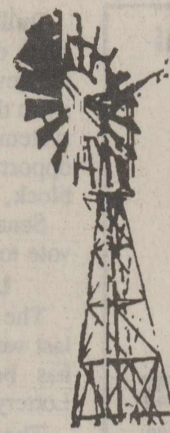
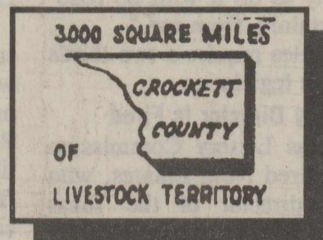


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Texas "Wealthy" School Districts Not Always Rich

Lt. Governor Bob Bullock said Jan. 17 that an analysis of nearly 100 school districts that are required by the "Robin Hood" law to share property tax money with Texas' poorer school districts shows more than half have per capita personal income below the state average.

"This pokes a hole in the idea that many so-called rich districts are filled with rich people," Bullock said. He said 54 of the 91 school districts subject to the state's Robin Hood funding law have per capita of less than \$19,716 based on the county census figures where the districts are located.

"Property wealth that can come from a major industry, a plant or oil wells does not always mean the people are rich. That is as good a reason as any to re-examine the state's Robin Hood school funding law. It's good evidence that the system is not the fairest way to fund education," he said.

Bullock again has urged lawmakers to take a look at the state's Robin Hood provisions that require 91 Texas school districts to send tax money to other schools.

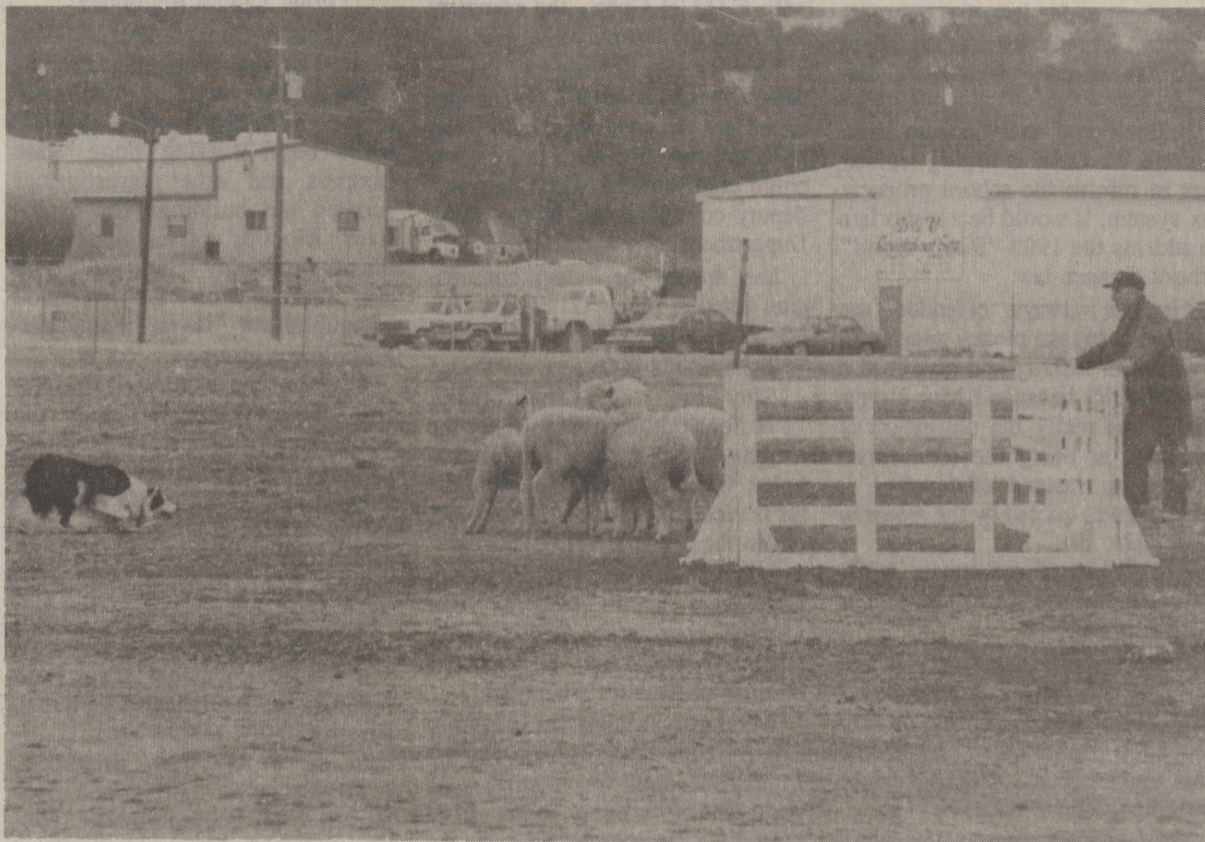
"I have never been a fan of Robin Hood. School property tax relief is high on the Legislature's agenda, and that should go hand in hand with a close review of school funding formulas," he said.

"Our goal should be a formula that is fair, equitable and effective."

Crockett County's market value per student in 1995 was \$652,669. Per capita personal income in 1994 was \$17,410 with a 4.01% value single family before exemptions in 1995. The county had 270 homestead exemptions for people over 65 in 1995 and school enrollment was 969.

These statistics are taken from the Texas Association of School Boards, TASB Bench marks 1995-96; U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis; and Office of Comptroller of Public Accounts, Property Tax Division, 1995 School District Self Report.

Other area school districts subject to recapture who were included in the 91 with per capita income less than the state's \$19,716 average are: Crane, Iraan-Sheffield, Irion County, Sonora, Terrell County, Fort Stockton, McCamey and Rankin.



OZONA'S IVAN WEIR AND HIS DOG, JOE are penning some sheep in last Sunday's open finals of the Texas Sheep Dog Association's Winter Olympics held in Ozona. Photo by Neal Ulmer.

News Briefs

Chamber Banquet Tickets on Sale

Ozona Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet Feb. 3 in Fair Park Convention Center. The evening begins with a reception at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00.

Guest speaker for the banquet is Layton Black of Goldthwaite.

Banquet tickets are \$10 each. They may be purchased at the chamber office or from directors: Carmen Sutton, Jana Wilson, J. R. Bhakta, Rob Whitesides, Jimmy Don McCollum, Will Seahorn, Will Thompson, Richard Vargas, Belinda Wilkins or Camille Jones.

EMT-B Class Beginning

An EMT basic class will be held in Ozona beginning in March. The Ozona EMS service is really short-handed, so if you have been considering becoming an EMT, now is the time.

To enroll, or learn more about the class, contact instructor Doug Meador at 392-5240.

Consignments Welcome For Auction

Persons interested in consigning items to the Lions Club auction need to make arrangements soon if they need help getting large things transported. John L. Henderson and Mack Richie ask that you let them know a week in advance of the Feb. 1 auction date if items need to be picked up.

The auction begins Saturday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. at the 4-H Barn. Heavy equipment from the county and individuals, and many items from the school will be auctioned.

Travelers Fund Needs Boost

The fund maintained by the sheriff's office to assist stranded travelers needs donations according to Sheriff Shane Fenton. Contributions from the community make it possible to help people get on their way when they are stranded in Crockett County.

Money contributed to this welfare fund is used for gasoline, food and basic necessities to assist the travelers.

To contribute, please send your check for Crockett County Welfare Fund to Sheriff Shane Fenton, Box 1931, Ozona, TX 76943.

Water Resources Decline

By Dennis Clark, Manager
Emerald Underground Water
Conservation District

Well, 1996 brought little relief to our continuing drought and falling livestock prices. Although Crockett County was blessed with substantial rains in August and September, we are still well below our average rainfall. According to George Bomar, state meteorologist for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, we can expect an additional two years of below normal rainfall. Although I hope Mr. Bomar's predictions are wrong, each of us needs to practice conservation in our water usage. The district's 27 water level monitor wells showed an average decline for the third year in a row. This decline amounts to almost two feet in three years, which should emphasize the need to monitor our water usage closely. Our water resources can be compared to a bank account - if it is not managed properly and withdrawals continue to exceed deposits, the well eventually runs dry.

Population Affects Water Supply

In 1992, Texas surpassed New York to become the second most populated state in the U.S. In the last 35 years, the state's population has doubled from 9.5 million in 1960 to approximately 19 million persons today. By the year 2050, it is predicted that the state population will have doubled again, increasing to over 36 million residents. Providing water for this many people is a problem that must be addressed now, and next to property tax reform, this is a major agenda item for the 75th Texas Legislative Session. Poised to enter a fourth year of continuous drought and the never-ending disputes over the management of the Edwards Aquifer, priority items to be addressed by our legislators will include water allocation, usage and management.

