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Rail district approved by County

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

The Castro County Commissioners Court voted Monday 4-1 (with Commissioner Bay Baldrige casting the lone dissenting vote) to establish a rail district in Castro County. In that resolution, the commissioners agreed that the five members of the court would act as temporary board members.

All five members of the court agreed to sit on the board until a thorough search can be done for citizens that the court will name to serve two year terms.

County Judge Bill Sava said there was a good reason for appointing the court to the board of the rail district.

"We held on to control of every bit of it (the rail district), so that if it starts to be different from what we

anticipate, we have control over it," Sava said.

District Attorney James Horton said the district could be abolished by the same kind of resolution as it was formed. Because as long as the commissioners serve as the Castro County Rural Rail Transportation District board of directors, "They have created it and they can dissolve it at any time if it doesn't look feasible."

In Monday's meeting, the court was told by several people, including a representative of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) and the Texas Alliance of Rail Districts that, for all intents and purposes, it's a win-win situation.

"A rail district can get loans, federal and state grants, hold fund raisers and issue bonds," said John

Helsley of the Alliance. "One important factor is rail district can't levy taxes against the county. Therefore the county has no liability. Once the county appoints the board of directors, the county's responsibility ends. The local board has control over the rail district."

Another way for the rail district to earn money is from companies using it or leasing the railroad to a short-line operator.

However, right now, the district is just a name. Its members must conduct negotiations with Burlington-Northern to acquire the line, which seemed to be the main reason for the prompt action taken Monday. If the district does acquire the railroad from Burlington-Northern, "the district can continue beyond the county as

long as the rails are in place," Helsley said. Which means that whether Swisher and Hale join in the district, the rail district itself will have control of the railroad as it runs through those counties. That is once the district acquires the rail line.

"The authority of the district can continue beyond a county as long as the rails are in place," Helsley said.

Present at the meeting were representatives of a number of businesses that depend on the railroad, including Dimmitt Sulfur, DeBruce Grain, Westway and Cargill Ag Horizons in Hart and Dimmitt, along with Mayor Wayne Collins for the Dimmitt Economic Development Committee and District Attorney James Horton.

Fred Bruegel, representing

Westway, said they ship 2,000 cars a year, and should the rail line be shut down, "We'd be dead in its wake."

Scott Piercy of Dimmitt Sulfur said "We're very dependent on the railroad."

"We not only ship in state, but we have customers across the nation that depend on us," he said.

Collins said that whether or not Dimmitt is successful in bringing an ethanol plant to use the facility where Cargill once stood, the county needs to keep a railroad.

"If we get an ethanol plant, we'd need to upgrade the tracks," he said. "If we don't, it would be to our interest to acquire the rail line to keep B-N from abandoning the tracks."

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Class A State Basketball Champions



The Nazareth boys basketball team with the trophy after winning the Division II, Class 1A Championship on Friday against Lipan, 53-48. See Page 8 for complete story.

Bradford to run for Place 4 on City Council

Chris Bradford, publisher of the Castro County News, announced on Tuesday that he will seek the position of City Councilman in Place 4.

He said he made the decision "after much thought and consultation with my wife and friends in Dimmitt." Place 4 encompasses much of the southern part of Dimmitt.

Bradford said he had a unique perspective from which to view the city and the job he's seeking.

"After talking with a broad cross-section of the public, I feel my business experience would be a plus for the council," he said. "As would my healthy skepticism, which is good for any governing body. I think that questions need to be asked as we go about the business of deciding how to spend the taxpayers' money wisely. Too often, officials will call it "city money" or "county money" or "school money." It's not. It's the money paid by hard-working taxpayers to those various entities. And, as corny as it sounds, those hard-working taxpayers need to have a voice on each and every board that decides how to spend that money. I want to be that voice on the City Council."

Most recently, Bradford pushed to get the City Council to

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Commissioners emphasize burn ban

County commissioners on Monday said that not only is the burn ban they authorized in January still in place, but when it expires, it will likely be continued.

"We were only able to pass a burn ban because the Texas Forest Service had determined that there are emergency wildfire conditions throughout the state," said County Judge Bill Sava. On Monday, commissioners talked about worsening conditions.

"With the fires in the eastern Panhandle, we feel quite confident that when we meet again on March 27, we'll extend the burn ban for as long as conditions warrant," Sava said. "A very good, soaking rain would certainly solve a lot

of problems."

After passing the burn ban, which prohibits outside welding, even outdoor barbecues and fireworks, commissioners amended their action in a later session, telling welders who had to weld outside that they must contact their county commissioner, who will go and look at the location and determine if welding can be done safely.

"However, if someone does welding without going through the proper procedure, that is still subject to a Class C misdemeanor and a \$500 fine," Sava said. "We are

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Relay for Life set for June 10; rally is March 22

The date for Castro County Relay for Life has been set for June 10, according to Marcus Brockman, who is co-chairman and in charge of the teams. The Relay for Life Rally will be March 22 from noon to 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

"The lunch is free to the public," Brockman said. "Everyone, especially cancer survivors, are invited to come. Or, if you'd just like to participate in the Relay and want to know what it's all about, please come."

The same kind of food - a Mexican stackup lunch - will be served.

At this year's luncheon, there will be Survivor speakers and Cancer Victim Family Member speakers, as well as our

local representative from the American Cancer Society to talk about what happens to the proceeds of the Relay for Life. Doris Flynt and Mary Jo Brown will have a Survivor table set up for any past and present survivors. Jo Settle will have a table set up for anybody interested in purchasing a Luminaria for a loved one who has been affected by cancer. Brockman will have team packages available for anybody interested. Brockman encourages everyone to attend the rally to make this year's Relay a huge success.

All the proceeds from the Relay for Life goes to the American Cancer Society. People in Castro County have benefitted from that money, Brockman said. "When they

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Garza opts out of Council race

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

The Dimmitt City Council race looks as though it will have a couple of contested races, as one long-time council member on Tuesday opted out of the race.

After serving 12 years on the council, Roy Garza said he sees a need for "direction in our city council, a direction that allows no bias."

Further, he said, this continues to be a "troubled waters underneath our city council bridge."

"It is one of 'prejudice' and deeply rooted it remains," Garza said.

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Looking at prospects for special session and regulation session 'Reform' will be theme in January 2007

By **DIGGER ELAM**
HISD Superintendent

Word out from Austin is that a Special Session of the Texas Legislature will be called by Governor Perry on April 3 or April 17. The Legislature has a mandate to fix the school finance system by June 1st or have all school funding come to a halt.

The big word for the next legislative session to begin next January is "Reform." Of course, we all know that the word reform means vouchers. A group of legislators want to take public money designated for schools to be diverted to private schools.



Digger Elam

Private schools have no mandates, don't have to take all students, and do not deal with special education, learning disabilities and other special programs you find in public schools.

I still think that if parents want the luxury of private schools they need to get out their check books instead of depending on the public to finance their student's private education.

