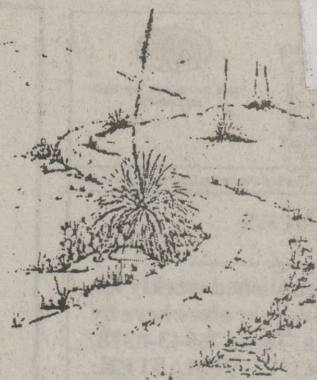


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Former Ozonan expresses love for hometown

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Moore:
I read the attached article entitled, "More than a View" in the Southern Living magazine, and I enjoyed it so much. I had the thought that what the author had said was so applicable to other people's feelings for places that they love, such as one's love for Ozona. She expressed the feelings so ade-

quately in the statement which reads, "But I own them as your heart owns what you see and know and love." I was motivated to paraphrase her article as I felt it would apply to Ozona. However, I found that there were things in her article which could not be expressed better or even as well as she had written them. So I have quoted her

direct at that point. I hope that you will enjoy reading this "Ozona Version". I am sure that everyone would have a different set of events that he or she would remember fondly. Some of the things that I have mentioned are from another generation before you all were born. So your remembrances would certainly be more up-to-date. But I feel sure that everyone's would be based on a love for Ozona and pride

of having lived there.
Very truly yours,
Tincy Kirby McMakin

Credits: Celestine Sibley, Southern Living Magazine; A History of Crockett County, The Crockett County Historical Society

By Tincy Kirby McMakin

As geography goes, it is a small piece of real estate. The park on the square with its six blocks around it.

On one of the blocks stands the stately Courthouse, a symbol of strength and beauty for Ozona and Crockett County. As I look out on it across the tops of cars parked around the square and through the trees of the park, my heart lifts, and I find myself beaming proudly, a dotting homesteader surveying his well-loved "spread".

Of course, I don't have the deed and title to Ozona's Courthouse, or to the park on the square, or the beautiful Baptist Church adjacent to it, or the distinctive former Methodist Church now housing offices and the Museum, or any of the other business properties which frame the square. However, I

join Celestine Sibley when she said, "I own them as your heart owns what you see and know and love."

The Courthouse dominates my view because its American Gothic Architecture is as outstanding today as it was when it was built in 1902, embellished with the smooth white limestone obtained from native stone

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Ozona students win district

by Justin Southern

The district cross-examination debate tournament was held in Ozona on Feb. 17. The competition was held early so the students not qualifying for the state tournament would have time to prepare for other UIL events.

Lisa Herring and Hollie Williams were the district champion debaters. Hollie has been debating for four years, and Lisa is a first year debater. Lisa and Hollie won all six of their debates to take the tournament. Lisa and Hollie debated Wall's 'C' team, Iraan's 'B' team, and McCamey's 'C' team in the preliminary round of the tournament. In the quarter final round, Hollie and Lisa faced off with McCamey's 'A'

team. The Ozona team defeated Wall's 'B' team in the semi-final round and wrapped up the championship with a win over Wall's 'A' team.

The final district standings at the end of the day were as follows: first place-Herring and Williams of Ozona; second place-McKenzie and McMurphy of Wall; third place-McCarley and Wohlschlegel of Wall and fourth place-Holmes and Foley of Iraan.

Traveling to the state meet with Hollie and Lisa will be their coach, Frances Curry. The state tournament will be held in Austin on March 15 and 16. Wall's 'A' team, composed of McKenzie and McMurphy will also be representing the district in the state debate tournament.

OHS girls win first place in Ft. Stockton

by Don Stark

Coach Brad Brevard's Ozona High School girls' track team opened their 1993 track season on a positive note last Saturday, Feb. 27, as they edged district rival Iraan 114 points to 111 points to win the division one title of the Comanche Relays held in Fort Stockton.

The Lady Lions had strong performances in the 1600 meter relay, the 800 meter relay, and the 800 meter run. The 1600 meter relay (Dana Bishop, Gloria Pena-Alfaro, Holly Williams, Myra Sanchez) finished second with a time of 4:38.34. The

800 meter relay (Gloria Pena-Alfaro, Tara Wilkins, Holly Williams, Petra Rios) finished third with a time of 1:59.50. Heather Hall won the 800 meter run with a time of 2:38.1 and Isabel Esparza's time of 2:49.54 was good for third in the 800 meter run. Hall also finished second in the 3200 meter run with a time of 13:18.89.

Other strong performances by Ozona were in the 100 meter dash where Petra Rios won second with a time of 13.49 and Gloria Pena-Alfaro won second in the triple jump with a leap of 31-11.

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Two file for trustee

George Ybarra and Royland Sullivan had filed for a place on the school trustee ballot as of Monday. Deadline to file for the May 1 election in March 17. Board members whose terms expire are Jeffrey Sutton and Dr. Gary Vannoy.

To file, contact May Lay at the Ozona School Administration Building.

Lions capture trophy at Comanche Relays

The Ozona Lions, competing for the first time this season, put forth a tremendous effort and walked away with the championship trophy of the Comanche Relays at Fort Stockton this past Friday and Saturday. The final standings of the relays were: Ozona-115; O'Donnell-90; Iraan-67; Wink-61; McCamey-46; Hart-44; Van Horn-42; Meadow-30; Sanderson-23; Ft. Davis-13; Irion County-11; Marathon-10; Presidio-3 and Comstock-3.

"With the amount of work that some of these young athletes have gotten in and the weather conditions, I was real proud of the effort and

performance these athletes put forth," said Coach Pete Maldonado. "The first championship of the season is an example of the team effort that will be needed to compete at the district level and that's the track meet we are preparing for," the coach stated.

"The efforts of these young men are not to be overshadowed by the great performance and leadership of our seniors. This group is reaping the benefits of being in the track program for four years. This group consist of Aaron Carroll, Leroy Martinez, Michael Kennison and Owen Powell.

Game warden association honors Humphrey, Keilers

Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist Mary Humphrey of Sonora and Dee Keilers of Ozona were honored here last week by the Texas Game Wardens' Association. The 1992 associate member of the year award for Region I was given to Humphrey and Keilers in special recognition of their efforts and assistance.

Plaques "for your distinguished efforts in promoting conservation for future generations" were presented to

the pair following a luncheon Feb. 26 at the Hitchin' Post.

Game wardens present to honor Humphrey and Keilers were: Chuck Cosper of Ozona, Rick Gully of Big Lake, Don Jackson of Sheffield, Juan Carlos Flores of Del Rio and Al Vielma of Comstock. The recognition is usually given in Austin, but neither honoree was able to attend the ceremony there, Vielma explained.

Mary Humphrey is a wildlife

technician II for Crockett, Sutton and Schleicher Counties. She is responsible for game and non-game wildlife population surveys, working with public concerns about wildlife and assisting private landowners with wildlife management programs.

She graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in May of 1983 with a bachelor of science degree in forestry with an emphasis in game management. After joining the

wildlife division in June of 1984, she worked one year and four months in Lufkin before moving to the Edwards Plateau District in October of 1985. She has lived in Sonora since March 1986.

Mary Humphrey and her husband, Bryn, are the parents of a two-month-old daughter, Kallie.

Dee Keilers works with the youth of the community through hunter safety classes, the 4-H Field and Stream project and Boy Scouts. He is a member of the Ozona Fire Department and is an emergency medical technician with the Crockett County Emergency Medical Service.

Keilers has been involved with the Field and Stream program since its beginning in 1988 and with hunter's safety since 1989. He began instructing hunter's safety classes in 1991.

Just last week Keilers became a Doctor of Commissioner Science with the Boy Scouts of America. Scout commissioners serve as the liaison between local Scout organizations and the council. The Doctor of Commissioner Science recognition is earned through completion of training classes one year and teaching the material to others for two years.

Keilers has been a Scouting commissioner since 1982, working with Ozona Cubs, Tiger Cubs and Boy Scouts. He has served as assistant Cub Master, Cub Master and assistant Scout Master.

He is employed by Crockett County Water and Improvement District #1 as its manager. Dee and Joyce Keilers are the parents of two children, Karen Kimball of Alpine and Lance Keilers of San Angelo.

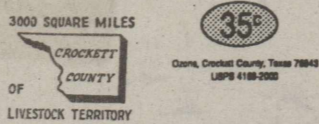


DEE KEILERS AND MARY HUMPHREY HOLD PLAQUES given in appreciation for their efforts and assistance in promoting conservation. The awards were presented Friday by area game wardens on behalf of the Texas Game Warden's Association. Pictured with Keilers and Humphrey are Texas Game Wardens Juan Carlos Flores, Don Jackson, Chuck Cosper, Al Vielma and Rick Gully.



THESE OZONA HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETES gave outstanding performances in the Comanche Relays held this past weekend in Ft. Stockton. They are: (front row, l. to r.) Tanya Amaya, Myra Sanchez and Heather Hall. Back row: (l. to r.) Aaron Carroll, Leroy Martinez, Owen Powell, Chris Sanchez and John Ramirez. (See related story)

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Jim Dudley buried Monday

Jim Dudley, age 69, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 1993, in the Crockett County Hospital.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 1, at the Ozona United Methodist Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery directed by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mr. Dudley was born July 5, 1923, in Fort Worth and had lived in Ozona all of his life. He graduated from Ozona High School in 1940 and entered the University of Texas. World War II interrupted his stay in Austin. He spent 2 1/2 years in the Army, ending up in the forces which crossed the Rhine in the last big offensive of the war.

After the war he returned to the University of Texas, graduating in 1947. He returned to Ozona and entered his private tax business. He was named treasurer of Crockett County in 1951, an office he held for 42 years until his retirement in December, 1992. Collecting World War II books

and memorabilia was his hobby. He published two books of World War II. *A Journal of World War II*, published in 1983, contains a researched history of the service records of a large number of men from Crockett County. *A Private's View of World War II* relates his own experiences from basic training to the end of the war.

He is survived by his wife, Maridel of Ozona; two sons, Bill Dudley of Addison and Mark Dudley of San Angelo; a sister, Gem Ella Stokes of Austin; a niece, Sheri Wlascinski of Coppel and a nephew, Jay Stokes of Austin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J. M. Dudley and Lovella Eddleman Dudley, and a sister, Athleen.

Pallbearers were: Dick Kirby, Nat Read, Jim Read, Billy Hoover, Bud Cox, Warren Taliaferro, Floyd Hokit, Bob Bissett, Jerry Hayes and Dr. Joe Logan.

Bullard services held Feb. 25

Redmond Wesley "Slim" Bullard, age 62, died Thursday, Feb. 25, 1993, in San Antonio.

Services were held Sunday, Feb. 28, in the Ozona Church of Christ with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery directed by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mr. Bullard was born Sept. 3, 1930, in Hico, Texas. He was a member of the Church of Christ and had been a resident of Ozona for 16 years.

Survivors include: his wife, Betty Jo Bullard of Ozona; two daughters, Janice and her husband Lloyd of

Oklahoma City and Jeanene Tullen of Ozona; four sons and their wives Wesley and Judy Bullard of Bronte, Asa and Sharon Bullard of Ozona, Kerry and Amy Bullard of Stephenville and Roy and Tonya Bullard of Ozona; three sisters, Callie Mills of Stephenville, Marie Mills of Li Pan, Texas and Christine Valdez of Iraan; four brothers, J.E. Bullard of Pleasant Farms, Gaylon Bullard of Hico, Texas, Doris Ray Bullard of Crane and Bobby Joe Bullard of Ft. Worth; eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sheffield service for Mrs. Clint Owens

Mrs. Clint (Stella) Owens, 89, of Sheffield died at 10:20 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, 1993, in Reagan County Care Center in Big Lake.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Church of Christ in Sheffield with Mr. Jimmy Jividen of Abilene officiating. Burial will be in the Sheffield Cemetery.

