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His and Hers

by Linda and Scotty Moore

HERS

A wise old rancher once told me the secret for staying married. "Many a marriage has been saved by the husband grabbing his hat and going to the barn," said he.
Scotty doesn't wear a hat, and he isn't a rancher, so he doesn't have a barn, but he does have a "ham shack".

For those of you who don't know what a ham shack is, this is the location an amateur radio operator, a ham, broadcasts from. It may be a room in the house, it may be a little house out back (like Scotty's), but it is still called a shack.

Anyway, he has sure been spending a lot of time in the ham shack lately. He can't fool me as to his whereabouts, either, because where Scotty is, you will find his old faithful dog, Mutt. Mutt isn't allowed in the ham shack for two reasons, not enough room and the possibility of electrocution, so he stands guard outside the door through rain or shine.

A few weeks ago Scotty's conversation on the ham radio was cut short by ferocious barking followed by bumping under the floor of the building. When he jerked open the door to see what was the matter, there ready to come inside was his old enemy, the belligerent javelina. The hog, whose attention was on trying to root the dog from under the ham shack, had his snout within inches of Scotty's feet. It's hard to imagine who was the more surprised, Scotty or the hog. And I missed seeing it!

He just thought he was in trouble when he was trapped on the garage roof!

HIS

A man's castle--all you need is a good dog and a hog!

Every man needs someplace where he can sit down and drink a cup of coffee in peace, and engage in deep, serious thought. My place is the ham shack out back. It is a small portable building where I keep most of my radio equipment.

She was right, I can't let old Mutt in my tiny shack because there are plenty of places with high voltage behind the ham equipment where my friend might stick his nose, and I sure wouldn't want that.

As far as the hog goes, I have just about reached the end of my rope. It's either going to be me or him, and it will probably be him. This time I yelled and he ran away, only to come back five minutes later trying to attack my dog. And no, she didn't hear any of this, either.

She accused me of spending too much time in the shack. Well, her shack is a good book. She reads constantly down to the last minute before she goes to bed and the first thing after she gets up, and does so at the speed of a race horse, comprehending every word. If there's nothing else around, she's been known to read the labels on tin cans.

I'm going to tell you that we did a good job building that garage. The hog was out in the bushes somewhere.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please take the content of these columns with a grain of salt. Everything you may read may not be the whole truth and nothing but the truth, but darn close to it.

March 21 last date to file for election

Anyone wishing to file for a place on the ballot in the May 5 school board and water district elections has until March 21 to do so.

Candidates filing for the school board's District 7 At-Large place are Chad Poindexter and Martha Villarreal. This position is presently held by Dr. Marcus Sims.

Randy Herring has filed in Single Member District 6 currently held by Wade Richardson.

Filing in Single Member District 1 is Patricia Sutton. Elliott Barrera holds this board position.

As of Friday, March 2, no one had Please see page 2

Lady Lions all district basketball selections

Kristi Avila was honored with the title of Most Valuable Player for district 1-2A in the 2000-2001 basketball season. Coach Dickie Faught was selected as the district 1-2A Coach of the Year.

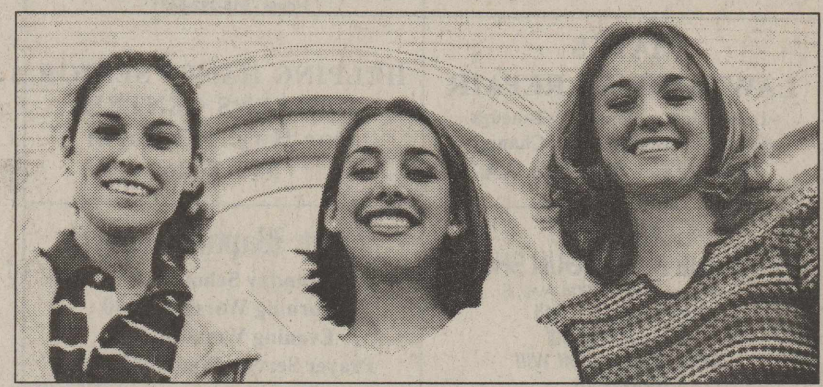
Seniors Terri Duncan, Codi Richardson and Millie Wadsworth

were named to the all district first team.

Representing Ozona on the second team were juniors Jessica Herring and Jordan Webster. Honorable mention all district honors went to senior Claressa Tambunga and junior Lana Stewart.



COACH DICKIE FAUGHT was selected as the district 1-2A girls basketball Coach of the Year and Kristi Avila carried away the honor of Most Valuable Player.



FIRST TEAM ALL DISTRICT honors went to (l. to r.) Terri Duncan, Codi Richardson and Millie Wadsworth.



1-2A ALL DISTRICT basketball team selections were: (l. to r.) Claressa Tambunga and Lana Stewart honorable mention and Jessica Herring and Jordan Webster all district second team.

County commissioners hire FCS Extension agent

Allison Allen of New Mexico was hired by commissioners March 12 as family and consumer science county Extension agent. Allen, who received her bachelor of science degree in home economics with a family and child sciences major, was introduced by Billy H. Reagor, interim county Extension agent.

The search continues for an Extension agent to replace Miles Dabovich, Reagor said.

Court members voted to employ Joyce Young as director of Crockett County Civic and Youth Center. Mrs. Young will hire the assistant director. The assistant job is a parttime position of 50 hours per week with no benefits.

New Ozona Chamber of Commerce executive director Shanon Biggerstaff introduced herself to the court and said beginning in April she will bring them a quarterly report of expenditures of motel occupancy tax money. Commissioners discussed pro-

posed subdivision regulations with Bill Mason, county attorney, and Eddie Moore, county roads and parks superintendent and Dennis Clark of Emerald Underground Water Control District. The court expects to have regulations completed within two weeks.

During his monthly report, Moore talked about work on County Roads 102 and 106.

Judge Johnny Jones commented on the increase in oil field truck traffic and said that the paving allocation needs to be increased next year.

"It's a false economy to let things go and get hit with it (the repair cost) all at once," said Jones. Good roads "are pretty crucial to our tax base, too."

Moore said that "16 miles of paving is not going to go any more. I think we may have to go to 24." Court members have budgeted \$180,000.00 for paving in 2001.

Sheriff Shane Fenton said his office received 416 calls for service in January compared to 375 for Febru-

ary. There were 38 calls to 911 in January and 57 in February. Of these, 10 of the January calls were actual emergencies, and 16 were emergencies in February.

Much of the problem is created by children playing with the phone, Sheriff Fenton said. He also said there is an area code in Mexico that is 911, and sometimes this causes false emergency calls.

Crockett County Care Center administrator Benny Gibbs said the facility is at 82% occupancy now. He reported that a new director of nurses has been hired. Carol Evans is the D.O.N., and Connie Nelson is assistant D.O.N.

Helping Hands served 1369 carry out meals in February according to Janet Hill-McDaniel.

During her report, commissioners voted to approve a letter requesting that rent assistance program vouchers administered through the Fort Worth office be administered through the Austin office of the Texas

Department of Housing and Community Affairs. This change will eliminate a lot of paperwork according to Mrs. McDaniel who oversees the program locally.

Librarian Louise Ledox said her grant application to the Tocker Foundation was successful. The library has been awarded approximately \$15,000.00 for automation. This will be used to pay part of the cost of card conversion.

The court executed a resolution of appreciation for former county judge Jeffrey Sutton. They also executed a resolution of support for the Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of the Concho Valley.

Marcos Mata of the Concho Valley Council of Governments talked with court members about economic development and asked that they update a 1997 economic development strategy document.

Linda Knightstep of Shannon Please see page 2

Ozona firemen attend Concho Valley Regional Fire Training Academy

Ozona firemen who attended the recently completed Concho Valley Regional Fire Training Academy session traveled the greatest distance for the four and one-half month course according to Jim Koca, academy director. Koca, who is also the director of the Concho Valley Regional Law Enforcement Academy, said Ozona "should really be proud of your volunteer firefighters. They did this on their own time. Your community should be proud of them."

Larry Glosson, Shawn Morrow, Bailey Bishop and Gil Komechak were able to attend 99% of the sessions. Attending as they could were David Alaman, Melissa Glosson and Michael

Bullard. This is the first time the course has been taught in San Angelo, and it drew firemen from Grape Creek, Carlsbad, Sonora, Goodyear Proving Ground, Tom Green and Runnels Counties as well as Ozona.

"We've been working to get this academy since 1998," said Koca. The training sessions were held at Concho Valley Council's regional training center and at Goodfellow Air Force Base. "Instructor Joe Zapala was instrumental in getting us in the base," said Koca. "The new base commander, Col. K. C. McClain, is more pro-active in working with fire departments."