Here are 10 things you can count on that will come from the 80th Legislative Session:

- 65% spending rule for the classroom
- Vouchers
- School consolidation
- Teacher pay raise
- Merit pay for teachers
- Some money for school repair
- End-of-course exams
- More TAKS field tests
- Extra money for districts to hire master science and math teachers
- Creation of Pre-K to 16 instead of 12



Elementary UIL Winners & Participants (1st-5th Grades)

Front Row: Kenlea Barnes, Regan Agee, Peter Guenter, Kennedy Nickels, Micah Vera, Gentry Hicks, Destry Ivy, Ashley Scott, 2nd Row: Houston Cox, Austin Mason, Luis Godinez, Haley Ivy, Lacey Jesko, Celeste Lucio, Anais Andrade, David Guenter. 3rd Row: Haldon Ivy, George Harder, Shyann Rainey, Ashton Mason, Callie Anstead, Katlyn Hicks, Haley Beasley. 4th Row: Allison Weaver, Jessica Estrada, Karina Galaviz, Denise Sanchez, Juan Lule, Alfredo Chavira, Alex Lopez, Keena Diaz, Albert Moran. Back Row: Kolten Morris, Chandler Barnes; Cotton Fleming; Shea Scott, Anna Harder, Victor Godinez, Jared Timms

Lazbuddie Elementary and Junior High UIL District results

1st Grade Results
Oral Reading: Kenlea Barnes-2nd Place; Gentry Hicks-3rd Place; Ashley Scott; Destry Ivy

2nd Grade Results
Oral Reading: Kennedy Nickels-6th Place; Peter Guenter; Regan Agee; Micah Vera

Storytelling: Kennedy Nickels; Peter Guenter; Regan Agee; Micah Vera

Creative Writing: Alonzo Soto; Kennedy Nickels; Regan Agee; Micah Vera

3rd Grade Results

Oral Reading: Lacey Jesko-5th Place; Celeste Lucio; Albert Moran; David Guenter

Storytelling: Haldon Ivy-4th Place; Lacey Jesko-5th Place; Albert Moran; Celeste Lucio

Creative Writing: Haley Ivy; Lacey Jesko; Haldon Ivy; Andrea Lule

Ready Writing: David Guenter-6th Place; Haley Ivy; Lacey Jesko; Celeste Lucio

Music Memory: 3rd Place Team Andrea Lule; Lacey Jesko; Anais Andrade; Albert

Moran; Houston Cox
Spelling: Lacey Jesko-6th Place; Andrea Lule; Haley Ivy; Celeste Lucio

4th Grade Results

Oral Reading: Katlyn Hicks-2nd Place; Austin Mason-5th Place; Haley Beasley; Allison Weaver

Ready Writing: Austin Mason; Ashton Mason; Katlyn Hicks; Haley Beasley

Music Memory: 2nd Place Team Katlyn Hicks; Ashton Mason; Haley Beasley; Luis Godinez; Allison Weaver

Spelling: Katlyn Hicks; Ashton Mason; George Harder

Number Sense: 1st Place Team: Katlyn Hicks-1st Place; Haley Beasley-2nd Place; Austin Mason-3rd Place; Shyann Rainey-4th Place

Calculator: 1st Place Team: Shyann Rainey-1st Place; Ashton Mason-2nd Place; Haley Beasley-6th Place; Austin Mason

Picture Memory: Shyann Rainey-2nd Place; Ashton Mason; Haley Beasley; Callie Anstead; Luis Godinez; Allison Weaver

5th Grade Results

Oral Reading: Kolten Morris-1st Place; Shea Scott-2nd Place; Chandler Barnes; Anna Harder

Ready Writing: Kolten Morris-6th Place; Cotton Fleming;



Jr. High UIL Winners & Participants (6th-8th Grades)

Front Row: Tori Pollard, Dallas Cox, Justin Schacher, Jarrod Jesko, Joseline Garcia. 2nd Row: Paola Estrada, Lacy Russell, Arthur Gomez, Rodrigo Mata, Kylie McGehee, Emily Agee. 3rd Row: Tanner Beasley, Todd Nichols, Sandra Lucio, Kayle Jesko, Darin Ivy, Logan Mason, Dylan Haney. Back Row: Colton Weaver, Monica Vera, Lydia Campos, Kinzi Schacher, Katie Chavez, Jordan Hernandez, Jordan Mason

Chandler Barnes; Anna Harder

Music Memory: 3rd Place Team: Keena Diaz; Denise Sanchez; Karina Galaviz; Cotton Fleming; Alex Lopez; Juan Lule

Spelling: Kolten Morris-6th Place; Chandler Barnes; Shea Scott; Anna Harder

Number Sense: 1st Place Team: Kolten Morris-1st Place; Cotton Fleming-2nd Place; Chandler Barnes; Karina Galaviz

Calculator: 1st Place Team Kolten Morris-1st Place; Chandler Barnes-3rd Place;

Shea Scott-4th Place; Cotton Fleming

Picture Memory: Jessica Estrada-3rd Place; Keena Diaz; Denise Sanchez; Karina Galaviz; Alfredo Chavira; Alex Lopez

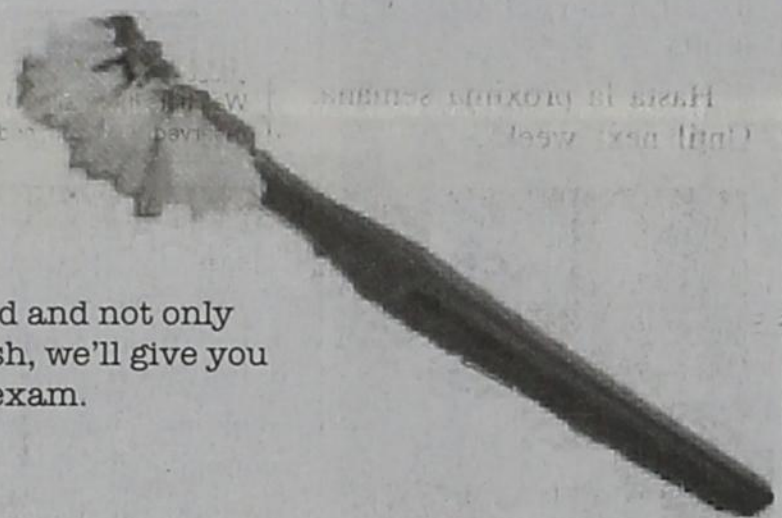
Dictionary: 3rd Place Team; Kolten Morris-5th Place; Jared Timms; Chandler Barnes; Shea Scott

Listening: Cotton Fleming-2nd Place; Karina Galaviz; Denise Sanchez; Alfredo Chavira

Maps, Graphs & Charts: Cotton Fleming-2nd Place;

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ACROSS

- famous Remington painting in Fort Worth's Amon Carter Museum: "A ___ for the Timber"
- "Lady Bird" name: Claudia ___ Taylor Johnson
- TXism: "bone ___" (study)
- TX Audie Murphy's "To Hell and ___"
- TX fiddle master Robertson
- Southlake Carroll athletes
- Austin spring plant sale "Flora ___"
- TXism: "still wet ___ ears"
- TX Super Handyman Carrell
- TXism: "plays his cards close to the ___"
- TXism: "does a fat man sweat?"
- Gib Lewis' hometown
- TX Audie '59 film: "No ___ Bullet"
- summer cooler (abbr.)
- TX Alan Bean walked ___
- Galleria in Houston or Dallas
- in Parker Co. on farm road 2376
- trees you'll find in TX High Plains region (2 wds.)
- book: "Texas Goes ___"
- sentence stopper?

DOWN

- TXism: "mud ___" (wasp)
- TX H.L. Hunt novel
- Ozona newspaper (or cattleman)
- TX singer Thompson
- this TX Blocker was "Hoss" (init.)
- Colt .45
- TXism: "active as a fox in ___ house"
- the central idea
- TXism: "you can bet the farm ___"
- in '70 UT beat this team to be nat'l champ (abbr.)
- pig enclosure
- San Antonio arena
- "___ shoulders above the rest"
- social companion
- TX Shelley Duval's "Popeye" character (init.)
- legendary TX pitcher Ryan (init.)
- flightless bird
- TXism: "mad enough ___ nails"
- Abilene's Dyess ___ Force Base
- TX gov't. bldgs. are ___-smoking
- TX Bush family has been involved in a mess of these
- school book
- TXism: "gave his pall bearers the ___" (recovered)
- TXism: "he ___ strut sitting down"
- TX Randy Quaid's "___ of the Starving Class"
- Homer epic poem

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| Saturday | 70 | 25 | | |
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| March Rainfall | | | 0.02 | |
| 2006 Rainfall | | | 0.15 | |
| 2006 Snow | | | | |

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with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

We are proud of our Swift basketball team and their coaches on winning State this weekend in Austin, on other fans' comments on the team's sportsmanship and their attire on the court as they received their awards during halftime of the next game being played. Everyone was happy to drive to Austin even though it was just for one game. Congratulations to Dustin Schulte on being named MVP!