Mrs. Owens was born June 17, 1903, in Stiles. She married Clint Ellis Owens in August of 1920 at Ozona. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Preceding her in death were her husband and a grandson, Robert Ellis "Bob" Owens.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Ellis and Virville Owens of Sheffield; three grandchild-

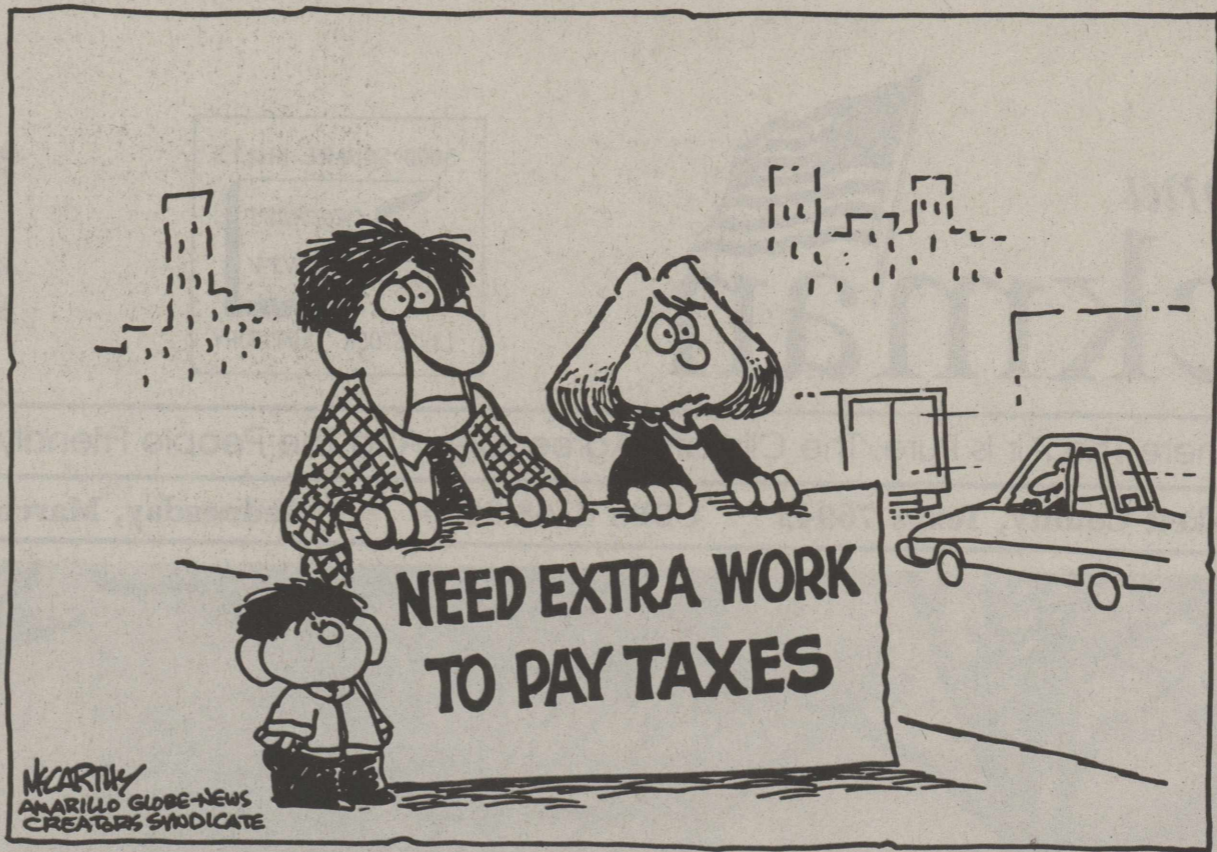
ren, Judy Brown and her husband, David, of Iraan; Clint Ellis Owens III and his wife, Starr, of Gilmer; and JoEllis McCall and her husband, Rick, of El Paso; 13 great-grandchildren, Diane Brown Jackson, Samuel David Brown, David Clint Brown, Golda Virville Brown, Robert Mitchell Owens, Tobi Kristen Owens, Tammi Patricia Owens, Sarah Brooke Owens, Clint Ellis Owens IV, Callie Datha Owens, Joseph Cade Owens, James Robert McCall, and Richard Matthew McCall; and two great-great-grandchildren, Melis Andrea "Missy" Jackson and Robert Franklin Jackson.

Grandsons and great-grandsons will be pallbearers.

The family requests memorials be made to Pecos River Encampment.

law, Robert and Margaret Saunders of San Antonio, and their daughter and son-in-law, Rose and Thomas O'Malley of Indianapolis, IN.

Tres Bailey received a superior rating 1 at regional UIL band competition with his violin solo in Odessa. He is an eighth grade student at Nimitz Junior High. Tres is the son of Paula Bailey of Odessa and Jim Bob Bailey of Ozona.



THE NEWSREEL

A rerun of "The Ozona Story" as gleaned from the files of The Ozona Stockman

NEWS REEL FEB. 27, 1964

News Reel

Keith Mitchell, Jr., senior at Ozona High School, has been chosen as a member of a delegation of Texas Future Farmers of America leaders on a 21 day Goodwill People to People Inspection Mission throughout Eastern and Western Europe with Wilbert H. Meichen, Vocational Agriculture instructor of Raymondville as host.

News Reel

Mrs. Claude Russell and Miss Helen Henderson escaped injury last week when the Hawaiian airline Convair 440 overshot an air stop at General Lyman field and crashed into brush some 180 feet beyond the strip.

News Reel

Troy Williams, Crockett County ranchman, was elected president of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the board of directors Wednesday.

Newly elected first vice president is J. B. Miller. Named second vice president was Woody Mason, third vice president Bill Watson and fourth vice, John Held. Jack Baggett was elected secretary and Lowell Littleton, treasurer.

News Reel

G. W. (Junior) Whitley, Ozona welder, received treatment in the Crockett County Hospital this week for second degree burns on his face suffered in an oil field accident. A flash explosion while welding caused the injury.

News Reel

Ernest Dunlap will be the guest speaker at the Lions Club luncheon today at noon.

News Reel

Two candidates, Bud Cox and Celestino Fuantoz, for membership on the school board had filed with County Judge Brock Jones during the past week.

News Reel

The Ozona Music Club met in the home of Mrs. Q. A. Brentz Thursday with Miss Roberta Lawrence as co-hostess.

News Reel

Junior Sprouts Garden Club members met at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Janes last Thursday.

News Reel

"Most unique beard" on the campus at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview is one worn by Bill Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Williams of Ozona.

Social Security rep. to visit

Garland Greg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his March visit to Ozona. He will be in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor of the courthouse annex on Wednesday, March 17, between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

NEWS
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Guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Phillips is W. W. Collins of Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grimmer are here from Winnfield, Iowa, visiting relatives this week.

Carl Conklin, young Crockett County ranchman and 4-H adult leader, has been selected to represent Extension Service District 6 at the National 4-H Leader Forum in Washington, D. C., April 6-11.

NEWS REEL FEB. 28, 1935

M. A. Rynnion, local manager for the San Angelo Telephone Co. died early Friday morning from a heart

attack. Announcement is made this week by Flower Grocery-Bakery of a new policy, effective March 1, which calls for the elimination of credit and deliveries.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. West returned Saturday from a month's visit in San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Laredo and Houston.

Fayette Schwalbe, 67, pioneer ranchman of Crockett County, died at his home here Thursday following a period of ill health which covered the last two years.

Steve Coose and his daughter, Elizabeth, have both been ill with the flu this week.

Letters to the Editor

To Whom It May Concern:
The town of Ozona, TX, does not have a shortage of nurses. But, Crockett County Hospital is caught up in a severe nursing shortage and it is of its own making.

Educating new nurses would help but that is not the whole answer.

Ozona has nurses who are already educated and already experienced but they are not working at our hospital. Why?? Maybe the answer lies in educating the hospital's Board of Directors or whoever is responsible for hiring and retaining the hospital's present administration.

Sincerely,
Nancy P. Whitehead, R.N.

A lot of us feel that we have very little voice in how we are governed from "that small elevated place surrounded by reality" called Washington, D.C. Our new president has presented a PLAN that he assures us will cut the deficit and save this nation for our children's future. This tax plan is only the beginning—as two other tax increases are already in the works. He also assures Americans at Town Meetings that we all must sacrifice for

a secure future (and if we aren't willing, we are not patriotic Americans). He insists that there will not be a dollar of new taxes until cuts have been made in Washington. Personally, I think he could save taxpayers a bundle if he would stay in Washington and leave Air Force One in its hanger.

Newscaster, Paul Harvey, gave American taxpayers some advice during his Feb. 22 noon broadcast. He told his listeners that Mr. Clinton was being less than honest about the "percentage of tax-cuts-to-tax-increases" in this PLAN. Certainly we have seen this assessment confirmed as this PLAN is being analyzed. Mr. Harvey strongly urged all Americans to send their congressmen a three world message: **CUT SPENDING FIRST!!!**

This message on a post card sent to all three of your congressmen, along with your name and address, is a simple, easy way to tell your elected officials in Washington D.C. that you are tired of being left out of the decisions that are impacting your life and ones that will continue to affect it far into the future.

Sincerely,
Sid Hoover

Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Mariah Energy Corporation, P.O. Box 13146, Austin, Texas 78711-3146 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Grayburg/San Andres, University "23" Lease, Well Number 2. The proposed injection well is located 25 miles northwest of Ozona, Texas in the Farmer (San Andres) Field, in Crockett County, Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1,953 to 2,039 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chap-

ter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/445-1373). 1c3

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Snips, Quips, and Lifts

by Lottie Lee Baker

Having problems may not be so bad after all. There's a special place for folks that have none—it's called a cemetery.

No person can fully and completely discharge his debt to Almighty God, but surely he can make regular payments on it.

We had better go easy on piling up the national debt. With the life span steadily increasing, we may have to pay it ourselves.

Evil deeds, like fire, can be hidden for a short time—but the smoke shows.

One of the disadvantages of a democracy is that the minority has the say and the majority has to pay.

Nature may have known what she was doing but sometimes it looks like she deliberately constructed mankind for the benefit of the doctors and dentists.

Many with the strength to diet lack the strength to keep it quiet.

It's a pity that happiness isn't as easy to find as trouble.

You can save yourself a lot of trouble by not borrowing any.

The guy whose troubles are all behind him is probably a school bus driver.

It's not the people who tell all they know that starts trouble—it's the ones who tell more than they know.

Diplomacy is the art of saying things in such a way nobody knows what you mean.

Discretion is closing your eyes to a situation before someone else closes them for you.

Divorce is when you had rather switch than fight.

If you doubt the propriety of doing a thing, give yourself the benefit of the doubt and don't do it.

It's better to sit tight than to drive tight.

A LIFT FOR THE WEEK

You can do anything you ought to do.

Volunteer program keeps museum open Saturdays

The Crockett County Museum has been open on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. since Nov. 28. A volunteer program has made this possible and filled a need in Crockett County to have museum hours on the weekend. "Thanks to the volunteers, a total of 171 visitors have attended the museum on the 11 Saturdays since the program began," said Mary Hillman who tends the museum Monday-Friday.

Volunteers at the museum on

Saturdays are: Geniece Childress, Katharine Russell, Totsy Hagelstein, Madeline Stokes, Virginia Hubbard, Pauline Johnson, Barbara Wallace and her mother, Louise Bilderback, Glenda Henderson, Bonnie Warth, J. D. Brown, Willa Perry, Shirley Kirby, Arlene Clayton, Judy Reagor, Madye Jo Humphreys, Katy Jones, Ethel Miller, Lucille Littleton, Hilda Powers, Louise Bunger and Crystelle Childress.

Painting with celery class March 13

Celery roses shirt painting classes sponsored by Crockett County Arts and Crafts Guild will be held March 13 at the Ozona Seniors Apartments' hospitality room. Senior citizens (persons 55 or over) who live at the Seniors Apartments or at the care center may participate at no charge. All other senior citizens and guild members will be asked to pay a \$5.00 scholarship fee to attend the class. Non-senior citizens who are not guild members will

be charged \$15.00. The scholarship fund is used by the guild each year to give a scholarship to a deserving Ozona High School senior.

The morning class will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A cheese soup lunch and soft drinks will be furnished. Soft drinks will also be provided at the evening class from 6:30 until 9 p.m.

Supply lists are available at Perry's, Western Auto, Ozona Stockman and the Ozona Seniors Apartments office. For more information, contact instructor T. K. O'Bryant.

Country Club Bridge News

Country Club Bridge hostess for Feb. 25 was Lucille Littleton. Joining her for the afternoon were: Marolyn Bean, Jane Black, Louise Bunger, Eileen Childress, Marilyn Cox, Dorothy Friend, Peggy Hagle, Mary Jo Mason, Jean North, Ellen Sewell, Celia West, Jonesy Williams, Winnie Williams, Gwin Jamerson and Emma Adams.

High score for the afternoon was won by Jean North. Louise Bunger took second high and Ellen Sewell won bingo.

Brown's Brides

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née
Marcia Moran

Penny Solansky
bride-elect of
Duane Williamson

Tamel West
bride-elect of
Jason Turnlinson

K. Lynn White
bride-elect of
Mike Naugher

Mrs. William Collins
née
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Ninety-five years young apt description of Maudie Couch

Maudie Couch celebrated her 95th birthday last week, but few people would guess this as her age. Interesting and interested, Mrs. Couch has an outlook on life which keeps her current with her community and the world.

Born in Bandera County in a little log cabin built by her father and grandfather, Ed Grimmer and William Watson Moseley, Maudie Grimmer Couch was the second of four Grimmer children. Grandmother Clara Moseley was there to help Margaret Grimmer in Maudie's delivery.

The Grimmer family left Bandera County and moved to San Angelo in the fall of 1905, remaining there until Maudie was 16.

In January of 1915, Mr. Grimmer and his brother-in-law, A. W. Moseley, went into the grocery business in Ozona, a town with the reputation of a promising place for business. Mrs. Grimmer and the children remained in San Angelo until the end of the school year. The following year, Maudie attended school in the new building, now the Heritage Building.

Mr. Grimmer died of pneumonia in the spring of 1916 a week after taking a chill as he left a men's meeting at the Methodist Church.

