

## Illness outbreak nears record for student absences

The holiday break came at the best possible time for area schools in light of the recent outbreak of flu-like illnesses that were generating near-record levels of student absences.

Dimmitt Middle School reported the highest percentage of absences in the final week before the Christmas break, with 250 students absent that Monday—approximately 35% of DMS's 630 enrollment. Figures went down from there, with 120 gone on Tuesday, 135 on Wednesday, 133 on Thursday, and only 94 out on Friday.

DMS secretary Bessie Strickland remarked, "It's been a record number of absences for the 22 years I've been here." She added that the usual number absent at DMS ranges from 20 to 40 per day.

Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School and Dimmitt High School both reported absence rates ranging around 14% of the student body, with levels declining toward the end of the week.

RES secretary Vicky Yokum said it had been one of the worst bouts with illness in recent years, but recalled that a past outbreak of chicken pox had resulted in more absences. Yokum added that most who had been absent this week were complaining of flu-like symp-

toms, a stomach virus or a strep infection, and most were out for two to three days.

DHS secretary Laverne Bernethy said the high school has probably had a worse bout of illness in the past, but it has been some time back.

Hart and Nazareth schools reported absence levels of around 10%, with students complaining of a flu-like illness. However, in Hart, the numbers of absent students had increased toward the end of the week, rather than declining.

Dimmitt Health Officer Dr. Gary Hardee said with the symptoms that have been reported, the majority of the ill students could be suffering from the flu.

The symptoms start in the respiratory system with drainage and sore throat, moving into the chest with coughing, accompanied by fever of 103 to 104 degrees and aches and pains, lasting for several days.

Hardee commented that not as many have required hospitalization with this year's flu outbreak as with last year's. He noted that some of the schools had contemplated closing to help slow the spread of the illness, but the Christmas break came at the right time.

He advised that the best way to avoid illness is to "stay away from sick people." He said if one does contract the flu to treat it symptomatically, with medication for drainage, fever and cough, and to drink plenty of fluids and get plenty of rest.

Hardee said a few flu vaccinations still may be available in the area, but added that it would be too late to protect one from the current outbreak.

He advised all to consult a physician for prevention or treatment.

## Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	37	29	.41
Friday	37	31	.46
Saturday	40	31	Tr.
Sunday	43	31	.20
Monday	50	31	

December Moisture	1.29
1991 Moisture	21.90

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## News to observe early deadlines

The *Castro County News* will observe early deadlines for its Jan. 2, 1992 issue.

The deadline for all social news (weddings, engagements, anniversaries, showers, etc.) and community correspondence has been set for Friday at 12 noon. All other general news items should be turned in to the *News* by 12 noon on Monday.

The *News* will go to press a day early, on Tuesday, Dec. 31, so subscribers may receive their copies in the mail on time.

The advertising deadline for the Jan. 2 issue will be Monday at 12 noon.

The Jan. 2 issue will be available on newsstands in the afternoon on Tuesday.

The *News*' offices will be closed on New Year's Day.

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By Don Nelson

The Centennial year is winding down.

This issue is the last one that will carry the Centennial logo alongside the nameplate.

The year-long, home-grown observance has been a lot of fun and has left us with many good memories. And we have the Centennial Plaza as a permanent reminder of this milestone year.

When I come to work in the mornings, all the lights at the plaza are still on—the automatic lamps as well as the strings of clear Christmas bulbs.

Although I still can't see the plaza when I make my turn, I can tell. If the lamp atop the mile-marker is on, they're all on.

The other morning I yielded to temptation and just drove past my office and around the square before going to work, so I could get another good look at the plaza in its holiday finery.

It seems to get prettier every time.

During the early-morning fog recently, someone pulled his car off the street in front of the plaza and just sat there a while, with his brake-lights on, admiring the sight. So if I'm crazy, I've got company.

When he designed the plaza, Robbie Hawkins said he wanted it to be "a showcase of the Texas

Panhandle." I think he accomplished it.

It was reported in last week's issue—both in this column and in a separate news story—that very few toys had been donated to the Brown Bag Project, and that most of our needy children would have to do without this Christmas.

That's the way it looked to our source, an experienced Brown Bag worker.

With 130 families on the list (including 180 children), "We have only enough toys for maybe 10 or 15 families and our workers don't have time at this stage to sort through and cull out broken toys that aren't usable," our source said.

Well, a lot of somebodies among us couldn't accept that.

Between Thursday and Monday, the Brown Bag Project received "the biggest deluge of NEW toys we've ever gotten in such a short time—enough for several toys for every kid."

The spirit of Christmas is still alive and well here.

Thank you, Santa Claus and elves, wherever you are.

The Holy Family Parish revived the Nazareth Christmas Pageant this year, presenting it Saturday and Sunday nights "as a final contribu-

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**FINAL EXAM**—It's a final for both participants in this driving exam. It completes the commercial driver's certification for Chris Fry, right, and is the last driver's test to be administered by Dept. of Public Safety Trooper C.D. Fitzgearld, left, who is retiring from the DPS. Fitzgearld remarked that he recalls giving Fry his motorcycle license test in 1975 and his automobile driver's license test in 1976. This final exam was administered Dec. 12, and Fry passed.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Fitzgearld gives final driving test

Can you remember when you sat behind the steering wheel of a car for the first time? Maybe you can remember how nervous you were when you took the test to get your driver's license.

C.D. Fitzgearld of Dimmitt remembers how nervous he was when he crawled in beside a uniformed driver's license trooper to take his road test.

Years later, Fitzgearld would find himself sitting on the passenger side of vehicles while nervous teenagers attempted to make a right turn and parallel park correctly in hopes of earning their first driver's license.

For 24 years Fitzgearld has worked through the Dimmitt office of the Dept. of Public Safety (DPS), giving road and written driving tests to teenagers and adults, and he has tried to make his "students" feel at ease.

But Fitzgearld won't be supervising the road tests any more.

The driver's license trooper supervised his last road test on Dec. 12 and will retire effective Tuesday.

Fitzgearld said his decision to retire was made easier because of the DPS's plans to phase out the uniformed driver's license personnel here.

## More families offer greetings

Several families have signed up for the Community Christmas Greeting Cards, but they were too late to place their names on the cards in the *News*' Dec. 19 Christmas edition.

Wishing their friends a Merry Christmas from Dimmitt are Juanita Bruegel, Willis and Rosalie Hawkins and Lorena and Deroy Cates.

Nazareth families sending holiday greetings to their friends are Father Neal Dec, Urban Ball, Meta Stork, John and Margaret Womack and Denny, Pill, Rodney and Darin Heiman.

Allen and Shane McLain of Hart wish their friends a happy holiday season.

## Holiday spirit abounds with toy donations

The spirit of Christmas must have flown over and touched everyone in Castro County.

That's what a spokesman for the Brown Bag project in Castro County said Monday morning after county residents opened their wallets and their hearts by donating thousands of dollars worth of new toys to the project.

Volunteers boxed the food and toys Saturday, and delivered the items to needy families in the county on Monday.

The list of needy families which received food and toys is formed from the social agencies that work with impoverished families. It includes people who are permanently on the poverty list, plus those who are unemployed or disabled, who faced a bleak Christmas.

On Dec. 18, spokesmen for the Brown Bag project had reported that very few toys would be distributed along with the canned food items, because donations had been light.

But county residents really came through with donations of new toys last Thursday through Sunday, and now all 180 kids on the list, ages 12 and under, will have a merry Christmas, complete with new toys. Food also poured in over the weekend, enabling the project coordinators to earmark more food for each family on the list.

"The response we had was unreal," said a project spokesman. "We didn't have many toys at all, but people really came through. We estimate the total cost of the new toys donated is between \$4,300 and \$4,800 total."

More than 480 people in 130 families will benefit from this year's canned food and toy drive, and volunteers delivered the food items and toys on Monday afternoon.

The Ministerial Alliance purchased hams with money it raised from its Thanksgiving Service offering, plus contributions from several organizations.

## County elections may be postponed

County elections for this year may have to be rescheduled due to a delay in US Justice Dept. approval of new commissioners' precinct boundary lines submitted back in October, based on the 1990 Census figures.

The Castro County Commissioners' Court was informed at its Friday meeting that the Justice Dept. had sent a request for additional information on the county's redistricting proposal, which will delay approval of the plan for an-

other 30 to 60 days.

Delay of approval will also delay candidate filing deadlines, because some candidates will be unable to file until after the boundaries are confirmed. The candidate filing deadlines may be delayed statewide because of US Supreme Court review of the state redistricting proposal.

The commissioners gave approval for a lawsuit to extend the deadline if necessary and authorized (Continued on Page 5)

## Prison task force looks at challenge

A task force of concerned citizens has been formed to help with packaging a proposal to the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice to place a state prison in the local area.

Four tentative sites have been offered by landowners north, south and east of Dimmitt, falling within the proposed \$300,000 range estimated for land costs, according to Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Delores Heller.

"Several more (potential sites) have been brought to our attention," Heller said, "but most have

been a half-section in size."

It has been pointed out that a section of land might be easier to work with to enable the prison compound to be centered on the designated plot.

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins noted that the additional land might be included as an incentive to the state, with possible use as a prison farm if water would be available.

The task force met last Thursday to begin assigning jobs in filling out a Request For Proposal, which (Continued on Page 12)



**SANTA'S HELPERS**—Putting it all together for 130 needy families in Castro County are (from left) Joe Garcia Jr., Johnny Oliviero, Benny Baker and Marcello Salinas. They are matching up bags of toys to boxes of food, and all of the items were scheduled

for delivery Monday afternoon. Baker is a member of the Castro County Ministerial Alliance, one of the sponsoring organizations of the annual food and toy drive to benefit the needy. Photo by Linda Maxwell

# On the Go Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Edgar Dennis attended the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas last week. It was the world championship for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. They displayed the "Cowboys Christmas of Western Art," saddles, jewelry and much more.

Some of the entertainers were Clint Black, Reba McEntire and Dolly Parton.

Edgar saw some friends who rode with him on the Sesquicentennial Wagon Train. They were working in the Mirage Hotel. He enjoyed driving through New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada and came back home through Phoenix, Ariz.

Esta Vandiver was hostess to the Rebecca Sunday School class on Tuesday and hosted a dinner party for them. The meat was furnished by the class and members brought salads and vegetables to serve along with it. Esta served ice cream balls. Games were played and they all had fun playing "party bridge."