A reception was held Sunday afternoon at the school cafeteria for the team and coaches when they arrived home. The five seniors spoke briefly, thanking parents, fans and faculty for supporting them. The three coaches also spoke - reminding next year's team how hard they will have to work, but that it will pay off!

I enjoyed the weekend in Austin after the game with my son Rick Gerber and family. Friday evening, most of the Gerber families from Nazareth enjoyed watching Nick play soccer at LBJ High School which he attends.

A group of Senior Citizens gathered at the Center on Sunday evening for fellowship, dinner, a short meeting and cards or dominoes of your choice. Happy Birthday was sung to: Julene Gerber, Patsy Entriiken, Dorothy Kleman and Margaret Brockman, who will all have March birthdays. Julene read an article about an elderly lady who found that it's cheaper to live on a Princess Cruise Ship than in a nursing home! Quite hilarious and maybe even true.

Terrell and Melissa Bogle and their five children of Center, Colo., spent the weekend here with grandparents, LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier. The children really enjoyed country living, round bales, cattle and baby calves and most of all, Grandma's cooking!

Please remember to pray for all of our sick people and those who are serving in our Armed Forces. Ida Gibson is recuperating at her home. She says she is doing well, but very impatient at the slow pace! Norma Schacher is also doing well with her "chemo" treatments.

Card of Thanks

The family of Aleene Maynard thanks you for the prayers, food, cards, calls and acts of remembrance before and after her death. Each helped make this time easier. We offer special thanks to Dr. Bizzell, Dr. Matos, the nursing staff and employees of Plains Memorial Hospital for her care the past 21 months. May God bless each of you.

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- ◆ Interests include family practice, abdominal surgery, gynecological surgery and cancer of the breast, head and neck.
- ◆ Chief of Surgery for the Veteran's Administration of Amarillo for 11 years.
- ◆ Has been with Castro County Healthcare since October 2001.
- ◆ Dr. Matos and wife, Liz, have two children.

Se habla español.

Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola todos. Hello everyone. It seems like things are finally picking up in the town of Dimmitt.

I actually received info for this weeks column. So, I'll get right to it. Hope you enjoy.

Norma Aguilar had quite a few visitors last week. Her cousins, Rachel Sabedra and her kids Jacob, Laura and Jasmin, Rita Martinez and her kids Samantha and Amanda and her son Jesus Reyes all came for a visit. She hadn't seen them in years.

They all got together and had lots of fun. Rita's family had a great time singing and dancing. Norma suggested having a family talent show like the Mendozas did at the Mendoza family reunion. But she figured that with all the talent as they have, the Aguilars would lose.

Norma says for now they will keep practicing their talents in case some day they get together for a family reunion.

Norma's family finally left on Monday and she says she already misses them and it feels like if they had been together all the time they spent apart. She wants her family to know that she loves them and hopes you come to visit again very soon.

Esmer Ramirez is in town for a while visiting her parents Jessie and Ramona Ramirez and the rest of her family.

Esmer now lives in California (talk about gettin' the heck outta here) and decided to come home to help her parents out for just a bit.

She says she's enjoying the big city, but misses her parents and brothers and sisters and their kids sooo much.

She also wanted to wish her cousin Trisha Rodriguez a very, very happy be-lated birthday. Trisha celebrated her big day on March 4.

She is a Marine and will be on a ship for seven months. Esmer just wants her to know that every one loves her and misses her bunches. She'd like to say, "Trisha mamita, sabes que te extranamos mucho y SAGAPO POLLY Guerita. Oye Mami, I hope all is well with you and remember that we are all here for you. Espero que te fue bien en tu dia de cumpleaños. Can't wait for you to come home so we can go back to LA." (All the Spanish just translates into "We miss you very much").

Esmer says she just wants Trisha to know they didn't forget about her 24th birthday and that they are all thinking about her and can't wait to see her in August. Esmer would also like to wish her sister Dora and her brother Joel a very happy birthday on March 16 and her brother Josh a happy birthday on March 18. Happy Birthday Guys, I love you.

Sonia Garcia would like to wish her best friend Joanne Oltivero good luck with her recent career move. Joanne started classes at the Exposito School for Hair in

On the Go

Mrs. Hopson has decided to lay down her pen and take a well-deserved rest from her work here. So we're looking for someone who'd like to submit a weekly column on the goings-on in Dimmitt. Please call 647-3123 for more information. NOTE: You need to be able to submit your columns via e-mail.

Amarillo on March 7.

She'd like to say, "Good luck girl, and may all your dreams come true. From your best friend Sonia Garcia."

The Hispanic Voice and the rest of Joanne's family would also like to wish Joanne good luck and can't wait for the free haircuts. Just kidding. Joanne, ya sabes como es la familia. Joanne, you know how family is.

Peter Arguijo, son of Sally Arguijo topped the award list again this six weeks at school.

He made the A Honor Roll, received a citizenship award and got perfect attendance again. That is true dedication. Peter, good job, we love you.

Please keep Mrs. Santos G. Perez in your prayers. She will have a busy week of medical testing and doctors appointments.

We all hope everything goes well and we will miss you while your are out of town.

Bueno amigos, gracias por todas las noticias. Friends, thanks for all the info. It feels great to write a column so full of info.

Make sure to read next weeks column, it'll be full of good stuff.

As always, send your info to angie79027@hotmail.com, 647-0106 or 346-3882 or just drop me a line at my home.

Hasta la proxima semana. Until next week.

College News

South Plains College inducted James Hays of Dimmitt into the Kappa Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society on March 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the SPC Sundown Room.

Requirements for induction include attendance at an institution offering an associate degree program, complete at least 12 hours of coursework and maintain a grade point average of 3.5. Members experience several benefits including enrollment in a senior college database, scholarship opportunities, access to letters of recommendation and a membership pin. Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.5 million members and 1,200 chapters located in all 50 of the United States, U.S. territories, Canada, and Germany

Lazbuddie students compete at stock show

The results from the San Angelo Livestock Show, Feb. 23 and 24, for Lazbuddie students are as follows:

- * Chandler Barnes had a 3rd place York and a 6th place Hamp.
- * Jared Timms had a 6th place BOPB
- * Ryan Mason had a 6th place BOPB