Maudie's brother, Bill, went into the Navy, the first volunteer from Crockett County, she said, and Maudie left school to be with her mother who was too nervous following her husband's death to stay alone.

The family existed on \$15 a month sent by the government and money Mrs. Grimmer and Maudie earned sewing. "Mama could take an old newspaper and take your measurements and make a pattern.

"If we hadn't lived with our good Lord we couldn't have taken it," she said of the war years with her father dead and older brother gone into the service.

The two worked together until 1920 when Maudie and M. C. (Mike) Couch married. A native of Tennessee, Mike Couch discovered West Texas during a visit with his brother in San Angelo. He came to Ozona as a journeyman baker and worked for G. L. Bunger for seven years.

The Couches went into business for themselves in 1926 with a fruit and vegetable store which grew into a full-fledged grocery business. "We butchered our own hogs," she remembers.

Her husband bought 10 or so acres in Ozona and put in a dairy before the depression. When feed became hard to get, the dairy business came to an end.

After Hwy. 290 was built, the Couch store was moved in 1936 from its location on Ave. G to the acreage Mike Couch had bought along the draw. Maudie remembers the draw



NO BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IS COMPLETE WITHOUT A CAKE! Maudie Couch, center, is assisted by Bonnie Warth and Madye Jo Humphreys in showing a cake commemorating her 95th birthday. Mrs. Couch was honored by the Lillian Henderson Sunday School Class with a luncheon on Friday.

without a bridge. It was a mudhole with rocks piled where the bridge is now.

When the war was over, Mr. Couch went to Abilene and bought a 95' mess hall which had to be cut in two in order to move it to Ozona. "The building was put back together so perfect that we didn't even have to patch the floor."

Maudie and Mike Couch were parents of three children, Maudie Mae, who married Carl Montgomery, Allyn, who married Glenn Sutton, and a son, who died as a small child.

The family's business growth continued. Mr. Couch put in a trailer court on part of his acreage after the need for a Victory Garden ended. "There were 50 little kids in this one block at one time counting our own," Maudie remembers.

She worked in the store, kept books and stocked shelves until they sold the business to daughter and son-in-law Maudie Mae and Carl Montgomery when Mike became ill

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Crockett County Care Center News

By JoAnne Marshall

A performance by the Sheriff's Posse Band was the highlight of Monday's activities. Band members entertaining us with lively music and humor were George Hester, Bob Hartman, Jim Wilson, Marsha Tomlinson and Bill Dane. The music was great, and we would like to thank them for coming.

Juana Hernandez received a \$15 grand prize check for filling her piggy bank during Tuesday morning's bingo games. Hazel McDaniel didn't fill her bank, but she did win three games. Florencia Porras won two games, and Joe Connolly, Consuelo Sarabia and May Gomez were winners of one game each. Georgia Kirby was our helpful volunteer. Thank you, Georgia.

On Tuesday immediately following bingo, residents took the time to study their Spanish-English lesson.

That afternoon residents attended a combination Bible study and song service. Bill Fuller of First Baptist Church presented the lesson and also played the guitar during the singing. Thank you, Bill.

Tuesday night residents gathered in the Day Room for Spanish/English class. This week's lesson was a hard one. It was agreed that more than one class will have to be devoted to it.

Wednesday morning's ceramic workshop was led by Ruth and Patsy Hester and Virginia Hubbard. A variety of pieces were worked on. Thank you, ladies.

A Mardi Gras party was held Wednesday afternoon. Residents were treated to cupcakes and Coca Cola. Beads were given out to all the ladies.

Thursday morning's beauty shop

volunteers were Vivian Hughes, Joann Williamson, Audrey Smith and Jerri Pesson. They did a great job styling the residents' hair. Thank you, ladies.

Rev. Ray Gallagher of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church conducted a mass Thursday afternoon during the Spanish Hour of Praise. Visitors attending were: Beto and Alicia Perez, Beto and Lorenza Gutierrez, Nip and Maria Vitela, Felipa Munoz, Isabel Ramirez, Anita Fierro, Paulita Leal, Micaela Cantu, Beatriz Vasquez and Germana Onofre. The hymns were beautiful. We would like to thank all those who shared this special hour with us.

The Levis and Lace Square Dance Club gave a performance Thursday evening. Residents enjoyed watching J. D. and Lillian Brown, Otis and Myra Nester, Sue Spoons, Betty Allen, Gayla Underwood and the Ewen family demonstrate their dancing abilities.

Friday morning's winners were: Florencia Porras, Consuelo Sarabia, Hazel McDaniel, May Gomez, Frances Davis, Elvira Pena, Mildred Kirby, Joe Connolly and Jose Arradondo.

Residents were treated to guacamole and tostadas Friday afternoon. They all agreed it was delicious.

Accordion music was played by Otis Nester Saturday afternoon for the residents' entertainment. Thank you, Otis. We enjoyed it.

Sunday's worship service was presented by members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. We would like to thank them for their spiritual uplifting.

Letter from the Wester family

Happy New Year!!!
Dear Friends,
Recently, I read a biography of a missionary in a far off land. A land

Templo Bautista to have Bible Study

The Jerusalem Baptist Church of Ozona invites the community to join them in a Bible study based on "The Sermon on the Mount" according to the Gospel of Matthew, chapters 5, 6 and 7, March 5, 6 and 7 at 7:00 p.m. each night.

Dr. Joshva Grijalva, president of the Hispanic Baptist Seminary of San Antonio, will be leading the study. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Helping Hands Menu

Monday, March 8...Baked Pork Chops, Corn Bread Dressing, Green Beans, Peanut Butter Krispies, Bread and Beverage

Tuesday, March 9...Smothered Steak, Buttered Corn, Spinach, Rolls, Cake Squares and Beverage

Wednesday, March 10...Roast Beef Au Jus, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Rolls, Chocolate Pudding and Beverage

Thursday, March 11...Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Jello with Fruit and Beverage

Friday, March 12...Beef Vegetable Soup, Pea Salad, Corn Bread, Peach Cobbler and Beverage

where the people dress differently, talk differently, and live in a basically foreign environment and culture.

I had a hard time relating. It was so far removed from Mexico or the USA it somehow seemed "unreal". Then it occurred to me that perhaps some of you who read our WMI newsletter might feel the same way about us.

Short of dragging each of you down here so you can personally experience Mexico and see with your own eyes how WMI outreaches really are meeting people's needs, I can think of no other medium like print to accurately convey life at the mission.

Jan. 19, 1993, marks our fifth anniversary of missionary service. It seems fantastic all that has transpired since we boarded that flight at D/FW Guatemala bound.

So, along with our regular news (all good this time!), we also send our most sincere gratitude to the faithful few who have not faltered, but have stood firmly beside us through both thick and thin.

For us, to reminisce is equal to seeing your faces and remembering your prayers. Truly, we could never have overcome all the various obstacles or have completed any of tasks set before us had it not been for God's loving grace working through you.

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Monday, March 8...Cornflake Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Cream Gravy, Fried Okra, Plum Cobbler, White/Wheat Bread, Margarine and Beverage of Choice

Tuesday, March 9...Seafood Platter (Shrimp, Catfish, Cod with Cocktail/Tartar Sauce and Lemon), Potato Fries/Catsup, Calico Coleslaw, Ice Cream, Cornbread, or Hushpuppies, Margarine and Beverage of Choice

Wednesday, March 10...Turkey Parmesan with Sauce, AuGratin Potatoes, Seasoned Peas, Cherry Crisp, White/Wheat Bread, Margarine and Beverage of Choice

Thursday, March 11...Beef Stroganoff with Noodles, Herbed Green Beans, Cinnamon Applesauce, Hot Roll, Margarine and Beverage of Choice

Choice
Friday, March 12...Salmon Patties with Sauce, Corn Pudding, Italian Vegetables, Lemon Meringue Pie, Hot Roll, Margarine and Beverage of Choice

Saturday, March 13...Meat Lasagna, Salad Vinaigrette, Strawberries over Pound Cake, Whipped Topping, Garlic Bread, Margarine and Beverage of Choice

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst; but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not.

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Mary

Card of Thanks

The Ozona High School Speech Department would like to thank members of the First Baptist Church for allowing their Hoover Building and education wing to be used for speaking events during the Ozona High School Literary Meet on January 30 and the District 6AA CX Debate contest on February 17.

Card of Thanks

Ozona Head Start would like to give a "big" belated heartfelt thanks to the following people for making it possible for our Ozona Head Start children to attend and enjoy the Magic Show which was held February, 7, 1993.

Mr. Frank Tambunga, Knights of Columbus
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Card of Thanks

The family of Rosita Ybarra would like to thank you all for the many flowers, cards and prayers during her recent hospitalization for bypass surgery. Thank the Lord she is home now. May God bless you all.
Rosita and George Ybarra

Actually that should read Mexican, Canadian, English and American style. It never feels like Christmas unless the house is overflowing with people. God answered Beth's holiday wish with just that. Dec. 13 Youth with a Mission sent their second Mazatlan DTS group here on outreach. We were happy to receive them and their camping gear. This allowed them to set up house. We must confess that the Casa La Esperanza Children's Home roof closely resembled a KOA campsite by the time all 19 team members were established. (At least the neighborhood had something new to talk about.)

Christmas Eve was spent in Rio Grande with the "Getsemani" Church. It was a wonderful day. Many of the Christians for the new mission churches, where Larry and Santos have been working, came down to participate. The YWAM team did dramas, a puppet show and special music. The church youth groups did presentations and the band played. Christmas pinatas were broken and the fatted calf was barbecued and served in mouth-watering portions. But the biggest blessing of the day came when Larry and Rocky (YWAM member) baptized nine people in the Rio Grande River. At the evening service five more persons accepted Christ.

Mission Endeavors

December 7-8 we held a medical clinic in the village of Zacatepec. Approximately 300 people were treated. A coinciding evangelistic campaign was sponsored by the new mission church there. Nine persons made professions of faith in Jesus Christ. Special thanks to all who cooperated to make this clinic an outstanding success.

Dec. 21 Larry participated in the first meeting of a series seminar on church administration and leadership. Twenty-one men attended. It is our hope that these seminars will strengthen the new missions and make them more self-sustaining.

Casa La Esperanza?...You should see this place now! Thanks to the YWAM'ers, Grant Henry and Eric Stratton, much work has been done this month. The upstairs walls are framed in and ready for the roof. The gray water tank, sidewalks, patio floor and even a small yard were completed. Thank you to those individuals whose generosity made the purchase of needed building supplies possible.

Speaking of the construction...Did you know that we were only \$15,000 shy of having enough finances to COMPLETE the first phase of the Children's Home? The ability to

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In Your Right Mind?

By Dennis J. Prutow

The human mind is a wonderful thing. Although computer technology has exploded, it cannot approach the complexity of our minds! And it is this complexity that sets humanity apart from the animals! But some people do not seem to be in their right minds. In fact, human beings often act no differently than animals. They kill one another just to express their power. But why does the human mind act in

such savage ways?

The Bible gives us some insight. It says that Jesus "was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man....And the world did not know Him" (John 1:19-10). According to the Bible, Jesus Christ is the light of the world. But the world does not comprehend Him. In other words, when Jesus sheds light on our human situation, people reject that light! Now this tells us something. The mind involves more than just the

brain. There is a spiritual dimension. "The god of this world (Satan) has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light" (2 Corinthians 4:4).

People who act like animals are not in their right minds. When they kill, they are like "Cain, who was of the evil one, and slew his brother" (1 John 3:12). But people in their right minds act upon the new light received from God!

First Baptist Church Rev. Bill Fuller	Ozona Church of Christ Mr. Rodney Hamon	Ozona United Methodist Church Dr. Tim Brewer
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quarries on the Myers estate and the Couch estate. From where I stand to view it, it looks magnificent as it rises in all its grandeur toward the blue Texas sky dotted with white fluffy clouds. Its stately demeanor portrays that it is big in the affairs of Ozonans.

The Courthouse, the park, the businesses and the churches, all silhouetted against the blue sky, are repositories of memories. I think back to dozens of trials, real-life dramas, and yes, even dances, played out in that old limestone county Courthouse.

The other buildings, all beautiful in their own ways, are just as dear to my heart.

The tower of the First Baptist Church, rising heavenward, houses the carillon, the rich sounds of which can be heard on various occasions. I am reminded of joyful weddings which were performed there for my close friends. And I am further reminded of the solemn occasions when we gathered there to pay our last respects to those gracious and friendly people who have gone before us.

The First United Methodist Church on the other corner of the square was the place where my religious faith was nurtured by that dynamic speaker, Bishop Eugene Slater,

a devout student of the Bible and an impeccable grammarian. We all listened more intently to his sermons, as we were not only there to learn, but we were also trying to catch him making a grammatical error. Our English teacher at the high school not only was teaching us good English, but she also, in a way, was strengthening our abilities to pay attention to what the preacher was saying.

I am further reminded of the happy times spent at the drug stores which were side by side downtown on the square where you drove up and got curb service for a soda, while you visited with friends in other cars and with the nice and friendly people who worked in the drug stores.