Water Laws and the 75th Legislature

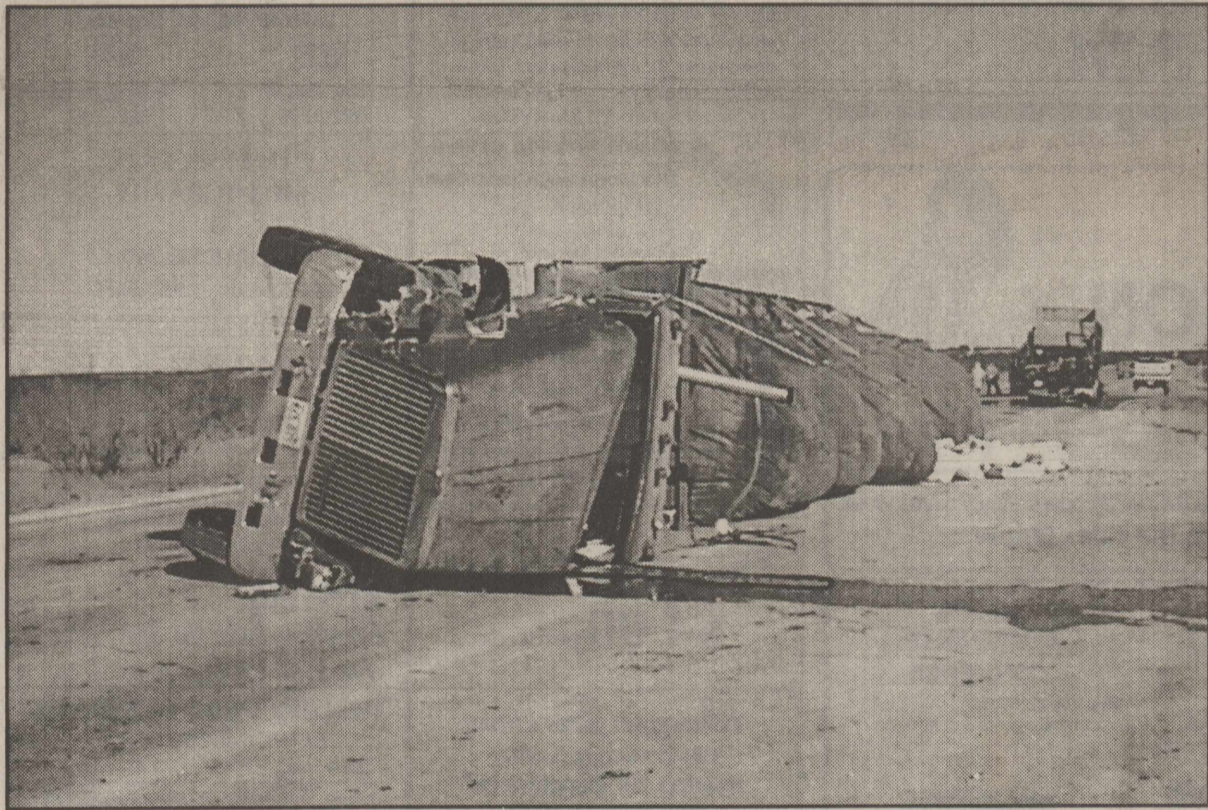
Lt. Governor Bob Bullock has mentioned that major changes need to be made in how we manage our groundwater resources. He, as well as

others in Austin, feel that the State's 150 year old common law doctrine of the "Rule of Capture" has become antiquated and needs to be changed. From a water district's view, local control through groundwater districts is a preferred means of groundwater management. Local districts are more aware of their available water resources as well as its individual needs and use. Emerald U.W.C.D. plans to closely monitor all water related issues throughout the 75th Legislative Session and express our views through our local representatives. This is not only a job for water districts, but also a job for each individual property owner. Complacency could cause the loss of water use law as we know it today.

District Rules and Services

Lately, the district has received several inquiries as to what procedures are required to drill a new water well. If you have drilled a new well in the last four years, or are planning to drill a new well, please contact the district at 1102 Ave. I or call (915) 392-5156. Only wells that produce 25,000 gallons per day are required to be permitted, but the State Water Code stipulates that all water wells, regardless of their production capabilities, be registered with the local underground water conservation district and that the district be provided with a drilling log. The State also stipulates that all abandoned and open wells must be properly plugged or capped. These wells are not only a hazard to small children and animals, but provide a pathway for pollutants to enter our aquifers. Emerald U.W.C.D. has caps available as well as a plugging fund and will either cap or plug these wells free of charge. The district also provides free chemical and bacterial water analysis. A database is maintained on each analysis parameter providing a baseline for future reference if needed.

Emerald U.W.C.D. would like to be viewed as a service-oriented rather than a regulatory agency. Your tax dollars provide these services, so please feel free to utilize them.



THIS TRACTOR RIG BELONGING TO ALDERMAN-CAVE MILLING of Winters overturned Jan. 15 just north of Ozona on Hwy. 163. Driver Robert Gibbs, age 33, was not injured. Gibbs was attempting to pass a southbound Permian Basin Waste Management truck when driver Michael McCullough, age 28 of Midland turned in front of him. The DPS report indicates that no turn signal was given. Photo by Scotty Moore

Trustees Plan Facility Improvements

By Ted Cotton
Assistant Superintendent

Members of the Ozona School Board, meeting in their regular monthly session Jan. 15, approved authorizing the school district's archi-

tect, Mr. Larry Harvey of Harvey, Green and Associates of Lubbock, to develop the plans and specifications for board approval prior to the taking of bids for the renovation of the three science labs (biology, physical science and chemistry) in Ozona High School, the installation of erasable marker boards in all teacher classrooms at Ozona Primary, Ozona Intermediate and Ozona High School, and the installation of teacher storage cabinets at Ozona Intermediate School.

The modernization of the three science labs, the installation of chalk-free marker boards and the installation of teacher storage cabinets in classrooms at Ozona Intermediate School were all recommendations made by the Ozona Public Schools

Programs and Facilities Committee.

Current plans are for Mr. Harvey to submit the specifications to the school board for their approval sometime in March so that bids can be taken and the contract awarded in time to begin renovations at the end of this school year. Renovations are expected to be completed by the beginning of school in August.

In another maintenance related item, the trustees also voted to have Mr. Harvey develop the plans and specifications for board approval prior to the taking of bids for making Davidson Gymnasium A.D.A. (Americans with Disabilities) accessible, installing a new metal roof, and expanding the front foyer of the gymnasium.

Davidson Gym is the last district building that is not handicapped accessible, and leaks have been prevalent in the structure, particularly where the front foyer roof connects to the main gym roof. In voting to expand the front foyer of the gym, the board directed that the gym's west front walls remain intact, thus expansion for handicapped accessibility and additional space is expected to take place to the north and south of the front entrance of the gym. No timelines for completion of this renovation have yet been set.

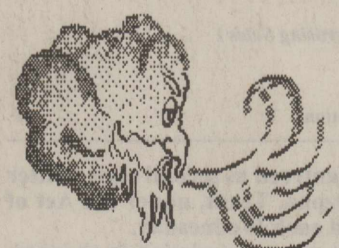
Board members Wade Richardson and Marcus Sims were appointed as members of the board of

Correction, Please

Stories in the Jan. 8 and 15 issues of The Stockman incorrectly stated that the family of the late Ricardo Rodriguez filed a civil rights complaint with the Crockett County Sheriff's Department. The complaint, charging that Deputy Lyndon English used excessive force when he shot Rodriguez Dec. 15, was filed with the F.B.I. Bob Rodriguez, brother of Ricardo Rodriguez, told The Stockman that he personally went to the F.B.I. in San Angelo to file the complaint.

This is the proper procedure. Civil rights complaints are not filed through the sheriff's office.

The Weather



Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Jan. 13	21	15	-0-
Jan. 14	42	21	-0-
Jan. 15	60	20	-0-
Jan. 16	49	20	-0-
Jan. 17	45	23	-0-
Jan. 18	No report	-0-	-0-
Jan. 19	No report	.80	

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OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MANAGER SHARON FARMER holds one of the new brochures promoting the community. Sharing credit for making the brochure possible are board members J.R. Bhakta, Carmen Sutton and Jana Wilson (seated), and standing from left: Jimmy Don McCollum, Rob Whitesides, Will Thompson, Will Seahorn, Shannon Hunnicut, Belinda Wilkins and Shelly Childress. Not pictured are: Richard Vargas and Camille Jones. Photo By Scotty Moore

(Continued on pg. 9)

Extension Connection

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

Take-out Foods: Handle With Care

Baby, it's coooold outside! With the freezing, nasty weather outside, staying indoors becomes more appealing. It's so simple to just cuddle up with a hot cup of tea, a good book and order some yummy pizza or other convenience food to be delivered.

However, if take-out convenience foods aren't cared for properly, they can cause some real "inconveniences" like food-borne illness.

Some convenience foods are hot, and some are cold. Most are consumed immediately. There are times, however, when take-out foods are purchased to eat at a later time - or we have leftovers which need to be stored safely for future use. It's important to remember that take-out foods are perishable and can cause illness when mishandled.

Basic food safety rules apply. To keep hot food safe, hold it above 140 F. Cold foods must be stored in the refrigerator at 40 F or below.

If you're eating within two hours and the food is fresh and hot when you pick it up, you're safe. If you're not eating within two hours, just keeping the food "warm" isn't good enough. Harmful bacteria love temperatures between 40 F and 140 F. If keeping food hot, set the oven temperature high enough to keep the food at 140 or above. Check the internal temperature of food with a meat thermometer. Covering with foil will help keep food moist. You can also keep food hot with chafing dishes or slowcookers that have been preheated.

It's not a good idea to keep food hot longer than two hours. Instead, place food in shallow containers, dividing large quantities. Cover loosely and refrigerate immediately.

Reheat thoroughly to a temperature of 165 F until hot and steaming. In the microwave oven, cover food

and rotate so it heats evenly. Allow a two-minute stand time for more thorough heating.