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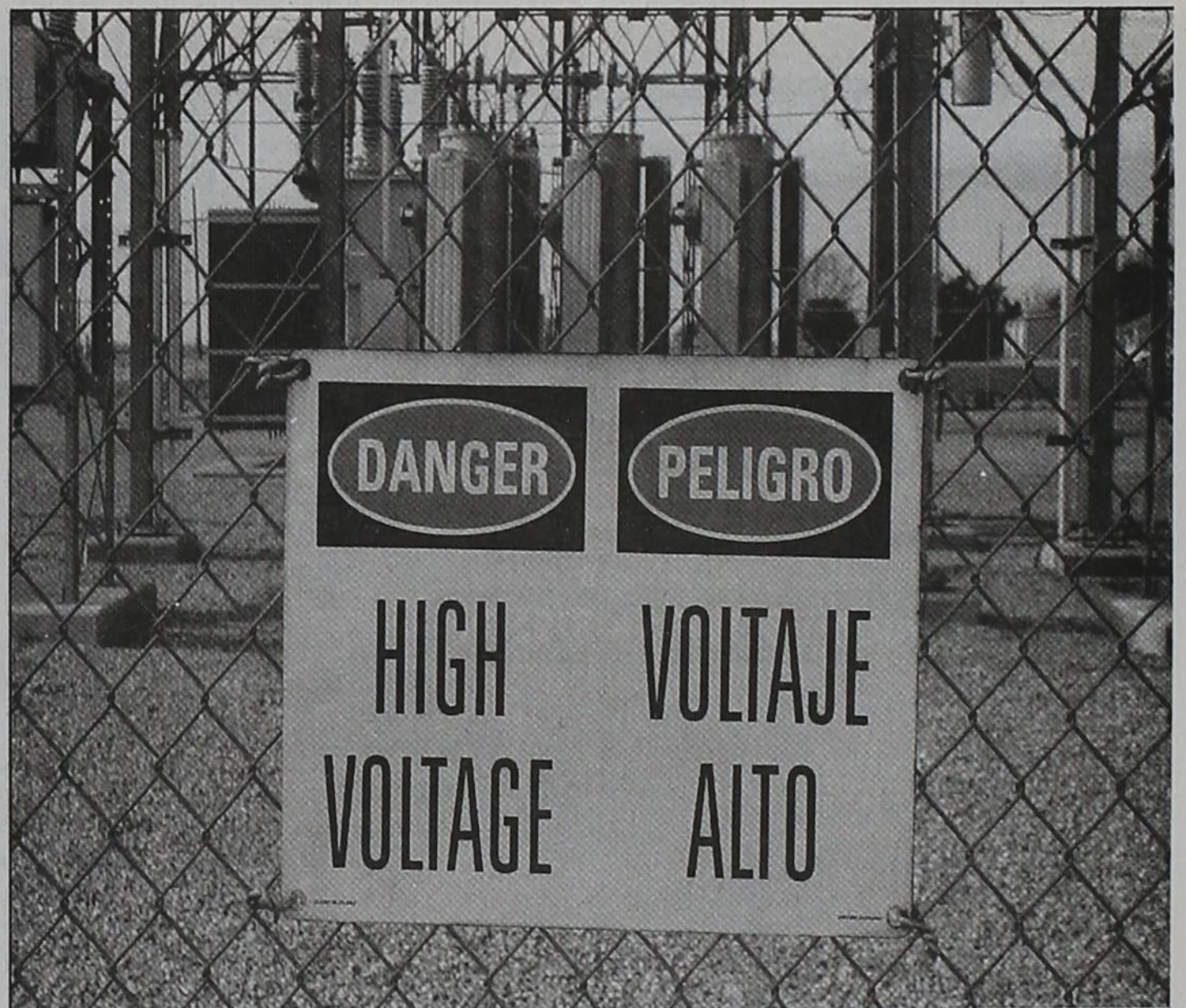
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Community Calendar

St. Patty's Celebration

On Sunday afternoon, March 19, the Home Mercantile will host its annual St. Patty's Celebration from 4-6 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend, and there is no admission charge, though donations are always appreciated. At 4 p.m., the event will kick off with a performance by the High Plains Irish Dancers (*Rinceoiri Gaelacha Na Machairi Arda*) from Lubbock. The veteran troupe will display jigs, reels, hornpipes, and step dancing. At the intermission of the concert (5 p.m.), an Irish stew dinner will be served to all in attendance. After the break, *Roan Inish* (Gaelic for ISLAND OF THE SEALS), a well-known West Texas Celtic Ensemble from Lubbock, will take the stage. This powerful four piece group performs a wide variety of invigorating Irish, Scottish, and American Civil War jigs, slip jigs, reels, slides, slow airs, hornpipes, barn dances, and polkas on traditional and non-traditional instruments. The Home Mercantile, located at the corner of 2nd & Leo Streets in Nazareth, is a nonprofit community resource for education, service, and creative arts.

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The Dimmitt PTO wants the public to know that we have a chance to participate in two programs that allow the PTO to earn free educational equipment and money for our schools.

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Mr. and Mrs. C.L. "Shorty" Barlow

Barlows to mark 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C.L. "Shorty" Barlow will mark their Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 1, 2006. On April 1, 1956, Patsy Braudaway and Claude L. Barlow were married in Wichita Falls. They lived there for two years. Their daughter, Christy, was born there and then the family moved to Earth. Barlow worked for the Springlake-Earth schools. In 1963, that job transferred them to the Dimmitt schools and they moved to Dimmitt. Their son, Claude Jr., was born. Barlow became a letter carrier for the U.S. Post Office in Dimmitt. They lived in Dimmitt 10 years. In 1973, the family moved back to the Earth area to begin a family farm venture. Barlow traveled to finish the remainder of his 30 plus years with the post office.

After retirement in 1994, the couple bought "Our Place" camping park at Hubbard Creek Lake in Breckenridge. They enjoy doing Senior Citizen activities and fishing. They visit their home in Earth periodically. Their daughter and son-in-law, Larry and Christy Clark live in Earth. Their son and daughter-in-law, Claude and Trina Barlow, live in Wolforth. They have one granddaughter, Chalyn Barlow, who lives in Anton and one grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Rowdy and Penny Clark, who live in Canadian. Two great-grandchildren, Dacey, 6, and Rylun, 3, also live in Canadian.

Rotary selling flags

It's time to buy 2006 memorial flag contracts from the Dimmitt Rotary Club for a fee of \$30 per year. If you would like a flag flown at the courthouse on 8 holidays this year in memory or honor of some special person, please call Trish Elliott @647-4624. If no answer, please leave message and Trish will get back to you.

DARSPA offering two scholarships

The Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association will award two educational scholarships this spring. Eligible to apply for the scholarships are graduating seniors from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth High Schools and current college or university students.

All applicants must be pursuing a career in the field of education.

Application forms are available in each of the high school counselors' offices or from Mary Jo Brown at 1603 Sunset Circle in Dimmitt and by telephone at 647-3250. Deadline for application is April 10.

Delta Kappa Gamma to award scholarship

Delta Kappa Gamma will be offering a \$500 scholarship to a college student who has graduated from Castro County High School.

The college student must be an education major and have been accepted into the Education Department. Verification of this must be submitted with the application.

Students may pick up an application from Sue Howell at Dimmitt Middle School.

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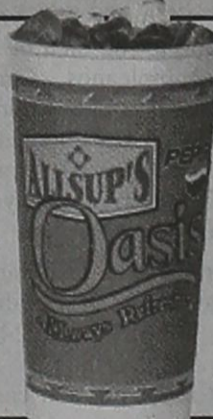
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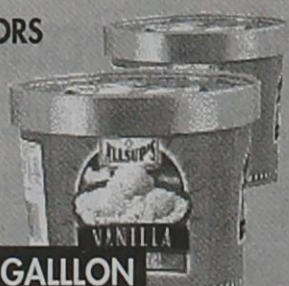
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Are you striving or strifing?

Two words that are very similar in sound, but whose meanings are quite different. Christ used the word in Luke 13:24, when he said, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate..." when He encouraged His listeners to be diligent in their focus on the narrow way.

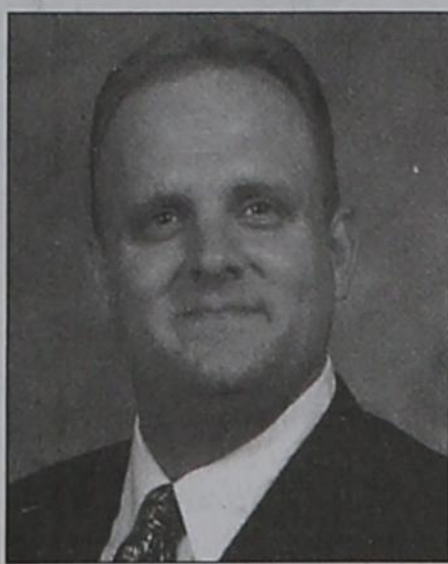
When Paul was before Felix he said, "I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men" (Acts 24:16). Paul indicates here to Felix that he has had a very strong conscience that compels him to avoid offending God and men.

Another similar word is contend. It comes from the Greek word, epagonizomai, to struggle for. This word is used in Jude 3 when we are told by Jude, "I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to

the saints."

Another word that is spelled similarly in our English, but has a completely different meaning is strife. Strife is from the Greek word, *Eris* which means a quarrel, i.e. (by implication) wrangling. This strife is meant to either puff up the one who is wrangling or to cause division and harm to another. The association of strife with other words is telling. Note its closeness to these other terms: Notice that in scripture envy is connected with strife. This indicates the strong association of strife with envy.

It makes sense that these two words are connected. A person envies another person. It may be their material goods, their powerful position in the world, their position of leadership in the church, their positive situation (whatever that may be)



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relative to the envious person.