Connie Ivey and her daughter, Zetha Blackburn, entertained friends with a lovely Christmas party on Wednesday afternoon. Delicious cakes and homemade candy, coffee and tea was served.

Rose Acker's daughter and her husband, Alice and Jerry Ellizor and two friends from Huntsville, were guests in the Acker home over the weekend. They were here pheasant hunting.

Danny and Debbie Underwood and son, Dennis, along with Geneva Dennis, took a business and pleasure trip to Temple and Goldthwaite. They visited with Dr. Douglas and Mona Dennis and little Dennis had fun playing with the two dogs, "Bear" and "Charlie."

Glenn and Mona Merritt entertained their family for Thanksgiving. Those present were Brock and Susan Merritt, Brian and Derrick of Coppell; Mark and Kay Merritt, Lori and Lesley of Midland; Steve and Deanna Tanner of Dallas; and Mable Brock of Dimmitt.

William and Rosetta Bellinghausen hosted guests on Sunday including William's niece and her family, Agnes and David Brendt and children, Melissa, Jessica and Heath of Amarillo. They enjoyed a

pre-Christmas dinner and exchanging gifts.

Mildred Bradford was hostess to the Methodist Widow's annual luncheon last week. This was the group's 19th celebration and Cletha George has attended each one of them. The 35 widows attending enjoyed eating and visiting.

Oleta Gollehon entertained a group of pheasant hunters again this year. There were eight men and their hunting dogs visiting her. They were Bennie Gollehon of Baytown, Todd Touchstone of Lubbock, Tobin Touchstone of Mansfield and some of Bennie's friends from Houston. They all had a wonderful time and killed their limit of birds.

Bennie is a member of the Colorado River Hunting Club, which has 100 members and is based in Houston and Santa Fe, N.M. The group meets once a year.

The First Baptist Church of Amarillo presented "The Living Christmas Tree" for the 12th year on Dec. 16 through 18, with performances held each night. Alice Young, Johnnie Boothe, Kate Beecher and I drove up for the performance on Tuesday evening. Dr. Ben Loring Jr., is the pastor and Lanny Allen is the minister of music at the First Baptist Church. Allen directs this musical. There are 102 choir members singing up in the huge Christmas tree. 45 musicians play in the orchestra, which includes a harp. David Lowe played the organ and Janice Moonney Davis played the piano. My daughter, Mary Lynn Lankford has sung in this musical for each of the 12 years it has been held.

James and Joyce Autry of Rocky Ford, Colo., stopped in Dimmitt for a short visit with Joyce's mother, Irene Carpenter; and with her sister, Floyce George and James' sister, Marie Bowen last Thursday. They drove on to Fort Worth for the National Cutting Horse Show at the Will Rogers Coliseum. Irene made the trip with them and got to visit relatives in Fort Worth and Dallas.

They all had a wonderful time visiting and seeing the show. Joyce and James visited with some of their friends from Colorado. On their way back to Dimmitt on Monday, they stopped in Vernon and had lunch with two of James'

aunts. The Autrys returned home on Tuesday.

Lloyd and Louise Lust of Littlefield were guests of James and Mildred Bradford on Sunday. Lloyd is Mildred's brother.

Kate Beecher flew to Dallas where she joined her daughter, Beth McLendon. The two then flew on to Biloxi, Miss., where Kate's other daughter, Jo Prather, was one of the featured speakers at the 21st annual Mississippi Reading Association's (MRA) conference held at the Mississippi Beach Resort Hotel in Biloxi. They attended a lovely luncheon and at the conference, Kate was escorted to the state where she sat with her daughter, Jo.

Prather serves Mississippi educators as the reading and early childhood specialist for the State Dept. of Education. She has 21 years of teaching experience in grades kindergarten through six, reading and English. She is experienced in administration, curriculum, supervision and public relations.

Prather received her bachelor of science degree from West Texas State University and her masters degree from Washington

University in St. Louis, Mo. She attended Trenton State College in New Jersey, Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Id., the University of Houston and Auburn University.

She has taught in six states, Naples, Italy and Germany. She is active in the International Reading Association, Mississippi Reading Association, Mississippi Association for Children Under Six and Southern Association for Children Under Six. She also is involved in the National Parent-Teacher Association, ASCD, Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma and the Assembly of State Coordinators of English and Language Arts.

She spoke on "Laughter, Love and Literature" at the MRI awards luncheon on Dec. 6. She also directed a seminar on planning guides for instructional planning on Dec. 7.

**Thank you  
for shopping  
Dimmitt!**



ALL-REGION HONORS were captured by these six members of the Nazareth Swift Band recently. All-region selections include (standing, from left) Scott Brockman, second chair, alto saxophone and Travis Schulte, second chair, snare drum; and (seated, from left) Amber Irlbeck, second chair, mallets; Kalina Pohlmeier, first chair, mallets; Vicky Lange, 10th chair, flute; and Karmen Pohlmeier, fourth chair, French horn. *Courtesy Photo*

## Water district plans election

An election has been called by the board of directors of High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, for district directors of Precincts 3 and 4.

The election will be held on Jan. 18, 1992, for each of these director's precincts. Five county committee members from each of the seven counties within these director's precincts also will be elected.

Director's Precinct Three includes Parmer County and the parts of Bailey and Castro Counties which lie in the water district service area.

Castro County voters may cast their ballots at the Dimmitt City Hall with Dolores Baldrige acting as voting clerk.

Legal, financial and business matters of the Water District are considered by the board of directors

at their monthly meeting. Board members also set long-range goals and direct staff activities through the water district manager.

County committees serve as a "grass roots" liaison between the district's board of directors and residents of the local community. County committee responsibilities include recommending approval or denial of applications for water

well permits and agricultural water conservation equipment loans.

Early voting will be conducted during normal business hours Monday through Jan. 14, 1992.

Additional election information is available by contacting Becca Williams at the High Plains Water District office, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79405, or by calling 1-762-0181.

## Dr. Morris Webb

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## We Salute

### Centennial Commission

The Centennial has been a most eventful and enjoyable year for Castro Countians, hasn't it?

We celebrated it not just with a two-week summer bash, or a single big event. We celebrated it all year:

—At the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Banquet in January, where the Centennial logo was unveiled.

—With the production and sale of Centennial T-shirts, caps and calendars throughout the year.

—With the construction of the Centennial Plaza from April through August.

—At the July 4 Picnic and fireworks show at the Dimmitt High School football field.

—At the Bethel Chicken Fry and the Nazareth German Folk Festival in July.

—At Hart Days Aug. 5-10.

—With the Centennial Pageant Aug. 11-12 in Dimmitt.

—At the County Fair and Centennial Harvest Days Aug. 16-17, with that long, long Centennial Parade.

—With a lot of new Harvest Days activities, such as Antique & Classic Car Show, Artist and Author Reception, Cowboy Poets, etc.

—At the Summerfield Ice Cream Supper in August.

—At the Nazareth Labor Day Picnic Sept. 2.

—With the revived Mexican Independence Day Celebration Sept. 14-16 in Dimmitt.

—With the Centennial Singers' concert at the annual union Thanksgiving service in November.

—With a birthday-cake party at the county's three senior citizens' centers on Dec. 9, the county's birthday.

—With the presentation Saturday and Sunday evenings of the Nazareth Christmas Pageant "as a final contribution to Castro County's Centennial Celebration."

Our Centennial celebration involved just about everyone in the county. It was planned that way by a group that started working on it a year and a half ago—the Centennial Commission.

We salute the Centennial Commission members—Charles Axtell, Jerome Brockman, Brenda Bruton, Gwen Bryant, Robert L. Hawkins, Delores Heller, Gloria Hernandez, Fred Kuntz, Helen Kuntz, Janet Mitchell, Don Nelson, Bill Sava, Carolyn Sides, Polly Simpson, Reta Welch and Francis Wilhelm.

This year, you made us all prouder to be Castro Countians!

## Cellular coverage improves in area

Liberty Cellularphone Network has completed its cell cite in the Dimmitt area.

The new cite will total seven cell sites for the Plains region and customers in the Dimmitt market will now be able to dial more than 60 cities in the South Plains region toll-free. Calls made from within Castro County to a Liberty Cellularphone 647-mobile number also are toll-free.

## CPS needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help take up part of the load for Child Protective Services workers of the Texas Dept. of Human Services.

Individuals are needed to act as a big brother, big sister, or a sponsoring family. Help is also needed with filing and other office work.

Donations that would be helpful include money, clothing, furniture or storage room for these items.

Emergency items often needed include disposable diapers, cloth diapers for babies with sensitive skin, infant clothing, and shoes.

Minimal food storage would also be a big help, according to the local group, for times when persons are found without food, and occasionally transportation is needed for sick persons who need to go to the doctor.

Those interested in volunteering or making donations may contact local CPS caseworker Donna Stump.

## Methodist Home offers 'open' adoption service

The Methodist Mission Home of San Antonio now offers fully disclosed or "open" adoptions in addition to the home's traditional adoption services.

Under the new option, each of the parties in the adoption will know the identity of the other. The birthparents and the adoptive parents will have the opportunity to meet and jointly plan for the adoption.

### NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1991

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		SIMILAR TRUST TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)		
	10 GENERAL FUND	20/30/40 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	82 NONGOVERNMENT EXPENDABLE	98 AUGUST 31, 1991	97 AUGUST 31, 1990
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
5700	Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State	\$329,496	-	\$5,601	\$335,097
5800	State Program Revenues	858,922	-	-	858,922
5900	Federal Program Revenues	28,899	70,131	-	99,030
5030	Total Revenue	\$1,217,317	\$70,131	\$5,601	\$1,293,049
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
0011	Instruction	\$574,561	\$52,566	-	\$627,127
0012	Instructional Computing	32,884	12,596	-	45,480
0021	Instructional Administration	-	4,268	-	4,268
0022	Instructional Resources and Media Services	13,171	-	-	13,171
0023	School Administration	66,489	-	-	66,489
0025	Curriculum and Personnel Development	3,766	-	-	3,766
0031	Guidance and Counseling Services	11,525	-	-	11,525
0033	Health Services	4,199	565	-	4,764
0034	Pupil Transportation - Regular	97,232	-	-	97,232
0036	Co-curricular Activities	71,126	-	-	71,126
0037	Food Services	69,549	-	-	69,549
0041	General Administration	105,582	-	-	105,582
0042	Debt Services	-	-	-	0
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	111,657	-	-	111,657
0052	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	11,445	-	-	11,445
0081	Community Service	429	136	-	565
6050	Total Expenditures	\$1,173,615	\$70,131	\$0	\$1,243,746
<b>OTHER RESOURCES AND USES:</b>					
5060	Other Resources	\$46,531	-	-	\$46,531
6060	Other (Uses)	-	-	-	0
7000	Total Other Resources and (Uses)	\$46,531	\$0	\$0	\$46,531
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures & Other Uses	\$90,233	\$0	\$5,601	\$95,834
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	214,134	0	0	214,134
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-	-	-	0
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$304,367	\$0	\$5,601	\$309,968

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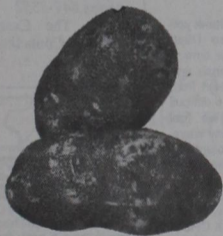
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ized County Attorney Jimmy Davis and Allison & Associates, Attorneys at Law, of Austin to prepare the suit if required. The vote for authorizing the suit was three commissioners in favor, with Pct. 1 Commissioner Harold Smith abstaining.

Davis told the commissioners that the extension may be given without having to file the suit, but advised them that the process should be in place if needed. The suit would ask that filing deadlines be extended 10 days past the date of pre-clearance of the county redistricting plan by the Justice Dept.

In discussing the matter, Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos accused Smith of being the cause of the problem in getting the county's proposal approved. He said that an alternate plan submitted by Smith may have raised questions in the approval process.

Smith inquired about a letter from the Southwest Voter Research Institute in San Antonio requesting that the county consider their plan for drawing the precincts.

Davis told the commissioners that the letter was received after the deadline for submission of the county's plan. He added that no representative of the group bothered to appear at any of the public hearings concerning the redistricting, and noted that the plan submitted by the county had been drawn up by local concerned citizens.

County Judge Polly Simpson told Smith that if he or others did not like the proposed plan they should have been at the meetings and talked about it.

"You weren't even here," Simpson chided Smith.

"What gives him the right to redraw the lines after a committee of citizens worked out what would be acceptable to everyone?" Pct. 3 Commissioner Jeff Robertson inquired.

In other business, the commissioners approved a resolution expressing support of efforts to bring a state prison to Castro County,

with all four commissioners voting in favor.

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Delores Heller told the commissioners about plans to apply for a prison facility to be built here at a later date, if the local proposal is accepted over the at least nine dozen others submitted to the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice.

Commissioners expressed support for the effort to stimulate economic development in the county and broaden the tax base through bringing in additional residents, as well as providing jobs for local residents.

Collins also told the commissioners that a personal letter of support from each one of them for the prison effort would be included in the application proposal, if they would submit one.

In the matter of a parcel of land owned by the county in the Summerfield community, the commissioners voted unanimously to advertise the land for sale, with title as is, to the highest bidder, with the bids to be opened at the Feb. 10 meeting of the court.

Donating the land or selling it for a nominal fee to a non-profit corporation or "foundation" was discussed, but Simpson pointed out that not all of the Summerfield community is in favor of putting a park on the site in question.

"We're being put in the middle of the squabble, and we shouldn't have to decide who to please," Simpson said.

Davis told the court that a contract could be drawn up for use of the land by a "foundation," with the foundation providing insurance, etc., but the court worried that if the organizers of the Summerfield Park Association moved away or died, then the project might fall into neglect and revert back to the county, resulting in the same type of situation.

In an executive session at the Dec. 9 meeting of the commissioners, the court told representatives of the residents of Coronado Acres

that the county would accept the roads in the subdivision if the developer, Charlie Bell, or the residents would obtain 60-foot easements for the roads, install culverts, and remove obstacles within the easement to allow connection of the roads to the present county road system. The county also stipulated that the county would not be responsible for any payment for the easements or for removal of obstacles or for any title searches deemed necessary.

A Smith motion Friday to acknowledge the roads without such changes died for lack of a second.

Smith submitted a bill from the engineering firm of McMorries & Associates for a consultation he requested on a road in Hart, but the other commissioners refused approval of it. Simpson said Smith had been asked to submit a written report from McMorries before the bill would be approved.

Smith retorted that Simpson could get a report from him if she liked, "But I never could get one."

A request by Smith for a line item transfer in his budget was denied by lack of a second. Smith asked that \$10,000 be moved out of gross pay to part-time help.

Smith withdrew a motion asking permission to perform soil conservation work on the Jim Black farm after the other commissioners pointed out that applying caliche did not qualify as soil conservation. Smith also revealed that his son, Danny, had already sold some caliche to Black.

In approving holidays for county workers for 1992, three commissioners voted in favor and Smith opposed granting days off on April 17 (Good Friday), May 25 (Memorial Day), Sept. 7 (Labor Day), Nov. 11, (Veterans' Day), Nov. 26-27 (Thanksgiving), Dec. 24-25 (Christmas), and Jan. 1, 1993 (New Year's Day).



**DIMMITT SIXTH GRADE BAND** performs seasonal selections at the Christmas band concert last Thursday in the Dimmitt High School auditorium. Also performing were the Fifth Grade Band, Junior High Band and High School Band. Band directors are Michael Johnson and Becky Allen. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Police Calls

A 46-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for family violence in connection with an incident around 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

The man's wife reported to police that he allegedly had threatened her and her son, and told officers that the suspect had done physical harm to them in the past.

At the scene, the investigating officer noted that the son's bedroom was in disarray as though a struggle had occurred, and the son reportedly said that the suspect had


pushed him around.

One accident was reported in the past week.

Wednesday morning around 8:59, a flatbed trailer came loose from a Ford pickup driven by Jerry Matthews of Dimmitt, traveled down the street and across a private lot, then struck a 1980 Datsun car owned by James Killingsworth of Dimmitt. The truck and trailer had been travelling north on South US 385, when a dip in the road caused the trailer to become unhitched.

The Datsun, which sustained heavy damage, was parked beside Killingsworth Realty, and a sign in the vicinity was also slightly damaged. The trailer had light damage.

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# People

**Carolyn's Corner**



By Carolyn Osborn  
CEA-Home Economics

**A LETTER TO MOM AND DAD**

(Below is an imaginary letter to parents which conveys what a three or four year old may sometimes feel but have a hard time expressing. Clip and give to a friend.)

Dear Mom and Dad,

I heard you say we are going shopping tomorrow. Now, there are some things about shopping I need to tell you. Sometimes, I wish you would hold your arms up in the air for 30 minutes. That's how my arm feels when you hold my hand for so very long!

And you think your feet hurt. I have to take three steps for every step you take, so I've walked three times as much as you.

Sure, I want to go with you but I can't judge time very well, and I keep forgetting how long your shopping trips take. I am excited because we might buy something nice, but I get so tired even buying something fun.

Sometimes what is fun to me isn't fun for you. I get tired of waiting on you, so I make up my own games. I like to play hide and seek behind the dresses and look at all the other ladies who are shopping, just to see what they look like. But you are always yelling at me when I do that.

How can I be happy shopping? Well, here are my ideas.

- ◆ Take me on short trips.
- ◆ Don't make promises to me you can't keep.
- ◆ Let's take more breaks, and just sit in the mall with a nutritious snack.
- ◆ Leave me at my friend's house if you are going to be gone long.

◆ Tell me about the trip before we start out, so I'll know what to expect, but remember, you can judge time better than I can.

◆ Sometimes, I would like to choose a place to shop.

◆ Please don't embarrass me by yelling at me in front of other people. Let's talk about whatever the problem is when we get home. I have feelings, too, you know.

◆ After all this, you probably are wondering if you should even take me shopping.

Well, let's talk about it. Where are we going? How long will we be gone? Do I need to go or could I have more fun at Billy's house?

◆ One more thing—I love you just for reading this.

Love,  
Your Sometimes Shopper

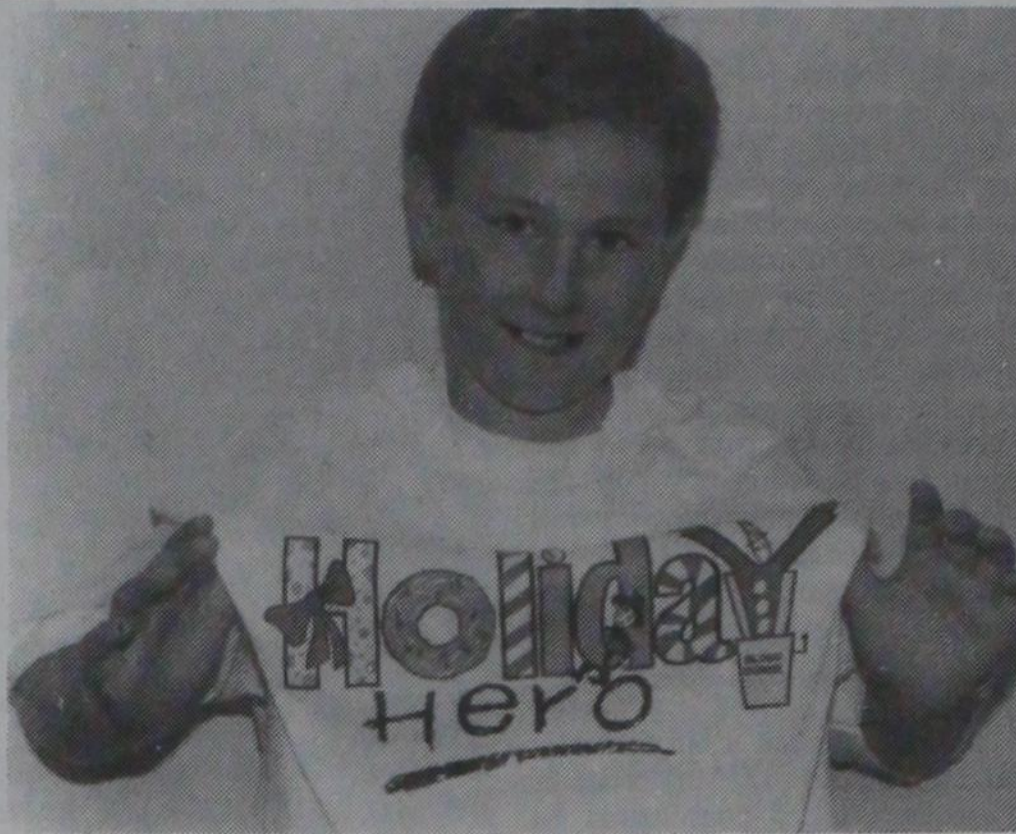
## Nominations are due for citizen awards

Nominations for the Chamber of Commerce's "citizen" awards will be accepted through Jan. 6.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the Chamber office in Dimmitt, or by calling 647-2524 and requesting one.