Is the food cold when you order it? Keep it that way. Refrigerate immediately and hold food at 40 F or colder.

Never leave food at room temperature more than two hours. Discard food that's been left out in those conditions. For temperatures over 90 F, discard after one hour.

Deli platters are extremely popular for entertaining - keep food cold on a buffet table by nesting dishes in bowls of ice. Use small platters of food, and replace with fresh platters, rather than adding fresh food to a dish that already had food on it.

It is safe to freeze leftover take-out. Wrap tightly for best quality. Cooked meat or poultry can be stored 3-6 months in the freezer, fried chicken for four months, deli sliced luncheon meats for 1-2 months, and deli convenience foods for 3-4 months. Remember that salads made with mayonnaise don't freeze well. Foods kept longer than the recommended items are usually safe, but are usually dried out and develop off-flavors.

For short-term storage in the refrigerator, cooked meat or poultry, including fried chicken, can be stored below 40 F for 3-4 days, as can pizza. Deli-prepared convenience foods such as salads can be stored 3-5 days, and luncheon meats can be stored 3-5 days. Foods stored longer may begin to spoil and become unsafe to eat.

For more information on foods, nutrition or safety, contact the Crockett County Extension Office at 392-2721. Educational information provided by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is available to all persons regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, national origin or disability.

"Grupo Rodeo" to Perform In Ozona Jan. 25

The Ozona Community Center is sponsoring a dance to raise money for the center. The community center has been a part of Ozona since 1938.

"This center has been a place of education for many of us in the past, and for many of our children now," says Donna Morrow. "We want to continue to teach, educate, and care for our children today, tomorrow, and years to come."

The community center will sponsor a dance Jan. 25, at Fair Park

Convention Center with Tejano recording artist EMI Records "Grupo Rodeo" from San Antonio.

The dance is from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Starting Jan. 20, tickets may be purchased in advance for \$10.00 from Jimmy Ortiz or Donna Morrow. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$12.00.

A concession stand will be open for your convenience. "We hope each and every one of you will join us," said Mrs. Morrow. "This is for a good cause, so come on out, enjoy the music, and have a good time. See you there."

Leslie Wilson Inducted Into Alpha Chi Sorority

Leslie Wilson, a Tarleton State University student from Rising Star, was one of 75 students inducted during the fall semester into the University's Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi, the national college honor scholarship society.

The former Ozona resident is a graduate of Permian High School and a business major at Tarleton in Stephenville.

Membership in Alpha Chi is limited to members of the junior and senior classes who excel academically. Grade point averages must be 3.60 or better.

Objectives of Alpha Chi are to promote and to recognize superior scholarship and those elements of character that make for effective serv-

ice. Founded in 1922, the society has more than 300 chapters in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Alpha Chi represents the highest academic honor on any member campus and since its inception, more than 255,000 students have been inducted.

The Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter at Tarleton was established in the fall of 1968. There are seven regions across the country, and Tarleton's chapter is a member of Region I, which includes parts of Texas and New Mexico.

The Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter at Tarleton was recently named as Outstanding National Chapter.

Mrs. Wilson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fatout of Ozona.

Sorority Country Christmas Party Held In December

In December, Alpha Alpha Mu had a Country Christmas Party at the home of Morris and Betty King. On the drive out to their home everyone enjoyed a hot cider made by Robin Brynes. Hostesses for the evening were Janet Thompson and Adrienne Cook.

Everyone was served sandwiches, chips, dip and a delicious holiday cake. They all exchanged secret sister gifts and they all had three guesses to guess who the 1996 secret sister was. They

also drew names for their new 1997 secret sister.

Guests were: Kristy Ellis, Tonya Bullard, Tonya Poindexter, Patricia Sutton, Shawna Newton, Robin Bryne, Dana Cowen, Rhonda Shaw, Priscilla Cook and Laurie Hale.

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"SHEFFIELD CORNER"

by Billie Malone

The weather is the big news from Sheffield and the surrounding area so far this year. According to several local ranchers, the severe temperature changes were caused by the wind. The wind chill factor dropped temperatures 16 degrees to as much as 3 and 4 degrees.

There were frozen stock tanks that had 1 1/2 to 2 inches of ice, and water troughs had 6 to 10 inches of ice.

It is a cold, tough and sometimes next to impossible task to break into ice this thick in order for livestock to be able to drink.

One rancher reported a 6 foot block of ice in an 8 foot deep metal water tank. He and his family were without running water in their home for several days.

Giles and Mae Holmes had as their guests his sister, Jettie Rae Winston, and her husband, Malloy, from Brownwood. Alex and Yolanda Rivera from San Angelo also visited the Holmes this past weekend.

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Fortune of Sheffield were recent guests of Dr. and Mrs. S. Nelson Lanham of Austin. A "celebration service" was held Sun-

day, Jan. 5, 1997, in the Beacon Ridge Baptist Church to honor Dr. Lanham's 50 years in the ministry. The afternoon program of the celebration included a chalk art presentation by Rev. Fortune entitled "Crossing Over". Dr. Lanham and his wife, Frances, were joined by a large number of his former church members of First Baptist Church in Ozona.

Bryson Named To Dean's List

Robert Bryson Jr. has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall semester at Sul Ross State University in Alpine. The honor was announced by David L. Cockrum, Ph.D., vice-president for Academic and Student Affairs.

Criteria for selection include enrolling as an undergraduate student in Sul Ross State University for at least 12 semester hours and achieving a grade point average of at least 3.30 during the semester.

Bryson ended the semester with a grade point average of 3.47.



Happy 2nd Birthday to
Allie Claire Black
on January 19.
from
Nan and Paw-Paw

Bobbie Bryson Update

Jan. 15, 1997

Bobbie returned from Memphis with her blood counts extremely low this time, and then attempted to take chemo in San Antonio the following week.

Her counts were extremely low and (she) was unable to take chemo. This week Bobbie went on to San Antonio in the blizzard of the year. We knew we had to get there in order to see the doctor and to get lab tests done on her blood.

The DPS had shut the interstate down at Comfort, Texas, and understood our situation. He gave us a passable route back through Kerrville and Bandera then on to San Antonio.

Bobbie's counts finally came up, and she was given her regular dose of Vincristine. The return trip took eight hours from one side of the bar ditches to the other.

Bobbie wanted so much to return in order to make the game against Wall. But she missed the game because she thought due to the weather it would be canceled, and the bus left early.

Bobbie will be returning to school, and to basketball practice. For all that called we certainly appreciate your calls. A special thanks to Mary Harris and Christi Pridemore for their daily calls and concern for her health, and Rev. Charles Huffman for his many visits and family prayers for us.

They all seem to know just how really sick Bobbie is, even though Bobbie always says she feels fine. Last weeks news of the damage done to her legs by the Chemo Vicristene was devastating to all of us, and we now know her battle to get back to normal will be harder than we realized.

But Bobbie is a fighter, and she may not be 100 percent this year in basketball, but watch out, golfers. Bobbie won't give up...the doctors are all amazed at her determination.

We think she will amaze us all some day. Thank you again for the many cards, letters, and phone calls. These are what keeps the fight in all of us.

Thanks for the prayers, because once again they have been answered. Lives were lost because of the ice storm, but again we were spared any harm.

Please keep praying for Bobbie and her safe return to a normal life. We purchased a new vehicle in Feb. right before her diagnosis, and now have 71,000 miles on it.

Most of these miles were to and from health care providers for Bobbie, and your prayers have kept us safe on the highway. Thank you all and God bless.

Robert and Maida

League Program Features Wines

Members of Ozona Woman's League met Jan. 8 at the Circle Bar dining room with hostesses Shannon Hunnicutt, Tammy Kaczmarynski and Barbie Myers.

The program on wine making and tasting was given by Leonard Garcia of the St. Genevieve Winery at Fort Stockton.

Attending were: Vickie Black, Jane Chandler, Becky Childress, Heatherly Childress, Jodie Childress, Shelly Childress, Jodie Dabovich, Jeannine Henderson, Donna Herring, Karen Huffman, Peggy Logan, Sally Oglesby, Cori Seahorn, Nikki Sewell, Vicki Stokes, Kathy Vickers and Belinda Wilkins.


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OZONA PRIMARY SCHOOL is proud of these Pizza Prize Readers! Each of the students have earned 10 points or more. They have taken computer tests on about 25 to 30 books. They are learning while they enjoy listening to all the books Mrs. Porter reads to them! The students are: Kaleb Bannert, Nathan Beasley, Kara Bird, Devon Diehl, Benjamin Flores, Michael Flores, Desiree Galan, Matias Gandar, Matthew Komechak, Matthew Garza, Alysha Lara, Karley Perez, Jorge Rivero, Stacy Silva, Preston Tebbetts, Heather Thompson and Federico Veloz.

Photo by Susan Calloway

Memorials, Events Honor McMullan

The Shawn McMullan Memorial Match held in Odessa Jan. 7 not only honored the late Iraan roper, but also was held for scholarship purposes for the NIRA Wrangler Rodeo Team.

Stran T. Smith of Tell won the match calf roping with Rusty Sewalt of Comstock. The Sandhills Hereford, Quarter Horse Show and PRCA Rodeo and Odessa Wrangler NIRA featured the special event in the Ector County Coliseum. The roping was in conjunction with a Pro-Am team roping between Tee Woolman, Rich Skelton, Matt Tyler and Kory Koontz. Many area and professional ropers were featured in a short-go round at the 5th Annual Sandhills Invitational Team and Match Roping sponsored by Permian Basin Ford.