Whatever causes this envy leads to strife in the following way. The envious person begins to talk negatively about the envied person. Soon there are willing ears that are eager to add their own comments against the envied person and soon there is strife.

It can take many forms, such as, apparent divisions over doctrinal issues, but down deep is envy. It can be

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'Conquering debt God's Way' set for March 26 at FBC

On March 26, 2006, First Baptist Church, Dimmitt, will sponsor a Seminar entitled "Conquering Debt God's Way." Bruce Ammons will lead the Seminar.

Bruce was raised in Gruver and received his education through Wayland Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is the author of *Conquering Debt God's Way* and *Keys to Christ-like Character*.

Bruce is involved in full time traveling ministry teaching the seminars he has written in churches across America. He is married to Ruthie and has three daughters, Carlee, Shaylee and Allee.

Bruce Ammons Ministries and the *Conquering Debt God's Way* seminar is based on the personal financial struggles and breakthroughs Bruce Ammons and his family has experienced.

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This is an opportunity for every family to learn practical steps to being in control of their personal finances.

The Seminar begins at 10:30 a.m. during the morning worship service. A catered meal will follow the morning service. The afternoon session follows the meal and childcare activities are provided for children through fourth grade. There is no cost for the seminar, though workbooks will be available at a cost of \$12 each.

Contact Wayland Hazel at First Baptist Church, 647-3115, for further information.

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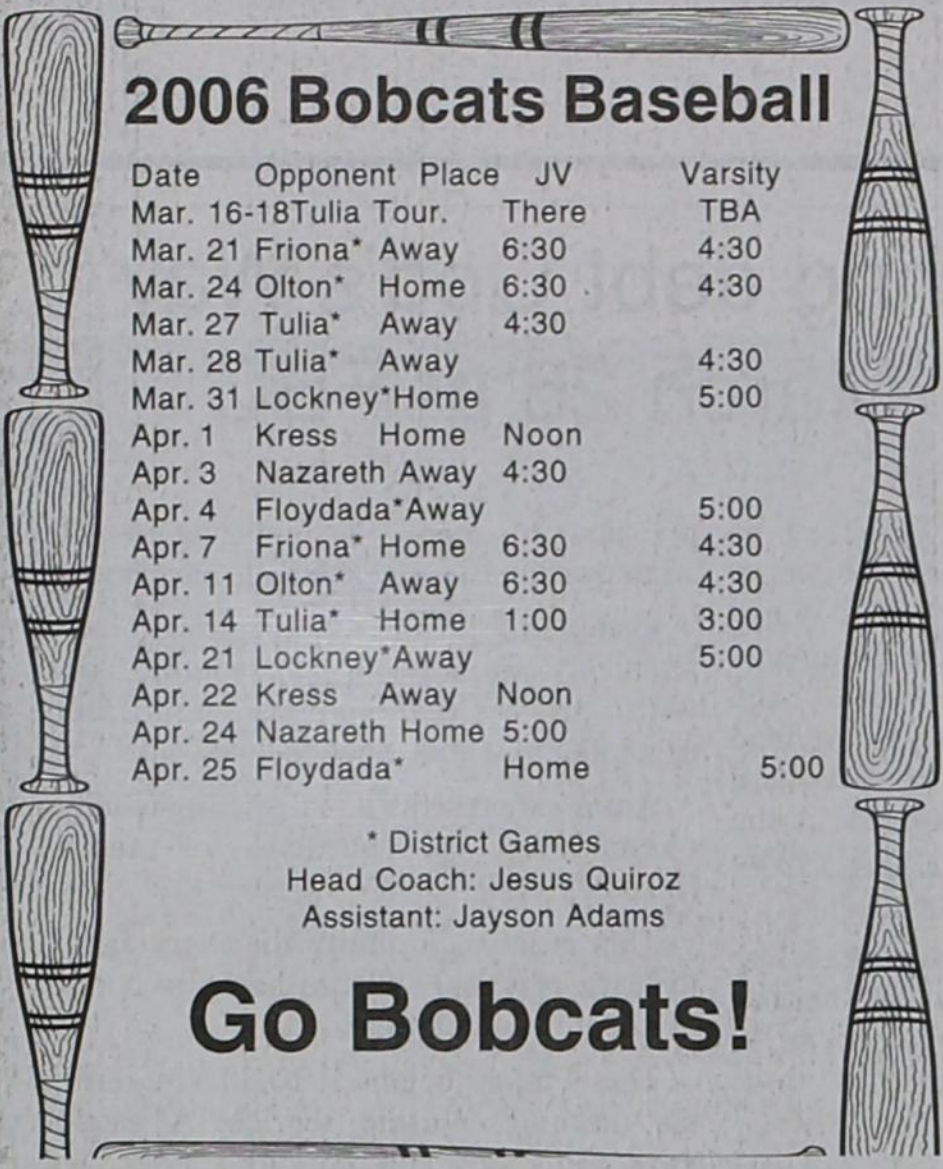
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Go Bobcats!

Seven file for positions on Silver Haired Lege

The Texas Silver Haired Legislature Area Elections Steering Committee met for the first time on March 3, 2006 and certified seven candidates to run for four positions in the eleventh Texas Silver Haired Legislature. Committee members are Chairperson Karen Russell of Amarillo, Jackie McNeese, Vice Chair, of Hereford and Secretary Desha Henderson of Amarillo. Melissa Carter, also of Amarillo, was named ex-officio committee member and will represent the Area Agency on Aging.

Six of the candidates are from Amarillo. They are Alan Abraham, James Brokenbek, Jean Clark, Sandra Henderson, Herman Hill, and Betty Trotter. Chester Cunningham from Fritch, TX is the only candidate running from outside Amarillo.

Alan Abraham, Betty Trotter and Chester Cunningham are filing for their second term.

The Area Elections Steering Committee called for the election to be held on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2006, at any senior citizen's center in the Panhandle that would like to participate.


The Texas Silver Haired Legislature will meet in Austin in the House Chambers during September of 2006 to draft resolutions to be presented to the Governor, Lt. Governor and the 80th Legislature when it meets in January of 2007.

Eligible voters must reside in the Panhandle, be a registered voter and 60 years old. Each voter may vote for four candidates and the winners will represent the Panhandle at large for a two-year term in the eleventh session of the Austin based Texas Silver Haired Legislature, beginning July 1, 2006.

2006 Bobbies Schedule

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| Mar. 23 | Clovis C | Here | 4:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 28 | West Texas | There | 4:30 p.m.* |
| Apr. 1 | San.-Fritch | Here | 4:30 p.m.* |
| Apr. 7 | West Texas | Here | 4:30 p.m.* |
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| Apr. 17 | New Deal | There | 4 p.m. |
| Apr. 21 | West Texas | Ama. | 4:30 p.m.* |
| Apr. 24 | San.-Fritch | Ama. | 4:30 p.m.* |

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Go Bobbies!!

STRIVING

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evident in "who does what" in their service capacities in the church. It can also surface in negative speaking about the elders and their leadership and direction.

This kind of strife can cause divisions in the church and lead to splits and ultimately souls being lost. Some people tire of the division and simply give up. Others stay, but are embittered and their service to God is lacking in commitment and their love of the brethren is dead.

In all the above cases, the ultimate result is that the cause is hurt and souls are lost.

Brethren, we need to consider ourselves in the perfect mirror of His word (James 1:23-24) and strive to follow His walk and to avoid strife.

Are we striving or "striving?"

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Swifts meet every challenge against Lipan

Schulte named MVP

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

AUSTIN - Everyone had a theme. Some of the writers concentrated on the ties between Nazareth and Lipan, since every year Lipan plays in the Nazareth tournament and the Lipan players board with the Nazareth players. So there was friendship on the line. There was even food at stake. Not really at stake, but some Lipan fans had called and asked for sweet rolls homemade in Nazareth. (And yes, they brought them). Or maybe it was about redemption, as player Jake Hoelting had called their win over Paducah, the team that sent them home from the bi-state tournament last year. There were so many themes, so many story ideas - this is a team that has played together since elementary school and that many felt should have won state last year. They didn't. Lipan did.



