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The Secretary/Treasurer's Corner

ACVP Requalifying Exam

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Assessing the preparedness of candidates for the ACVP certifying exam is particularly difficult for those candidates who retake and consistently fail three to four parts of the exam. Historically, these candidates have been required to file a detailed study plan approved by their sponsor. The sponsor must then verify at a later date that their candidate has completed the study plan before full acceptance for the exam is granted. This procedure has not resulted in a substantial improvement in the overall performance of these consistently unsuccessful repeat candidates.

In 2002, ACVP Council determined that a requalifying exam (RQE) derived from previous certifying exams was the most objective method to determine if candidates who had failed the exam two or more times had adequately addressed their deficiencies. A plan to implement an RQE in 2005 was announced to the College membership at the 2003 annual business meeting and in the June 2004 newsletter, as well as on the ACVP website. Exam candidates were informed that the RQE would become effective following the 2004 certifying exam. Therefore, candidates who failed the 2003 and 2004 certifying exams would be required to take and pass the 2005 RQE to be eligible for the 2005 certifying exam.

The RQE committee (**Trenton Schoeb**, chair, **Denise Bounous**, **Elizabeth Howerth**, and **Evan Janovitz**) assembled the exam, which consisted of 75 multiple choice questions from past certifying exams

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Where There is a Will...

There is a Way to Support ACVP.

Through your estate plans, you can support the College by making an unrestricted gift or by designating a particular program or activity to benefit from your contribution. If you already have a will, you may only have to execute a codicil. If you don't have a will, now is the time to create one.

Many people believe that a contribution through their estate must be a specific dollar value. That is simply not true. You may designate a percentage of your estate for the College. This can be especially helpful as you decide what percentages you want to leave to your heirs. ACVP becomes another of your beneficiaries. Estate giving is a risk-free way to support an organization that is meaningful to you.

The sample wording below uses examples of a specific dollar amount and an alternative amount that is a percentage. You can provide this sample wording to your attorney.

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(excluding questions from the two most recent examinations) that were of moderate difficulty and that were good discriminators of the candidate's knowledge. All candidates take a general pathology section consisting of 25 questions. Anatomic pathology candidates take an additional section consisting of 50 questions in veterinary pathology (approximately 10 in clinical pathology, 11 in dog and cat pathology, 11 in laboratory animal pathology, 11 in large animal pathology, and seven in non-mammalian/exotic/wildlife/zoological species pathology). Clinical pathology candidates take an additional section consisting of 50 questions in clinical pathology (approximately 20 in clinical biochemistry, 15 in hematology, and 10 in cytology and surgical pathology).

From the applicants for the 2005 certifying examination, six were identified who were required to take the RQE. Two of these candidates withdrew prior to the exam, one candidate was exempted by Council since he did not take the exam in 2003, and therefore was not informed that the RQE would go into effect following the 2004 certifying exam. The three remaining applicants, all in anatomic pathology, took the exam at three different sites under the supervision of an ACVP diplomate on April 27. These sites were chosen to be as convenient as possible for the exam candidates and exam supervisors. Two hours were allowed to complete the exam. A passing grade on the RQE was 60% (45/75 correct answers or better). After grading, validation of the results by the RQE committee, and approval by Council, the candidates were informed of the results on May 17. All three candidates passed the exam with scores of 87% (candidate 1), 71% (candidate 2), and 77% (candidate 3). By passing the RQE, these candidates became eligible to

Candidate #1:	Passed:	Veterinary Pathology Microscopic Pathology
	Failed:	General Pathology (59% score) Gross Pathology (57% score)
Candidate #2:	Passed:	General Pathology Gross Pathology
	Failed:	Veterinary Pathology (51.5% score) Microscopic Pathology (53.5% score)
Candidate #3:	Passed:	No parts were passed
	Failed:	General Pathology (40% score) Veterinary Pathology (49.5% score) Microscopic Pathology (46% score) Gross Pathology (57.25% score)
Exempted Candidate:	Passed:	General Pathology Veterinary Pathology Gross Pathology
	Failed:	Microscopic Pathology (51.5% score)

Performance on the certifying exam for the three candidates who passed the RQE and the exempted applicant. A passing score is 60% or greater.

take the certifying examination held in Ames, Iowa on September 14-15.