Then there are the fond memories of the fun-filled days on the Fourth of July when people came from far and near for the barbecue dinners in the park itself. This was a time for enjoying the pleasures of good eating and good fellowship. It was an activity that was looked forward to with great anticipation each year.

And again quoting Celestine Sibley, "All of this is more than a view, my view. It is a patch of history and of human activity, and I love it."

***Wester**

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accept children is that close. If only one half of the people on this mailing list respond with a gift of \$75.00 the goal will be accomplished.

Special thanks to each of our guests this month. It was a pleasure to have you with us. It is our hope that, God-willing, you will find your way to our door again.

In conclusion, as you can tell by the length of this letter, our hearts are full, we have been blessed with good

things God truly does care for those who are not ashamed to call Him Lord.

His Hands extended, Larry, Beth, Roxann and Ri'Shea Wester, APDO 157, Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca, Mexico

P.S. We just received word that the Church in Zacatepec has DOUBLED in size since the medical clinic!

Happy Birthday

March 3 - Diane Anderson, Lloyd Winkley, Stacy McClure, Harold Thompson, Jim Caldwell, Shane McKinney, Jessica Pagan, Gary Pridemore, Annie Ramos, Lowell McCaleb

March 4 - Ruth Gilliam, Vanessa Rodriguez, Adriene McClanahan, Sarah Pullen, Albert E. Ramos, Garland Allen

March 5 - Ysavel Ramirez, Joe P. Borrego, Derek Ruthardt, Dorothy Pruett, Tyler Williams

March 6 - Jewell Crow, Terri Galan, Anthony Ortiz, Clint Hale, Stephanie Madris, Justin Maldonado

March 7 - Betty Allen, Randi Thompson, Esme Barrera, Ky Montgomery, Rojelio Longoria, Elma Ybarra, Tomasa Ramos, Sofia C. Tijerina, Rachel King, Danny Moran, Francisco Borrego, Maggie Carroll, Joe Esparza, Aaron Pearl

March 8 - Julie Vargas, Irma Tambunga, Marie Pierce, Alexandria Bean, Elma P. Ybarra, Olga Gonzales,

Paul Vargas, Kim Tambunga, Martha Sewell

March 9 - Pon Seahorn, Sandra Childress, Jeannine Henderson, Rosie Ramirez, Phillip Young, Cherrie Davis, Greg Stuart

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Rankin Chamber of Commerce will host a three-day Barbados Do May 28-30 featuring two world championships. The world championship barbados cookoff and the world championship barbados roping will headline events. Also scheduled are a barrel race, a beach volleyball tournament, a scholarship pageant, a horse-shoe tournament, an arts and crafts bazaar, an exhibition roping, games for adults and children and a dance.

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Social Security News

ELDERCARE LOCATOR

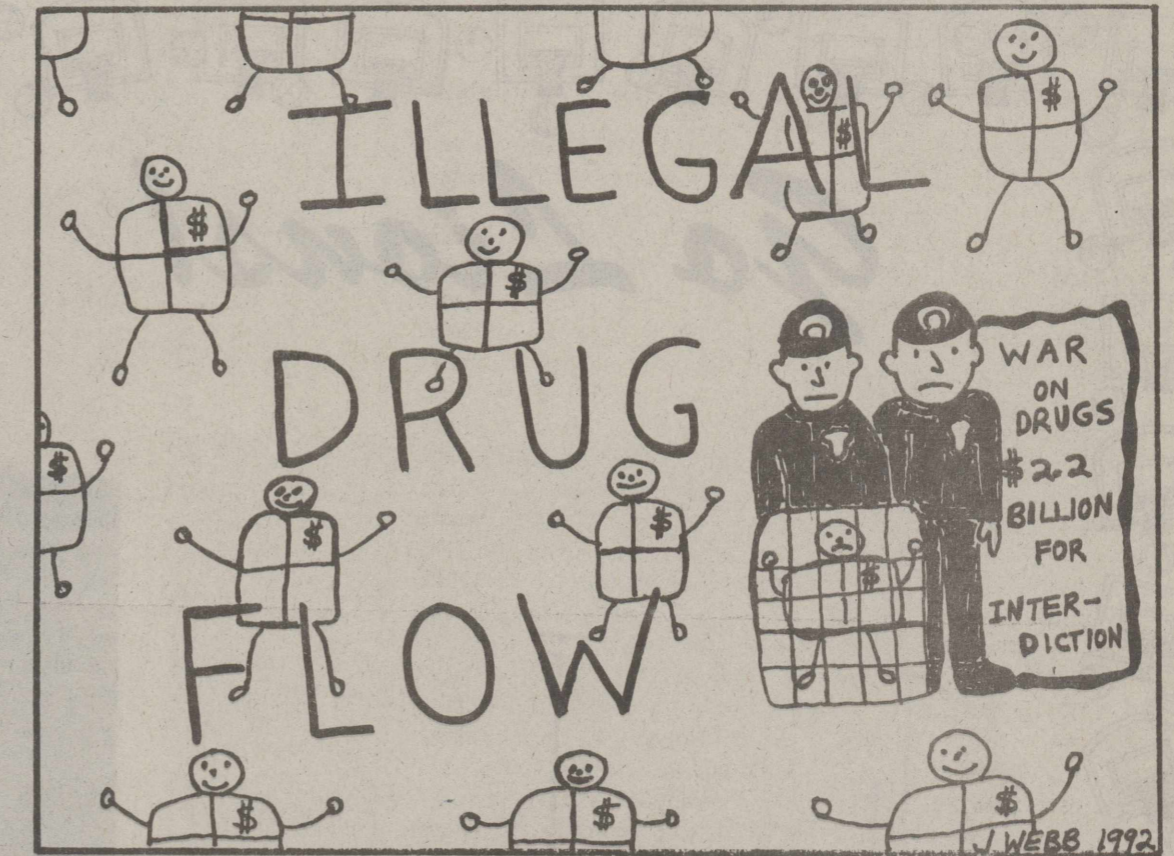
"Older Americans and their families may be interested in knowing about a nationwide information and referral service that is now available," said Franklin H. Upp, Social Security manager in San Angelo.

The Eldercare Locator is a national toll-free number service that can help find appropriate community resources for older people anywhere in the country. "Simply by dialing the toll free number, 1-800-677-1116, you will be referred to a local number for such senior services as nursing homes legal assistance and financial aid," Upp said.

The Eldercare Locator Service, which is funded by the Administration on Aging, began limited operation in May 1991, but went nationwide only this past November. Upp pointed out that early experience shows about half of the callers to the 800 number are family members interested in locating assistance for the care of an older parent or relative; and about a third of the callers are older persons who are themselves interested in locating community services.

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, which helps administer the toll-free number service, states that "The Eldercare Locator ... is a service whose time has come."

The Association notes that improvements in life expectancy and



Dear Scotty and Linda,
I have been following the "War on Drugs" throughout the Bush Administration. Despite the billions spent on trying to stem the flow of illegal drugs across our borders, the traffic of illegal drugs has increased. Cocaine, of course, is the drug that floods across our border in tons per day. The Clinton Administration will inherit the problem. I feel I have a personal stake in the fight against drugs since cocaine cost my brother his life. The solution or solutions to our nation's drug problem continue to be elusive. One thing is clear however, as long as the demand and therefore profits remain, illicit drugs will continue to come across. Against drugs, law enforcement continues to be overwhelmed, as I have tried to point out in this cartoon.

Sincerely,
James Webb

health care have helped to make Americans over the age of 85 the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population. And, it is this age group that is most likely to need assistance from caregivers and/or aging services.

"If you call the Eldercare Locator," Upp said, "You will speak with a trained information specialist. If the lines are busy, you will be told that the next available specialist will take your call and be placed in a waiting queue. The information specialist can help you define exactly the type of service that you are looking for and refer you to the nearest service provider."

The Eldercare Locator toll-free number, 1-800-677-1116, operates from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (eastern times) every business day. During non-business hours, an answering machine will take your call and an information specialist will contact you the following day.

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Cafeteria Menu
March 1... Pizza, Nachos, Buttered Corn, Garden Salad and Milk
March 2... Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Beef, and Milk
March 3... Corn, English Peas, Fruit
March 4... Tuna Sandwich, Tator Tots, Pickle Spears, Peach Slices, White Cake and Milk
March 5... Teacher In-Service Day

Fast Food Menu
March 1... Soft Burrito, Nachos, Buttered Corn, Garden Salad and Milk
March 2... Hamburger, Salad, Tator Tots and Cheese
March 3... Tator Tots, White Cake
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Junior high UIL literary and academic meet results

Saturday, Feb. 27, Ozona Junior High held its second annual U.I.L. literary and academic meet. Six schools participated. They were: Rankin, Comstock, Rocksprings, Iraan, Crane, and Ozona. Several Ozona students placed in the various contests.

Calculator: seventh grade-Haley Holden-4th; eighth grade-Julie Perez-6th

Modern Oratory: seventh grade-Kristen Shurley-3rd; eighth grade-Jackie Lara-3rd and Megan Mitchell-6th

Ready Writing: sixth grade-Courtney Cameron-5th; seventh grade-Jason Baker-1st and Connie Cowan-5th; eighth grade-Jackie Lara-2nd

Oral Reading: sixth grade-Mark Childress-2nd; seventh grade-Autumn McWilliams-1st and Amber McWilliams-4th; eighth grade-Shelly Sullivan-2nd, Megan Mitchell-3rd and Jamie Porter-5th

Maps, Graphs and Charts: sixth grade-Mark Childress-5th; seventh grade-Amber Tarr-1st and Jason Baker-6th; eighth grade-Eric Shelton-1st, Matt Brewer-3rd and Charlie Branch-6th

Listening: seventh grade-Brandon Parlow-6th; eighth grade-Eric Shelton-2nd

Number Sense: sixth grade-Lindsay Flanagan-6th; seventh grade-Amber Tarr-1st, Autumn McWilliams-5th; eighth grade-Julie Perez-2nd

Spelling: seventh grade-Amber Tarr-4th and Evangela Coy-6th; eighth grade-Vicky Flores-6th

Impromptu Speaking: seventh grade-Robby Hamon-3rd; eighth grade-Shelly Sullivan-2nd and Jackie Lara-6th

Dictionary Skills: sixth grade-Lori Sanchez-5th; seventh grade-Amber Tarr-3rd and Amber McWilliams-6th; eighth grade-Melanie Lozano-5th and Megan Tambunga-

6th Life Science: seventh grade-Jason Baker-1st, Gabriel Garza-4th and Brandon Parlow-5th

Earth Science: eighth grade-Matt Brewer-1st and Jason Hignight-4th

A first place trophy was given at each grade level to the school that scored the most total points. The sixth grade high point trophy went to Rocksprings with 169 points. The seventh grade trophy went to Comstock who edged out Ozona by one point with 155 points. The eighth grade trophy went to Ozona with 162 points.

Band Booster news

Members of the Band Booster organization met in the OHS Band Hall on Thursday at 6 p.m.

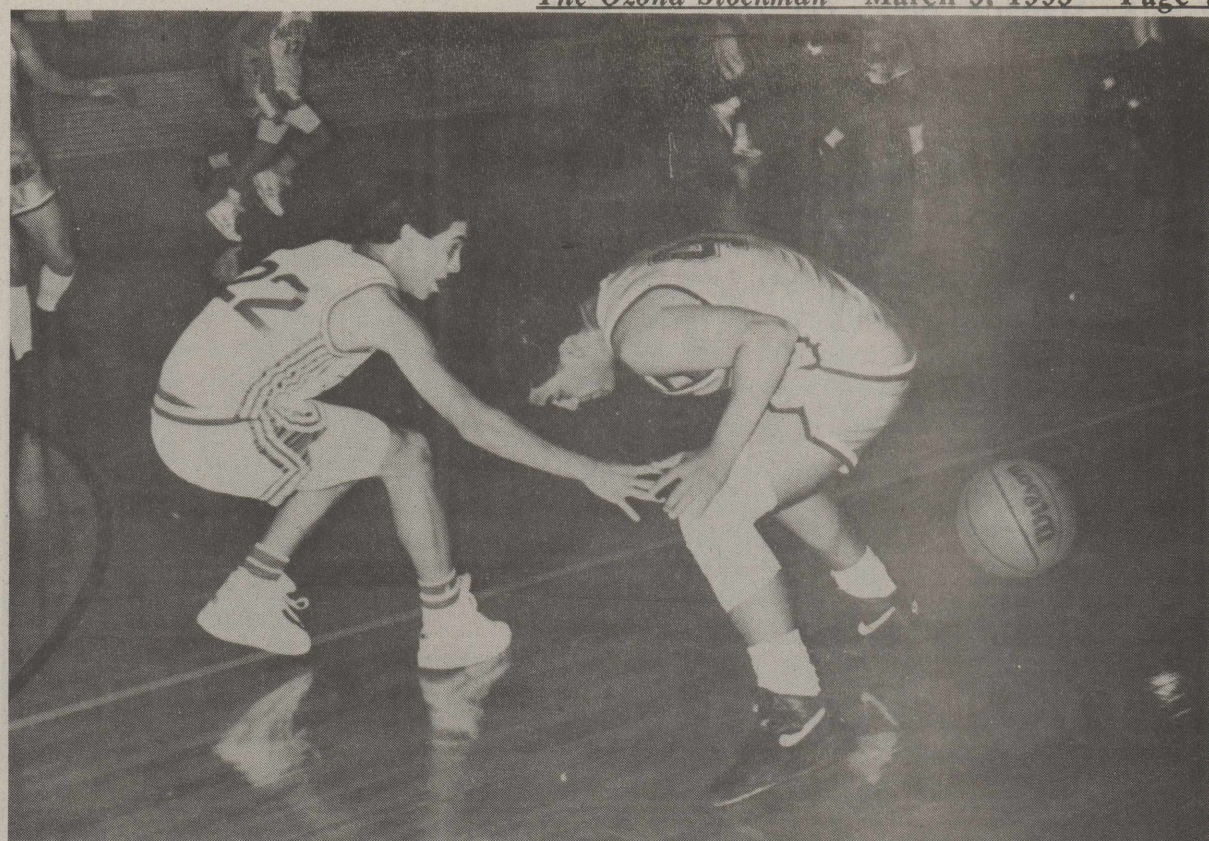
Jeannie Thompson opened the meeting. A pamphlet of U.I.L. guidelines for booster organizations was passed out to members present.