NAZARETH'S STARTING FIVE come off the floor with just seconds left in the state title game and the usually poker-faced coach Mike Scarbrough greets them all with a hug.

But in the end, it was about a team working hard, never looking past one opponent and finally winning the top prize - the Class 1A Division II state basketball championship.

Even the strongest Nazareth fan must have had some worried moments early in the game, held Friday in Austin at the Frank Erwin Center, as the Swifts fell behind 15-9 in the first quarter.

However, each player seemed to find his own role as the Swifts gained a narrow, 23-22, halftime margin.

Whether it was Jake Hoelting hitting one of his classic 3-pointers, Alan Gerber sinking a foul shot, Zane Farris, who was a tiger

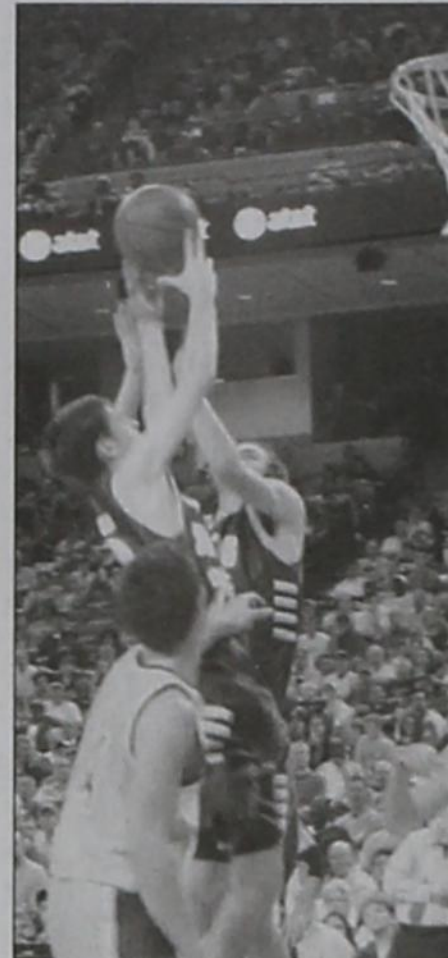
on defense, pulling up and hitting a jumper for two, Charlie Rundell elbowing in at the post for another two-pointer or Dustin Schulte rebounding and hitting a basket, everyone had a role and each filled it. As did subs Nathan Huseman and Berry Clinton. Huseman was intense on defense and Clinton rebounded on both ends of the court.

By the end of the third period, the Swifts had a seven-point lead, 37-30, but Lipan just kept coming back. In the fourth period, Lipan outscored Nazareth, 18-16, but it was too little - and way too late as head basketball coach Mike Scarbrough subbed his starters out with seconds left and greeted them with a hug.

Schulte, who was named MVP, had a team-high 13 points as did Hoelting, followed by Rundell with 11.

Afterward, at a news conference, Scarbrough had Rundell and Hoelting with him to meet the press.

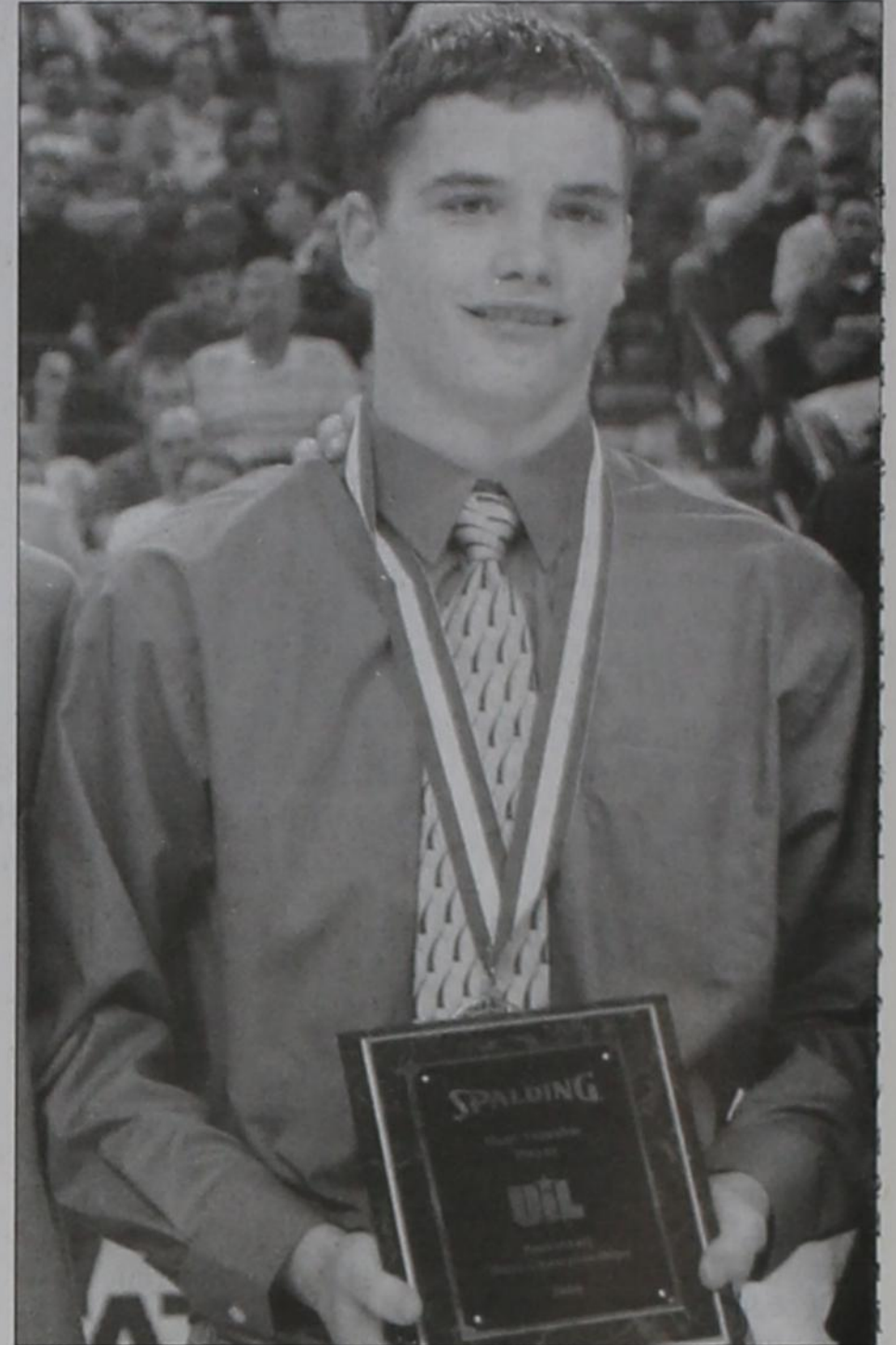
"It was kind of like playing your brother," said Rundell of the familiarity of



CHARLIE RUNDPELL AND Berry Clinton both go up for a rebound against Lipan in the State Championship game held Friday in Austin against players that Rundell said were "like our brothers."

playing their friends from Lipan.

"The coach told us we



NAZARETH JUNIOR DUSTIN SCHULTE was named MVP after the state championship game. The Swifts won the game, 53-48, for their fourth state title.

could be friends before and after the game."

Scarbrough said both teams had hoped for this matchup.

"I think in the back of both teams' minds they've wanted to play each other all year," he said.

"Both programs have a great deal of respect for each other. It's a unique situation."

As Scarbrough watched

the clock tick down, he later called the last 45 seconds "the longest 45 seconds of my life."

In the final 1:49, the Swifts missed five of 10 free throws, perhaps prompting Scarbrough's observation.

This was Lipan's third trip to Austin and they were the defending state champions.

The win gives the Swifts their fourth state boys championship.