Certifying exam performance improved substantially for two candidates (#1 and #2). They will return in 2006 to take only two portions of the certifying exam rather than the four portions that they had to retake in 2003, 2004, and 2005. One candidate (#3) repeated their poor performance of 2003 and 2004. This candidate must retake the RQE in 2006 in order to qualify to retake all four parts of the 2006 certifying examination. Based on this small initial sample, passing the RQE did predict improved performance on the certifying exam for 2/3 candidates. It will take several more years of giving the RQE before there are results from enough RQE candidates to allow a more in-depth evaluation of the role that the RQE has on certifying exam performance. ■

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Members Honored

New Diplomates

Congratulations to the newly certified Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists by successful completion of the Certification Examination given in Ames, Iowa, September 14-15, 2005.

CERTIFIED IN VETERINARY ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY

Jonathan Arzt	Malcolm John Lancaster
Melanie Ann Breshears	Bridget Shannon Lewis
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Heather Leigh Tarpley
Craig A. Thompson
Leanne Twomey
Tamara B. Wills

(* indicates Dual Certification)

Request for Exam Material

The Exam Committee invites Diplomates to submit material for the 2006 Certifying Examinations by March 1, 2006 to the appropriate chairperson: For Anatomic Pathology: **Bryan Stegelmeier**, 1150 E. 1400 N, Logan, UT 84341. For Clinical Pathology: **Sue Tornquist**, Oregon State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, 105 Magruder Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331-4802.

Written questions should be in multiple-choice format with one correct response and four foils. Each question should be on a separate page with the correct answer indicated. The submitter's name and the reference on which the question was based should both be included at the bottom of the page. A copy of the reference should also be included.

Visual material may include 35-mm transparencies, glass slides or electron micrographs. Include species and tissue identification, morphologic description, morphologic diagnosis, cause or pathogenesis, and any relevant questions that could be asked on the examination. Only one transparency, glass slide or electron micrograph (preferably 8" x 10") should be submitted for initial consideration, **but sufficient material must be available for preparation of approximately 60 histopathology glass slides or 20 hematologic or cytologic preparations for cases selected.** Electron micrograph negatives should be retained by the submitter.

ACVP Externship Scholarships Available

There is a continuing need for well-trained veterinary pathologists for positions in government, academic, and private sectors. To help fill this need, the American College of Veterinary Pathologists has established a Scholarship Program designed to support externship experiences for veterinary students interested in learning more about activities of veterinary anatomic and clinical pathologists.

The scholarships are available to expose veterinary students to the practice of pathology in a variety of employment environments and to encourage veterinary students to pursue post-DVM graduate training in preparation for careers as veterinary anatomic or clinical pathologists.

The ACVP Scholarship Program provides scholarships of up to \$1,000 each to veterinary students who have been accepted to participate in an externship program organized by government, academic, or private entities. The application deadlines are March 1 and October 1.

Please visit the Externship Center on the ACVP website, www.acvp.org, to learn about this important program.

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ACVP Certification Examination: Five-Year Review (2001-2005)

Derek Mosier, Secretary/Treasurer

A candidate who takes all four parts of the certifying examination and passes two or three parts retains credit for parts passed for the next four years, during which two additional attempts to pass the remaining parts are permitted. Thus, since 1994, five-year reviews of candidates' performance on the examination have been used to compare annual pass-rate (for all candidates) with cumulative pass-rate (for those candidates who first took the examination at the beginning of the five-year period). The annual pass rate reflects the performance of new candidates, candidates who are repeating only one or two parts, and candidates who must repeat all four parts of the examination (referred to as R4 candidates). The effect of R4 candidates on the pass-rate is shown by including (All Candidates) or excluding (R4's excluded) this group when computing the comparing the annual pass-rate.