A permanent academy location is one of the goals for the firefighting program, Koca said. "We would continue to rely on the excellent facilities at Goodfellow but have our own facility elsewhere," he said.



OZONA FIREMEN trained on one of their own trucks during a live fire at Goodfellow A.F.B. A few of the many subjects covered during their 4 1/2 month fire training were: forcible entry, ladder and hose practices, hose and streams, ventilation, vehicle fire with acetylene bottles in back, search and rescue, transportation emergencies and hazardous material. Pictured are: David Alaman, Shawn Morrow, Melissa Glosson, Bailey Bishop and Larry Glosson. Also attending but not pictured were: Michael Bullard and Gil Komechak.

Elsewhere is envisioned as being a regional public safety training center for police, firemen and the Emergency Medical Service. In small communities, many people are cross trained in the various emergency services.

Koca hopes also to be able to take training to area communities through short courses held at night and on weekends. Within the next one to one and a half years he expects to have the EMS on board. "We're trying to meet the needs of communities as cheaply as we can," he said.

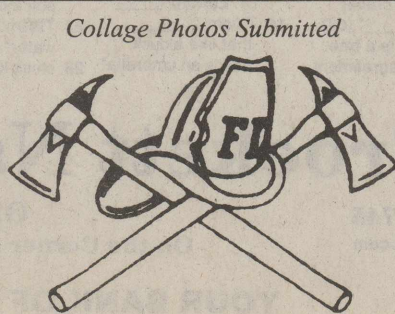
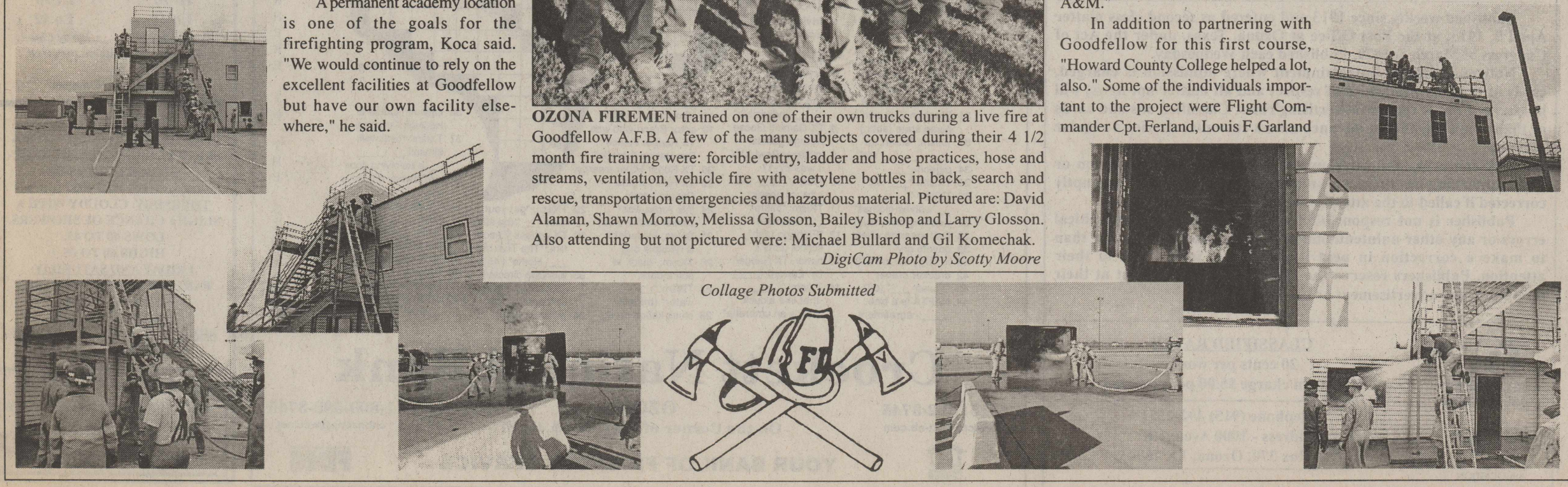
"We want to complement A&M (the fire training school), not compete. A lot of guys can't afford to go to A&M."

In addition to partnering with Goodfellow for this first course, "Howard County College helped a lot, also." Some of the individuals important to the project were Flight Commander Cpt. Ferland, Louis F. Garland

of the fire academy, course directors Scott Hebert and Randy Moore, and lead instructor Roger Gammons.

The first course included training relating to basic, intermediate and advanced firefighting. An intermediate course with some advanced instruction is expected to begin in April.

Ozona's four graduating firemen completed 192 hours toward basic certification, 78 intermediate hours and 28 advanced hours during this first course. These hours will be filed with the State Firemen's and Fire Marshall's Association of Texas.



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National Agriculture Week in Texas

By Susan Combs, Texas Ag Commissioner

Many of us mark important dates such as birthdays and anniversaries. But here's one that's probably not on your calendar — and it should be. It's National Ag Day and Week, when America's farmers and ranchers are recognized for their invaluable contribution to our daily lives.

National Agriculture Week honors the men and women involved in agriculture across the nation. It's an opportunity for us to show our appreciation for our farmers and ranchers and to acknowledge the increasingly important role agriculture plays in the lives of consumers.

Agriculture touches the lives of each and every one of us in ways no other industry can. But in today's urban society, many consumers are becoming so far removed from the agricultural process that they often take it for granted.

Most folks are not aware that agriculture products are used to make crayons as well as cosmetics. And they may not know that just about everything else they use, from soap, mouthwash and shaving cream, to the asphalt they drive on — all start on the farm.

One reason why agriculture is taken for granted is that the dependability of our food and fiber sources is rarely in question. At least 20 percent of the country's workforce is employed in the agricultural industry.

American farmers play a huge role in feeding the rest of the world as well. Last year, U.S. agricultural exports exceeded \$50 billion. As one of the nation's major exporters of agricultural products, Texas ranks 6th in the value of its agricultural exports with \$2.5 billion in 1999, creating 39,000 jobs in the state.

News Reel

NEWS REEL MARCH 23, 1972

News Reel W. Ernest Dunlap, 75, died suddenly at his home here Tuesday afternoon around 1:45. He had been in ill health for several months.

News Reel Floyd Richmond Henderson, one of the fading numbers of Crockett County pioneer ranchers, died at his home here at about 6 o'clock Tuesday morning following an illness.

News Reel Coach John Richey's Ozona Lions roared to another track championship over the weekend, topping their host team, Alpine, for 158 points and the championship trophy.

News Reel Cathy Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Williams, was one of the students recognized for high academic achievement in the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas Tech University for the fall semester.

News Reel Members of the partnership group owning the Ozona Trading Post have announced sale of the business, including all stock and fixtures and including the pool hall to Tom Allen.

News Reel Sheriff and Mrs. Billy Mills are spending a couple of days in Austin.

*School board (Continued from front page)

filed for the Single Member District 5 opening created when board member Billy Cunningham moved away. Emerald Underground Water District incumbents Larry Williams and James Owens have filed for re-election.

*Commissioners (Continued from front page)

Medical Services talked briefly with commissioners about physician staffing at the health clinic in Ozona. Commissioners and the health services board will meet in joint session March 15 to discuss their contract with Shannon for operation of the health clinic.

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The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD by Charley & Guy Orbison

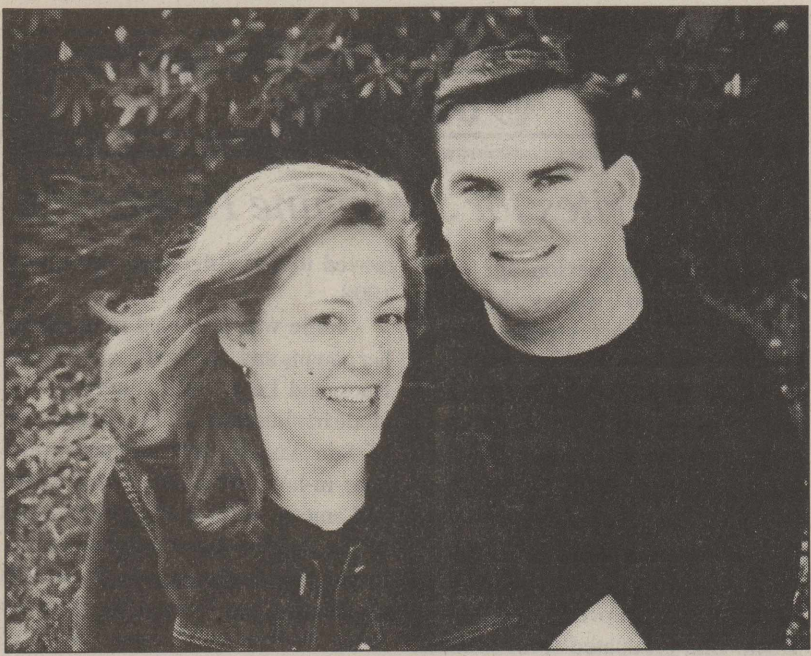
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Miss Torok, Mr. Meador engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. David Ray Torok of Kingwood are happy to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Natalie Jane, to Charles Douglas Meador Jr. of Houston. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Meador Sr. of Ozona.