Nominations will be accepted for "Citizen of the Year," "Citizen Through the Years," and "Teacher of the Year."

The winners will be announced at the Chamber's annual awards banquet on Jan. 16.



**BE A HOLIDAY HERO**, and participate in the blood drive by donating blood to the Coffee Memorial Blood Center Monday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room. The drive is being arranged by the County Extension Service Office. For more information, call 647-4115. Helping publicize the drive is Jason May, 11, local 4-H member.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Nutt is shower honoree

A bridal shower honoring Shelly Nutt, bride-elect of Kevin Petty, was held Dec. 14 in the home of Steve and Vicky Buckley of Dimmitt.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Buckley, the bride-elect and her mother, Dorothy Nutt, and Jean Petty, mother of the prospective groom.

A red and green linen cloth with a green overlay complemented the all-brass serving appointments, which featured a brass Santa Claus centerpiece.

The guests were served hot cider punch with phillo cheese rolls and deviled nut salad.

The 30 hostesses presented the couple with matching bedspread, bed ruffle and pillow shams.

Special guests included Mrs. Ailena Nelson of Lelia Lake, grandmother of the prospective groom, Barbara Hardin of Hereford, Denise and Kathryn Cook of Plainview, Mendi Thompson of Lubbock, and Ethel Edwards of Tulia.

Other out of town guests included Bonnie Ferguson and Tammy Jeffcoat of Ropesville, Patsy Ulmer and Kaci Gillespie of Plainview, and Tonya Thrash of Levelland.

## Agency offers help for blind

The Texas Commission for the Blind is a vocational rehabilitation agency for persons who are blind or visually impaired.

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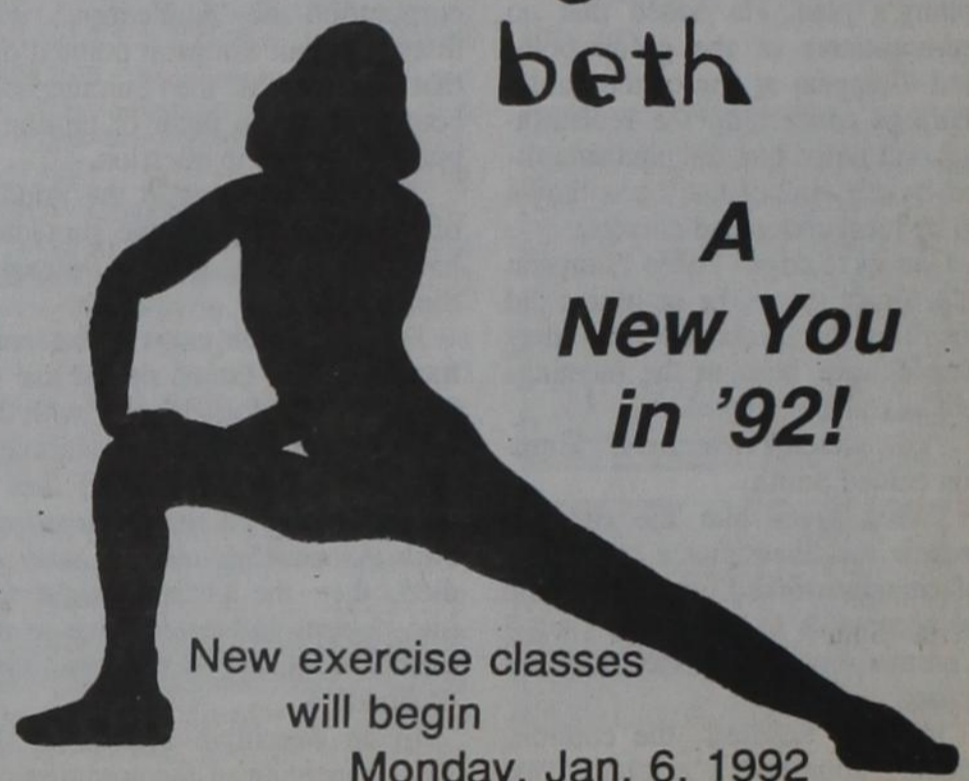
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### Church Happenings

#### Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

The 5:30 p.m. mass on Saturday and regular Saturday confessions have been cancelled due to the wedding mass uniting Bobby Nino and Hortencia Murillo, which will be celebrated at 3 p.m. that day. This mass will fulfil your Sunday obligation.

On New Year's Day we will mark the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This is a holy day of obligation and a mass has been scheduled for 10 a.m. in Dimmitt and for 11:30 a.m. in Hart.

Our congratulations to the following individuals on their appointments as special ministers of the eucharist. They will serve from Dec. 6 through June 30, 1993.

They are Marcelino Acevedo, Beth Schulte, Sylvia Nino, Susie Flores, Molly Moya, Frank Sepeda, Francis Ortega, John Nino, Josephine Garza, Cuca Nino, Mary Ann Larra, Arturo Ortega, Jose Perez, Corina Montalvo, Mariza Rodriguez, Diane Anes, Ninfa Velo, Enrique Rivera, Juanita Gauna, Maria del Refugio Rosado, Francis Acker, Joe Garcia, Nano Mendez, Paul Fuentes, Jose Luis Rosado, Charles Richard, Virgil Brockman, Felis Nino, Connie Martinez, Sotero Ramos, Andres Lopez, Lupe Flores, Candy Perez, Jose Lara, Carlos Ontiveros, Lupe Alaniz, Manuel Martinez, Teresa Rivera, Raquel Perez, Bea Acker, Richard Nino, Stella Mendez, Tina Gonzales, Ampara Reyes, Juanita Hernandez, Shirley Brockman, Sam Barron, Emilio Nino, Michelle Flores, Tomas Rodriguez, Rafaela Fuentes, Juan Montalvo, Lupe Mendez, Tim Anes, Jose Velo, Maria Rivera, Luis Arguijo, Terri Flores and Rene Garcia, all from the Immaculate Conception Church.

Those from Hart's St. John's Church are Eudelia Guzman, Juanita Velasquez, Manuel Dominguez, Ascencion Lopez, Anita Perez, Berta Salas, Angelita Martinez, T.D. Martinez, Martina Moran, Beatrice Gonzales, Carmen Galvan, Florinda Barretero and Maria Galvan.

#### Presbyterian Church

Sunday school classes will be held Sunday morning at 10. "When Life Does Not Need Halos" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning service, scheduled to begin at 11.



A FANTASY OF LIGHTS describes the home of Marsha George in Hart. George has surrounded her home and yard with thousands of white lights in celebration of the holiday season. Photo by Deana McLain

### More about

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(Continued from Page 1) tion to Castro County's Centennial Celebration."

This was no small undertaking. There were 41 actors, six readers, a 21-voice adult choir, a 36-voice children's choir and 13 people working in makeup, stage, lighting, sound and costumes, plus choir directors, pianist, organist, guitarists, keyboard players, a flutist, a French horn player and acolytes—all under the direction of Ralph Brockman and Patti Kern. As in the past, it was a colorful, meaningful pageant that added a lot to the season for everyone who saw it.

### Candidate deadline is Jan. 2

Jan. 2 at 5 p.m. is the deadline for filing as a candidate for county office, subject to the March 10 Primary elections. Hopefuls may contact the county clerk's office for more information on filing procedures.

County offices that come up for election this term include commissioners for Precincts 1 and 3, sheriff, county/district attorney, tax assessor-collector, and constable.

### Voters may still register

Citizens wishing to become registered voters in Castro County may do so up to 30 days before the March 10 Primary elections.

New blue-colored voter registration certificates were mailed to Castro County's registered voters the first of this month, according to Voter Registrar Billy Hackleman.

The new certificates are valid from Jan. 1, 1992 through Dec. 31, 1993. Any who did not receive a certificate, or who have not registered in the past may do so by contacting the Voters' Registrar's office through Feb. 9 in order to vote in the March primaries.

Hackleman said a change in name, residence address or mailing address should be reported in writing in person or by mail to the voters' registrar. The new certificates cannot be forwarded and must be returned to the registrar's office in cases of incorrect names or addresses.

Those who are registered and who did not receive a replacement certificate should contact the Voter Registrar's office to find out why. Any uncorrected certificates returned to the tax office will be canceled on Aug. 16 and the voter will not be able to vote after that date unless undergoing the process of re-registering, according to Hackleman.

Orders are now being accepted for windbreak seedlings through the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District's 1992 program. The trees should be delivered in March, 1992. There is a good selection of trees available and prices are \$65 for 50 potted trees and \$25 for bareroot trees.

The trees are from the Texas Forest Service. There are some trees from Colorado which are available for \$55 for 30 potted trees and \$25 for 50 bareroot trees.

### Letter

## Reader is concerned for safety of teenagers

Dear Editor:

I am concerned about the safety and welfare of area teenagers.

It seems to be common practice here to allow teenagers to drive before they have reached legal driving age. Since I have moved here from Minnesota three years ago, I have heard of several accidents involving youths, some of them very serious. Young teenagers often do not have the experience and maturity to deal with unexpected driving situations. They also tend to take more risks than older drivers.

Another even more serious problem is the use of alcohol by teenagers, often in combination with driving.

### Peace Officers name honorees

At the recent Christmas banquet of the Castro County Peace Officers' Association, Ray Aleman was named Member of the Year and Officer of the Year.

Aleman is assistant chief in the Dimmitt Police Dept.

A special award plaque of appreciation was given to Walth Hansen, owner of Dimmitt Thriftway and IGA, for all of his efforts on behalf of the Peace Officers Association and the community.

An estimated crowd of 75 association members and their families attended the banquet, and were served turkey and dressing and baked ham. Members brought salads, side dishes and desserts.