Veterinary Anatomic Pathology Examination

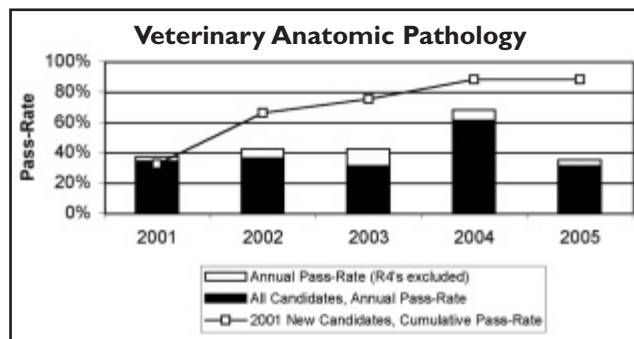
Examination Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Mean
2001 New Candidates, Annual Pass/Total	9/59	20/32	5/17	8/11	0/1	
2001 New Candidates, Cumulative Pass-Rate	32%	66%	75%	88%	88%	
All Candidates, Annual Pass/Total	33/96	40/110	38/124	76/121	27/87	
All Candidates, Annual Pass-Rate	34%	36%	31%	61%	31%	39%
Annual Pass/Total (R4's excluded)	33/89	38/90	40/96	73/107	27/77	
Annual Pass-Rate (R4's excluded)	37%	42%	42%	68%	35%	45%

Summary:

Of the 59 candidates who began the Examination in 2001, 52 (88%) passed by 2005.

The annual pass-rate for all candidates varied from 31% to 61% (mean, 39%).

If R4 candidates (those required to repeat all parts) are excluded, the annual pass-rate for all candidates varied from 37% to 68% (mean, 45%).



Veterinary Clinical Pathology Examination

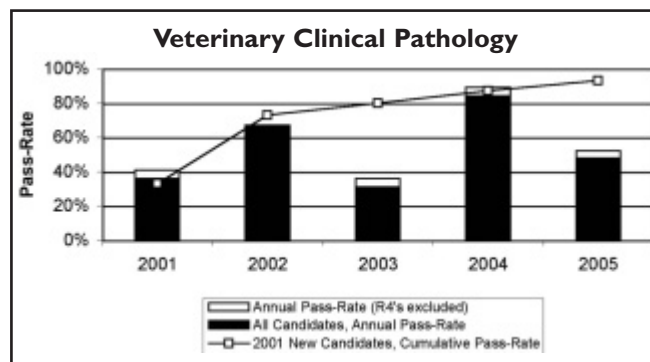
Examination Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Mean
2001 New Candidates, Annual Pass/Total	5/15	6/7	1/3	1/3	1/1	
2001 New Candidates, Cumulative Pass-Rate	33%	73%	80%	87%	93%	
All Candidates, Annual Pass/Total	9/25	16/24	8/26	26/31	13/27	
All Candidates, Annual Pass-Rate	36%	67%	31%	84%	48%	53%
Annual Pass/Total (R4's excluded)	9/22	15/25	8/22	25/28	13/25	
Annual Pass-Rate (R4's excluded)	41%	60%	36%	89%	52%	56%

Summary:

Of the 15 candidates who began the Examination in 2001, 14 (93%) passed by 2005.

The annual pass-rate for all candidates varied from 31% to 84% (mean, 53%).

If R4 candidates (those required to repeat all parts) are excluded, the annual pass-rate for all candidates varied from 36% to 89% (mean, 56%).



Members in the News

Holly Bender Recipient of National Teacher Award

Dr. Holly Bender, Diplomate of the ACVP and associate professor of veterinary pathology at Iowa State University, received the 2004 National Carl J. Norden-Pfizer Distinguished Teacher Award from the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges. A 1979 graduate of Michigan State University and director of Iowa State's Biomedical Research Group, she led the development of Diagnostic Pathfinder, an innovative clinical instructional software tool that teaches students a methodology for diagnostic reasoning and instructs them on how to gather and analyze laboratory data before arriving at a diagnosis. This tool is used at four veterinary colleges in addition to ISU.