Natalie graduated from Kingwood High School in 1994. She studied mathematics at Sam Houston State University, and is currently teaching at Hightower High School in Missouri City.

Doug is a 1995 graduate of Ozona High School. He attended Tarleton State University where he majored in mathematics and physics. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 2000 with a master of science degree in applied mathematics. Doug is presently employed by Dynegey, Inc. as an energy trading representative.

The couple will be wed at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Houston on Saturday, May 26. After a honeymoon in the Bahamas, they will reside in Houston.

Forum members tour middle school

The Ozona Woman's Forum met Tuesday, March 6, at 3:30. Patsy White, president, greeted the group in the library of Ozona Middle School. Mrs. White led the members in the pledge to the Texas Flag.

Shirley Kirby, program coordinator, introduced Mr. Charles Floyd, principal of the middle school. Mr. Floyd is resigning at the end of this school year after 36 years in the teaching profession. He has served as a science teacher, a coach, a principal, and as a superintendent of schools for eight years at Abernathy. His 13 years of driving a school bus prepared him for almost anything.

This is his sixth year in Ozona and the third time to go through the reconstruction of a school. Mr. Floyd is very proud of this new school plant, and

was the guide for the tour through the entire building. The wide halls and carpeted floors were amazing, and each room seemed more attractive than the last. The science lab and classroom and multimedia rooms were unbelievable in both size and equipment.

The Forum members were impressed not only in the beauty of the school, but in the apparent emphasis on scholarship, discipline, citizenship and pride. They appreciated Mr. Floyd's cordial and informative explanations on every aspect of the new school plant.

The group adjourned to the Dairy Queen for refreshments. Twenty members were present.

Dorothy Montgomery
Recording Secretary

Dancers celebrate St. Paddy's Day

"What a super St. Patrick's dance," was the comment heard from square dancers and line dancers Saturday night, March 10, at the Senior Citizens Center. The dance was hosted by the Levis and Lace Square Dance Club of Ozona for the enjoyment of all.

Members and guests square dancing were: Leroy and Carol Adcock, Stassi Fuller, the Adcocks' granddaughter from Andrews, Otis Nester, Gail Spence, Betty Fields, Lucy Hinde from Barnhart, Bill and Bernice Cota, Jonny Johnson, Len and Mary Hillman and Ray and Shirley Brown of Iraan.

Bill Prichard from Eagle Pass was the national caller who put the dancers through their paces. He also taught a new line dance, "Bubbly" to George Strait's song, "Drinking Champagne".

Visiting and line dancing were Al Fields, Peggy Earl, Merle Welty, Berta Landin, Ofilia Enriquez, Norris Haire, Helen Stokes, Jack Gillit, Barbara Breisacher, Betty Bullard, Betty Elledge, Nell Wester and Freddie and Pat Nicks.

Dancing Thursday night, March 8, for the enjoyment of the care center residents were Cindy Dusek, Andy Birkenfeld, Otis Nester, Peggy Earl, Bill and Bernice Cota, Raul and Maria De La Rosa, Jonny Johnson, Lucy Hinde, Leroy and Carol Adcock, Len

and Mary Hillman. It is sure nice for the square dancers to be able to go to the care center each Thursday night to dance for the residents and bring a smile to many faces. Residents and dancers alike really look forward to Thursdays.

The next dance for Levis and Lace Square Dance Club will be March 24 at the Senior Citizens Building at 8:00 p.m. with national caller James Pettus from Portales, NM.

In April due to the Easter weekend falling on the regular dance night, the only dance will be the 15th Anniversary Festival coming on Friday and Saturday, April 27-28. This will be a full two days of dancing and festivities. This will be held at the civic center as it is too large for the Senior Citizens Building.

Tickets for the drawing to be held June 2 for the \$28,000.00 gift certificate for a new vehicle, second prize a 3,000.00 gift certificate at Wal Mart/Sam's, and third prize, a \$1,000.00 gift certificate at Lowe's/Home Depot are available through the end of the month from Levis and Lace members. Tickets are \$1.00 each or a book of 10 for \$10.00.

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It's a girl!

Abigaile Jourdan Roane was born Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, at Community Hospital in San Angelo to proud parents Will and Chris Roane. She weighed six pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

Welcoming Miss Abigaile are delighted grandparents Amber Carter of San Angelo, Mike and Dawn Carter and Art and Sally Roane of Ozona, uncles Matthew Carter and Jed Roane. Great-grandparents are: Nita Carter of Ozona, Jim and Cindy Watts of Grape Creek, Mary and Louis Williams and Jane and Cooper Hawthorne, all of Beaumont, and Billy and Colleen Roane of Crystal Beach. Also welcoming Miss Abigaile are Kyann Kothman and numerous great aunts and uncles.

**Amy Laughlin
bride-elect
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bride-elect
Joe A. Jimenez**
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Have you made your chamber of commerce banquet reservations?

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the 37th Annual Awards Banquet for Thursday, March 22, 2001, at the Crockett County Convention Center. The deadline to make reservations is Friday, March 16, 2001. Individual tickets for open seating are available at the chamber office, Petals & Pearls, Small Fashions, The Teacher Store, Village Drug and Westerman Drug. Reception begins at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., awards at 7:15 p.m. and program 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 and reserved tables can be bought at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce for \$96.00.

The theme this year is, "Onward Ozona." The program given by the Ozona High School One Act Play, "And They Dance Real Slow In Jackson," was written by Jim Leonard Jr. and produced with permission from Dramatist Play Service. Play directors are Ty Payne, David Porter and Patrice Searsy.

Awards to be presented are Legacy of Spirit, Citizen of the Year, Unsung Hero, Organization of the Year, Member of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Young Citizen of the Year and a Special Recognition award.

"So that we may be properly prepared for all of our guests, we are asking everyone to make their reservations by Friday. This will allow the chamber time to arrange for seating and the meal. We have a wonderful program and are looking forward to the evening," said Shanon Biggerstaff, executive director.

Ozona Garden Club News

By Charlotte Harrell

Seventeen members of the Ozona Garden Club and two guests met at the Crockett County Museum. Hostesses were Mary Jo Mason and Charlotte Harrell.

President Carmen Sutton conducted the business meeting. Minutes from the January and February meetings were read and approved. Treasurer Marolyn Bean reported that the West Texas Federation of Flower Show Judges has disbanded and distributed its remaining funds proportionately to the garden clubs of its district.

Mary Jo Mason reported a very successful Second Time Around Sale held Saturday, March 10, at the 4-H Barn.

The Ozona Garden Club "Garden of the Month" honor will be awarded

to Crockett County for the planting of trees around the Senior Citizens center, the Recycling Center and the Country Club Drive area. The Ozona Garden Club appreciates all that Crockett County does to support its beautification efforts.

Once again the Ozona Garden Club will provide decorations for all 45 tables at the chamber of commerce banquet to be held March 22. The Ozona Garden Club received a letter from Project Graduation asking for financial assistance and voted to contribute \$100.00.

Toni McGuire of Fort Stockton presented a program on the "Mechanics of Design". She demonstrated how to make hanging designs, collages, and op art arrangements. She showed members many useful and creative tools to use for assembling their designs.

Ozona Chamber of Commerce COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- March - Friends of the Library Talent Show
- March 21 - Social Security Rep., Senior Citizens' Bldg., 10-11:30 a.m.
- March 22 - Chamber Banquet, Fair Park Convention Center, 6 p.m.
- March 27 - Scout Pack 153 Science Fair, Intermediate School, 6:30 p.m.
- April - Don't Mess With Texas' Trash-Off
- April 21-28 - Friends of the Library Book Sale, Hotel Ozona, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- April 19 - Ozona Garden Club Annual Flower Show, Civic Center, 4-6 p.m.
- April 24 - Scout Pack 153 Field Day, Rodeo Park, 7:30 p.m.
- May 15 - Scout Pack 153 Pack Meeting, Boy Scout Hut 7:30 p.m.
- June 22-24 - World Championship Goat Roping
- June 23 - Goat Ropers' Ball Featuring Jody Nix

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Wedding planned for Mr. Nelson, Miss Galindo

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Galindo of Ozona announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lynn Galindo, to James Lee Nelson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson of Ozona.