According to *Time* magazine's Dec. 16 issue, "... drinking among minors, in the words of Surgeon General Antonia Novello, 'is out of control.' More specifically, 'unsupervised parties where kids drink are out of control. And the perception among parents that drinking is okay is out of control. We're going to lose a whole generation if we don't pay attention.'

"A study issued by Novello's office last June showed that eight million of the nation's 20.7 million youths in grades 7 through 12 drink alcoholic beverages every week. . . More than that, it appears to be the leading cause of death among teenagers. For many of these deaths, predictably, the police verdict is driving while intoxicated."

And drinking is not just a national problem, it is also a local problem.

Citizens in Hart are becoming very concerned about this issue. We need to be concerned in Dimmitt, too, if we care about our youths and their future.

PATRICE SCHAAP  
Pastoral Assistant  
Immaculate Conception Church

Reverie is the Sunday of thought.

—Frederic Amiel

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**Sunnyside Baptist**  
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David Fletcher.....647-5712

**First United Methodist**  
Hart  
Perry Hunsaker.....938-2462

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400 NW 5th, Dimmitt  
Ruben Velasquez

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Vernon O'Kelly.....647-4106

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E. Lee & SE 3rd, Dimmitt  
Pedro A. Gonzalez

**Immaculate Conception Catholic**  
1001 W. Halsell, Dimmitt  
Norbert Choong.....647-4219

**Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana**  
301 NE 7th, Dimmitt  
Eduardo Acevedo.....647-4373



When Jared had lived a hundred and sixty-two years he became the father of Enoch. Jared lived after the birth of Enoch eight hundred years, and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years; and he died. Genesis 5:18-20

**Church of God of the First Born**  
611 E. Halsell, Dimmitt

**Immanuel Baptist**  
501 SE 3rd, Dimmitt  
James Alexander

**Rosa de Sharon**  
411 NE 6th, Dimmitt  
Maria Castaneda.....647-5598

**St. John's Catholic**  
Hart  
Norbert Choong.....647-4219

**Church of Christ**  
SW 4th at Bedford, Dimmitt  
Benny Baker.....647-4435

**Rose of Sharon Temple**  
407 NE 4th, Dimmitt

**First Assembly of God**  
300 SE 2nd, Dimmitt  
Claude Hendricks.....647-5662

**First Baptist**  
1201 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt  
Paul Kenley.....647-3115

**Lee Street Baptist**  
401 SW 2nd, Dimmitt  
Don Webster.....647-5474

**Church of God of Prophecy**  
309 NW 4th, Dimmitt  
647-3403

**First Christian**  
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David Keller.....647-5478

**La Iglesia De Dios Del Promojenito**  
East Halsell Street, Dimmitt

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# Sports

## In Caprock Tourney

# Dimmitt teams open with Midland, Dunbar

The Dimmitt Bobbies will take on Midland Lee at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at Frenship High School while the Bobcats are scheduled to play Lubbock Dunbar at 10:30 a.m. in the opening rounds of the girls' and boys' Caprock Holiday Tournaments in Lubbock.

The tournament is scheduled to begin today and will continue through Saturday, and it features 22 teams from the Panhandle-South Plains and other areas of the state.

If the Bobbies win their first-round game against Midland Lee,

they will take on the Spur-Stephenville winner at 9 a.m. Friday at Lubbock Coronado High School Gym. Should the Bobbies lose their opening game, they will meet the Borger-New Deal loser at 12 noon Friday at Lubbock Coronado High School.

If the Bobcats beat Dunbar today, they will play the Lorenzo-Coronado winner at 6 p.m. today. If Dimmitt loses to Dunbar, the Cats will take on the Hale Center-Lubbock High loser at 9 a.m. Friday at Lubbock Estacado. A complete bracket and schedule

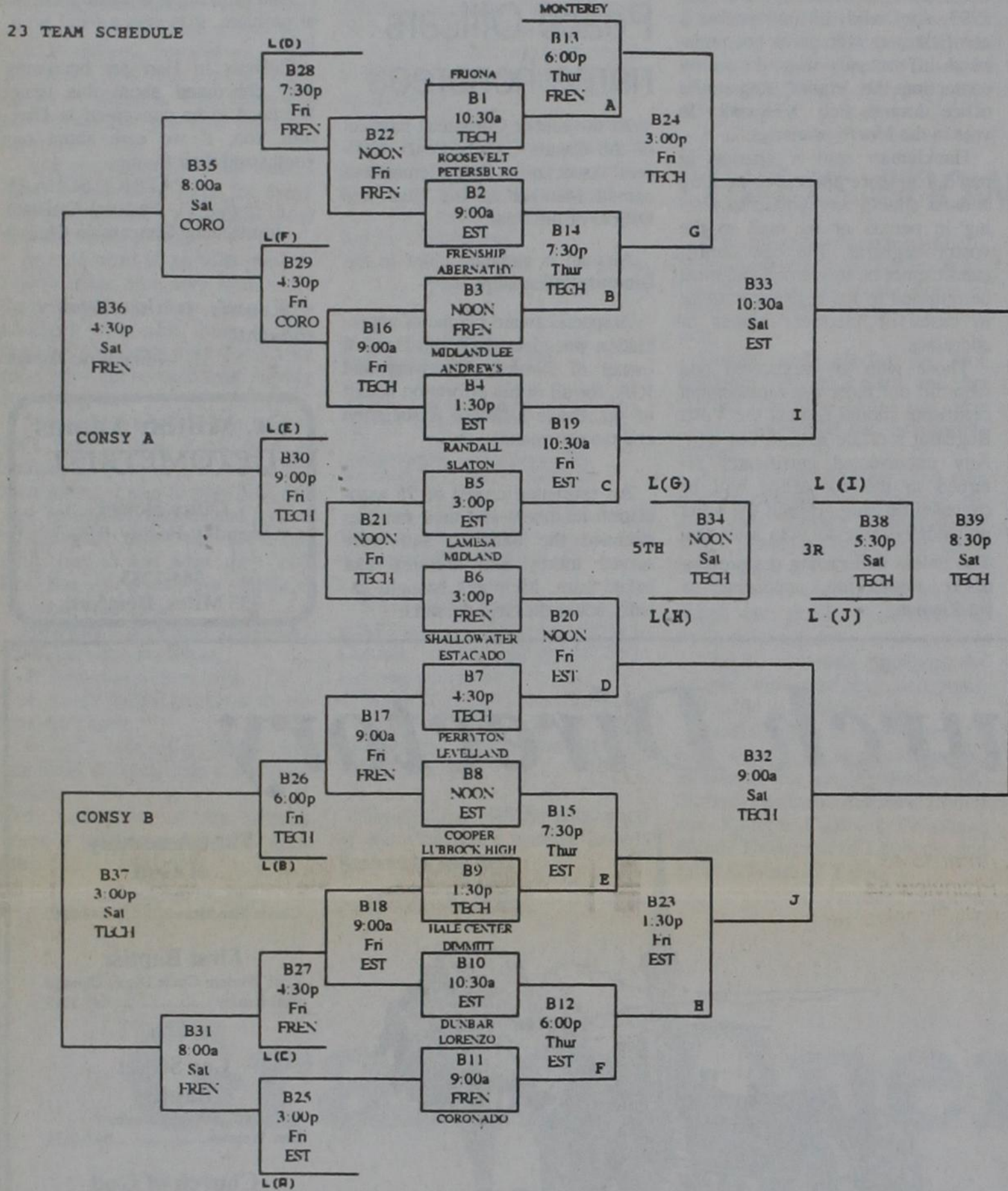
for the boys' and girls' tournaments can be found below.

The final round of the boys' tournament, scheduled for Saturday, includes the fifth place game at 12 noon, the third place game at 5:30 p.m. and the championship finals at 8:30 p.m. Each of these

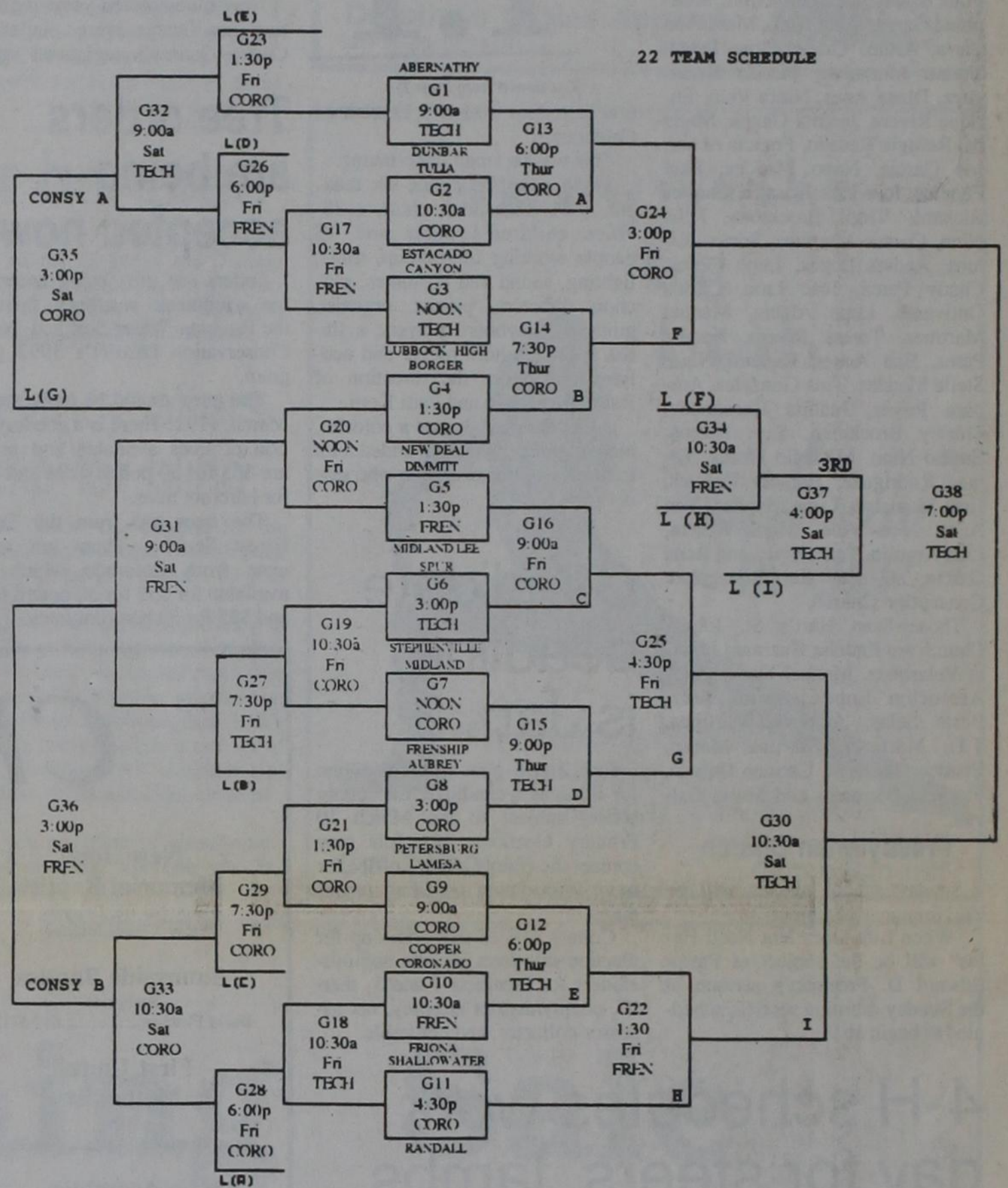
games will be played in the Texas Tech University Coliseum.