McMullan's mother and sister, Glenda and Mecca McMullan of Iraan, were in Las Vegas, NV, in December to accept some special awards that were given in honor of Shawn. On Dec. 6, the Wrangler Sports Chiropractic Program gave special marbled awards and certificates to their doctors who worked the PRCA rodeo circuits and attended the cowboys. A calf roping picture of Shawn was etched on the plaque.

Dr. Bob Allen of Washington, a close friend of McMullan's, presented the McMullan family with his own personal marbled award.

The name of the program has been changed to Prospert Chiropractic, and the emblem of the program worn by the doctors and cowboys on their hats and caps was designed by Shawn.

On Dec. 8, McMullan honored was among those PRCA cowboys who died during 1996.

At the final performance of the National Finals Rodeo Dec. 15, the McMullan family was given a water color roping portrait of Shawn and his horse, Jelly Bean. The award was presented by Coors as McMullan had been voted Original Coors Fans Rodeo Cowboy.

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West Texas Weather Modification Association Completes First Year of Rain Enhancement

Editor Note:
The following article is from the December 1966 issue of the Weather Modification Newsletter edited by Dale Bates of an Angelo.

With a crippling drought poised to enter its fourth year, eight West Texas counties decided to do something about the persistent dry weather by forming an organization earlier this year to promote the use of cloud seeding. The West Texas Weather Modification Association was created in the spring of 1966 to place a multi-year, rainfall-enhancement program in a 7.2-million acre area of West Texas, between San Angelo and the Pecos River. Counties participating in the 5-month cloud-seeding effort included Crockett, Glasscock, Irion, Reagan, Schleicher, Suring, Sutton and Upton.

(fixed) flares of AgI and special "hygroscopic" flares totaled 216 and 55, respectively. The acetone generators were burned for 30 hours, 59 minutes.

June and August were the two most active months for cloud-seeding operations within the association's 8-county target area. Forty-four flights were carried out in June, while in August 40 flights involving all three aircraft occurred. However, more seeding material was dispersed in August (809 flares) than in June (520 flares). In July, 22 flights were conducted during which 385 flares were consumed.

The severe-to-extreme drought was substantially dented, if not broken, during the late summer of 1966. How much of the abnormally large rainfall totals observed in much of the association's target area can be attributed to the cloud seeding cannot yet be documented. What is not in doubt is that much of the target area collected far more rain than had been observed

in at least several years.

During the five months of seeding, nearly all of Crockett, Glasscock, Irion, Reagan and Upton Counties received above-normal rainfall. Indeed, the southern half of Irion, and portions of Glasscock County, observed over 140 percent of the usual, seasonal rainfall. Rainfall along the Pecos River in Crockett and Upton Counties was also exceptionally higher than normal. Whitley Ranch, in Irion County, measured 22.75 inches of rain during the five months ending in September, while Buck Owens received, at his ranch in the northern portion of Crockett County, 23.30 inches of rainfall.

August was, by far, the wettest month of the season. Several locations in Irion County, including Tullos Ranch (9.55) and Elkins Ranch (9.4), received rains 3 or 4 times heavier than normal. Eugene Yost in Glasscock County measured 7.47 inches in August, and Mike Womack in Crockett County caught 7.30 inches.

Seeding operations got underway on May 27 and concluded nearly four months later, on September 24, 1966. The seeding involved the placement of silver iodide (AgI) into growing cumulus clouds on the verge of becoming thunderstorms. The seeding was achieved through the deployment of pressurized twin-engine aircraft (a Beech Duke and a Cessna 30). Both aircraft were equipped with racks containing ejectable flares, and the Cessna with AgI-acetone burners, to permit seeding to be accomplished from both cloud-base and at cloud-top level. A third aircraft (Piper Seneca) was deployed as a cloud-base seeder for several weeks in the late summer. The meteorologist in charge used a C-band weather radar unit, with computers, to track and document cloud development. Flight operations were conducted out of the San Angelo and Midland airports, though during the latter half of the summer, all equipment and personnel were situated at Mathis Field in San Angelo.

The association's contractor, Weather Modification Inc. of Fargo, ND, conducted 130 operational flights for cloud seeding and reconnaissance on 74 days during the summer of 1966. There was at least one flight performed on 61 percent of the days over the "target" area. A total of 2,001 ejectable flares was expended during the summer, while the number of end-burning

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LADY LION JULIE PEREZ is determined to take the ball away from a Roscoe Plowgirl in a District 8-2A game held in Ozona last Friday night. The Ladies are undefeated in district with a 7-0 record and 22-1 overall.

Photo by Neal Ulmer

Lions Defeat Blizzards, JV Loses

By Neal Ulmer
Stockman Sportswriter

Another great game, another new year, and it looks real good for the Ozona Lions. The Winters Blizzards blew into Davidson Gym Jan. 4, and they blew right back out as the Ozona Lions beat the Blizzards 67-64 in an exciting District 8-2A contest. The Lions roared loudly as they took their second district win with no losses and improved their season record to 6-13.

"Our kids deserved to win, and that was exciting," said Coach Ronnie Casey.

The JV Lions ran into a cold, blue wall, that is, the Winters JV Blizzards, falling 52-48 in an earlier game.

The Ozona Lions came through again, not only at the end of the game,

but the beginning as well. They scored 22 points with Justin Browne scoring five and Brian Badillo four to the Blizzards' 14 points in the first period. Browne scored five more in the second, and his teammates added 10, but the Blizzards nipped the Lions' heels with 14. Ozona managed to hold on to a 37-28 halftime lead.

Coach Casey knew the second half could be different as he said, "I knew at halftime it wasn't near over with. We were playing good, but they were going to come back. That was according to their scouting report, and that's what they did."

Fans who stayed for the boys' game definitely got their money's worth, especially in the second half. Browne dumped in another five points in the third, and teammates added eight

more for a total of 13. Winters stayed right in the game with 14 points and pulled within eight at 50-42.

Ozona worked very hard in this first district win and saw to the best of their abilities they would not lose this district game. The Blizzards scored 22 points in the fourth with VanZandt getting 11 of those. Jon Sanchez scored four points and was assisted by his teammates with 13 more for a total of 17, which was enough to beat the Blizzards 67-64.

Coach Casey was very respectful of the Blizzards' team and their coach. "They are well-coached and don't know what quit means," he said.

Browne scored 19 points, including five 2-pointers, two 3-pointers and 3-of-5 free throws. Also scoring for the Lions were Jon Sanchez with 12, Brian Badillo 9, Anthony Ortiz 7, Bobby Cervantez and Steven Martinez with six each, Peter Rodriguez 4 and Jason Stuart and Lando Pena-Alfaro two points each. Michael Nicks also played in the game.

The Ozona JV Lions played hard but came up short on the scoreboard as they fell to the Winters JV Blizzards 52-48 in an earlier game. Their season record is now 1-14.

Coaching the Ozona JV, Coach Casey said, "I thought we played under control. We did some crazy things two or three times that cost us on transition."

Winters blew in and took to the boards early, scoring 14 points to the Lions' eight in the first period. Ozona bounced back in the second period, scoring 16 points to the Blizzards' 12 points to pull within two at halftime 26-24.

Both teams had a very difficult time scoring in the third quarter. The Blizzards made seven points and the Lions' three, now trailing by six 33-27.

The final quarter was exciting to say the least. Each team picked up its shooting, played some defense and battled for control of the game. In the end, Ozona was out shot by Winters 19 points to 11 points, taking a 52-48 win. Winters' A. Newton scored 13 points to lead his team in scoring.

"The last two minutes, those kids (Ozona) played real hard, which was some of their best all year long," Coach Casey said.

Ross Crawford led the Lions in scoring with 14 points. Also scoring were Armando Flores with 11, Matt Castaneda 10, Brad Sullivan 7 and Jomie Tebbets, Chad Myers and Ryan Bean with two each. Also playing were Ben Forehand and Mark Childress.

The Lions added another nine in the second and held the Badgers to four for a 18-9 halftime lead.

Both teams increased the tempo of the game in the third quarter. Ozona edged out McCamey 12 points to 11 with Ross Crawford making six to maintain a 30-20 lead going into the final period.

Instead of increasing the tempo in the final period, both teams became somewhat subdued. The Lions scored six and played good defense, holding the Badgers to pick up a 36-24 victory.

Ross Crawford led the Lions with 15 points. Others scoring were: Brad Sullivan 6, Ben Forehand 5, Glenn Sutton 4, and Seth Webster, Jomie Tebbets, and Chad Myers with two each. Also assisting in the game were Mark Childress, Ryan Bean, Matt Castaneda, and Eric Williams.

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Lady Lions Down Queens 61-18

By Neal Ulmer
Stockman Sportswriter

Fans found out very fast who was queen for the day as the Ozona Lady Lions easily disposed of the Forsan Queens 61-18 in a District 8-2A game held Jan. 2 in Ozona. The Ladies continue to hold on to first place in district with a 3-0 record and an 18-1 overall record.

"I thought we played excellent defense for four quarters, and that is what got us the lead, especially in the first half," said Ozona's coach Dickie Faught.

The first quarter may not have been a high scoring quarter, but the Ladies did come out on top, scoring nine points to the Queens' four points.

Ozona stepped it up in the second period with Amber Tarr scoring four of their 12 points. Good defense by the Ladies held the Queens to four points, increasing their margin at half to 21-8.