The couple will be married on **Mar. 19 AARP meeting could reduce your auto insurance cost**

There will be an important AARP meeting Monday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. concerning the 55 Alive driving class to be held in April. Attending this class may help reduce your auto insurance premium by 10%.

You are asked to please attend this meeting at the Senior Citizens' Center.

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(-1) To those who are called sanctified by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ.
(2) Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

Psalms 23:1 Jude -1, 2

Hostess Nell Wester served a delicious meal. Following the meal, Nell's guest, Will Collett, gave the program. He brought several beautiful necklaces, some with matching earrings, that he has made with different precious stones and Indian artifacts. He does really beautiful work, and we all enjoyed seeing and of course trying on some of them.

He and hostess Nell Wester provided each of us with glass beads in the colors of our birthstones and led us in making necklaces of our own. Thank you Will and Nell.

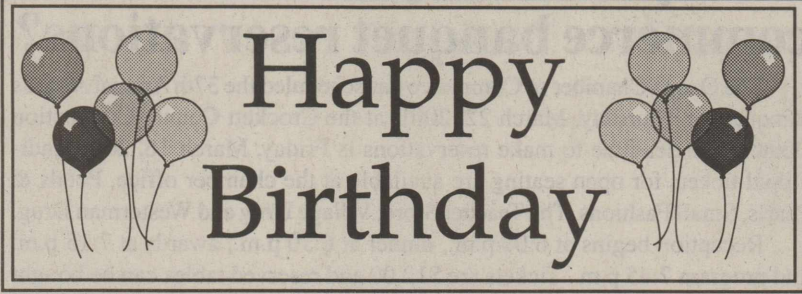
Following the program there was a short business meeting.

Present were Nancy Davee, Queta Fierro, Zoe Green, Nancy Hale, Debi Hamilton, Linda Taylor, Penni Tippie, Lynda Wende and Nell Wester.

Our next meeting will be March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Crockett National Bank. This will be ritual and election of officers. All members are urged to attend.

Zoe Green reporting

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March 14 - Diego Pena Jr., Ann Duran, Kay Stewart, Anthony Vasquez, Karina Rodriguez, Elyane Hoffman

March 15 - Tracey Knox, Gloria Rivera, Derek Nichols, Megan Mitchell, Melinda Leal, Charlie Galindo, Stephanie Maskill

March 16 - Rene De La Rosa, Liz Huereca, Benito Gutierrez, Jennifer Beasley, Araceli Tijerina, Sulema Martinez, Catarina Villarreal Sr., Laura Garza

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March 19 - Marty Acton, Bobbie Renfroe, Stephen Garza, Melisa Porras, Ty Mitchell, Antonio Vasquez Jr., Kristin Bunker, Mike Preddy, Zeke Taylor, Tiffany Maldonado, Charlene Yruegas, Jaydn Poindexter, Stacy Schreffler, Josefa Lira, Amanda Munoz

March 20 - Glen Timney Jr., Paul Longoria, Kasey Miller, Chet Stuart, Tess Woodwick, Edward Lacy, Timothy Maldonado, Geraldo Avila, Rebecca Perez

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Correction please.....

In a March 7 story announcing the Cinco de Mayo queen candidates, Patricia Martinez was incorrectly identified. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel H. Martinez Jr.

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Obituaries

March 9 rites for Josephine Henderson

Josephine Henderson, age 73, of San Angelo died Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at Regency House after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Friday at the chapel of Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo with Rev. Bill Fuller of First Baptist Church of Ozona officiating. Interment followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Jodie was born April 20, 1927, in Gouldbusk to Forest and Maidie Buck. She graduated from Mozelle High School in 1946. She went to work for Dr. G. C. Yarbrough in Coleman. She moved to Odessa and worked for Southwestern Bell as a telephone operator. She married H. Ray Henderson in Midland on July 21, 1951. She graduated from Aladdin Beauty School while living in Odessa.

Although Jodie and her husband lived in various West Texas towns, they left Odessa in 1965 to move to Ozona where she was a member of the First Baptist Church. There they owned and operated the White's Auto Store until they retired in 1989. They

moved to San Angelo in January of 1998.

Jodie was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Thurman Buck and Leon Buck. Survivors include her husband, H. Ray Henderson of San Angelo; her daughters and sons-in-law, Nikki and Jimmy Dunn of Lamesa, Melissa and Mike Gustin of San Angelo; her son and daughter-in-law, Forest and Laverne Henderson of Odessa; her twin sister, Maxine Riley Stevens and husband N. E. of Odessa; her sister, Betty Miller and husband Arbie of Wingate; her brother Foy Jack Buck and wife Buddy of Abilene; two sisters-in-law, Carolyn Buck of Coleman and Nadine Buck of Odessa; five grandchildren, Sabrina, Amy, Rachel, Rayanna and Mitzi; two step-grandsons, Bryan and Chris; and three great-grandchildren, Trevor, Shayla and Kayli.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Ozona or to Vista Care Hospice of San Angelo.

Seniors targeted by questionable company

The Better Business Bureau, nationwide, including the Midland office in the Permian Basin, is receiving inquiries about a company calling itself R&R Financials, Peace & Quiet, or R&R Consultants.

According to consumers contacting the Permian Basin BBB, the company asks for credit card numbers with expiration dates to take credit card information off the Internet. Some consumers report the company is identifying themselves as being with a government agency.

Supposedly the consumer is supposed to receive a packet explaining that their credit card information is on the Internet, and the company has a way to take it all off.

They leave a phone number of 877-590-9492. If you call the number, you are run through a series of selec-

tions, but callers report they are never able to actually talk to a live operator.

BBB offices across the nation have compared notes and discovered numerous addresses for the company, including some in Canada and New York. The Bureau in those areas have requested information from the company, such as the actual type of business, how long they've been in business, the principals, etc. However the company has not responded to the requests. The Bureau in New York has received complaints against the company, also, but so far the company has not responded to the complaints.

The BBB system warn consumers not to give any information regarding your credit cards, or bank account number to any company who contacts you in this manner.

At this time, the BBB has no reliable information the company to determine the real intent on the company, or what services it provides, if any.

Consumers who wish to file a complaint or get further information, should contact the BBB at 741 Delaware Ave., Suite 100, Buffalo, NY 14209-2201 or e-mail that Bureau at info@upstately.bbb.org.

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Prayer to the Virgin Mary
Pray nine Hail Mary's during nine days with a lit candle and ask for three favors: one economic, two impossible and on the eighth day publish. On the ninth, let the candle be consumed. Even without faith they shall be fulfilled.
Thank you Mother Mary B.D.

Card of Thanks
We would like to express our sincere thanks to all family and friends for your kind works of sympathy, prayers, flowers and food, given to us at the time of our loss of our Mother. A special thanks to Father Henry, the choir and the Guadalupanas.
May God bless you all, The Family of Gere Mendez

Card of Thanks
I want to say a big thank you to Sammy Longoria for stopping to help I had a flat Thursday between Barnhart and Mertzton. It's great to see a familiar face when you have an emergency and even more so when it is a law officer. I'm so grateful to the truck driver who stopped and changed the tire and followed us 16 miles until we could get the size lug nut we needed. Jeanene Longoria