The girls' final round on Saturday includes a third place game at 4 p.m. and the championship game at 7 p.m. Both games will be played at the Coliseum.

## Boys' Bracket



## Girls' Bracket



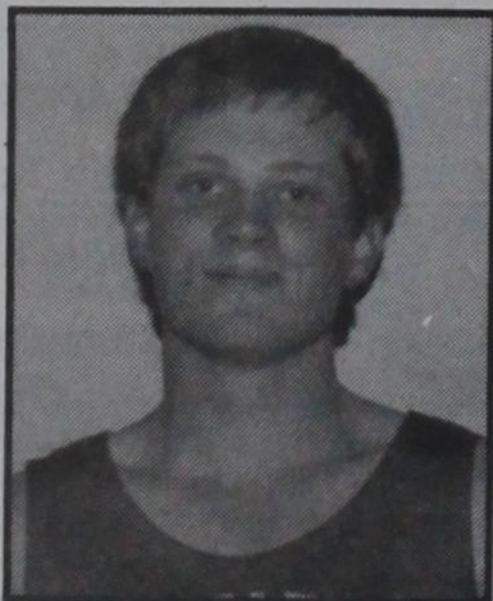
## Bobcat, Swifts make honor teams

Four Swifts and one Bobcat earned mention to the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal's* All-South Plains teams, released last week. The Swifts placed two on the offensive team and two on the defensive roster. Those honored were quarterback Michael Schmucker, a 6-1, 175-lb. junior who completed 92 of 189 passes for 1,424 yards and 17 touchdowns. One of Schmucker's favorite target, tight end Brandon Schilling, also made the list after finishing the season as the second-leading receiver among area Class A teams.

He averaged 15.9 yards on 28 catches and scored six touchdowns this year. The Swifts also placed two on the defensive roster, including safety Adrian Farris and cornerback Lynn Nelson. Farris recorded 20 tackles and picked off eight passes this season while Nelson finished with 55 tackles, five interceptions and four fumble recoveries. For the Bobcats, Lincoln Stewart got the nod as a defensive back on the Class AAA All-South Plains team. Stewart was in on 89 tackles during the regular season.



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## Season Records

### **Bobbies:**

68, River Road 53  
37, Levelland 38  
60, Palo Duro 45

### **Queens Classic:**

64, Nazareth 36  
49, Canyon 33  
45, Randall 50  
(Second Place)  
54, Coronado 35

### **Levelland Invitational:**

30, Denver City 22  
40, Amarillo 43  
47, Plainview 54  
(Fourth Place)  
44, Monterey 50  
71, Estacado 45  
39, Clovis 41  
29, Randall 56

### **Bobcats:**

104, River Road 56  
56, Levelland 59  
67, Palo Duro 58

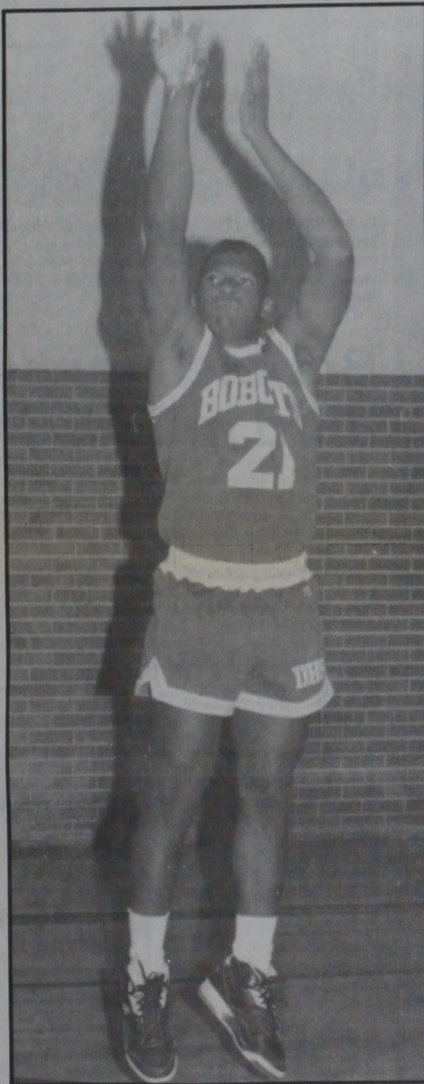
### **Borger Tournament:**

69, Palo Duro 51  
50, Amarillo 63  
65, Borger 61  
(Third Place)

### **Pioneer Classic:**

47, Levelland 52  
77, Slaton 75  
73, Estacado 51  
(Consolation)

81, Hereford 49  
65, Slaton 49  
64, Plainview 48  
74, Randall 69



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**Fitzgearld gives...**

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he felt, Fitzgearld has tried to put his students at ease before they begin the test—for his own safety and peace of mind as well as his students'.

Fitzgearld has been a passenger in between 25 and 30 vehicles which were involved in accidents during road tests and he says the accidents often happened because the drivers were nervous.

"They (students) freeze up when making a right turn, or they don't pay attention. They don't look both ways. I had one student run broadside into a black-and-white highway patrol car. That's very difficult to make a report on. They are just nervous. If I notice someone who's nervous, I try to talk to them and calm them down."

He adds that there are those who "just don't care," and that getting into a vehicle with them is a little scary.

"If you've got someone who just doesn't care, well he may run a red light at the intersection where cattle trucks often go through at a high rate of speed. And when he runs that light, then he just laughs about it... that makes me a little nervous," Fitzgearld said.

There is one incident involving a student driver that really sticks out in Fitzgearld's mind.

"I was working in Tulia one day when a young man came in and wanted a road test. When I went out, he ran over me and knocked out five of my teeth. Then he asked me if he had passed!

Although he deals with people of all ages, Fitzgearld says his favorite age group is the teenagers.

"The youngsters are smart, very sharp individuals. You have to stay on your toes to be around them. They'll ask you questions that can be pretty difficult to answer. And they know what they're talking about. If you give them the wrong answer, they're going to tell you about it.

"You'll have about 1 of 20 driver's education students who will fail their driver's test. You can pull five adults off of the street and give them the test, and one out of five will flunk. These kids are getting good, competent instructions in driver's ed."

One of the hardest things Fitzgearld says he has to do is recommend that an older person's license be suspended or revoked.

"When I have to go to court involving the suspension of an older person's license, that's hard because chances are they don't have much time left in life to overcome their handicap so they can requalify."

There is more involved with being a driver's license trooper than just giving driver's tests.

As a driver's license trooper,

Fitzgearld investigates possible "problem drivers"—those who may be physically or mentally incapable of driving.

"I wrote tickets just like anyone else, but I also had certain investigations to do that other DPS troopers do not have to do. I arrested a young man west of Dimmitt who was transporting a plane load of marijuana once and I arrested a couple of guys who were using heroine. I've arrested people for giving false statements or using counterfeit driver's licenses."

Fitzgearld is a firearms instructor for the state and he is a perennial winner in marksmanship contests.

"I do like to compete as much as I can. I feel like if I am required to carry that gun, I should be the best I can be at using it. And the only way you can get better is to practice."

He hopes his retirement will allow him to catch up on two of his hobbies — fishing and making knives.

"I get out in my shop sometimes and I get so involved with making my knives that I'll miss my nighttime meal—or else I eat awfully late. If I have anything that can keep my attention for that long without my noticing the time, then I think I'd better stick with it. I take a lot of orders. I am about 15 or 16 orders behind right now, so this is something I plan to catch up on over the next few months to fill in time."

And spending time with his family is also on his list of "things to do" now that he's retired. Fitzgearld and his wife, Linda, have two children, Kurt and Crystal.

"I have probably the greatest family in the world. My wife, Linda, is my biggest supporter and friend. When we moved here in December 1967, our daughter, Crystal was four and our son, Kurt, was two. We liked the community and we stayed here. The kids went through high school here, then Kurt attended Clarendon Junior College. The kids are both grown and have their own families now."

Since his job as driver's license trooper required him to work five different counties, including Castro, Fitzgearld hasn't had time to become active in civic organizations, but he hopes to change that now that he's retired.

Fitzgearld plans to enjoy his retirement for the time being and hopes to visit with his grandkids and family—and do a little fishing.