A person would have thought that the Ladies were given a shot in the arm to improve their shooting in the second half. Tarr scored nine points, and Shelly Sullivan seven out of a team total of 20 in the third. They held the Queens to only two points to expand their lead to 41-10.

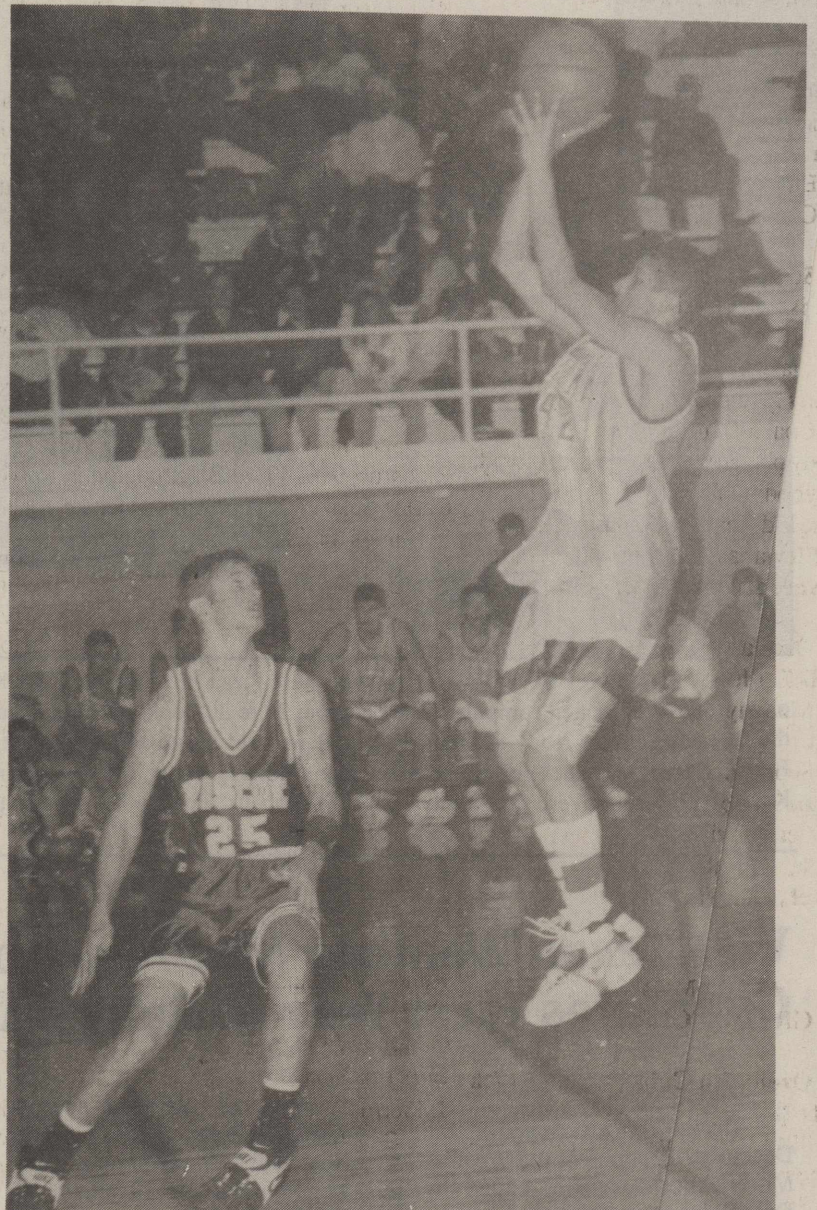
The final period was just as good for the Ladies with them scoring an additional 20 points. Several players came off the bench with Amy Laughlin, Julie Perez, Megan Tambunga and Lauren Wilkins getting two points each. Tarr added eight and Leslie Avila scored six for another 20-point quarter and a 61-18 win. Forsan's N. Johnson scored six points to lead her team.

Tarr had another excellent game, scoring 23 points, three assists, seven steals, two blocked shots and eight rebounds. Shelly Sullivan scored 12 points, had three assists, three steals, one blocked shot and five rebounds. Leslie Avila and Amy Laughlin scored six each, with Avila getting one steal, one assist and two rebounds and Laughlin getting two rebounds and one assist.

Stormi Sessom and Amber McWilliams each made four points with Sessom getting five rebounds and two assists and McWilliams with one steal and one rebound. Megan Tambunga, Julie Perez and Lauren Wilkins scored two points each. Perez had four assists and one rebound, also. Autumn McWilliams had three rebounds and one steal.

The Ozona JV Lady Lions had little difficulty in defeating the Forsan JV Queens 48-6 in an earlier game. Their season record improved to 15-4 and their district record to 3-0.

Ozona wasted little time in heating up the basket as Angela Branch



OZONA'S BOBBY CERVANTEZ takes a jump she as a Roscoe Plowboy looks on in a District 8-2A game held Jan. 17 in Davidson Gym. The Lions defeated the Plowboys 58-41 for their fourth district win with one loss.

Photo by Neal Ulmer

scored seven of their 11 points while holding the Queens to four in the first period. The Ladies scored their low of eight points in the second, but held the Queens scoreless for a 19-4 halftime lead.

The Lady Lions looked nearly flawless in the second half if you look at the score. Branch made four of Ozona's 13 points in the third, and once again they held up the defensive pressure to keep Forsan from scoring for a 32-4 lead.

Forsan did not have a chance, as the Lady Lions continued their unending shooting and defense. They scored 16 points and held the Queens to only two points for a 48-6 victory.

Branch led the Ladies in scoring

with 16 points. She was closely followed by Diana Allison with 15, Ammie Avila 8, Kala Turland 4, Traci Screws 3 and Stacy Mendez two points. Also playing were Stephanie Franco, Jessica Avila, Araceli Tijerina, Haley Holda and Donika Martinez.

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Ozona Middle School Box Scores

Neal Ulmer,
Stockman Sportswriter

Ozona 7th Cubs 49, Eldorado 7th Eagles 26
Monday, Jan. 13, 1997 Davidson Gym
Eldorado 4 3 9 10—26
Ozona 11 15 6 17—49 Record 7-1

Scoring: Steven Tarr 11, Rob Madris 11, Dustin Faught 10, Juan Garcia 6, Josh Tambunga 3, Chad Flanagan 2, Leon Garcia 2, Chase Adams 2, and Gerald Avila 2.
Coach Dane Vickers said, "Everybody played well, everybody scored, everybody played tough defense. These kids really will make your neck sore! It was a total team effort. I didn't even need to coach them this game!"

Ozona 8th B Cubs 10, Eldorado 8th B Eagles 4
Monday, Jan. 13, 1997 Davidson Gym
Scoring: Chris O'Bryan 3, Ray Ramos 3, Joe Tobar 2, and Jed Roane 2. Others playing: Jeff Mendez, David Arjon, Gerald Elizondo, Jimmy Nowell, and Wade Maness. Record 3-3.

MCCAMEY SEVENTH GRADE TOURNAMENT

Ozona 7th Cubs 14, Sonora 7th Colts 28
Thursday, Jan. 16, 1997 McCamey Tourney (first game)
Sonora 12 4 6 6—28
Ozona 2 0 6 6—14 Record 5-5

Ozona High School Box Scores

Neal Ulmer,
Stockman Sportswriter

Ozona JV B Lions 59, Christoval JV B Cougars 33
Monday, Dec. 16, 1996 Davidson Gym
Christoval 8 10 8 7—33
Ozona 18 19 12 10—59
Scoring: Matt Castaneda 14, Ken Sessom 10, Randell Borrego 9, Cole Wadsworth 7, Casey Jamerson 4, Jimmy Talmantez 4, Ryan Bean 4, Matt Graner 3, Ray Galindo 2, and Clay Richardson 2. Others playing: Seth Webster and Eric Williams.

Coach David Delgado said, "We haven't played in over a week. The kids were very anxious and played real hard. We played very aggressive defense, which led to a lot of easy baskets. I was pleased that everybody contributed to the game."

Menard Silvermine Tournament

Ozona JV B Lions 38, Mason Punchers 76
Thursday, Jan. 2, 1997 (first game)
Mason 23 14 31 8—76
Ozona 9 10 6 13—38
Scoring: Glenn Sutton 26, Seth Webster 5, Eric Williams 4, Jimmy Talmantez 3, and Eric Ramos 2. Others playing: Casey Jamerson, Donnie Bullard, Cole Wadsworth, Ray Galindo, and Matt Graner.

Scoring: Chris Kennedy 5, Kyle Richardson 2, R. J. Fierro 2, Chet Stuart 1, and Able Rodriguez 1. Others playing: Martin Sanchez, Hayes Worthington, and Shane Albers.
Coach Dane Vickers said, "There will be better days ahead! Wait till Saturday!"

Ozona 7th Cubs 22, Reagan County 7th Owls 20
Saturday, Jan. 18, 1997 McCamey Tourney (second game)
Reagan County 11 4 2 3—20
Ozona 2 9 2 9—22
Scoring: Chris Kennedy 11, Kyle Richardson 4, Hayes Worthington 3, Carlos Salazar 2, and Eliberto Onate 2. Others playing: Martin Sanchez, Luis Cruz, R. J. Fierro and Chet Stuart.
Coach Dane Vickers said, "Sometimes everyone plays well, everything works and the kids amaze not only me, but themselves also. A great win!"