Blessings Through Faith

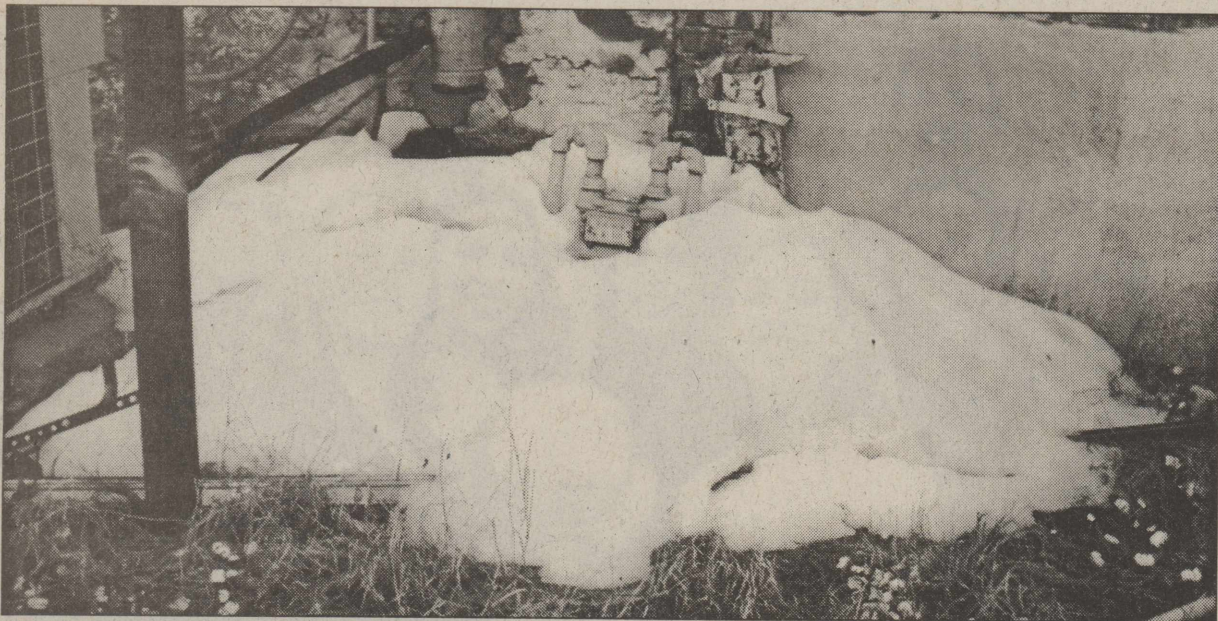
By Dr. Dennis J. Prutow

The Good News of Jesus Christ begins on a negative note because we are in need. It then reports the only answer we have. If you've ever had a guilty conscience, you know the problem. Guilt means violation. You've crossed the line. You are due a penalty. The wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23). Christ went to the cross to die in the place of needy people to give answer to their need. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross. (1 Peter 2:24). This payment for sin brings us out from under the penalty of death. This payment for sin also gives us life. The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23). Four thousand years ago, Abraham was a prototype. He approached God with the liabilities of wrongdoing and guilt. He also approached God with faith. Abraham's faith expressed his emptiness. His faith also revealed a trust in the adequacy of the Savior (Galatians 3:13-14) gives a beautiful summary. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us--for it is written, cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree. In order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Table with 3 columns and 4 rows listing church details: First Baptist Church, Ozona Church of Christ, Ozona United Methodist Church, Ozona Cowboy Church, Faith Lutheran Church, Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church, Templo Bautista Jerusalem, Church of God of Prophecy, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Calvary Baptist Church, Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida, Apostolic Church, Harvest Time Christian Center, Iglesia de Cristo, Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday.

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A THUNDERSTORM Sunday night, March 4, dumped hail and 1.56 inches of rain on Ozona. This pile of pea-sized hail remained frozen in a downtown alley Monday morning. DigiCam Photo by Linda Moore



TALENT SHOW

The Friends of the Library Variety Talent Show will be held Friday, March 30, at the civic center from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Adult admission is \$5.00, student admission is \$3.00, and children under 12 are admitted for \$1.00. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library. Our library building is completed, but we still need new shelving and other items to complete the project.

You can be a Star! If you can sing, dance, tell jokes, do tricks, have a trained animal, or just want to get up on stage and have a good time, this is the show for you. We need talented people to make the show a success and fun for everyone. All participants must register by Thursday, March 29, and show up for the audition and dress rehearsal at the civic center Thursday at 7:00 p.m. to be included in the talent show. No act will be allowed on stage Friday for the talent show without registering and showing up for practice on Thursday. Get your act together, call the library at 392-3565 and register today.

The Library Sisters will be presenting a brand new act featuring special costumes and songs for the talent show. Don't be surprised by an appearance of the ever popular "Sonny and Cher" performing their hit songs, *The Beat Goes On* and *I Got You Babe*. We have a great show lined up, and it's all for a great cause. Mark your calendars and don't miss the Friends of the Library Talent Show on Friday, March 30.

Louise P. Ledoux
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A SIGN OF SPRING - BOYS AND BABY GOATS. Matthew and Russel Komechak hold some of the new crops of kids. DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore

Letter to the Editor

Re: His/Hers
Linda!
You must take the bull by the horns, now!
Please allow me to tell the story of My Clock! It has graced the mantelpiece over the dining room fireplace in my parents' home in England for as many years as I can remember as it was a wedding gift to them in 1913. It came to me in Texas many years ago. This unique looking French clock finally ceased to run as most clocks do and, of course, my late husband, known in Ozona as "Nick" (sometimes called "Timex" by close friends), took it down to the store promising to fix it.
About a week later I said "Where's my clock?" His reply was that he couldn't get a part of it and that he was going to have to make the part as soon as he could get to it.

You, and others, may remember seeing my clock gathering dust on top of that ugly safe just behind the counter at Baker Jewelers for, not just days, or weeks, or even months, but for years!
Finally, one day I was going to San Angelo and with patience totally exhausted I made a brief stop at the jewelry store to pick up my clock. With a do or die expression across my face, I stomped into the store at great speed (unfortunately the carpet prevented much noise en route), crashed through the swinging door to the off limits area behind the counter, and stood on tippy-toes and grabbed my clock. By this time I had attracted the attention of my husband sitting at the bench with an incredulous look on his face. "Where are you taking that clock?" says he. "I think five years is

long enough to wait," says I, "and I'm taking it to Nathan's in Angelo."
Wow! That really got his attention. "No you are not!" says he in no uncertain tones. "I'll fix it this week." And, he did. Actually I had no intention of really taking it, but knew for sure, threatening to take it to the competition would do the trick.
The clock is still keeping perfect time.
I must add, that I had absolutely no problems with honey-do's at the house as my dear husband was a do-it-yourselfer de-luxe and I can honestly say he never left undone any little repair jobs there; in fact he would see that they needed attention before I did. But, getting something fixed at the store was another matter; but, after this episode, things did improve.
So, between you and me, Linda, take my advice - announce you have a fleet of men about to arrive at your house to do your honey-do's. Betcha you get 'em done, first!
Good luck!
Sincerely,
Joan Nicholas

Ozonans complete basic training in San Diego

Pvt. Daniel C. Landin, Pvt. Alfredo Tijerina Jr. and Pvt. Jose R. Quiroz of the U. S. Marine Corps recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.
They successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.
Landin, Tijerina, Quiroz and fellow recruits began their training at 5:00 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, they spent numerous hours in class-

room and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.
The recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.
These Ozona Marines and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.
The Ozona men are 2000 graduates of Ozona High School.

New Rockhound event in Van Horn

Sponsored by the El Campo RV Park in Van Horn, the first Rock Swap and Tail Gate Event will be held March 30-31 and April 1.
Shoppers and dealers are invited to come buy, sell and trade rocks, minerals, jewelry, equipment and more. Field trips are planned, and there will be food vendors, plus a grand prize and door prizes.
El Campo RV park is located at the east end of Van Horn on the main street, just off Interstate 10. Owner Virginia Normand is a member of the Texas Big Bend Gem and Mineral Society. She may be reached at 915-283-2437 or by writing Box 1065, Van Horn, TX 79855.

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Faught selected for all star game



DUSTIN FAUGHT a senior at Ozona High School, has been selected to play in the Zebra Roundup, an all star basketball game for high school seniors, on Sat., March 24, in Grandview. The Zebra Roundup is one of the premier all star games in Texas, selecting players from only 1-A, 2-A and 3-A schools.

Last year's game was attended by University of Texas players' Chris Mihm and Chris Ogden, as well as over 40 college coaches and scouts. At least 15 players from the game received athletic scholarships.

Grandview is located approximately 35 miles south of Ft. Worth on I-35. Admission to the games is \$5.00. The girl's all star game is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. and the boy's game is scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

File Photo by Stephen Zuberbuler

Lions golf compete in Angelo Classic

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lions' golf team competed in the San Angelo Classic on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10.

On Friday the Lions played at the Quicksand Golf Course. Mark Garcia finished the day with 85 strokes, Robert Ogle had 88 strokes and Ryan Pearl 91.

Saturday had the Lions competing at Riverside Golf Course. Pearl had a great day, improving his game by six strokes, finishing the day with a score of 85. Ogle also had an incredible game by lowering his total by seven and ending the day with 81 strokes.

Lion's baseball competes in Angelo

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Ozona Lions' baseball team traveled to San Angelo Fri. and Sat., March 9 and 10, to compete in the San Angelo Baseball Tournament.