**Scoreboard**

FRIDAY		JV Cats 66, Randall 65 (OT)	
Swiftettes 56, Anton 53 (OT)		Dimmitt 18 11 15 17 5 —	
Nazareth 11 17 19 4 5 — 56		66	
Anton 11 17 15 8 2 — 53		Randall 16 12 19 14 — 4	
SCORING: N—Jill Pohlmeier 20, Jodi Johnson 10, A—Conkin 17, Tyler 15.		— 65	
		SCORING: D—Thomas 26.	
		JV Bobbies 32, Randall 55	
		Dimmitt 12 2 9 9 — 32	
		Randall 14 20 13 8 — 55	
		SCORING: D—Beck 10; R—Diedre Hawk 13.	
		Longhorns 65, Lockney 57	
		Hart 17 11 12 25 — 65	
		Lockney 10 16 12 19 — 57	
		SCORING: H—Garcia 24, Wilhelm 16; L—Bradley and Bueno 18.	
		Swifts 78, Anton 55	
		Nazareth 17 19 25 17 — 78	
		Anton 7 17 19 12 — 55	
		SCORING: N—Travis Schulte 15, Michael Schmucker 14, Nick Johnson 14, Trey Johnson and Brandon Schilling 10; A—Stewart 18, Myers 12.	
		JV Swiftettes 49, Anton 39	
		JV Swiftettes 30, Anton 40	



CHRIS DIAZ (40) of Hart scores as she is fouled by a Lockney defender during District 3-AA action Friday night as teammate April Bennett (22) looks on. Diaz' bucket gives the Lady Horns a 10-4 lead in the first quarter. Lockney regained control of the game and went on to take a 67-47 win. Photo by Deana McLain



DEFENSIVE POSITION—Hart's Israel Garcia (24) bats down the ball as a Lockney ballhandler attempts to shoot a layup during action Friday night. Hart improved its district record to 1-1 with a 65-57 victory over Lockney in the game. Garcia scored 24 points to pace his team.

**Bobbies ranked third in TABC poll**

The Dimmitt Bobbies have captured the third spot in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) Class AAA girls' poll.

The girls' poll also includes Region 1-AAA teams Canyon, sixth; Tulia, ninth; and Abilene Wylie, 16th.

In the Class AAA boys' poll, Dimmitt's boys are ranked seventh in the state with Region 1-AAA Canyon garnering the fourth spot.

Bowie makes an appearance in 10th place, followed by Tulia in 11th. Seminole also breaks into the Top 20 rankings with an 18th place nod.

For the first time in several years, the Nazareth Swiftettes have dropped out of the top five in the Class A girls' poll. Nazareth dropped from No. 1 to No. 10 in the TABC poll. Sudan is ranked second, Happy sits in third place and Anton is ranked fourth.



LINCOLN STEWART cans a basket for Dimmitt during the Bobcats' game against Canyon Randall there Friday night. The Bobcats won the game, 74-69. Photo by Dr. B. D. Murphy



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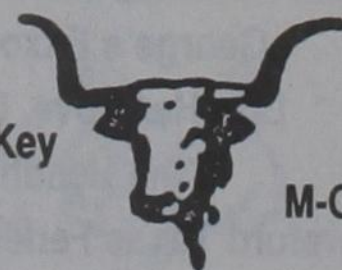
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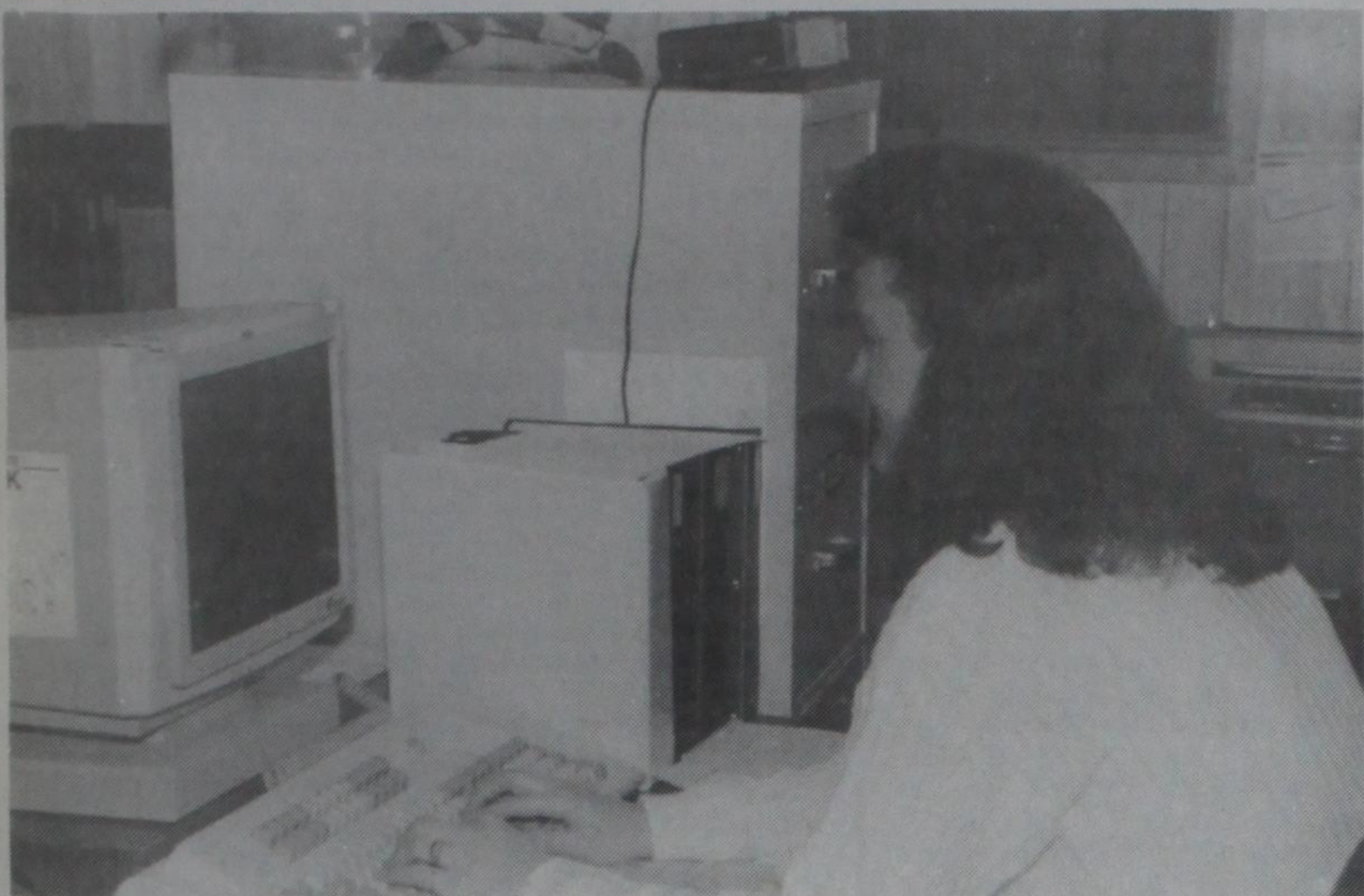
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# ABI Agriculture Business Industry



DIANE HUSEMAN, a program assistant with the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, works on issuing wheat deficiency payments, which are currently being mailed to eligible producers. Payments which have been assigned to producers will be mailed directly to the lending

institution and the producer will be mailed a payment stub showing the amount of the payment received by the lending institution. Producers who have filed a joint payment application will have payments mailed directly to them.

Photo by Deana McLain

## Wheat producers to get final deficiency payments

Castro County producers will now receive their final deficiency payments for the 1991 wheat crop.

"We are in the process of mailing these payments to eligible producers in Castro County," said Scotty M. Abbott, executive director of the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. "These payments will be made in cash. The payments which have been assigned to producers, will be mailed directly to the lending institution and the producer will be mailed a payment stub showing the amount of the payment received by the lending institution. Producers who have filed a joint payment application will have payments mailed directly to them."

The five-month weighted average market price has been announced for the 1991 crops of wheat, barley and oats, according to Castro County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Executive Director Scotty Abbott.

The five-month national weighted average market price for wheat is \$2.65 per bushel, \$1.74 per bushel for barley and \$1.10 per bushel for oats.

The final deficiency payment subject to the \$50,000 limitation for planted payment acreages for wheat producers who accepted the 15% triple base option is \$1.35 per bushel for wheat, 62 cents per bushel for barley and 32 cents per bushel for oats.

Producers who received an ad-

vance payment on planted acreages under the triple base option will receive final payments in the amount of \$.762 per bushel for wheat and \$.496 for barley. Advance payments were not made on oats.

Producers who participated under Pay/92 will receive 62 cents per bushel for barley and 35 cents per bushel for oats. For those producers accepting the triple base option for wheat, the payment rate will be \$1.47 per bushel. Producers who received an advance payment under the Pay/92 option will receive \$.882 per bushel for wheat and \$.496 per bushel for barley.

Producers who participated under the winter wheat option will have their final wheat deficiency payments compared with a 12-month weighted average market price. The projected 12-month weighted average price for wheat is \$2.85 per bushel. Because this projected price is greater than the \$2.52 national loan rate before reduction, advance not limited deficiency payments won't be issued.

The Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act Amendments of 1991 have been passed by Congress, and based on the expectation that President George Bush will sign the act, winter wheat option payments will be calculated by subtracting the five-month weighted average market price of \$2.65 plus 10 cents from the target price. This

results in a final payment rate of \$1.25 per bushel.

Producers who signed up for the Pay/92 option under the winter wheat option will be guaranteed a final payment rate of \$1.40 per bushel on the Pay/92 acres. Producers who receive an advance payment on wheat under the winter wheat option will receive payments in the amount of 69 cents per bushel.

Production adjustment and price support programs administered by ASCS are designed for the purpose of stabilizing, supporting and protecting farm income and prices; assisting in the maintenance of balanced and adequate supplies of food, feed and fiber; and aiding in the orderly marketing of farm commodities.

Target prices are established for wheat, feed grains, upland cotton and rice. If the national average market price received by producers during the five months of the marketing year (or for upland cotton, during the calendar year in which the crop is planted) drops below the target level, a payment is made to eligible producers equal to the difference between the target price and the higher of the loan level or the average market price.

## Corn growers take stand against GATT

The 11th hour may be growing near for the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT), as the Bush Administration's chief trade negotiators seem close to obtaining an across the board 30 to 35% reduction in support payments, according to Carl King of Dimmitt president of the Texas Corn Growers Association.

King said this is only one of numerous faults in the US GATT proposal—faults the TCGA and the American Corn Growers Association are determined to get corrected.

ACGA Legislative Affairs Director John Ford is taking the association's message directly to the House Agriculture Committee.

"Oversight hearings on GATT are being held this month at the direction of Committee Chairman Kika de la Garza," said King. "John Ford has worked closely with the chairman and others on the agriculture committee. And he will do a good job in educating them on the many devastating aspects of the current GATT proposal."

In his testimony for the committee, Ford emphasized that the GATT agreement could result in the continuing elimination of farmers in the US.