Samuel Thompson Recipient of Illinois Special Service Award

Dr. Samuel Thompson, Diplomate of the ACVP, received the University of Illinois Special Service Award. This award recognizes an outstanding individual who has made significant contributions to the veterinary profession or the College. A graduate of Iowa State University, he served in the U.S. Army from 1946 to 1967, achieving the position of chief of the Department of Veterinary Pathology at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, and Senior Veterinary Pathologist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. From 1967 to 1980, he was manager of the Pathology Department at CIBA-GEIGY Pharmaceuticals. During his career, he also held teaching appointments at Colorado State University and Georgetown University, and was a frequent consultant to the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army. He founded the C.L. Davis Foundation, an organization of more than 4,000 members in more than 95 countries with an interest in veterinary and comparative pathology, and continues to serve as the leader of this organization.

Michael Lairmore Named Fellow of American Association for the Advancement of Science

Dr. Michael Lairmore, Diplomate of the ACVP, a professor and chair of the Department of Veterinary Biosciences at the Ohio State University, was named as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the largest scientific organization in the world. Members of the AAAS are elevated to the rank of Fellow for their efforts in advancing science or fostering scientifically or socially distinguished applications. He was recognized for "distinguished contributions to the field of virology, particularly for fundamental studies on the biology of the human T-cell leukemia virus and its medical applications." His work on HTLV has helped uncover the mechanisms driving and controlling how this serious human virus attacks its host and offers new possibilities for additional treatments for people now infected by the virus.

ACVP Scholarship Award Winner

Harold W. Casey Scholarship

Congratulations to **Branka Grubor** on her selection as the recipient of the 12th Annual Harold W. Casey Scholarship!

In 1998, Dr. Grubor graduated from veterinary college at Belgrade University in Serbia. She came to the United States with her parents while her father was on a one year sabbatical in Berkeley, CA and her mother was a visiting scientist. After receiving her DVM, Dr. Grubor returned to the U.S. to pursue advanced research experience and training at Iowa State University where she became the first and only non-American to hold an adjunct instructor position in the Department of Veterinary Pathology at the College of Veterinary Medicine. Her long-term goal is to work in industry to develop new drugs beneficial to improving the quality of life and health for people. She is specifically interested in pulmonary pathology and pulmonary diseases of pre-term infants. She is also preparing for the certifying examination.



The Harold W. Casey Scholarship Award, established in memory of Dr. Casey who was a past president of ACVP, is intended to recognize and reward outstanding individuals training in pathology and striving to achieve ACVP certification. The annual award of \$750 may be used for educational training supplies or tuition. Further information on the criteria for this award and how to nominate individuals can be found on the ACVP website (www.acvp.org/training/casey.php). The next deadline for receipt of nominations is June 30, 2006.

Where There is a Will (continued from page 1)

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Finally, you should always consult with your legal advisor before making changes to your estate plans.

If you have included ACVP in your estate plans, please contact Wendy Coe at the ACVP Executive Office by calling 1-608-443-2466, ext. 149 or by e-mail at wcoe@acvp.org. You may remain anonymous, but ACVP would like to use your name in its publications as an example of estate giving. You do not need to provide the amount you are contributing. By letting headquarters know that you have made provisions for the College in your will, you allow ACVP to plan more effectively for its future. ■

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Honorary and Distinguished Member Nominations

Each year, ACVP asks that you nominate persons who you think are worthy of either the Honorary or Distinguished member designation.

Honorary membership is awarded to a person who has contributed in an extraordinary manner to the advancement of veterinary pathology. "Contributed in an extraordinary manner" is defined as sustained extraordinary contributions to the advancement of the discipline of veterinary pathology, through scientific and/or educational contributions, achievements, recognitions, and positions. The Honorary member is elected by a majority vote of the Council and confirmed by a majority of the College members voting. Honorary members have all the privileges of membership except the right to vote or hold office. They do not pay dues.