On Friday the Lions took on the Central junior varsity Bobcats. The Bobcats would win the game 11-0 by the 10-run rule. Lions Lance Unger, Abel Rodriguez, Kris Gray and J.T. Lara each had a single in the game. Mikey Savala struck out two Bobcats. Quay Oglesby connected three times with Unger which resulted in three outs. Josh Long also connected twice with Unger resulting in two outs and Rodriguez connected a throw to Unger for an out.

The Lions took on the Wall Hawks on Saturday. The Lions won the game 16-8. In the first inning, Quay Oglesby hit a single to get on base. Lance Unger smacked a double to bring home Oglesby for the Lions' first run. Abel Rodriguez hit a single sending Unger home for the Lions' second run. In the bottom of the first J.T. Lara caught a fly ball for a Hawk out. Wall's third out came with Rodriguez connecting a sweet throw to Unger.

In the top of the second, Jake Stewart, Koby Fenton and J.T. Lara all got walks. Oglesby then smashed down the center for a double bringing home Stewart and Fenton. Ray Ramos then got a walk, and so did Unger as Lara and Oglesby came home for another two runs. Kris Gray also got a walk, but was unable to score. In the bottom of the second two Hawks had a double and one was able to score a run before pitcher Oglesby shut them down.

The Lions led the Hawks 5-1 at the top of the third. Ozona was unable to score in the third. A Ramos throw to Unger resulted in the Hawk's first out, an Oglesby to Unger resulted in the second out and Oglesby struck out a Hawk for the third.

Lions play double header in Sonora

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Ozona Lions went to Sonora Tuesday to compete in a double header against the Sonora Broncos.

In the first game, the Lions' junior varsity took on Sonora's junior varsity team. The Broncos held the Lions to no runs while they racked up an amazing 20 runs. Throughout the game the Lions had one single and four walks but just couldn't manage to score any runs. The Broncos, on the other hand, had eight singles, two doubles, a triple and 11 walks, thus scoring 20 runs.

Lion Josh Long caught two fly balls at his second base position, and Dominique Perez caught one at first base. Jake Stewart struck out two Sonora Broncos in the game. Aaron Espino, Logan English, Stewart and Johnathan Munoz each connected a throw with Perez for one out each against the Broncos.

The varsity Lions took on the varsity Sonora Broncos in game two.

The Lions were again unable to score in the fourth, but the Hawks would score three runs and take a one point lead over the Lions 6-5. Stewart, Fenton and Rodriguez each caught a fly ball resulting in the Hawks three outs.

In the top of the fifth the Lions would score two runs and took back the lead by two, 8-6. Stewart and Oglesby each had a walk and Ramos hit a single bringing them both home. Unger and Rodriguez each got a walk as well, but were unable to score.

The Lions kept the Hawks from scoring in the fifth as Gray caught a fly ball and a throw from Long to Unger and Rodriguez to Unger resulting in the Hawks' three outs.

Ozona rained all over the Hawks in the sixth as they scored an awesome eight runs. The Wall pitcher walked nine Lions and Ray Ramos hit a single. Those Lions running in the eight scores were Oglesby, Ramos, Unger, Gray, Stewart, Lara and Long scored two runs.

In the bottom of the sixth the Hawks fired back two runs but Lions Fenton and Long each caught a fly resulting in two outs. The third out came as Oglesby struck another Hawk out. The Lions won the game 16-8 as the two-hour limit was called. In most tournaments each game can only last a maximum of two hours long.

Saturday afternoon the Lions were defeated by the Miles Bulldogs, who won the game 17-0 by the 10 run rule.

Oglesby and Gray were the only Lions to hit a single and Ramos struck out one Bulldog in the game. Gray caught three flyballs for three outs and Logan English and Fenton each caught a fly ball for an out apiece. Ramos connected with Unger three separate times in the game for Bulldog outs and Oglesby, Gray and Rodriguez each also threw to Unger for an out apiece. Catcher Aaron Espino connected once with Long and Rodriguez for two more Bulldog outs.

Lions play double header in Sonora

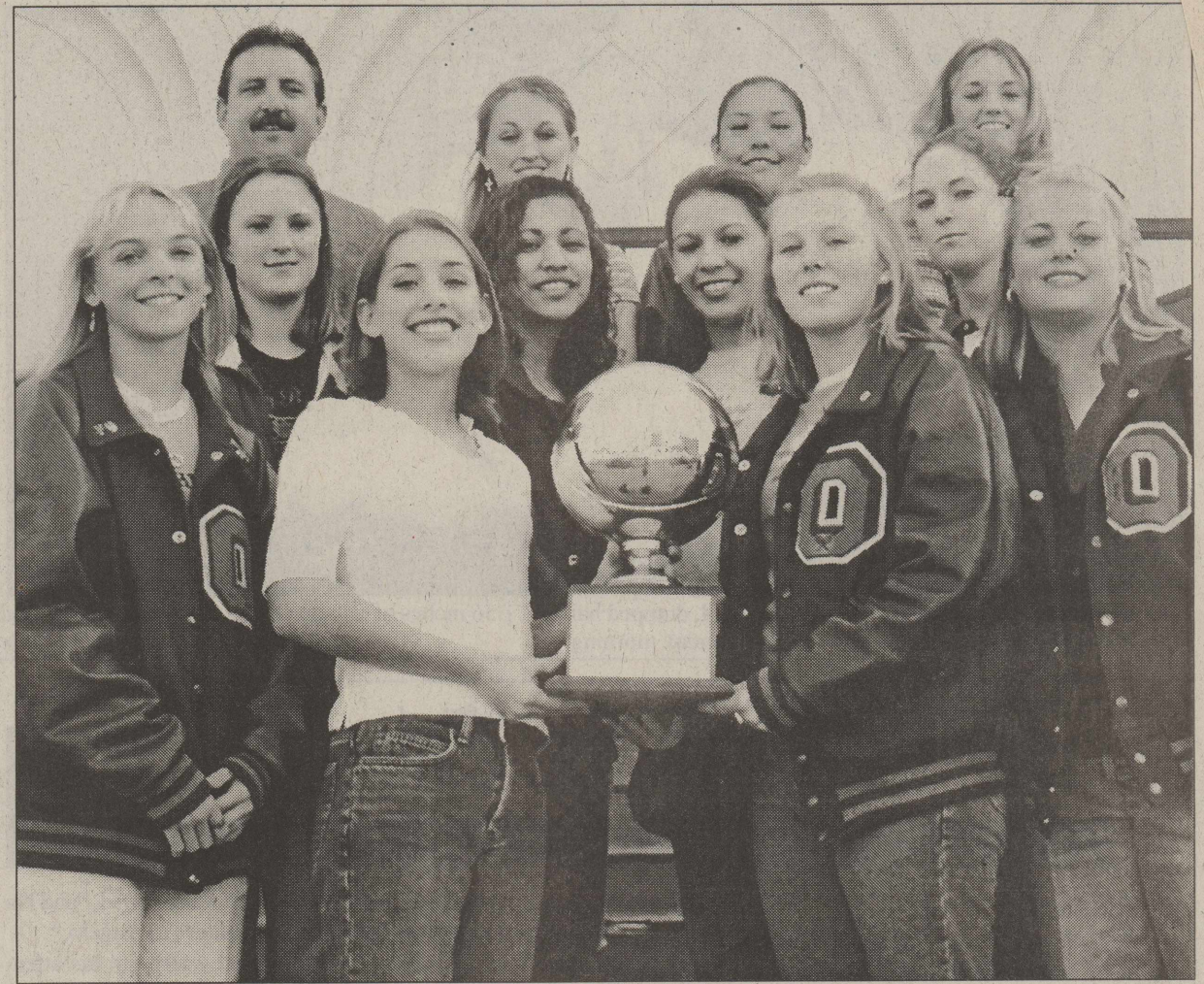
The Broncos won the game by 10 runs as the Lions were only able to score one run. The final score was Broncos 11, Lions 1.

The Lions were unable to score until the fifth inning when Mikey Savala made the one run of the night.

Savala pitched for the Lions, striking out two Broncos. Quay Oglesby played well as he connected four throws with first baseman Lance Unger to cause four Bronco outs while Jake Stewart had two successful throws to Unger for two Bronco outs. Lion catcher Ray Ramos also caused a Sonora out on a throw to second baseman Oglesby.

Lion pitcher Savala threw to Unger for an out, then Unger made an awesome throw to Savala for another out. Unger also caught a fly ball resulting in a Sonora out. The Lions had six errors to the Broncos' two.

Both games against Sonora ended after the fifth inning due to the 10-run rule. The 10-run rule states if after five innings one team has a 10 run lead, the game is called.