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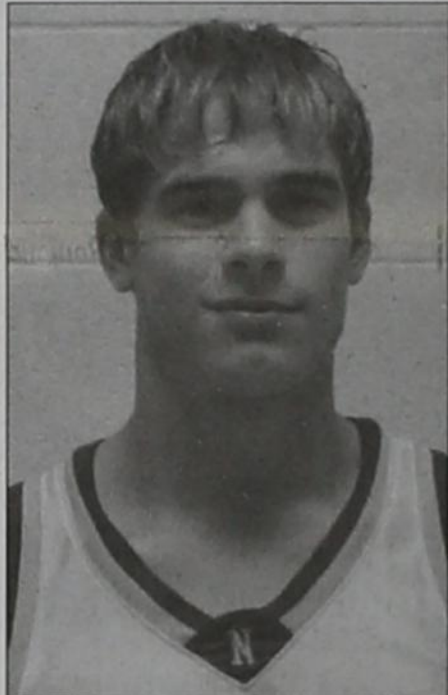
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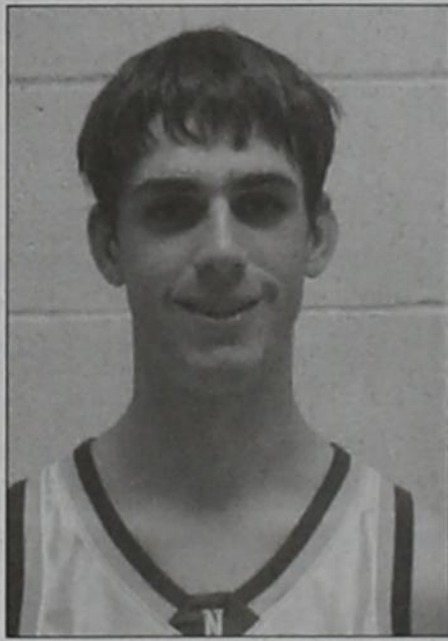
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School Menus

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Friday: No school
Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, cereal, Honey Bun. Lunch - Hoagie submarine sandwich, chicken fillet strips, spicy Haitian meatball stew, potato chips, mashed potatoes, Mexipinto beans, hamburger salad, orange wedges, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fresh fruit, wheat rolls, tortilla chips.
Tuesday: Breakfast - Peanut butter sandwich, Cocoa Puff Cereal bar, orange wedges. Lunch - Italian spaghetti, fajitas with onions and peppers, poor boy steak sandwich, green beans, parsley buttered potatoes, frijoles refrieto, tossed salad, jellied cranberry/orange salad, pea salad, fresh fruit, garlic bread, flour tortilla, golden nugget rolls.
Wednesday: Breakfast - Strawberry Pop Tarts, cereal, Danish. Lunch - Steak fingers, grilled cheese sandwich with soup, turkey Tetrizzini, french fries, mixed vegetables, green beans tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad, cucumber/tomato salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon, Kaiser rolls, garlic bread, crackers.
Thursday: Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls, peaches,

Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal bar, bananas. Lunch - Roast turkey, nachos with ground beef, pigs in a blanket, Chinese style vegetables, frijoles refrieto, Lyonnaise carrots, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, cucumber/tomato salad, apple slices with cinnamon, fresh fruit, fresh melon, homestyle rolls.

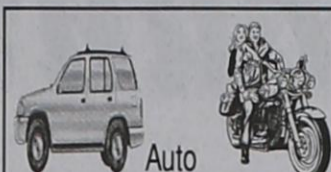
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Friday: Breakfast - Sausage patty on roll, cereal. Lunch - Shrimp poppers and bread, chef salad, applesauce, green beans, macaroni and cheese, cupcakes.
Monday: Breakfast - Glazed donuts, cereal. Lunch - Nachos and rolls, corn dogs, Frito salad, peas, peaches, pudding.
Tuesday: Breakfast - Waffles, sausage patty, cereal. Lunch - Corn dogs, chicken strips with bread and gravy, broccoli and cauliflower salad, rice, fruit cocktail, strawberry shortcake.
Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast Pockets, cereal. Lunch - Beef and bean chalupas, burger and fries, lettuce, green beans, pears, spice cake.
Thursday: Breakfast - Cinnamon tasters, cereal. Lunch - Hamburgers, chicken sandwich, french fries, lettuce, beans, oranges, cookies.

HISD

Friday: No school
Monday: Lunch - Chicken nuggets, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, white bread, carrot

sticks, dill pickles, tossed salad.
Tuesday: Lunch - Ham sandwich, corn dogs, tossed salad, dill pickles, carrot sticks.
Wednesday: Lunch - Spaghetti and meat sauce, pizza with ground beef, corn, tossed salad, carrot sticks, dill pickles.
Thursday: Lunch - Rib sandwich, ham sandwich, tossed salad, carrot sticks, dill pickles, peaches.



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Happy Birthday, Mozart!

Welcome back to the Dolphin School of Music! Today we are learning about **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**. He was a musical composer in the 18th century. He is considered a musical genius. He played piano and started writing musical pieces at the age of five! He was born in the central European country of Austria.

250th Anniversary of Mozart

People are celebrating the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birthday all year long. In Austria, they had a party in the streets, complete with a 4-layer, chocolate birthday cake that weighed over 300 pounds!



Shhh! I know it's a school for dolphins, but I want to join in the fun to celebrate one of my favorite

Bonjour! Is this the art class?

Well, it is the **Moz-art** class!

Ooooh, so that's what Mozart looked like!

Read the clues about Mozart's life to fill in the crossword.

Do you recognize the country of Austria by its shape? All of the words inside tell you a bit about Austria. Can you find and circle the words that are in bold print in the puzzle below?

Austria

Euro (money) Vienna (capital)
 Salzburg (Mozart's birthplace) weiner schnitzel (breaded veal cutlets)
 Swiss Alps (mountains) waltz (dance music)
 Danube (river) Austrians (people)
 German (official language) apple strudel (pastry) landlocked
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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart:

1. was born in Salzburg, _____ in 1756.

2. was believed to have started composing music at the age of _____.

3. had his first work published when he was about _____ years old.

4. moved to Vienna at the age of 25 because he wanted to be independent and to play _____ his own way.

5. wrote the first of his 3 comic _____ in 1786. It was called "Le Nozze di Figaro" or "The Marriage of Figaro."

6. traveled to cities in other countries to play music, but he lived in _____ for the rest of his life.

7. composed the score for "The Magic _____," which became one of his most famous pieces.

8. was _____ and had two surviving children.

9. did not handle _____ well and was often in debt.

10. died at the age of 36 from a _____ and was buried in an unmarked grave.

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What Are They Doing to Mozart's Music?

People are listening to Mozart on the radio. They are selling toys, busts and T-shirts of Mozart for souvenirs. To find out what some people are "doing" to Mozart's music, finish the message below. The lines and spaces of the musical staff have letter names. Study them for a minute. Next, fill in the blank spaces by putting the name of the note above the blank.

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Ready Writing: Emily Agee-4th Place; Jarrod Jesko; Todd Nichols; Justin Schacher

Music Memory: Jarrod Jesko; Todd Nichols; Kenton Randolph; Paola Estrada

Spelling: 1st Place Team; Jarrod Jesko-4th Place; Kylie McGehee-5th Place; Emily Agee-6th Place; Todd Nichols

Number Sense: 1st Place Team: Jarrod Jesko-1st Place; Emily Agee-3rd Place; Todd Nichols-6th Place

Calculator: 1st Place Team; Todd Nichols-1st Place; Emily Agee-2nd Place; Jarrod Jesko-4th Place; Kylie McGehee

Dictionary: 2nd Place Team; Todd Nichols-4th Place; Jarrod Jesko-5th Place; Emily Agee; Paola Estrada

Listening: Jarrod Jesko; Emily Agee; Kylie McGehee; Todd Nichols

Maps, Graphs & Charts: Dallas Cox-6th Place; Kylie McGehee; Jordan Mason; Jarrod Jesko

Mathematics: 3rd Place Team: Jarrod Jesko-2nd Place; Todd Nichols-5th Place; Emily Agee; Kylie McGehee