Distinguished members are Diplomates of the College who have rendered extraordinary distinguished service to the College or who have contributed in an exemplary manner to veterinary pathology. "Extraordinary distinguished service to the College" is defined as sustained, extraordinary service to the College through membership on standing and ad-hoc committees or through elected office. "Contributed in an exemplary manner to veterinary pathology" is defined as sustained extraordinary contributions to the advancement and prestige of the discipline of veterinary pathology, through scientific and/or educational contributions, achievements, recognitions, and positions. A Distinguished member is selected by a majority vote of the Council.

In order to nominate a person for either Honorary or Distinguished membership, the nominator must provide the following:

1. A letter of nomination clearly specifying the nominee's contributions and/or achievements using the criteria specified above,
2. Letters from five members in good standing to second the nomination; and,
3. The curriculum vitae of the nominee.

The deadline for nomination submission with supporting documentation is March 1, 2006. The nomination form is included on page nine of this newsletter.

Your Gift Counts!

Each year, ACVP commits \$1,000 for each Student Chapter designated to defray travel expenses to the Annual Meeting for its members. The campaign to form new Student Chapters has been wildly successful with 27 new Student Chapters organized over the last three years. In addition, ACVP budgets \$15,000 each year for Externship Scholarships. These opportunities broaden the students understanding of the diverse work environments available to veterinary pathologists.

Obituaries

Dr. Archibald Ferguson (A. F.) Alexander died in Fort Collins, Colorado on September 16, 2005 at age 76. He was a Diplomate of the ACVP, and a 1951 graduate of the University of Minnesota. In 1956, after serving five years in the Army's Veterinary Corps, he moved to Fort Collins, where he taught at the Colorado State University Veterinary School. In 1962, he earned a doctoral degree in pathology. Four years later, he became chair of the school's pathology department, a post he held until 1980, when he went on to direct the school's diagnostic laboratory until his retirement. His specialty was altitude-related bovine diseases. Additionally, during his career he traveled to Mexico, Chile, Ethiopia, and Kenya, where he helped nascent veterinary programs and conducted research projects. Surviving him are sons Ian Alexander of Denver and Bruce Alexander of Minneapolis; daughters Ruth Calkins of Glen Rose, Texas, and Jean Alexander-Gitchell of Eagle; sister Mary Ellen Bleifuss of Minneapolis; and nine grandchildren. His wife preceded him in death.

Dr. Deborah Barber-Axthelm died in Hillsboro, Oregon on August 28, 2005 after a seven-year battle with breast cancer. She was an inactive Diplomate of the ACVP, and a 1979 graduate of Kansas State University. Her husband, Dr. Mike Axthelm, and their children survive her.

Dr. Charles C. Morrill, Sr. died in Fort Myers, Florida on September 12, 2005 at age 97. He was a Charter Diplomate of the ACVP, and served as ACVP President in 1958. A 1933 graduate of Michigan State University, he was Chairman of the Department of Pathology at Michigan State University from 1955 to 1973. He also served as the President of the Illinois Veterinary Medical Association in 1954. In 1970, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Surviving him are wife Leona; sons Ronald Morrill and Dennis Morrill; daughter Cherith Brumfield; stepson Stephen Foster; brother Don Morrill; sister Annabelle Leet, and six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. His wife of 65 years, Lucile, preceded him in death, as did his son, Charles C. Morrill, Jr., and stepson, Paul Foster. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Missions Fund at Trinity Church, 3355 Dunckel Road, Lansing, MI 48911, or to Hope Hospice, 9470 Healthpark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

Since we know that the shortage of pathologists is a crisis, providing a total of over \$40,000 to support students is the right thing to do. Your help is needed to support these activities on an ongoing basis. ACVP gratefully accepts gifts of any size and your check can be made out to: ACVP and sent to 2810 Crossroads Dr., Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718-7961 USA.

Remember your gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. But even better, you will be supporting enthusiastic students.