Band director Kelly Glaze reported on Spring contest trip plans for the OHS band. Evelyn Keith made a motion to transfer funds from the Band Booster account to the school account to cover the remaining cost of the trip to New Braunfels. Diane Martinez seconded the motion and it carried. Any funds remaining following the trip will be returned to the Booster account.

Mr. Glaze suggested the piano accompanists for the recent solo and ensemble contest be rewarded. Maggie Carroll made a motion that the Band Booster organization compensate the accompanists for the contest and future solo and ensemble contests. The motion was seconded by Evelyn Keith and carried. District concert and sight reading contest is slated for April 20 in Coleman.

Another band booster meeting will be held prior to the spring trip, probably early April.

Those attending this meeting were the above mentioned and Harold Thompson, Pat Glaze, Virginia Cotton, Nora Madris and Maria Martinez, and Norman Carroll, director.



WHERE DID IT GO! Joe Mendoza tries to regain control of the ball during the Lions district playoff loss to the Wall Hawks on Monday, February 22. Photo by Neal Ulmer

UIL students place in Robert Lee

by Justin Southern

Saturday, Feb. 26, Ozona High School students traveled to Robert Lee to compete in the Robert Lee Invitational Literary Meet. Robert Lee held all events, speaking and non-speaking.

Whitney Vannoy placed first in the Lincoln-Douglas debate, followed by Myra Wilson who placed second. Whitney and Myra met each other in the final round of the debate tournament.

*Boys

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In the running events the Ozona Lions were led by Aaron Carroll's second place finish in the 110 meter high hurdles and 300 intermediate hurdles and he ran a leg on the second place 1600 meter relay team. Owen Powell won the 400 meter run, ran a leg on the 1600 meter and 400 meter relay teams that finished second and third. Michael Kennison was sixth in the discus and seventh in the shot put.

Other team members who competed at the Commanche Relays and

ment.

Jennifer Lee placed fifth in the current events and issues contest. Dora Garcia placed first in the spelling competition. Jennifer Jones placed third in the physics category of the science competition. Doug Meador placed fifth in the number sense contest.

The district UIL competition will be held on Tuesday, March 23, and on Friday, March 26. Both UIL competitions will be held in Ozona.

placed were: Bryan Valdez, third in the 3200 Meter Run and second in the 1600 Meter Run and Rene Tambunga, 7th in the 800 Meter Run. "This keeps going another great tradition of placing in the distance events," said Coach Maldonado.

Other Ozona Lions winning an event were: John Ramirez who won the 3200 meter run, placed third in the 1600 meter run and ran a leg on the 1600 meter relay; Chris Sanchez, who won the triple jump on his first outing of the year.

In the other running events J. J. Lozano was third in the 400 meter run with Michael Mitchell finishing seventh overall. Anthony Sanchez placed third in intermediate hurdles and ran a leg on the 400 meter relay and 1600 meter relay. Newcomer Justin Castro placed seventh in his first 200 meter competition and ran a leg on the third place 400 meter relay team.

"We had a lot of fine individual efforts by all of our participants in the Commanche Relays, especially in the running events and the distance races. I was real proud of our performance from our younger guys which shows a lot of promise for the upcoming season," the coach said.

Members of the relay teams were as follows: 400 meter relay-Robert Bryson, Owen Powell, Justin Castro and Anthony Sanchez; 1600 meter relay-Aaron Carroll, Owen Powell, John Ramirez and Anthony Sanchez.

The Lions will travel to Sanderson Saturday for the Rio Grande Relays with the field events starting at 9:00 a.m., running prelims at 10:30 a.m., the 3200 meter run finals at 1:00 p.m. and the finals will start at 3:30 p.m.

*OHS girls

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The Ladies will participate in the Sanderson meet March 6.

OZONA FACTS AND FIGURES-COMMANCHE RELAYS

High Jump-Dana Bishop, 4-2 (6th)

Triple Jump-Gloria Pena-Alfaro-31-11 (2nd); Dana Bishop-30-9 1/4 (4th); Petra Rios-29-7 3/4 (6th)

3200 Meter Run-Heather Hall-13:18.89 (2nd); Myra Sanchez-13:33.67 (3rd); Tanya Amaya-13:44.49 (4th)

Long Jump-Petra Rios-14-5 (3rd) 800 Meter Run-Heather Hall-2:38.10 (1st); Isabel Esparza-2:49.54 (3rd)

100 Meter Dash-Petra Rios-13.49 (2nd)

800 Meter Relay-Pena-Alfaro, Wilkins, Williams and Rios)-1:59.50 (3rd)

400 meter run-Gloria Pena-Alfaro-1:06.64 (4th); Dana Bishop-1:07.87 (5th)

1600 Meter Run-Myra Sanchez-6:02.97 (2nd); Isabel Esparza-6:24.93 (3rd); Tanya Amaya-6:25.26 (4th)

1600 Relay-(Bishop, Pena-Alfaro, Williams and Sanchez)-4:38.34 (2nd)

Wood shop creations on exhibit

For the second year, Jim White's shop classes are providing hand-made furniture and other wood items for an exhibition of student talent.

Students with items on display at Ozona High School Library are: O. J. Ortiz, shelf; Joe Sanchez, clock; Lupe Llanas, clock; Sam Fuentes and Ray Fierro, table with shelf; Randy Munoz, television stand; Joey Flores, shelf; Mike Gilley, round table; and

Connie Fielder, television/bookshelf.

Special book exhibits in the library during February were organized and arranged by aides Marie Maskill and Alonzo Hernandez. Marie's display recognized February as Black History Month with books by famous black Americans.

Alonzo put together a number of books about baseball, a new team sport for Ozona High School.

Automation underway for OHS Library

On Feb. 11, the computer in high school librarian Sherry York's office showed that 4,121 books had been barcoded with title, author, call numbers and publication information. Books barcoded to that point as the library moves toward automation

include fiction, story collections and nonfiction through the end of the 800 section.

Still to be done were the 900s, the career room, the reference room, paperbacks and all books that were checked out when their section was barcoded.

OHS netters look strong in Fort Stockton

By Don Stark

The Ozona High School tennis teams participated in the Competitive Edge Invitational Tennis Tournament held in Fort Stockton Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25-26, and held their own against much stronger competition. The tournament consisted of ten 4A schools, two 5A schools and three 2A schools and was not broken up into different divisions.

In boys' doubles action, Ryan Morris and Mickey White won their first two matches against Uvalde and Del Rio to advance to the quarterfinals before losing 6-3, 6-3 to Andrews, the second place team in the tournament.

Billy Tramel and John Vasquez won their first match against Monahans before losing to the winning doubles team of the tournament, 5A Midland, by a score of 6-2, 6-3.

Julie Childress and C'Jay McKinney won their first match against Hart, then were defeated by the winner of the girls' doubles title, Andrews. Andrews was a 4A third place state doubles team last year.

In boys' singles action, Marty Martinez won his first match against Pecos, lost his second match against El Paso 7-5, 6-1, then went on to win all of his other matches in his round.

Cris Cornett played hard against Midland and Big Spring before losing both matches.

In girls' singles, Jennifer Evans won her first match against Pecos. She

then had to play a French foreign exchange student from Del Rio who was undefeated for the year. Evans lost 6-2, 6-0. She won all of her remaining singles matches.

Carmen Gutierrez won her first two singles matches against Fort Stockton and El Paso before losing to the second place singles winner from Odessa Permian 6-4, 6-3.

"We learned a lot from this tournament, especially mentally," commented Coach Renee Schulze. "Playing the 4-A and 5A schools really makes us work. I felt very good about our results and look forward to this weekend in Fort Stockton again."

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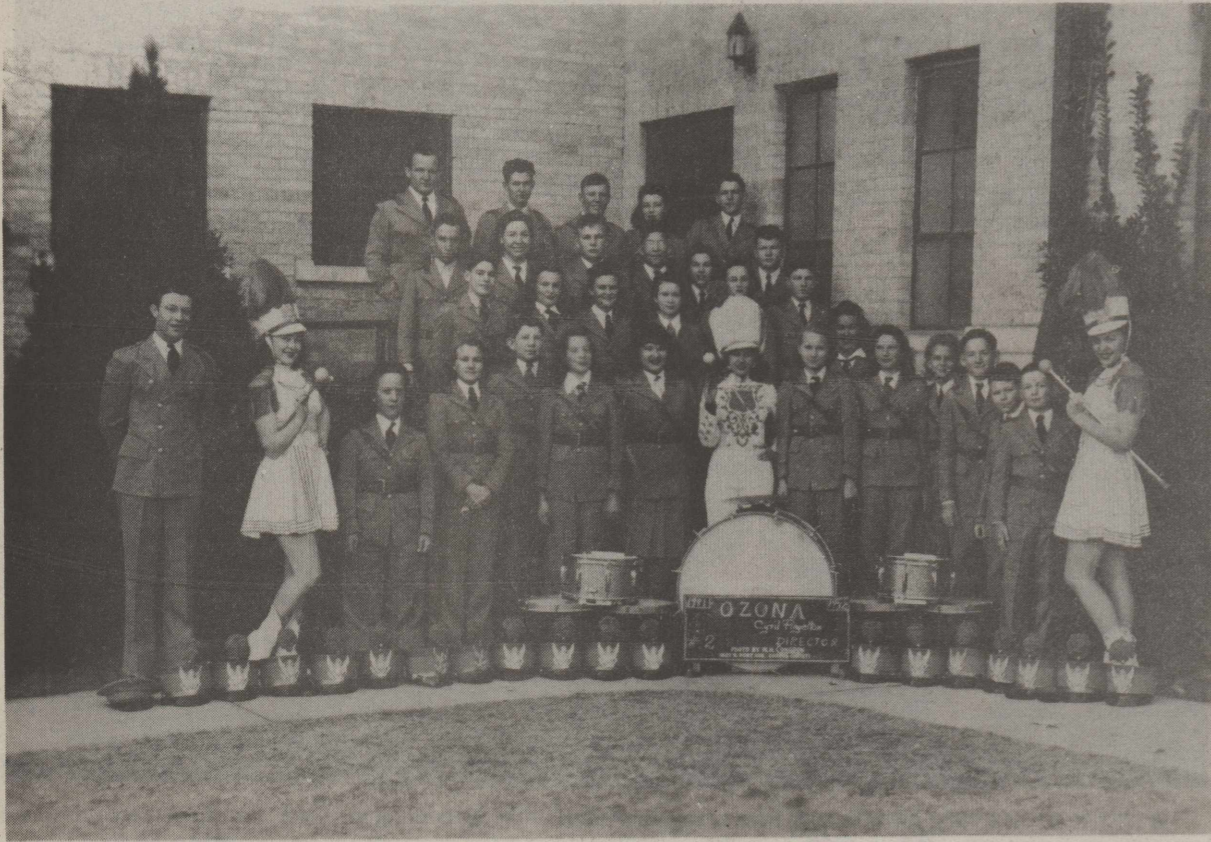
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Texas businesses have March 31 tax renditions deadline

State Comptroller John Sharp reminds Texas businesses that they must render their property with county

Divorces totaled more than half the number of marriage licenses

Divorces granted to Texas couples in 1991 totaled more than half the number of marriages performed, according to statistics from the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

While TDH recorded 178,640 marriage licenses issued in 1991, the state also granted 96,878 divorces, according to Tom Pollard, director of the Statistical Services Division of the TDH Bureau of Vital Statistics.

The year before, 178,613 couples married, while 93,850 divorced.

The most numerous age group of both men (48,962) and women (53,115) who married in 1991 was 20-24 years. Divorces were most common among the 25-29 age group for women (with 20,384 divorces) and among the 30-34 age group for men (with 19,638 divorces).

