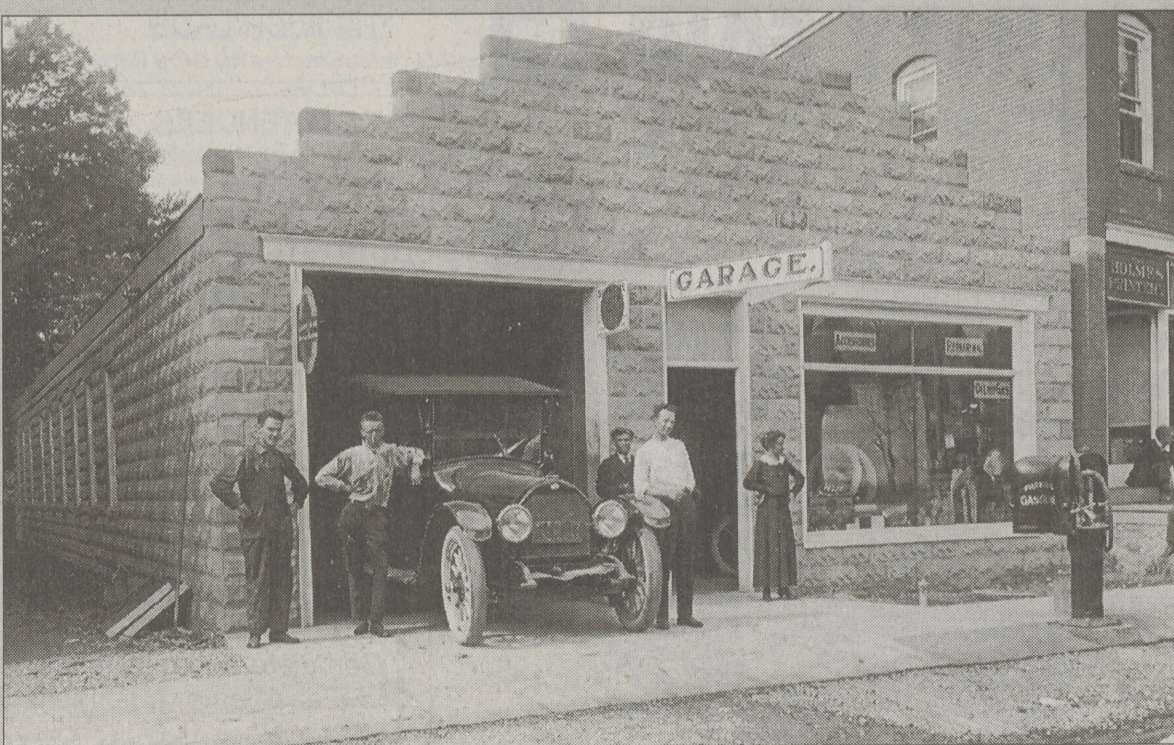
BACK MOUNTAIN - Back in his working days, Claude Shaver was the man who kept your food from spoiling and your family from freezing. He was a self-employed delivery person who brought ice and coal to the Back Mountain community.

This was when street cars carried folks up and down the mountain, a soda was 5¢ and it was difficult to spend five dollars.

Mr. Shaver will turn 100 years old on Sept. 3. He has seen the world go from horses to cars, ships to planes and telegraph to telephone.

Born in Idetown, he grew up at 24 Lake St. with his parents, Reuben and Lydia. In 1925 he married Mary Gregory and built a house on Woodland Ave. in Dallas, where he lived until recently. He now resides at Carpenter Care Nursing Home in Tunkhannock. He is a descendant of Phillip Shaver, for whom Shavertown is named.

One of his two daughters,



Claude Shaver, second from left in this photo from the 1920's, posed in front of a garage that stood in what is now the parking lot for the Mellon Bank office in Dallas. The woman on the right is Mrs. Ritter, who owned the garage. Thanks to Pauline Roth for contributing the photo.

Naomi Bohlander of Factoryville, thinks his upcoming birthday is nothing short of "amazing." "He can't hardly believe it either," said Mrs. Bohlander.

Now 75 years old herself, Mrs. Bohlander said her father is a good man. "He's a family man who is very industrious. He always had a business and took care of it well."

Pauline Roth, of Dallas, also a descendant of Phillip

Shaver, is a distant relation to Mrs. Bohlander. "We're off the same family tree; she's on one limb and I'm on another," she said. Mrs. Bohlander said coincidentally, the two shared an uncle Paul, but only after Mrs. Roth's uncle married into the other family.

Mrs. Roth's memories of Mr. Shaver include some cool thoughts. "I remember every time we went to his house, we'd get a chunk of ice."

In addition to delivering ice

and coal, Mr. Shaver was a motorman on the street cars and later drove a bus for the Dallas School District.

He and his wife, Mary, had three children, Naomi Bohlander, Carol Shaver of Dallas and Robert, who is now deceased.

Mr. Shaver has seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Two of his grandchildren have passed away.

J.P. Cosgrove makes science breakthrough

SHAVERTOWN - Although he is only a junior biochemistry major at Lafayette Collet in Easton, PA., J.P. Cosgrove of Shavertown has experienced what real scientific research is all about, and he has also created an affinity cleavage reagent (ACR).

Cosgrove, a graduate of Dallas High School, is participating in Lafayette's EXCEL Scholars Program, in which selected outstanding students collaborate closely with faculty on scientific research and other projects. He is working with Daniel Barber, assistant professor of chemistry, to develop a new ACR compound.

What is an ACR compound? "I did lab research trying to come up with a metal complex to introduce into protein. Hopefully the metal complex will cleave the protein and then I can specify points to see folding of the protein," explained Cosgrove. "If I see folding of the protein, then I can learn more about the protein."

He said this is the first step toward cleaving the protein. "What I've been doing all summer is getting the first step of this process done. It involves just one reaction which will lead to a series of other reactions to eventually achieve our affinity cleavage reagent."

"It was pretty neat. It was a

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