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**Nomination of Candidates for Officers,
Honorary Members and Distinguished Members**

The Nominations Committee invites “members in good standing” to submit nominations for candidates to run for the following offices in 2006. Members may submit as many names as they wish for each position; however, only one candidate will be elected for each office. **Please provide a brief statement of support for each of your nominations.**

Vice President/President Elect 2007

This OFFICER will serve as PRESIDENT in 2008

Councilor (Four-Year Term)

The term of office is 2007-2010

The Nominations Committee also seeks member input for suggestions of names for nomination as Distinguished and Honorary Members of the College. Please note that the following must accompany nominations for Distinguished and Honorary Members: 1) A letter of nomination clearly specifying the nominee’s contributions and/or achievements using the criteria specified below; 2) Letters from five members in good standing to second the nomination; and 3) The curriculum vitae of the nominee. **The nomination packet(s) must be received no later than March 1, 2006.**

Distinguished Member 2007

A Diplomat of the College who has rendered exceptionally distinguished service to the College or who has contributed in an exemplary manner to veterinary pathology, may be selected by majority vote of the Council to be a Distinguished member.

Honorary Member 2007

A person who has contributed in any extraordinary manner to the advancement of veterinary pathology may be elected by majority vote of Council, confirmed by a majority vote of the membership of the College.

Name of Nominator _____

Please return nomination forms no later than **March 1, 2006** to:

Dr. Keith Harris, Chair
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Announcements

Biannual Histologic Basis of Ocular Disease Short Course

The biannual Histologic Basis of Ocular Disease Short Course, a stand alone segment of the William Magrane Basic Science Course in Veterinary and Comparative Ophthalmology, will be held on June 22-25, 2006 in Madison, Wisconsin. For more information and to register, go on-line to www.vetmed.wisc.edu/ce/ophtho.

International Society of Veterinary Dermatopathology Annual Meeting

The next annual International Society of Veterinary Dermatopathology meeting will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, on September 6, 2006 in Lisbon, Portugal. It will be organized in conjunction with the annual meeting of the ESVD/ECVD (September 7-9, 2006). The deadline for abstract submission is February 15, 2006. To prepare and submit an abstract, please refer to "guidelines for authors" on our website (www.isvd.org). The abstract can be sent to Dr. Verena Affolter, Associate Professor for Clinical Dermatopathology, Veterinary Medicine-PMI, University California-Davis, Haring Hall, Room 1126, Davis, CA 95616.

Gross Pathology Images Needed

The Center for Food Safety and Public Health at Iowa State University is soliciting gross pathology images for their animal disease website (<http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/DiseaseInfo/default.htm>). High quality images from diseases with a high consequence to livestock, and those of foreign animal diseases are needed, with the priority being for those from Plague, Glanders, Q fever, Anthrax, Melioidosis, Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia, Peste des Petis Ruminants, and Nipah cases. Contact Dr. Steve Sorden (ssorden@iastate.edu, phone 1-515-294-1128) or Dr. Claire Andreasen (candreas@iastate.edu, phone 1-515-294-0877) prior to submission of images to discuss the image format and method of submission. This project is sponsored by a USDA Higher Education Challenge Grant.

Electronic Voting is Coming to ACVP

ACVP will use electronic voting beginning in 2006. The voting process is simple. Members will receive an invitation to vote via e-mail with a link to the ballot. You will enter your e-mail address as the username and the electronic voting program will validate you as an ACVP member. You will then make your selections and submit your ballot for tallying.

If you don't have e-mail or have an invalid address, Headquarters will send a paper ballot to your mailing address. Members can then mail the ballots back as they have been doing.

More information will follow in the March newsletter.

The 2006 Certification Examination is scheduled for September 20-21, 2006, in Ames, Iowa.

All certifying examinations in the immediate future will be held at the Scheman Building, Iowa State Center, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

2007: September 25, 26, 27

2008: September 23, 24, 25

2009: September 22, 23, 24

Please note: Beginning in 2007, the ACVP Certification Examination will change to a three-day format.



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