The largest number of divorces concluded marriages of less than five years (32,694). Some marriages lasted less than a year before divorce (4,588). Among adolescents and teens, 552 girls and 31 boys younger than 15 were married. Meanwhile, among those 65 and older 1,897 women and 3,551 men were married. Divorces involving those 65 and older included 1,014 women and 1,856 men.

About half (47.6 percent, or 46,088) of the divorces in 1991 involved no children, while 24.5 percent or 23,746, involved one child. The total number of children involved in divorces last year was 89,161.

As in previous years, densely populated counties recorded some of the largest numbers of both marriages and divorces. Harris County led in both categories.

appraisal districts by March 31. To render is to list the taxable property that businesses owned or managed as of Jan. 1, 1993.

State law requires that anyone who owns or manages income-producing personal property on Jan. 1 must render with the local appraisal district.

"For example, businesses must report their inventories, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other tangible personal property by filing this annual report," Sharp said. "Appraisal districts use the reports to set business property values. When a business owner doesn't render his or her property, the chief appraiser estimates the value."

Sharp also announced that property owners who had property damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills.

"In late November, tornadoes in the Houston area caused severe property damage. Those owners may be able to get a tax break to help them through the tough times," Sharp said.

While state law requires business owners and operators to render, any property owner - including homeowners, farmers and ranchers - may file one Also, property owners may re-

ceive 30 days to file the reports, but they must ask the appraisal district for the extra days - in writing - by the March 31 deadline.

Homeowners who render are in a better position to apply their rights as taxpayers," Sharp said. "They are ensuring that the appraisal district has their correct address so they will receive notices of an actions that affect their property or tax bills."

If the tax collector can't deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect address, the property owner is still responsible for paying the taxes plus the penalties that result from late payment, Sharp said.

Also, property owners can record their opinions of their property's value. By recording an opinion, property owners have made sure that the appraisal district must send them a notice before placing a higher value on their property. This notice allows property owners the time to gather information to protest the appraisal if they believe the proposed value is too high.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office. Contact the local appraisal district office at 392-2674 or contact the Comptroller's property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121.

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Abused children may develop stress disorder

HOUSTON - For some children, living through abuse and neglect is like growing up in a war zone.

"Some traumatized children develop post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a diagnosis most often associated with combat veterans," said Dr. Bruce Perry, associate professor and vice chairman of psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Perry studies PTSD in adult combat veterans and in children as director of the PTSD programs at Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center and as chief of psychiatry at Texas Children's Hospital.

PTSD, an anxiety disorder which may develop after experiencing a stressful or traumatic event, can also affect rape, violence and burn victims and flood and earthquake survivors.

Only recently have psychiatrists begun to consider PTSD as a diagnosis for traumatized children, and Perry cautions that not all abused children will develop the disorder.

"The child's age, the frequency and type of abuse will make a difference," Perry said. "However, when the abuse involves life-threatening terror and physical violence, PTSD is common."

Children experiencing frequent trauma develop certain behaviors, such as impulsiveness, irritability, and hypervigilance - a constant scanning of the environment.

In addition, they often have higher than normal heart and breathing rates, disturbed sleep and nightmares, mild high blood pressure and increased muscle tone.

"These children's bodies operate at a low-level fear stage most of the time," he said. These characteristics are similar to those of adult PTSD victims.

Perry, one of a few researchers studying the effects of child abuse on the brain, feels this behavior is a result of changes in the brain brought on by traumatic events.

"Traumatic experiences, particu-

larly before age three, have great potential for causing long-term changes in the brain," Perry said. "Brain development is influenced when a child is exposed to too much stress hormone. Stress systems in the brain become sensitized," causing the symptoms of PTSD."

Blood pressure medication, such as clonidine, has proven effective for the physical reactions of these children, but Perry adds that a nurturing, protective environment is more important than any drug.

"These children's brains have

developed perfectly to survive in the violent, unpredictable world in which they were raised. However, that development makes it hard for them to cope and adapt in a healthy environment," he said.

Perry feels many inner city problems - violence, substance abuse, and school dropout rates - are related to early developmental experiences.

"To develop effective treatments, we need more research. We need to listen, learn and understand how traumatic events have changed their lives," Perry said.

New surgery for asthma sufferers

HOUSTON—A simple surgical procedure may help people with asthma who suffer from recurring attacks known as "sinobronchial syndrome."

"Sinobronchial syndrome occurs when patients are treated for an asthma attack, but not the clogged sinuses that triggered the attack. This causes the asthma to return again and again," said Dr. Gene Alford, an assistant professor of otorhinolaryngology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Alford and his colleagues use endoscopic surgery to clear the sinus drainage canals. In the procedure, a tube with a tiny cutting device attached at the end is inserted through the nose.

Through a "telescope," the surgeon opens the bony channels of the sinus and removes excess mucosa, the moist tissue that lines the sinus cavity. In asthmatics or people with allergies, the tissue swells, causing the channels to close.

Endoscopic surgery is easier on the patients than is standard sinus

surgery, says Alford.

"Sinus surgery used to leave large incisions above the mouth, bruising around the eyes and up to two weeks of swelling," he said. "With endoscopic surgery, there is usually no more than an overnight stay, no incisions and no bruises. Plus, it dramatically opens up the sinuses, reducing the likelihood for sinobronchial syndrome."

Alford says the surgery is also effective for people with allergies who have failed "standard medical treatment."

"Obviously, if an over-the-counter drug works, then endoscopic surgery is out of the question," he said. "But if the doctor has tried the normal treatments and drugs, and the allergies persist, then the surgery is usually recommended."

That's good news for the some 40 million American who suffer from allergies or sinusitis, says Alford.

"Endoscopy has really revolutionized sinus surgery," he said. "We're seeing some real good, long-term results. And it's not just for the most extreme cases."

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 Mar. 5-7—Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Alpine. Poetry recitation, music and storytelling by authentic working cowboys at Sul Ross State University. The festivities will include a chuck wagon supper, campfire poetry session and a Western dance. The "Trappings of Texas" exhibition will be featured, Mar. 6-20, in the Big Bend museum. The exhibit showcases the best work of 150 cowboy-gear makers and cowboy artists from throughout the U.S. Contact J.J. Tucker, Sul Ross State University, Box C-190, Alpine, 79832. 915/837-8191 or 915/837-2326.

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Lee Galan on Mediterranean tour

U. S. Marine LCPL Lee Galan is currently on a Mediterranean tour with Alpha Company aboard the USS Sumter. The trip across the Atlantic was interrupted for two days by Hurricane Frances around Bermuda, but after some rough seas, Alpha Co. arrived safely in Rota, Spain. Rota Naval Base is a joint Spanish and American Naval Base.

During their stay there tours were available to other communities in the region. They also had sports competition between the platoons and the Navy. On Nov. 10 a ceremony was held on the pier to commemorate the Marine Corps' 217th birthday.

The stay in Rota was extended to make repairs to the ship's engines. Around Thanksgiving they departed for another port in Spain, and then went on to participate in an exercise in Africa.

Alpha Co. found out that Africa is not all jungle and sand desert. They were greeted by a country that looked very much like Southern California.

Alpha Co. trained with the Royal Moroccan Naval Infantry while on shore. The Moroccans were very friendly. Both forces were happy to work together and exchange different lists of their respective cultures. The Moroccans spoke Arabic, French and Spanish. Language gaps were overcome and military experiences were passed by hand gestures, demonstrations or just plain nods of the head. Several of the bilingual members of the company were extremely helpful.

The exercise was a big success and the Marines and sailors got a unique insight into the culture of North Africa.

After completing the training they loaded up for their holiday port of Valencia, Spain. Valencia is the third largest city in Spain and there was plenty for the Marines and sailors of Alpha Co. to do. They were greeted by two representatives from the USO who provided them with all the pertinent information about Valencia and the surrounding area. The city and people were extremely friendly and receptive which helped to ease the feelings of being away from home at Christmas.

After Christmas, Alpha Co. went to Israel where they participated in the first amphibious landing in that country. After the landing, the company headed to one of the Israeli Army



LEE GALAN

camp to conduct live fire training with their weapons and amphibious assault vehicles. During their 8-day stay at the base camp, the company trained from 0530 (5:30 a.m.) to 2200 (9 p.m.) each day. After their training was completed they headed for the town of Haifa on the Mediterranean Coast to enjoy liberty for the remaining seven days of their stay in Israel. The Marines and sailors had opportunities to see Israel with tours to Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Tel Aviv and various parts of the country. They also participated in tours in and around the town of Haifa to keep up relations with the surrounding area. Many personnel participated in tours/ventures that helped orphanages and old soldiers' homes by painting, restoring and fixing up.

Alpha Co. then left for Italy with two scheduled port stops in that country. They are scheduled to arrive back in the U.S. by mid-April.

In addition to Lee's letters and a few phone calls, his family is being kept up to date on the company's activities by monthly newsletters sent out from Camp Lejeune, his home base in North Carolina. Alpha Co. is at sea a great deal and is unable to post mail until they arrive in port. However, mail to them arrives on a regular basis.

Lee's address is:
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Baseball signup time nearing

Once again it is time to think about baseball. The Crockett County Baseball Board members met Thursday evening, Feb. 25, to discuss and make plans for the 1993 baseball season. Some important dates were set and a few changes made.

Registration was set for Monday, April 19. Those eligible to play are as follows: T-ball—six-year-olds on or before Aug. 31 through seven-year-olds for boys and eight-year-olds for girls; Minor league—eight years-old on or before Aug. 31 through ten-year-olds; Major league—is for 10, 11 and 12 year-olds and Senior league—13 and 14 year-olds.

All ten, eleven and twelve year-olds must show up for try outs on Tuesday, April 20, unless they played on a major league last year, then they will play on the same team this year. Some of the changes made were: There will be absolutely no registra-

tion after April 19. If you have a problem being at registration on the 19th contact one of the board members before that date. If you have children coming for the summer please let the board know.

There will be no eleven or twelve year-olds (boys or girls) playing in minor league. Although, all children will have a chance to play.

With the ever increasing cost of insurance and safe playing equipment, a nominal fee of \$5 per child will be charged with a family paying no more than \$10.

Our first games are set for Monday, May 3, and the Crockett County All Star Tournament is set for June 18 and 19.

If you have any questions regarding these new rules, contact Ray Don Myers at 392-5243, Vonda Flanagan at 392-3721 or Sally Roane at 392-2706.

Field and Stream organizational meeting held

Crocket County 4-H Field and Stream held its organizational meeting March 1 at 6 p.m. in the civic center.

The purpose of the meeting was to explain this year's program, develop a current enrollment list for newsletters, and have the necessary releases signed by parents and/or guardians.

This year's program will be divided into segments so a child can participate in the entire program or that which interests him or her the most. The first few months will alternate between outdoor skills and wildlife/nature, and will include several overnight campouts.

Fishing and hunting portions will begin in the summer and run into fall. "We're going to have lots of fun while learning about the outdoors, so be sure and attend the meetings so you won't

miss out on any of the activities," said leader Tina Moran.

A slide show was presented on what 4-H Field and Stream is and release and enrollment forms were handed out.

Those present included: Paul and Ginger Perner and son Paul, Wilda Ramos and son Ray, Jonathan and Chris Kennedy, Larry W. Solansky, Sara and Amanda Hignight, Flo Moran, Scott Killiam, Shorty Flanagan, Charles and Tripp Farris, Joe and Tina Moran, David McWilliams, Neal Ulmer and Bob Harris.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 16, at 6 p.m. at the civic center. Outdoor skills and wildlife/nature will be the subjects taught by leaders Dee Keilers, Tina Moran, David McWilliams and Neal Ulmer.

For additional information, call the Extension Office at 392-2721 or Tina Moran at 392-3210.

Crockett County 4-H Shooting Team report

by Nancy Harris

Before my report this week on our team's progress I would like to tell you a few things about the purpose of the shooting club. Our primary concern is the teaching of gun safety.

For the children to understand gun safety they must be taught the parts of their rifles and how they work. They must learn about the ammunition they will be using. They must learn how to handle their rifles safely, such as the proper direction in which they will point their rifles, when the ammunition is to be put in, when they are ready to fire, and when to cease fire. All of these are taught by commands.

They are taught how to pick up and put down their rifles safely. The young shooters are taught how to care for their rifles and the fundamentals of rifle shooting. The shooters must learn these things before they are ever allowed to shoot their first shots.

The children will be learning different positions from which the rifles can be shot, such as standing, sitting, and prone positions. Some of the shooters, due to their size, must use rests for the weight support of the rifles. For scoring purposes these rests cannot be used for the scores to count.

Remember our deadline:
Monday at 5 p.m.

Our top shooters for the week of Feb. 22 were Kyle Richardson with a score of 24/21 and Kimberly Nowell with an 11/11 score. The other shooters at the meeting were: R. J. Fierro, Jonathan Kennedy, Chet Stuart, Hayse Worthington, Shane Albers, Dusten Smith, and Thomas Sertain. We say to our shooters, "Good job."

Lordy, Lordy Look Who's 40!