THE OHS GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT 1-2A CHAMPIONS are: (front, l. to r.) Jordan Webster, Codi Richardson, Lana Stewart and Kimber Bean. Second row: Jessica Herring, Kristi Avila, Joyce Caldera and Terri Duncan. Back row: Coach Dickie Faught, Katy Churchill, Claressa Tambunga and Millie Wadsworth. Not pictured are: Tammy Alvarez and Melanie Bullard.
DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway

Lions and Ladies tennis win in dual meet

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lions and Lady Lions tennis teams competed against Irion County in a dual meet. Ozona won 15 matches to Irion County's 12 wins.

In boys singles, Shane Albers won over John Bailey 6-3, 6-3 and Derek Faught was victorious 6-1, 7-6 over Jesse Lavario. Josh Tambunga beat Flores 6-2, 6-2 and Gonzales 5-4. Tim Batura won over Bauman 8-3 but lost to Gonzales 6-4, 6-0. Brandon Marmolejo won his match over Flores 8-2 and Rigo Treto won over Guadarrama 8-1; Stephen Humphrey tied Whitaker 7-7. Brad Mayfield tied Tate 4-4 and then lost to Russell 8-4.

In boys doubles, Marmolejo/Treto defeated Porter/Russell 6-2, 2-6, 7-5. Mayfield/Humphrey were victorious over Holland/Tankersy 4-6, 6-2, 7-5. Tambunga/Humphrey won their match over Whitaker/Guadarrama 6-1, 6-1. Dustin and Derek Faught took on Levario/Gonzales and won 8-0. Marmolejo/Treto lost to Fuetress/Night 8-5 and Dustin Faught/Albers were defeated 6-2, 6-4 by Bailey/Levario. Batura/Tambunga lost to Fuetress/Night 6-2, 6-0.

In girl's singles, Michelle Necessary won over Dennison 6-4, 7-6 (8-6). Staci Sutton was victorious over Torres 6-2, 6-0 and Katie Parker took down Laudermilk 8-0. Bobbie Sue Bangeman lost to Fraiser 6-4, 6-1. Melanie Bullard was defeated 9-7 by Fraiser and Leslie Flores lost to McCutchen 6-2, 7-6 (7-2).

In girl's doubles Bangeman/Sutton won over Pierce/Torres 8-1 and Quiroz/Parker beat Dennison/Pierce

6-4, 6-4. Bullard/Necessary fell to Turner/McCutchen 6-1, 6-2 and Janine Fierro/Diana Perez lost to Bates/Moynihaw 7-6, (8-0), 6-0. Ashley DeHoyos/Regan Shaw were defeated by Tate/Laudermilk 6-2, 6-1 and DeHoyos/Shaw also lost to Bates/Moynihaw 8-3.

Lady Lions run in Plateau Relays

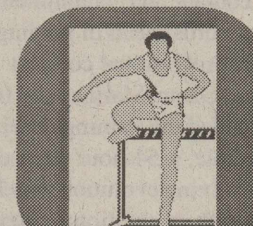
By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lady Lions track team competed in the Eldorado Plateau Relays on Sat., March 9, but did not place as a team.

Individual results are as follows: Tammy Alvarez placed second in the shotput with a throw of 31' and third in the discus with distance of 100'; Scarlett Taylor was fifth in the discus with a toss of 86'1"; Laken Villereal

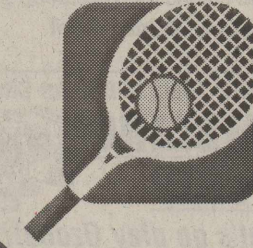
came in first in the 3,200m run with a time of 13:11.77 and second in the 1,600m run in 6:09.89; Codi Richardson came in second in the 200m dash in 27.26; Brandi Buchanan placed sixth in the 100m dash in 13.71; the Ozona 800m relay team members Buchanan, Colby Crawford, Jessica Herring and Richardson were third in a time of 1:55.62 and the 400m relay team finished sixth in 54.85. Runners were Buchanan, Crawford, Herring and Richardson.

Ozona Middle School Track Schedule



BOYS & GIRLS	
March 9	Eldorado
March 23	Sonora
March 30	Ozona
April 7	District McCamey

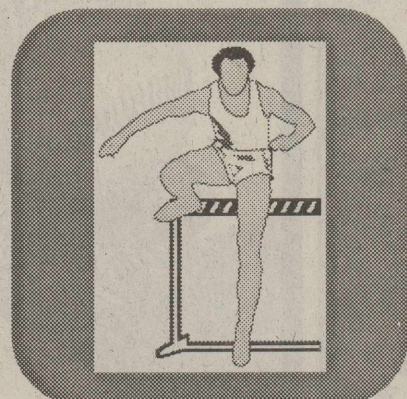
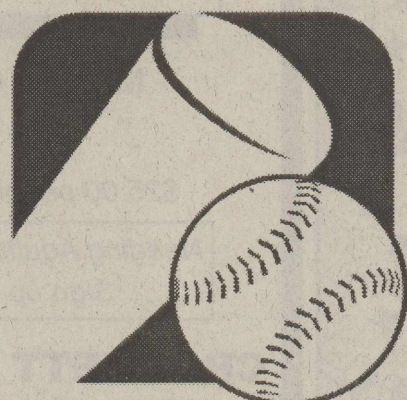
Ozona Middle School Tennis Schedule



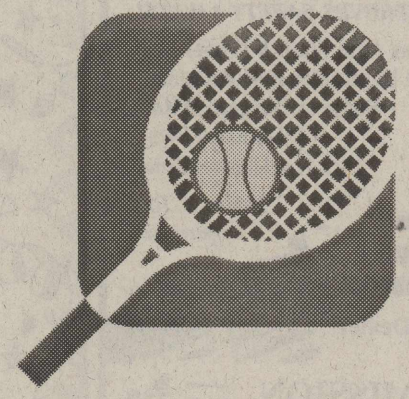
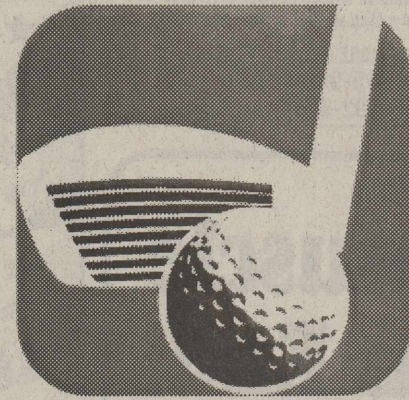
BOYS & GIRLS	
March 24	Sonora Tournament
March 31	Reagan Co. Tournament
	Eldorado Tournament
April 21	District Tournament
	Big Lake

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- Westerman Drug of Ozona
- Wool Growers

Small Fashions

Middle school receives monetary award

Monetary awards in the amount of \$1,512.00 were made to Ozona Middle School in the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District as part of the Texas Successful Schools Award System (TSSAS), Larry J. Taylor, superintendent of the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District, announced.

The school is being recognized for gains in student performance on indicators that are part of the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS), more commonly known as the state's report card. Crockett County CCSD schools are among 552 cash-winning schools statewide receiving awards for: 1) exemplary, recognized, or acceptable performance; 2) a ranking in the top 25 percent of all campuses in the same unique comparison group statewide, with respect to growth on the Texas Learning Index (TLI) derived from the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) reading and mathematics tests given at Grades 3 through 8 and 10; and, 3) a campus exemption rate in TAAS reading, math, and writing for special education students and for Limited English Proficient (LEP) students that was not deemed excessive.

The awards are based on spring 2000 performance on the TAAS test, which measures performance in reading, writing, and mathematics. Schools also had to meet performance standards for dropout and attendance rates.

Cash awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 per school were given, depending on the number of students

served at the school. In the exemplary category, schools had at least 90 percent of all students and students in each student population group (White, African American, Hispanic, and Economically Disadvantaged) passing each section of the TAAS, a 1998-99 dropout rate of 1 percent or less for all students and each student group, and a 1998-99 attendance rate of 94 percent.

In the acceptable category, schools had at least 50 percent of all students and those in each student group passing each section of the TAAS, a dropout rate of 6.0 percent or less for all students and each student group, and an attendance rate of at least 94 percent.

TAAS award recipients had to rank in the top 25 percent of all campuses that are in the same unique comparison group statewide, with respect to their growth in student performance in reading and math. Campus categories are based on several factors including the percent of students identified as African American, Hispanic, White, Economically Disadvantaged, Limited English Proficient, and Mobile.

In addition, if the campus exemption rate in any subject area of the TAAS test was greater than the exemption rates of 75 percent of all campuses in at least one subject area, the campus was eliminated from the list of possible winners.