Ozona 7th Cubs 24, Crane 7th Golden Cranes 38
Saturday, Jan. 18, 1997 McCamey tourney (consolation game)
Crane 10 16 10 2—38
Ozona 10 5 7 2—24 Record 6-6
Scoring: Chet Stuart 11, Chris Kennedy 6, Luis Cruz 3, Martin Sanchez 2, and Hayes Worthington 2. Others playing: Kyle Richardson, Eliberto Onate, Carlos Salazar, and R. J. Fierro.
Coach Dane Vickers said, "We stayed with them for a while, but their pressure was the difference in the game."

Coach David Delgado said about the Mason and Novice games, "We were out matched, but we played hard. We worked on some things that we thought would make us better."

Ozona JV B Lions 19, Novice Hornets 72
Friday, Jan. 3, 1997 (second game)
Novice 23 15 15 19—72
Ozona 6 2 2 9—19
Scoring: Glen Sutton 8, Donnie Bullard 7, Casey Jamerson 2, and Cole Wadsworth 2. Others playing: Eric Williams, Seth Webster, Eric Ramos, Jimmy Talmantez, Ray Galindo and Matt Graner.

Ozona JV B Lions 51, Menard JV Yellowjackets 45
Saturday, Jan. 4, 1997 (third game)
Menard 12 7 20 6—45
Ozona 15 8 16 12—51
Scoring: Glenn Sutton 22, Eric Ramos 12, Donnie Bullard 9, Seth Webster 4, Casey Jamerson 2, and Ray Galindo 2. Others playing: Eric Williams, Cole Wadsworth, Jimmy Talmantez, and Matt Graner.
Coach David Delgado said, "We played someone our caliber. We played well and were able to win a close game. Glenn Sutton played well. Donnie Bullard played well for his first game and Seth Webster handled the ball well."

Bulldogs Take Bite Out Of Lions

By Neal Ulmer
Stockman Sportswriter

The Ozona Lions were definitely caught by surprise as the Coahoma Bulldogs took a big hunk out of the Lions' confidence. The Bulldogs defeated the Lions 82-44 in a District 8-2A game held in Ozona Jan. 10. The Lions fall to a 2-1 district record and 6-15 overall.

The JV Lions had their problems as well, losing 58-45 to the Coahoma JV in an earlier game. Their overall record is 2-16, and their district record is 0-3.

Lion coach Ronnie Casey said, "They (Coahoma) are well coached. They played real well as a team."

It didn't take long for the Bulldogs to take the wind out of Ozona's sail, as they scored 21 points to Ozona's seven in the first quarter. Ozona put up a lot of shots, but somehow, they failed to go in.

Brian Badillo gave the Lions some spark in the second period by scoring six of their seven points. Ozona turnovers hurt the Lions quite a bit as they had 16 in the first half, along with shooting 4 of 24.

Coahoma could not seem to miss any shots in the first half, shooting 55% from the field. They made eight of their first 10 shots and came back in the second period, scoring 17 more points for a 38-15 halftime lead.

"We shot the ball better than we had in a while," said Coahoma coach Kim Nichols. "We hit some shots early; we made a couple of threes, and that forced their defense to stretch out."

The Lions scored more points in the second half, but so did the Bulldogs. Steven Martinez scored eight of Ozona's 15 points in the third quarter. The Bulldogs scored even more with 21 to stretch their lead to 64-30.

Both teams played rather evenly in the final period, with Ozona scoring 14 points and the Bulldogs 18 points. Even though the Lions made only 7-of-17 free throws, Justin Browne went 4-of-4 in the fourth period.

The Coahoma Bulldogs prevailed with an 82-44 win over the Lions. They were led by guard Josh Collum with 13 points.

"They shot about 95% from the floor, and we shot about 7% from the floor. It looked like we had a lid on our basket and they had a big hole. We ran all sorts of defenses and could not stop them," said Coach Casey.

Ozona was led by Brian Badillo with 11 points. He was closely followed by Steven Martinez with 10. Justin Browne had four, Peter Rodriguez and Anthony Ortiz scored five each. Lando Peña-Alfaro made three points, Bobby Cervantez scored two, and Jason Stuart and Jon Sanchez made one free throw each. Michael Nicks and Armando Flores also played.

The JV Lions seemed to have

their difficulties, too. They lost 58-45 to the Coahoma JV Bulldogs. Ozona had two players in double figures, but the team was still not quite up to par.

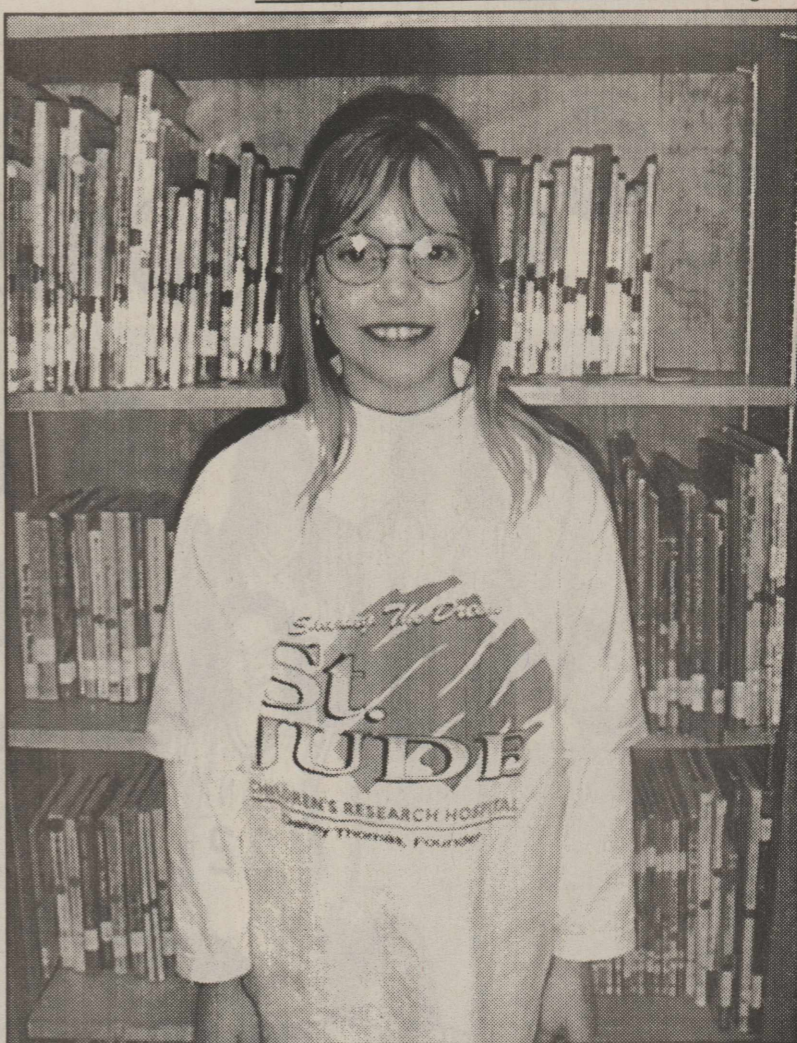
Both teams played fairly even in the first quarter with Ross Crawford scoring seven of the Lions' 17 points. Coahoma stood firm and shot well, scoring 18 points to take a one-point lead.

Ozona had some trouble with their shooting in the second period, making 10 points. Coahoma increased their lead by scoring an additional 13 points for a 31-27 halftime lead.

The Lions faltered some in the third, scoring eight points, but so did the Bulldogs with 10 points to hold a 41-34 lead.

Coahoma bounced back in the final quarter, scoring 17 points while Ozona played hard to get 10 points. Coahoma's Bennett scored 17 points to lead his team to a 58-45 victory.

Crawford let the Lions with 17 points, including two 3-pointers. Ben Forehand made four 3-pointers and one 2-pointer for 14 points. Also scoring were Glenn Sutton and Matt Castaneda with six each, and Brad Sullivan with two points. Adding their efforts to the game were Seth Webster, Mark Childress, Jomie Tebbetts, Eric Williams and Chad Myers.



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Letter to the Editor

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Mary Ann Davis—Glenrock, WY

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Lyndon and Laurie English

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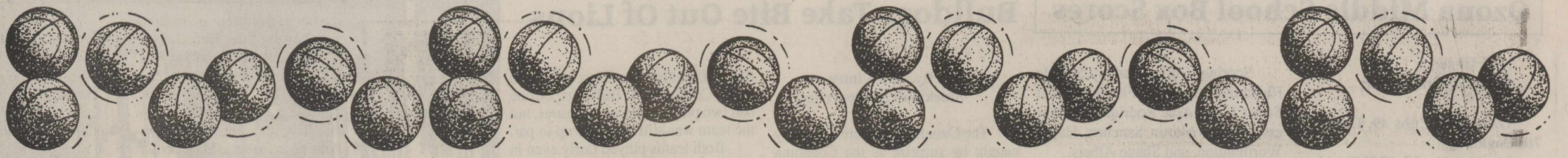
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1997 OZONA JV-B LADY LIONS are: (top row, l. to r.) Kelli McNeely, Penny Weddle and Tiffany Maldonado. Second row: Rachel Murr. Third row: (l. to r.) Kayla Shurley, Coach Dale Mayfield and Jessi Pagan. First row: (l. to r.) Miriam Gomez and Kandace Ortiz. Photo by Sandra Childress

Lady Lions Tear Up Bulldogs 63-31

By Neal Ulmer,
Stockman Sportswriter

The Coahoma Lady Bulldogs started looking for their doghouse when the Ozona Lady Lions descended upon them 63-31 in a District 8-2A game held in Davidson Gym Jan. 10. The Bulldogs did not know what hit them as the Ladies (20-1 overall, 5-0 district) took an early lead and never looked back.