Crockett County

Sheriff's Report

WEEK ENDING 3-2-93
ARRESTS:

2-23...19-year-old Cody Dean Pearson of Ozona was arrested on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and minor in possession of alcohol. He was released on 2-24 after posting bond on his charges. The cases will be tried in county court and JP court.

2-23...22-year-old George Medina of Ozona was arrested on charges of making alcohol available to a minor. He was released on 2-24 after posting bond. The case will be tried in county court.

2-23...32-year-old Blas Vargas Perez of Ozona was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana. He was released on 2-24 after posting bond. The case will be tried in county court.

2-23...17-year-old James D. Adkins of Ozona was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana. He was released on 2-24 after posting bond. The case will be tried in county court.

2-24...45-year-old Leo Henry Tkadlec of New Mexico was arrested on a warrant out of San Antonio charging him with theft by check. He was released on 2-25 after posting bond. The case will be tried in San Antonio.

2-27...42-year-old Jack Morris of Onalaska was arrested on a warrant charging him with theft out of Polk County. He was released later in the

day after bond was posted. The case will be tried in Polk County.

2-27...35-year-old Gerardo V. Duran of Del Rio was arrested on a warrant out of Midland County charging him with driving while intoxicated. He was released on 2-28 after posting bond. The case will be tried in Midland County.

2-27...18-year-old Victor Juan Villa of Ozona was arrested on charges of minor in possession of alcohol. He was released after pleading guilty in JP Court.

2-27...17-year-old Daniel Caldera of Ozona was arrested on charges of minor in possession of alcohol. He was released on 2-28 after pleading guilty in JP Court.

2-28...30-year-old Roberto Rodriguez of Ozona was arrested on charges of public intoxication. He was released later in the day after pleading guilty in JP Court.

INCIDENTS:

2-28...Victor Newton reported that someone had been driving around on the golf course at the country club. Sheriff's deputies are investigating the offense.

3-1...Tie Bishop reported the theft of several checks from his business checkbook. Sheriff's deputies are investigating the theft and the report that one of the checks was forged and passed at Perry Motors. Forgery is a felony offense punishable by sentencing to the Texas Prison System.

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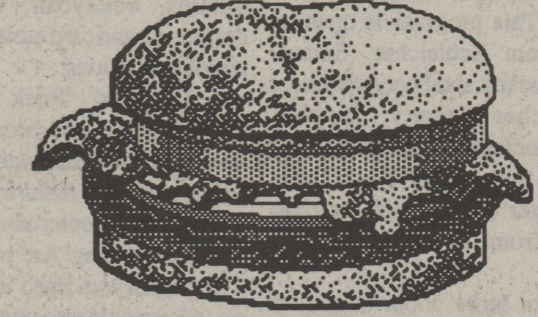
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Two make SRSU Dean's List

Two students from Ozona were named to the Sul Ross State University Dean's List for the fall semester. They were Nancy L. Bennett and Dottie Gonzalez. Both had a 4.0 average.

Sul Ross named 299 students to the honor list. Undergraduate students who are enrolled for 12 or more semester hours and maintain a grade point average of 3.3 or better are eligible for the Dean's List. Graduate

New doctor for Eldorado

Schleicher County Medical Center is pleased to welcome Dr. Sergio Sobredo, Jr., M.D. to the Eldorado area and announces the opening of his office at the Medical Center on March 8.

Originally from Fort Lauderdale, FL area, Dr. Sobredo received his M.D. from the University of Seville in Cadiz, Spain, in 1982. He completed his 3-year family practice residency at New York Medical College Hospitals in 1985 and received diplomat status by the American Board of Family Practice the same year.

With the specialty of family practice being considered the model for rural practice, Dr. Sobredo plans to develop a long-term relationship with this area of West Texas bringing quality-oriented health care to the area.

hours are not included in the Dean's List computations.

Stokes named to Dean's Honor Roll

John Tom Stokes of Ozona is listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall quarter at Texas State Technical College in Waco.

Stokes, a student in the air conditioning and refrigeration technology program, is the son of Tommy and JoNel Stokes.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes the scholastic achievement of students with a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.9.

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Extension Connection

By Tedra Ulmer, County Extension Agent
"Texas Agricultural Extension Service"

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR VEGGIES TODAY?

The United States Department of Agriculture's Food Guide Pyramid recommends eating three to five servings of vegetables daily. Yet, despite these recommendations, vegetables seem to have disappeared from the daily diets of many people. For some unknown reason, they think vegetables are boring and yucky.

This misperception, and that's exactly what it is, is beginning to change. Vegetables are becoming an important part of a balanced diet. Vegetables come in many colors, shapes, sizes, forms, flavors and textures. They contribute interest and variety to meals in countless ways. They are fun to cook and to eat. Their versatility makes them an asset in most meals.

Vegetables can be eaten in many forms - raw, canned, frozen or dried. They can be eaten in sandwiches, salads, soups and main dishes. Our enjoyment of vegetables is limited only to our ability to serve them in interesting ways. We can pick and choose from an endless number of different and unusual vegetables.

Vegetables score very high nutritionally. They contain a variety of vitamins, minerals and fiber. For example, the dark green leafy vegetables are a good source of iron and calcium. Minerals such as sodium, magnesium, potassium, iodine, calcium, copper, molybdenum and manganese are also present in varying amounts in many vegetables.

A number of vegetables contain significant amounts of vitamin C. Examples include broccoli, sweet green and red peppers, and green leafy vegetables (like kale and collards) and

tomatoes. Others include asparagus tips, Brussels sprouts, raw cabbage, garden cress, kale, kohlrabi, mustard greens, Irish and sweet potatoes (cooked in their jackets), spinach, tomato juice and turnip greens. Since we get vegetables from all over the world, we are almost certain to get the necessary amounts of these minerals if we eat the recommended number of servings, which is 3-5 per day. Vitamin C is needed for healthy gums and body tissues. Our diet should provide about 60 milligrams of vitamin C per day.

Deep green and deep yellow vegetables are good sources of vitamin A and beta carotene. Examples include broccoli, carrots, chard, collards, cress, kale, pumpkin, spinach, sweet potatoes, winter squash, turnip greens and other dark greens. Vitamin A helps you maintain good vision and is essential for the proper functioning of many body organs.

Remember, vegetables are an important part of a balanced diet and can be a delicious way to get the nutrients you need without adding a lot of extra calories - unless, of course, you add fat or other high-calorie seasonings during cooking.

If you have questions or need research-based information on the link between diet, nutrition and health, or would like a program for your civic group or organization, call 392-2721. Programs and information provided by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, national origin or handicap.

Spring Fling planned for 55 and older

Experience spring and nature at its best this year "Deep in the Heart of Texas". That's what folks 55 and over will be doing at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood when several hundred enjoy the 15th annual Spring Fling during April, says Tedra Ulmer,

Crockett County Extension Agent - H.E.

Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, four weeks are offered from which men and women alike may choose: Spring Fling I - April 6-9; Spring Fling II - April 13-16; Spring Fling III - April 20-23; Spring Fling IV - April 27-30.

Opportunities include hands-on learning centers where one can learn leather working, oil painting, wood-working, stained glass and other exciting projects. Educational programs on topics such as horticulture, photography, nutrition, finances and other current interests are a popular highlight.

Boat rides and fishing on Lake Brownwood add popularity to your stay. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card table games are all popular activities.

A special "Rock Around The Clock" theme will provide a festive atmosphere to the event. Thursday's theme party will feature some exciting activities and entertainment.

Spring Fling! Are you 55 or older? Then it's for you. Each week is limited to 165 participants at a nominal fee. Get away and learn to make the most of the best years of your life. Call your county Extension office today at 392-2721.

Schleicher County Medical Center awarded VA contract

Schleicher County Medical Center was inspected by representatives from the Veterans Administration and awarded a VA contract effective March 1, 1993.

West Texas veterans needing skilled nursing home care will no longer need to reside in Big Spring or Kermit. This program is open to veterans from Schleicher, Sutton, Menard, Crockett and Pecos counties.

Schleicher County Hospital Administrator James Blum states, "The veterans of this area of West Texas will no longer be separated by great distances from both family and friends."

To learn more about eligibility contact VA representative Pat Enoch of Eldorado, or call Schleicher County Medical Center in Eldorado at (915) 853-2507.

Texas Senate week in review

The Texas Senate met Monday morning, Feb. 22, and agreed to concur on House amendments to SJR 4, by Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo. As proposed, SJR 4 requires the submission to the voters a constitutional amendment to authorize the issuance of \$750 million in state general obligation bonds to assist school districts in financing facilities, and repealing the authorization for \$750 million in state revenue bonds guaranteed by the permanent school fund. The constitutional amendment will be submitted to Texas voters on May 1, 1993. Also on Monday, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock endorsed a comprehensive plan adopted by the Sen. Finance Commit-

tee to expand opportunities for higher education in the border region. The package, worth \$3.15 billion, calls for the construction of academic buildings and science facilities and provides money for academic program development.

On Tuesday, the Senate met in joint session with the House to commemorate the bicentennial of Texas war hero Sam Houston's birthdate. Among those present for the ceremonies were Gov. Ann Richards, former U. S. House speaker Jim Wright, and several descendants of Sam Houston. After the commemorative ceremony, the joint session continued with a State of the Judiciary address by Chief Jus-

ice Thomas R. Phillips of the Texas Supreme Court. Phillips outlined four challenges for the Legislature: calling for a simplified and efficient court structure; enacting a comprehensive judicial redistricting structure; judicial campaign reform; and devising a new method for selecting judges.

The Senate met Wednesday morning and concurred on House amendments to CSSB 4, products liability legislation, by Sen. Carl Parker of Port Arthur. Also passed was CSSB 27 by Sen. Mike Moncrief of Fort Worth. As proposed CSSB 27 authorizes the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to cancel a retailer's wine and beer permit for up to one

year if the premises is located in a county with a population of 575,000 or more, and the chief of police or sheriff has submitted a sworn statement to the TABC that the business endangers the general welfare, health, peace, or morals of the community.

The Senate met Thursday and passed nine bills worth \$1.4 billion. The bills passed will be coupled with another 10 measures to be incorporated in the Senate appropriations bill to free up a total of \$2.3 billion for the upcoming biennium. The combined package of 19 measures came from Comptroller John Sharp's recommendations. The \$1.4 billion is being freed up by spending reductions, accelerating tax payments, and delaying book-keeping transfers between major state funds. The breakout on the general revenue impact of the bills follows.

\$13.5 million Bill CSSB78 psychiatric nursing homes; \$63.1 million CSSB79 Medicaid selective contracting; \$785.7 million CCCSSB82 Tax-related issued (\$211 million sales tax speedup, \$283 million motor fuels tax transfer delay, \$95 million insurance tax speedup, \$76 million protest tax payments to GR, \$33 million franchise tax speedup, \$40 million enhanced enforcement/collections, \$38 million motor fuels tax enforcement fee, \$9 million hotel tax speedup); \$13.7 CSSB 369 Highway help to other agencies; \$59.6 CSSB378 Criminal Justice issues; \$449.2 CSSB380 Education payment delays (\$250 million one-week school payment delay, \$180 million higher education payment delay, \$20 million limiting doctoral student credits); \$1.1 million CSSB 383 Agency advisory committees; \$14.5 CSSB 384 Finance Management.

Early detection of diabetes can avert disability, death

As many as 850,000 Texans may be afflicted—many of them unknowingly—with illness that may lead to blindness, amputations or kidney dialysis. Some will die.

They are the growing number of people with diabetes. With 3,593 deaths from diabetes or its complications during 1991, the disease was the state's seventh-ranked cause of death that year.

Since onset of the disease is so subtle, thousands of its victims are unaware of their illness until permanent, even fatal, damage is done. Health officials estimate that this year alone, 850 Texans will go blind because of diabetic eye disease. More than 3,200 will undergo amputations and more than 1,100 will be diagnosed with diabetic kidney disease.

The Texas Department of Health

and the Texas Diabetes Council stress that early detection, education of patients, ready medical supplies and health care are vital to lessening the tragedy and cost of diabetes' complications.

Besides the death and disability associated with diabetes, the combined costs of medical care, lost productivity and operational expense for state programs is about \$2.7 billion yearly.

By the year 2000, as many as 1.05 million Texans may have developed the illness.

Dora McDonald, director of the Texas Diabetes Council, said that the post-World War II baby boomers, the largest age group of the state's population, will be middle-aged at the turn of century. She said that although anyone at any age can have diabetes, people 40 or older, those who are obese or who have family histories of diabetes are especially at risk.

"In their 40s, many people begin to add unwanted weight. And with the additional pounds, their risk of developing diabetes greatly increases. Signs of diabetes are slow to develop, and some people may have it for a decade or more before advanced symptoms alert them," McDonald explained.

She said that others at high risk of diabetes are Hispanics, the fastest growing population segment in Texas. "Although the reasons for their heightened susceptibility continue to be an area of research and investigation, the fact that Mexican-Americans are expected to comprise a majority of the Texas population by the year 2010 almost guarantees much higher numbers of cases," she said.