7th Grade Results

Oral Reading: Tori Pollard; Tanner Beasley; Jordan Hernandez; Colton Weaver

Ready Writing: Lacy Russell-1st Place; Jordan Hernandez; Colton Weaver

Spelling: Lacy Russell; Joseline Garcia; Tori Pollard

Number Sense: 3rd Place Team: Tanner Beasley-4th Place; Colton Weaver; Rodrigo Mata; Joseline Garcia

Calculator: 3rd Place Team: Tanner Beasley-4th Place; Jordan Hernandez; Colton Weaver; Joseline Garcia

Dictionary: Jordan Hernandez; Joseline Garcia; Colton Weaver

Listening: Jordan Hernandez; Lacy Russell; Colton Weaver

Maps, Graphs & Charts: Jordan Hernandez; Tori Pollard; Tanner Beasley; Arthur Gomez; Joseline Garcia; Colton Weaver

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Editorial Writing: Lacy Russell-5th Place; Colton Weaver-6th Place; Tanner Beasley; Jordan Hernandez; Arthur Gomez

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8th Grade Results

Oral Reading: Katie Chavez-1st Place; Monica Vera-3rd Place; Logan Mason; Kinzi Schacher

Ready Writing: Kayle Jesko-1st Place; Kinzi Schacher; Katie Chavez; Darin Ivy

Spelling: Monica Vera; Katie Chavez; Lydia Campos

Number Sense: 3rd Place Team: Kayle Jesko-2nd Place; Dylan Haney; Katie Chavez; Darin Ivy

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NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION

General Permit Authorization No. TXG920675

APPLICATION. C & M Dairy, LLC P.O. Box 219, Howe, Texas 75459, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to operate a new dairy facility at 3,550 total head, of which 2,400 head are milking, in Castro County, Texas. The notice of intent was received by TCEQ on November 16, 2005. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility will be located on the north side of Farm-to-Market Road 2397, approximately 2 miles west of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 2397 and State Highway 385 in Castro County, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of the Mackenzie Reservoir in Segment No. 0228 of the Red River Basin.

A copy of the notice of intent, application, the Executive Director's technical summary and the CAFO general permit is available for viewing and copying at the Castro County Courthouse, County Clerk Office, 100 East Bedford, Room 101, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of the newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish a notice of the public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the CAFO is proposed to be located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the registration process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-647-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

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BRADFORD

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call a public hearing on cable service in the area. "Although the turnout was disappointing, I would continue to ask for public input on matters that affect them every day," he said.

He and his wife Joye have lived in Dimmitt since acquiring the Castro County News in 2001. They also own the Olton Enterprise and Muleshoe Journal.

"I've worked in the sales and publishing industry for most of my life, except for a stint with the U.S. Marines from 1966 through 1968," Bradford said. "Although we haven't lived here that many years, Joye and I have never found a group of people more outgoing and friendly. Not only the people at our church, but the general public, seemed to take us in as friends from Day One.

"Perhaps that's why I feel compelled to offer myself for public service."

Bradford added this disclaimer.

"During the campaign, I will only be the publisher of the Castro County News. I will remove myself from all editorial decisions - Managing Editor Davie Ann Browder will handle that role exclusively. I will pay for the ads I run, just as every candidate is required by law to do. I will have no special deal with this paper. I, of course, will not editorialize for myself. I will seek your vote just as any other candidate. And I will not make any "special" deal of have a "hidden agenda" of any sort with any group. In addition, I also promise to make myself available to any members of District 4 - you will have my cell phone number and I will be at your service."

COUNCIL

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Filing for Garza's spot in Place 1 are: Amos Quintero, who lost by two votes to Garza in the last council election; Janie Bugarin; and Joshua Arguijo. In Place 2, incumbent Gloria Hernandez has filed for re-election, while Bill Potts has signed up to run again in Place 3. In Place 4, which has been vacant since Councilman Roger Malone resigned in mid-January, Chris Bradford, Carla Miller and Salvador Ortiz have all three filed. Both the city and school elections are May 13. In the Dimmitt school board election, Place 1 incumbent Robert Woolbright is running unopposed. While in Place 5, incumbent David Schaefer and Kelby Bradley vying for the same position.

In the Nazareth ISD, three people have signed up for two board positions, including incumbents Dwayne Kleman and Ricky Backus plus Bruce Huseman.

What's the Law?

Co-signer cannot get out of contract

Q. I co-signed on a vehicle. Is there any way to reverse it? Is there a form I can sign releasing me from being the co-signer on the loan?

A. No! As I have said many times before, do not co-sign for someone unless you are ready to pay if he or she does not. Once you agree to be a co-signer you cannot simply fill out a form or say some magic words to be released. The only way you can be released from your obligation is if the creditor agrees in writing to release you.

Q. If a piece of property is purchased and has unpaid maintenance fees due, is the new owner liable for these

charges. I just found out that property I purchased has money owed for unpaid fees.

A. As a general rule, the prior owner (the seller) is responsible for paying any maintenance fees due at the time of the sale. The property, however, continues to be subject to a lien in the event those fees are not paid. In other words, you may not legally owe the fees, but you might lose your house if you don't pay them. If you do have to pay, you could have a claim against the seller.

If a title company assisted you with the sale, it should have taken care of this issue. It may be that your agreement requires that you, rather than the seller, pay the fees. You should check your closing documents to see if the cost of the maintenance fee was credited to you.

RAIL

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In other parts of the state where rail districts have been formed, counties through which it had rights-of-way have voted to join it. Thirty-nine rail districts which encompass 86 counties have been formed since the PRPC proposed the legislation to lawmakers and got it passed in 1979.

On the downside, if the rail district acquires the line, Castro County, Dimmitt and Hart would see reductions in their tax bases since the rail district is not taxable.

RELAY

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get radiation or chemo treatments and need a wig or transportation there, the American Cancer Society will pay for that," he said. "We raise money through the teams that are organized for the Relay. They're asked to get donations. Also, the night of the Relay, we have different food vendors and other events that help raise money as well. We also have sponsors for the Relay. Their names are on the back of the T-shirts and that's a major source of revenue."

For the last three years, the Relay has been rained out. Although he wants the Relay to go on, Brockman said he'd like to see a nice, soaking rain both before and after the relay. "This will be my fourth year I've been on the committee and I haven't seen one go through yet," he said. The Relay will be at Bobcat Stadium.

Anyone with questions may call Brockman at 945-5904 or Camille Williams at 647-2975.

BAN

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doing the best we can to be sure we don't have a situation like we witness this weekend."

In other business Monday, the court:

* Approved \$3,500 for the Sunnyside Fire Department. More than two-thirds of the money, or \$2,500 was appropriated in 2004 for Sunnyside to buy a firetruck, but was never used.

"While it was not budgeted against this year, we felt that to go back and take that allocation for them and award it to them now would be a proper thing to do," Sava said. "They were short approximately 3,500 in being able to acquire the truck, so we made an additional allocation of \$1,000 so they can get the 2005 truck. Of the fire departments in this area, and they all do an excellent job - this is a fire dept that doesn't have an incorporated city to help them otherwise."

* Decided that should a runoff be necessary for either party in statewide elections, it would be held in the Castro County Courtroom on the first floor of the courthouse, since the District Courtroom will have a trial going on that day.

* Approved \$300 to buy a laser jet printer. On March 7, the results of the election were slow being downloaded. "We discovered on election night that it would have saved time to have a printer in place and we did not have it, so we intend to correct that before the next election," Sava said. "The main thing is, the machines worked. We're convinced it's a very good system. And it seemed that people were able to use it without much difficulty."



I want to thank my friends and supporters who voted for me in the Democratic Primary. It will be a privilege to serve the citizens of Castro County.

Lint Merritt

Paid by Mark Welch, Treasurer, 714 Maple, Dimmitt, Texas 79027



To the voters of Castro County

Thank you all for your vote of support in the March 7, 2006, primary for Castro County District Clerk. Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy day and getting out to vote once again. I appreciate the opportunity to serve all of Castro County.

Joyce M. Thomas

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