The Ozona JV Lady Lions had some difficulty in defeating the Coahoma JV Lady Bulldogs 39-24 in an earlier game. They improved their season record to 17-4 and district record to 5-0.

"Overall, it was one of our better games since before Christmas. We shot the ball better since before Christmas," said Lady Lion coach Dickie Faught about the varsity game. "We have been playing real good defense to keep us in the games."

Ozona sized up their opponent in the first quarter and went to work, scoring 18 points, 12 of which were made by Amber Tarr. Ozona's defense pretty well shut down Coahoma's offense, allowing only six points scored.

A nearly identical quarter occurred in the second period with Shelly Sullivan scoring seven points and Stormi Sessom four of their team's 19.

The Lady Bulldogs managed seven, but still trailed at the end of the first half 37-13.

"Coahoma did pretty much what we expected them to do. They're pretty much a guard oriented team and don't go to their post players," Coach Faught said.

The Ladies slipped up some in the third as only Tarr scored six points and Amber McWilliams four for 10 Ozona points. Coahoma's 5'9" junior, Tara Sterling, scored five of their 14 points. With Ozona's huge lead earlier, they still dominated at the end of the third 47-27.

The Bulldogs shot plenty of times, but Ozona was there defensively, getting a total of 15 defensive rebounds in the game and 11 steals. It was Ozona's defense that practically stopped Coahoma in their tracks. The Lady Bulldogs scored four points, while Sessom made five and Autumn McWilliams four of their team's 16 to put the Lady Bulldogs away 63-31. Sterling scored 11 points to lead the Bulldogs.

Amber Tarr led the Ladies in scoring with 18 points. She also had eight rebounds and assists, two blocked shots, and five steals. Shelly Sullivan scored 12 points, had four rebounds and blocked shots, three assists, and one steal. Stormi Sessom had 11 points and three rebounds; Autumn McWil-

liams had eight points, four rebounds and one assist; Amber McWilliams four points, three assists, and one steal; Leslie Avila and Juli Hall with three points each; and Megan Tambunga and Amy Laughlin with two points each. Julie Perez made two assists and steals and one blocked shot. Lauren Wilkins also played.

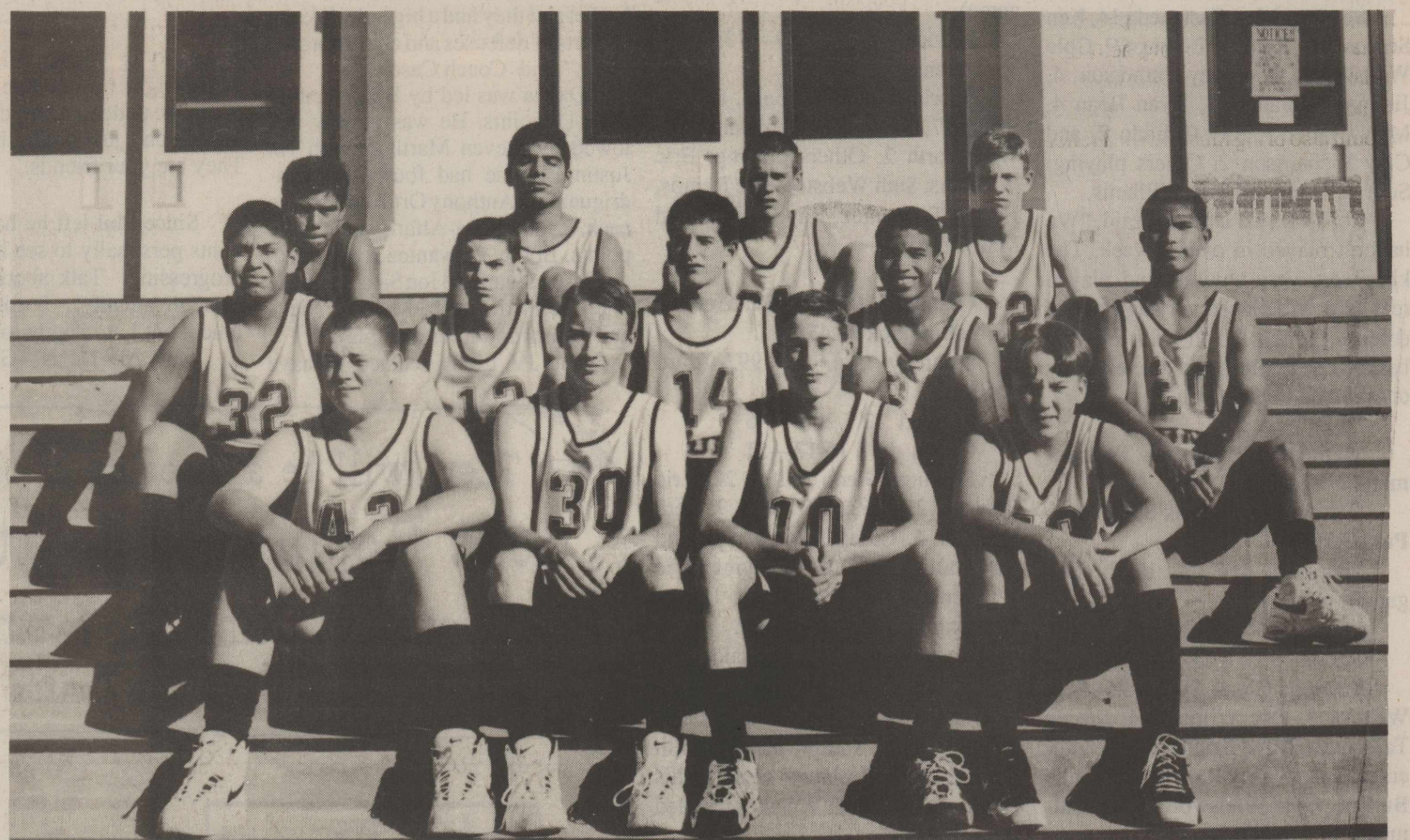
The Ozona JV Lady Lions opened the evening earlier with a 39-24 win over the Coahoma JV Lady Bulldogs. They appeared a little hesitant at first with Diana Ellison scoring six of their nine points to Coahoma's total of six points.

Coahoma outscored Ozona five to two points in the second period to tie the game 11-11 at the half.

Angela Branch and Ellison perked up the Lady Lions in the third, scoring seven and six, respectively, of their total 14. On the other hand, Coahoma had trouble shooting with Parsons scoring six points for them, and they trailed 25-17 after three quarters.

Good shooting by the Lions with Branch making five of 14 Ozona points gave the Ladies a 39-24 victory. Parsons led the Coahoma team with nine points.

Leading Ozona in scoring was Ellison with 16 points. Others scoring included Angela Branch with 14, Kayla Turland 5, Stephanie Franco 2, and Traci Screws with one point.



1997 OZONA JV-B LIONS are: (bottom row, l. to r.) Ryan Bean, Eric Williams, Casey Jamerson and Matt Graner. Middle row: (l. to r.) Ray Galindo, Seth Webster, Clay Richardson, Ken Sessom and Randall Borrego. Top row: (l. to r.) Jimmy Talamantez, Matt Castaneda, Byron Beasley and Cole Wadsworth. Photo by Sandra Childress

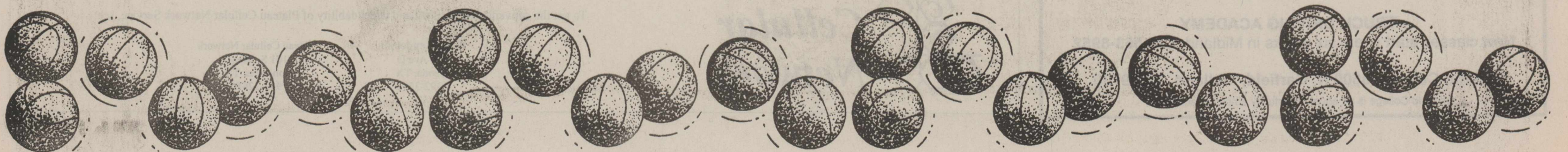
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WEEKLY REPORT

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Henry Bonilla

23rd District, Texas

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Get Ready--April 15 Is Just Around The Corner

Beware. Your brand new 1996 Federal Income Tax forms will be hitting your mailbox any day now. Just the thought of starting the process of filing and paying your taxes can give you an instant headache.

When it requires a volume's worth of instructions just to fill out the forms, it's time to change it for the better for everyone. Congress needs to overhaul the current tax code so that hard-working American families do not have to waste their valuable time and money each year filling out forms.

Most Americans agree that they pay too much in taxes and that our tax system needs a fix. But some folks in Washington seem perfectly happy with the status quo and are fighting any change in the current system. It's the same old song and dance—they don't want things to change because that would strip them of their power and our money.