Planned Parenthood expands with two new services

Planned Parenthood of West Texas, Inc. is pleased to announce the expansion of its reproductive health care to offer two new services to the women of West Texas.

In addition to pap smears; screening for anemia, diabetes and cholesterol; mammograms; birth control methods and education, and prenatal care, the Depo-Provera contraceptive injection will be offered at all clinic sites and abortion services will be offered at the Midland Clinic.

Depo-Provera will be available within 90 days and abortion services by the end of the year.

PPWT has nine clinic sites in eight towns throughout West Texas. These clinics serve over 17,000 women per year, 89% of whom are below federal poverty level.

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OJHS tennis teams duel Reagan County

by Don Stark

The Ozona Junior High tennis teams traveled to Big Lake last Thursday, Feb. 25, and won 12 out of 22 matches played against the Reagan County Junior High tennis teams.

In girls' singles play, Shelley Sullivan won two matches (6-1)(8-6), Glenna Ross won one match (6-0), and Christina White won one match (6-0).

In boys' singles, Matt Brewer won one match (6-0), Jim Westbrook won one match (6-0), Rob Nelson won one match (6-4) and Rob Hamon won one match (6-1).

Megan Mitchell and Tonya Petty won their match 6-3 in girls' doubles action. Christy Pridmore and Bobby Bryson won 6-4 against a girls' doubles team and 6-4 against a boys' doubles team.

In boys' doubles play, Jamie Ramos and Ricky Hanson won 6-4, and Bryon Beasley and Rob Hamon won 6-1.

Other participants for Ozona in

the meet were: Sal Ramos, Frankie Ramos, David Martinez, Gabriel Garza, Charlie Branch, Jason Stuart, Jason Hignight, David Arredondo, Michelle Marshall, Christina Marshall, Lauren Wilkins, Connie Cowen, Misty Gomez, and Neryeda Lugo.

Coach Tamara Jones' racketeers were scheduled to play another dual meet in Big Lake on Monday, March 1, and to participate in a tournament in Iraan on Saturday, March 6.

Junction Stockyards Report

Junction Stockyards reported the sale of 165 head of cattle Feb. 19. The market was active on all with steers selling steady to strong. Choice heavy steers were \$1 higher. Choice light heifer calves were \$1-\$2 higher with medium and heavy heifers selling steady. Packer cows were \$3-\$5 higher and stocker cows were in good demand.

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- Choice Hvy. Steer Calves .87-\$1.01#
- Med. Quality Steer Calves .85-.93#
- Choice Steer Yearlings .84-.91#
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- Choice Lt. Heifer Calves .92-\$1.18# few up to \$1.26#
- Choice Med. Heifer Calves .84-.93#
- Choice Hvy. Heifer Calves .83-.90#
- Med. Quality Heifer Calves .80-.86#
- Choice Heifer Yearlings .80-.87#
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- Commercial & Utility Cows .50-.61#
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- Low Yielding Canners 42-.45#
- Bulls .58-.64#
- Stocker Cows \$500-\$760 hd.
- Stocker Pairs \$600-\$830 pr.

The stockyards sold 6671 head of goats and sheep Feb. 22. Lambs sold \$2-\$4 higher. Slaughter ewes and bucks were steady to \$2 higher. Stocker Angoras and thin slaughter Angoras were steady. Slaughter Angora muttons sold \$2-\$4 higher. Spanish kids and nannies were \$2-\$3 higher and billies and muttons were steady to \$3 higher.

- Choice Spring Lambs .85-.92#
- Choice Old Crop Lambs .75-.80#
- Heavy Lambs .73-.77#
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- Thin Ewes .33-.39#
- Bucks .35-.42#
- Choice Young Angoras \$35-\$45 hd. in hair
- Med. Angoras \$28-\$34 hd. in hair
- Choice Aged Nannies \$28-\$35 hd.
- Choice Aged Muttons \$35-\$45 hd.
- Angora Kids shorn choice \$30-\$37; med. \$24-\$30 hd.; thin \$15-\$22
- Weighing Angoras shorn thin .26-.34#; fat .35-.42#
- Big Fat Spanish Muttons and Billies \$65-\$95 hd.; few up to \$145
- Fat Yearlings \$45-\$65 hd.
- Big Fat Spanish Nannies \$37-\$51 hd.
- Stocker Nannies \$37-\$45 hd.
- Fat Kids \$33-\$45; few at \$47
- Small Kids \$23-\$33 hd.; few baby kids \$10-\$15 hd.

Free tape privilege abused at high school library

What started as a helpful gesture by the local Ministerial Alliance had only limited success due to the selfishness of a few "bad apples" according to a newsletter put out by the OHS Library.

The local church group was concerned about young people in the community who needed help. They approached the school board about making cassette tapes available through the library for students.

These tapes were placed on a rack near the library entrance. To protect the privacy of all students, the tapes were numbered and students were asked to take only one tape at a time.

The tapes dealt with topics such as drugs, suicide, loneliness, anorexia, pregnancy, drinking and parents.

As soon as the tapes were out, the rush was on to grab as many as could be stuffed in a pocket or hidden in a coat.

"Were these people taking the tapes to listen to?" questions librarian Sherry York. "I don't think so," said Mrs. York. "They didn't stop to think about how they might be hurting their friends by keeping them from getting help they might need."

"If you were one of the lucky few who actually got a tape to listen to, how about letting us know what you thought. Also, if you have an idea about how we might do the tapes a better way, let us hear from you."

Texas expands transportation alternatives

Despite sluggish economic news affecting travel spending across the U.S., tourism spending increases in Texas far outstripped those of the nation from 1990 to 1991, according to comparative information released from the Texas Department of Commerce Tourism Division and the U. S. Travel Data Center.

Commerce's Tourism Division will soon release a study titled *Economic Impact of Travel on Texas Counties, 1990-1991* showing domestic tourism spending in Texas grew 5.5 percent. When international tourism spending is factored in, the increase was 6.4 percent.

For Texas, these amounts represent \$18 billion per year and almost \$21 billion per year, respectively, according to Tourism Division officials. Total state tax revenue during 1991 was \$832.3 million; local communities received \$533.4 million in tax revenues.

Tourism Division officials estimate that 410,000 jobs in Texas are directly related to the tourism and travel industry, accounting for 5.8 percent of total employment in the state for 1991. If all tourism and travel related jobs in 1991 had not been in existence, the 6.6 percent state unemployment rate for that year would have swelled to 11.8 percent.

For every \$50,246 spent in Texas by U.S. and international travelers, one job was generated during 1991, officials estimate.

A further analysis by the Tourism Division indicates that Texas had 6 percent of the total U.S. market share for tourism spending in 1991.

Analysis by the U.S. Travel Data Center for the nation as a whole during 1991 indicates domestic tourism spending increased only 1.7 percent over 1990. Adding international tourism spending to the national amount during 1991 increased the US TDC's estimate to an increase of 3.1 percent. Comparative dollar amounts for the nation as a whole were not available.

"We aggressively market Texas as a premiere tourist destination and the numbers clearly show that our marketing is working. The Tourism Division's efforts have contributed to that success," said Cathy Bonner, executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce.

There is a 30-day comment period once the procedures appear in the Texas Register.

Commissioner of Transportation Ray Stoker Jr. of Odessa said privately owned roads could give the department more leverage to improve the state's transportation plan or the existing regional transportation plan, "Stoker said. "If that road is to be built where a state project was already planned, then the department could use obligated funds to build other congestion-reliever roads."

The new rules also require that private entities or corporations hold at least one public hearing to ensure community participation and that they provide the department with a summary analysis and verbatim transcript of the hearing.

"This is crucial. We want the public to have plenty of opportunity to voice their opinions about a privately owned road in their community and we want to know what they are saying," said commission member David Bernsen of Beaumont.

According to the rules, to grant approval the commission and the department must also consider the project's effects on motorists' safety, local economies, the environment and the flow of traffic from the anticipated North American Free Trade Agreement.

Outdoor Expo poster, essay, poetry contest announced

Fifteen fortunate Texas school students will be awarded a lifetime combination hunting and fishing license as winners of the Texas Outdoor Expo '93 poster, essay and poetry contest. The theme will be "Enjoying the Outdoors—Wisely".

The contest is similar to a contest during Texas Wildlife Expo '92 that presented lifetime licenses to several youngsters for winning posters and essays.

The poster contest is open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade and must be on standard-size poster cardboard (approximately 22 inches by 28 inches) and be in any medium. Students in grades seven through 12 are eligible for the essay contest. Essays must be 500-1,000 words. The new poetry contest is open for students from kindergarten through 12th grade and poems must be 50-500 words.

Winning entries will be published statewide and, in addition to the lifetime hunting and fishing license, winners will receive the Texas Wildlife Viewing Guide and a one-year subscription to Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine. The total value of each prize is more than \$800.

One winner will be selected from each grade level for the poster and essay contests. Two poetry winners will be selected, one in the kindergarten through sixth grade category and another for seventh through 12th graders. All entries will be judged by members of the Texas Outdoor Writers Association.

Deadline for entering the contests is June 1. One entry (either poster, essay or poetry) per individual may be submitted. Winners must be Texas residents. All entries become property of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and will not be returned. Children of the immediate family of TPWD employees are ineligible.

Mail entries to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Outdoor Expo '93 Contest, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, 78744. For more information, call 1-800-792-1112 or (512) 389-4800.

Texas Outdoor Expo '93 is scheduled for Oct. 1-3 at TPWD headquarters in Austin. All winners will be announced and honored at the celebrity banquet on Oct. 1.

Pilot program gives state more flexibility

Distributing federal funds to community airports just became easier for state aviation officials.

The State Block Grant Program gives state officials the lead in carrying out the Airport Improvement Program for all of the state's airports except the urban commercial airports and those assigned to relieve their congestion.

The block grant pilot program, started in October 1990 and expanded for fiscal year 1993, will allow the state greater discretion in selecting and developing projects. "We will still follow FAA guidelines but we'll gain greater flexibility in the day-to-day administration of the program," said Dave Fulton, Division of Aviation director for the Texas Department of Transportation.

"Our participation starts with the fiscal year 1993 funding," Fulton said. Texas was allocated \$14.9 million for this year. Texas was one of four states selected for the program, and the only one in the FAA's southwest region. Other states included nationally are Michigan, Wisconsin and New Jersey.

Texas tourism trends outpace nation's

Private owned roads may soon give Texans more transportation alternatives, add emphasis to border needs and expand infrastructure.

At its monthly meeting, the Texas Transportation Commission proposed new procedures for private entities or corporations to follow to obtain commission and Texas Department of Transportation approval to connect a privately owned road with the state highway system. State law prohibits connecting privately owned roads with state highways, bridges or roads unless approved by the commission and the department.

There is a 30-day comment period once the procedures appear in the Texas Register.

Commissioner of Transportation Ray Stoker Jr. of Odessa said privately owned roads could give the department more leverage to improve the state's transportation plan or the existing regional transportation plan, "Stoker said. "If that road is to be built where a state project was already planned, then the department could use obligated funds to build other congestion-reliever roads."

The new rules also require that private entities or corporations hold at least one public hearing to ensure community participation and that they provide the department with a summary analysis and verbatim transcript of the hearing.

"This is crucial. We want the public to have plenty of opportunity to voice their opinions about a privately owned road in their community and we want to know what they are saying," said commission member David Bernsen of Beaumont.

According to the rules, to grant approval the commission and the department must also consider the project's effects on motorists' safety, local economies, the environment and the flow of traffic from the anticipated North American Free Trade Agreement.

Mountain lion reports up

Almost 250 mountain lion sightings and more than 100 mortalities were reported to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 1992, many turning up in areas of the state they haven't been seen in before.

The department received 242 verified sightings during the year, coming from all ecological regions except the Blacklands Prairie and the High Plains, said Bill Russ of Sanderson, TPWD's principal investigator for mountain lions. As expected, the Trans-Pecos had 73 verified sightings as did the Edwards Plateau. The Post Oak region had 16 sightings and the Pineywoods two.

"Verified sightings definitely are increasing in the eastern third of the state over the last two years," he said.

One of the most unusual sightings of the year was reported by two fishermen at the J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area near Port Arthur. The men reportedly saw the lion in one tree as they were going fishing and in another tree as they returned.

Sightings also were reported along the Red River (two) and the Canadian River near Amarillo.

The department also received information on 127 confirmed animal mortalities, 72 in the Trans-Pecos. Thirty-nine of the mortalities were reported in the Edwards Plateau, 95 percent of those in Terrell, Val Verde and Crockett counties. There were no confirmed mortalities in East Texas.

A deer hunter took a 150-pound male mountain lion in Llano County. Other examples of some of the areas where lions were taken include near Breckenridge and west of Snyder in Borden County.

"Mountain lions are definitely being spotted in places they haven't been seen in recent times," Russ said.

The department depends upon the public to provide information about mountain lion sightings and kills. If anyone sees or kills a mountain lion they are encouraged to report it to their local wildlife biologist or game warden or call TPWD headquarters in Austin at 1-800-792-1112 or (512) 389-4800.

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