"We are concerned that any effort to decouple government payments from producers (as proposed by the administration) will result in tremendous stress upon an already hurting agricultural economy," said Ford. "It could result in a depression in rural America."

Since the European community already supports its farmers at levels far above their cost of production, an across the board 30 to 35% reduction in supports would highly favor the European community, Ford said.

"US commodity support levels are already at, or below the cost of production," he said. "Equal percentage reductions will harm the US far more than European community farmers and others."

Ford says another injustice of the GATT proposal concerns tariffication and the mandatory imports it would create. He says this could hurt farmers, ranchers and cattle feeders, alike.

"As corn farmers who feed millions of bushels of corn to Texas and American cattle feeders, we are deeply concerned both about tariffication and mandatory imports," said Ford.

"This could result in vast increases in the importation of feedstocks and livestock, and the Texas corn feeding market would be negatively impacted."

Possibly the biggest concern of the ACGA and TCGA is the proposal to drop GATT's Section 22,

which has been in place since 1955.

"It was made clear by the congressional authors of Section 22 that at no time in the future should our nation ever give up its right to protect its farm programs," said Ford. "Section 22 helps sugar, cotton, dairy and peanut programs function efficiently. Congress must maintain its constitutional right to legislate and properly operate farm programs," Ford said.

He added that current GATT proposals "would dramatically reduce and severely limit the power of Congress to address and implement policies to assist American agriculture in the future."

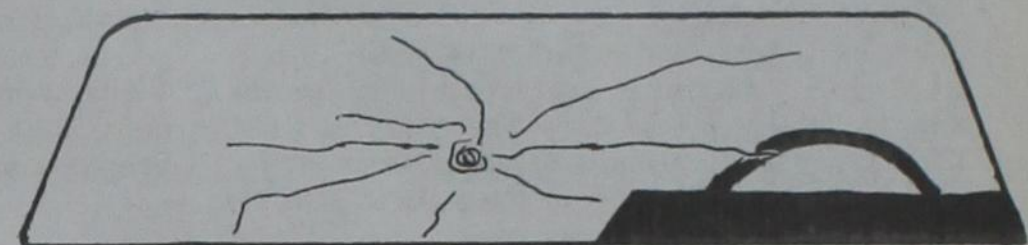
"The 30 to 35% reduction would include deficiency payments, Com-

modity Credit Corporation loans, government land grazing, Farmers Home Administration loans and other programs developed and administered by Congress," he said.

"These programs are the backbone of American agricultural policy and have been for years. Congress' ability to maintain them must remain intact."

Ford says Congress must insist that any GATT agreement include provisions that will guarantee that a complete economic analysis will be made to determine the agreement's impact on every sector of the American agricultural economy.

"Congress must demand sufficient time to have such an economic analysis performed," Ford said.



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## Crime Watch sets meeting

The Sunnyside Crime Watch is becoming active again and has planned a meeting for Jan. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Sunnyside Baptist Church.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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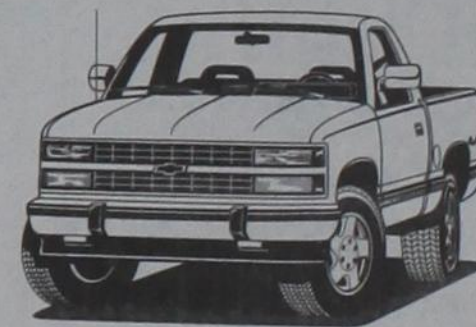
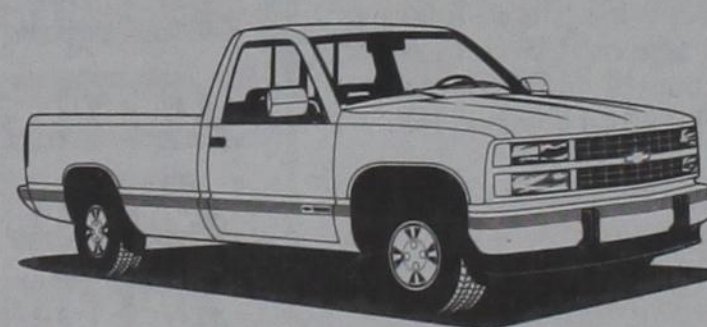
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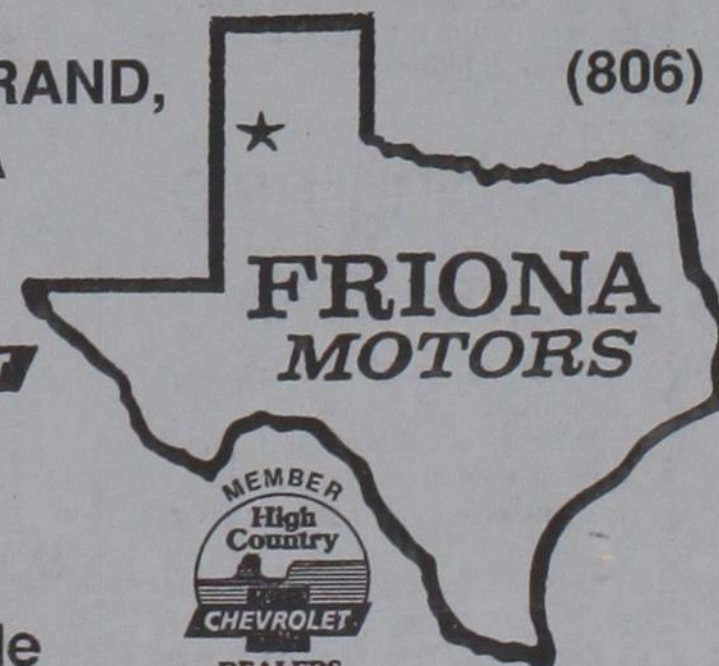
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**PRISON TASK FORCE** — Delores Heller, executive director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, addresses a group of local citizens asked to help formulate a proposal to induce the state to build a prison here. The group met last Thursday, with 16 persons attending. Deadline for submitting an application to the state is Jan. 15.

Task force members include Joe M. Stevens, Calvin Marsh, James Killough, Jerry Jansa, C.D. Fitzgerald, Reeford Burrous, Johnny Ethridge, Lloyd White, Wayne Collins, Acie Boyd, Bob Barrett, Polly Simpson, Gary Hunter, Mike White, Earl Behrends, and Delores Heller. Photo by Linda Maxwell

**More about**

**Prison task force . . .**

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must be submitted to the state by noon on Jan. 15.

According to representatives of local utility companies, it appears that there will be no problem in generating the utilities a prison will need, but the logistics of getting the services to the proper site may bring some difficulties, depending on the site location.

Plains Memorial Hospital Administrator Joe Stevens commented that he felt the proposal might have more weight if it were submitted in a joint proposal with a neighboring community, such as Hereford (which also plans to submit a proposal).

Collins said Hereford had not been approached about the matter, but it could be considered.

Stevens said that all the effects on the hospital district would be positive, with additional patients for the hospital and a larger insured work force. He said a disadvantage would be greater competition for good workers, but added that such competition is good for the economy overall.

"The most negative aspect about a prison is that it is a prison," Collins said. "But the movies haven't done us any favors in the way prisons have been portrayed in the past."

"The old movie image of a priso-

ner being released and walking out the front gate isn't true anymore," Collins said. "Now, prisoners are returned to the place where they were convicted before being released."

Collins said he had heard some concern about the type of persons who might come to visit the prisoners, as well.

Dimmitt School Superintendent Bob Barrett, another member of the task force, moved here from an area that had two prisons, and he noted that most visitors to the prisons were "just nice, ordinary folk who happened to have a family member who got into trouble." He added that most criminals do not want to visit their cohorts who are incarcerated.

Barrett noted that the prison would benefit the school system in encouraging students to obtain their high school diploma if they want to work at the prison. However, he noted that there would be some competition from the prison for available teachers.

Heller commented that task force members need to make a list of any added incentives that could be added to the local proposal to make it more attractive to the state, and invited interested parties to contact the chamber for more information or to help with the application process.

Letters favoring the prison are also requested from area citizens and may be addressed to the chamber.

**Social Security in Castro County**

Elderly people, people with disabilities and those who are blind who have limited income should know that they may still qualify for monthly benefits under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program even if their assets or over the SSI limits.

If they agree to sell those assets within a specified time, they may still qualify. The rule permits some people to qualify immediately for much-needed help from SSI, ac-

ording to the Social Security Administration.

Under the SSI rules, single persons may have assets valued up to \$2,000 and a couple may have assets up to \$3,000 without affecting their SSI payment. And some assets are excluded in figuring SSI eligibility. These may include a home and adjacent land, personal effects and household goods with a total equity value of \$2,000 or less, a car, life insurance policies with face value totaling \$1,500 or less per person, property used in a trade or business, burial plots or spaces regardless of value, if intended for use by a person or his or her immediate family or burial funds set aside for an individual and his or her spouse, up to \$1,500 each.

The applicant must agree to sell the assets that exceeds the limits above within a specified time (nine months for real property, or three months for personal property). SSI payments received pending the sale of these assets have to be repaid out of the proceeds of the sale.

Another rule excludes any real property that cannot be sold because it is jointly owned and its sale would cause the other owners undue hardship due to the loss of housing; or its sale is barred for legal reasons; or the owner's reasonable efforts to sell have been unsuccessful.

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**Obituary**

**Margaret Nelson**

Services for Margaret Jean Nelson, 66, of Throckmorton, former Dimmitt resident, were held Friday in Dimmitt's First Baptist Church with the Rev. Murray Brewer of Amarillo and the Rev. Paul Kinley, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Merriman-Archer Funeral Home of Throckmorton.

Mrs. Nelson died Dec. 17. She was born in Childress County and was a former longtime resident of Dimmitt. She had been a resident of Throckmorton for two years. She had worked as a telephone operator and a hairdresser. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. She was preceded in death by her husband, V. Ray Nelson, in 1953.

Survivors include a daughter, Greta Nelson Liles of Throckmorton; four sisters, Viola Jordan of Fort Worth Grace Morris of Childress, Edith Golden of Monte Vista, Colo., and Alice Weger of Powderly; two brothers, Woodrow Vaught of Oklahoma City, Okla., and J.A. Vault Jr. of Childress; and two grandchildren.

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