Several plans are out there and we need to take a careful look at all of them. One plan talked about a lot these days calls for a consumption tax. Proponents of this plan like it because it's simple. A consumption tax basically taxes all of on what we buy, not how much we make. The idea is that a consumption tax, such as a national sales tax, would eliminate the current system, and free Americans from having the government whittle away at their monthly paycheck and then handing over a large chunk of their salaries to Uncle Sam each April.

Another plan calls for a flat tax. The flat tax would tax each family's income at the same rate, after a substantial family deduction is taken. There are still a lot of questions about each plan, but we should at least take a look.

There are other options on how to overhaul the whole tax system. One way to begin the process of tax reform would be to start smaller. For instance, a \$500 per child tax credit and capital gains tax cut would be a big help to many hard-working families and small businesses in Texas. A new system could also bring much needed relief to

family farms, ranches and small businesses by doing away with the federal inheritance tax.

A complete turn-around of the tax code isn't going to happen overnight. The last Congress made important progress on the tax front. This Congress will continue this by taking a long, hard look at each plan to determine what's best for America. Whether it's a flat tax or outright elimination of the IRS, this Congress is jumping head-first into the problem of developing a solution to the tax crisis. It's going to take a while, but, in the end, a simpler, more common sense tax system will be worth the wait.

Cattlemen's Meeting in Sonora Feb. 19

The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas will hold its mid-winter meeting Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Sutton County Steakhouse in Sonora at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will follow a Dutch treat dinner.

Charles Carter, legislative director, will be there to inform and update all members and guests on what can be expected from this legislative session.

All members and interested persons are urged and welcomed to attend this meeting. If you have any questions, call the home office at 512-836-1321 or chairman Johnston Hokekamp at 915-387-3621.

Social Security Rep. To Visit

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his February visit to Ozona. He will be at the conference room, courthouse annex in Ozona on Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 1:00 to 2:30.

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

Windbreaks Provide Protection

On a farm or ranch, homestead windbreaks determine where the production land ends and the homestead or "yard" begins. In Crockett County, such windbreaks establish more than a living boundary, they also provide protection for the residence.

Homestead windbreaks, when planted 100 feet from the home, block the hot dry winds of summer and the cold gusts of winter, which in some regions may also involve snow. Such protection increases the heating and cooling efficiency of the residence, according to Robert Fewin, TFS area forester, Lubbock. Multiple row breaks also add natural beauty, privacy and value to a homestead, and act as a sound barrier to highway or farm road traffic.

To ensure maximum performance, Fewin recommends a four-row farmstead windbreak; an outside shrub row, providing low density protection; two interior evergreen rows, supplying year-round security; and an inside tall deciduous row, extending the zone of protection.

Within a homestead windbreak, each row and its species play a unique and yet concerted role in the life and effectiveness of the break. In regions where snow drifting is a concern, a north side shrub row planted 40 feet from the main windbreak, be it of nanking cherry or aromatic sumac, will prevent snow accumulation. And for landowners desiring wildlife, the shrubs produce fruit, cover and browse which will attract and sustain wildlife populations.

The interior evergreen rows, the backbone of windbreaks, create year-round surveillance and foliage for up to 75 years or more. The deciduous tree row which produces a tall barrier quicker than the evergreens, provides earlier protection and also extends the maximum zone of protection on the leaside.

To create a farmstead windbreak in the spring of 1997, seedlings produced by the TFS West Texas Nursery can be ordered now through participating Soil and Water Conservation Districts. For more information, contact your local district at 392-2301 or the TFS WTN at (806)746-5801.

CAPITOL COMMENT



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



U.S. SENATOR

New Tax Law

Gives Homemakers a Fair Deal

January 1, 1997, marks a happy day for 10 million hard-working single-income American couples, who beginning that day will enjoy retirement savings equity and be able to accumulate their nest egg on an equal footing with two-income couples.

The Homemaker IRA proposal I first introduced in the Senate in 1993 finally passed and became law last year, effective Jan 1, 1997.

This provision allows homemakers to make IRA contributions, up to \$2,000, regardless of whether they work outside the home.

In other words, the Homemaker IRA allows non-wage earning spouses to make savings contributions at the same rate that wage-earning spouses are allowed to make. It will significantly affect the way millions of Americans save for their retirement.

I wrote this legislation starting from the basic premise that work done inside the home -- running the home, caring for children -- is every bit as important to the strength of our society as any work performed outside

the home anywhere in the country.

But until the Homemaker IRA became law, the tax code did not reflect that long-held American value. The old law limited a non-working spouse's contribution to \$250 a year, or \$2,250 for a one-income couple. This was a "gender gap," and it was a "family gap" as well.

The idea behind IRAs is to enable and encourage Americans to set aside money for their retirement security. Single-income couples have the same retirement needs as two-income couples. Everyone should be allowed to save, on an equal basis, for their retirement years. The law must be as impartial as we can make it. No one, especially not homemakers, should be at a disadvantage.

How big of a difference will the new law make in the financial security of a typical couple who takes advantage of its savings provisions? Setting aside an extra \$1,750 in an IRA each year for 30 years (assuming a modest 6 percent rate of return) would result in \$150,000 of additional retirement savings -- a significant asset.

A couple should not overlook IRAs as a part of retirement planning. Over a working lifetime, a nest egg can build from \$350,000 to as high as \$400,000 depending on the investment return. This \$2,000 per person per year accrues tax free into a real benefit.

Such reform was critical to the long-term financial security of women. Women live longer than men and earn less money. They become divorced or widowed. They leave the workforce to bear children and care for their families. As a result, they typically begin saving for retirement later than men and save less.

Unfortunately, families retiring today will not see the benefit of this legislation. But 25 years from now, I hope countless married, widowed or divorced homemakers will be able to avoid living under near-poverty conditions because of this new law.

We have made the tax code a much more even-handed instrument. Homemakers finally are getting a fair deal.

Texas Senate Review

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, the 75th Texas Legislature convened at 12:00 noon marking a historic event in Texas history. For the first time in 125 years, the Republican party holds the majority in the Texas Senate with 16 Republican members.

The first order of business was the swearing-in ceremonies of newly elected senators and officers by Chief Justice Thomas Phillips of the Texas Supreme Court. New members of the Senate are Troy Fraser of Horseshoe Bay, Eliot Shapleigh of El Paso, Robert Duncan of Lubbock, Jon Lindsay of Houston and John J. Carona of Dallas. Laredo State Senator Judith Zaffirini was sworn in as president pro tempore of the Senate for the 75th Legislative Session. Hailed by her peers as a legislator with an impeccable service record and a sincere dedication for public service, Zaffirini is the first hispanic female and only the fifth woman to hold this position. "It is a wonderful honor because it reflects

the greatest traditions of the Texas Senate, our belief and our support in the seniority system, and in Senatorial courtesy..." - Senator Judith Zaffirini.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, the Senate's Criminal Justice Committee gave top priority to Senate Bill (SB) 97, known as the stalking bill. Prior legislation regarding stalking was declared unconstitutional by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. The current bill, sponsored by Fort Worth Senator Mike Moncrief, has been given "emergency" status by Governor Bush to pass through the Legislature due to the fact that Texas is one of only two states with no stalking laws.

At 11 a.m. on Wednesday, the Texas Senate convened to discuss several resolutions. The senators voted unanimously in support of Senate Resolution (SR) Five sponsored by Senator Rodney Ellis of Houston and Senator Royce West of Dallas which commemorates the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King. The Senate also

passed a resolution sponsored by Senator Carlos F. Truan of Corpus Christi that recognized Betty King for 20 years of service as secretary of the Texas Senate and 50 years of state service.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, the Senate unanimously passed SB 97, the stalking bill. The bill was co-sponsored by all 30 of the senators and the 29 members present voted in favor of the bill. During a press conference, Senator Moncrief commented, "This is something we can do...It (the Legislature) has the tools to accomplish and to do so in a timely fashion, to send this bill to the governor's desk for his signature and to immediately become the law."

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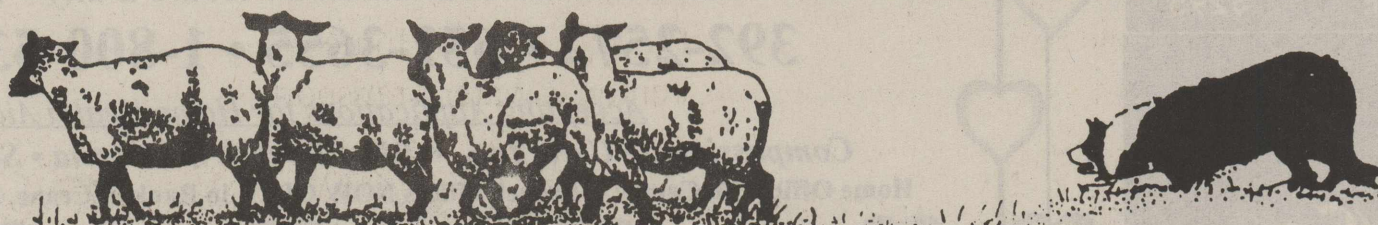


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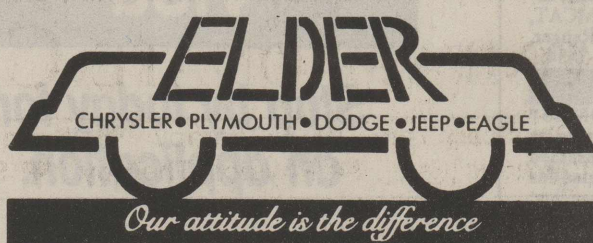
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