A total of \$2.5 million is being awarded to schools this year under TSSAS.

Kelli Anne Goble wins weekly Rambelle 110-Percent Award

ASU women's basketball coach Sally Walling Brooks announced Kelli Anne Goble as the seventh winner of the A. G. Edwards' 110-Percent Award for women's basketball for the 2001 season.

The award recognizes an Angelo State women's basketball



KELLI ANNE GOBLE

player for her efforts each week, based on her attitude, effort and impact on the team. The winner is announced weekly, and the award winner is presented at the ASU Ram Club luncheon. In addition, the winner will be recognized on a plaque on permanent display in the ASU Physical Education Building.

Goble, a 5-5 freshman guard from Ozona, helped the Rambelles improve their record in the Lone Star Conference South. She averaged 18 points in the victories over Eastern New Mexico and West Texas A&M. She scored a career-high 23 points on five of nine shooting from three point range in the 88-82 victory over West Texas A&M. One of her three pointers was a half court shot to beat the first half buzzer and narrow the margin to one point. For her efforts, Goble was named the Lone Star Conference South Player-of-the-Week.

The Rambelles are 20-8 for the season overall and 11-3 in the Lone Star Conference. Kelli Anne started in 21 of 28 games played. She made 81 of 188 field goals attempted and made 57 of 129 three point field goals attempted. She made 17 of 38 free throws for a total of 236 points for the season.

Kelli Anne led her team in three-pointers made and three-point percentage and is among the nation's best in both categories.

OHS students compete in Wall math meet

By Michelle Holtz STOCKMAN REPORTER

Eight Ozona High School students traveled to Wall March 5 to compete in the high school math meet.

In number sense, seniors Jason Davis took first place, Brian Webb placed fourth, and Joseph Knaack came in eighth. Ramon Trujillo finished second, and Diana Perez came in ninth. Both are sophomores.

In calculator, Brian Webb came in first, and Jason Davis placed fourth. Junior Erin Castro came in third. Fourth and seventh places went to sophomores Zach Webb and Ramon Trujillo, respectively. Freshman Harvey Ruiz finished in fourth place.

In math, Jason Davis was second, Joseph Knaack was seventh and Brian Webb ninth. Ramon Trujillo was sixth, Zach Webb came in ninth, and Diana Perez was tenth.

Ozona Intermediate School Honor Roll

FOURTH SIX WEEKS A HONOR ROLL

Third Grade - Leonard Castillo, Suzanne Davis, Matthew Fay, Andrew Galindo, Brandi Glosson, Tara Johnson, Corey Kelley, Alexandria Macias, Jayci Miller, Lauren Najjar, Taylor Newton, Vanessa Rodriguez, Kyle Sewell, Johanna Strother, Jaron Vasquez, Lane White

Fourth Grade - Daniel Anderson, Kara Bird, Kristina Castillo, Latham Ducote, Ethan English, Matthew Garza, Victoria Holtz, Nathan Knox, Alysha Lara, Jasmine Moran, Ruben Rivas, Cristina Rodriguez, Chelsea Spence, Iris Vergara, Chelsey West, Wilson White, Keelin Wiley

Fifth Grade - Puja Bhakta, Alexa Cervantez, Jonathan Flores, Julia Henderson, Brooke Kelly, Kyann Kothman, Park Preddy, Jessica Simmons, Brooke Tambunga, Lori Villarreal, Ramon Ybarra

A-B HONOR ROLL

Third Grade - Vanessa Arellano, Kit Carson, Blair Chandler, Kelsey Childress, Alejandra Cruz, Shelby Fierro, Markaus Galindo, Brelinda Garza, Charlie Gravell, Nicklas Hill, Zachary Holtz, Damon Johnson, Jordan

dan Martinez, Alonso Quiroz, Karina Quiroz, Joshua Ramos, Kurtlan Reyes, Andrew Stevens, Brandyn Tebbetts, Adrianna Tjerina, Robert Torres, Sophie Trevino, Antonio Villarreal, Jay Villarreal, Katrina Villarreal, Manuel Villarreal

Fourth Grade - Cheyenne Coy, Jordan DeHoyos, Devon Diehl, Benjamin Flores, Jonathan Flores, Desiree Galan, Matias Gandar, Eduardo Gutierrez, Matthew Komechak, Christopher Lara, Bianca Lopez, Miranda Munoz, Fabian Onate, Jesse Ramos, Isaac Rodriguez, Ruby Rodriguez, Steven Silva, Joshua Smith, Preston Tebbetts, Samantha Torres, Felix Venegas, Whitney Wilson, Victoria Zapata

Fifth Grade - Joshua Avila, Chelsea Barrick, Morgan Capps, Mathew Dewolfe, Sara Dorrough, Morgan Glosson, Kasey Gray, Anna Hernandez, Justin Maldonado, Aaron Pearl, Luis Perez, Belinda Ramon Rylee Ramos, Ruben Reyes, Stephanie Rico, Celia Rivera, Jared Spence, Bettie Stice, Mark Tambunga, Vanessa Tobar, Paloma Torres Cutino, Matt Turland, Evangelina Vasquez, Abel Villarreal, Wendy Wilson, Abigail Zamarripa

Hale wins champion in Angelo

Trey Hale, senior, won Breed Champion with his crossbred lamb on Friday at the San Angelo Stock Show. Hale has been in 4-H for nine years and has participated in wool and mohair judging, showing lambs and pigs, and in rodeo.

The San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo is the last major show of the season and usually brings more than 6,000 animals and more than 3,000 exhibitors.

The first six placings in each class of lambs and barrows made the premium sale on Saturday. The Ozona placings are as follows:

Lambs: Trey Hale - Champion finewool cross; Summer Browne - 7th; Chase Clark - 13th lightweight finewool and 15th mid finewool cross; Stephen Tarr - 15th lightweight finewool; Clay Hale 15th middle heavy finewool cross.

Crockett County had 27 lamb exhibitors, six barrow exhibitors and one angora goat exhibitor. The lamb exhibitors included: Lakin Aaron, Ty Allen, Summer Browne, Katy Churchill, Tell Churchill, Chase Clark, Latham Ducote, Clay Hale, Clint Hale, Trey Hale, Jordan Long, Josh Long, Justin Maldonado, Baylor

Myers, Aaron Renfroe, Andrew Shaffer, Jared Shaffer, Allison Skehan, Bryan Skehan, Stephen Tarr, Ashley Unger, Lance Unger, Dean Wadsworth, Millie Wadsworth, Wendy Wilson, Weslee Wilson, and Whitney Wilson.

The barrow exhibitors included: Adrienne Bendele, Justin Maldonado, Derek Wiley, Kaleigh Wiley, Keelin Wiley and Ryan Wiley. Mac Fred was the only angora goat exhibitor.

Accompanying the youth to San Angelo were: Stacy Aaron, Billy and Judy Reagor, Dennis Clark, Kenny and E.A. Wadsworth, Jeffrey and Ronda Stuart, Ed and Laurie Hale, Eddie and Nancy Hale, Billy Dell and Bobbie Renfroe, John Tarr, Tony Allen, Pete and Gracie Maldonado, Ray Elkins, Debbie Long, Barbie and Ray Don Myers, Jim and Laura Skehan, Ray and Kay Shaffer, Mary Jo Unger, Bill and Susie Black, Terry and Sue Ellen Crawford, Fred Chandler, Donnie Laughlin, Monica Bendele and Donny and Donna Wiley.

The 4-H members would like to thank to all of the adult leaders and volunteers, especially Billy Reagor and Fred Chandler for all of their help and support this year.

8th grade Lions win Plateau Relays

By Michelle Holtz STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The eighth grade Lions went to Eldorado Friday to compete in the Plateau Relays. The Lions won the meet with 159 points.

Individually, in the field events, Toby Pagan placed first in the discus with a throw of 120'3" and second in the shotput with a distance of 41'2"; Vince Castro placed third in the discus with a toss of 115'8" and third in the long jump with a leap 17'6"; J.D. Borrego won first in the long jump with a leap of 18'2"; Raven Perez finished first in the triple jump with a measurement of 35'4"; Jeffrey Gillit came in fourth in the pole vault with a height of 8'6" and fifth in the high jump with a leap of 5'4" and Doug Duncan placed sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 33'7".

Individual results of the running events are as follows: the Lions 1,600m relay team of Jared Bird, Eliseo Treto, Doug Duncan and J.D. Borrego placed third with a time of 4:05.59; Treto snagged first place in the 2,400m run and set and new meet

record of 8:01. Treto also won first in the 1,600m run in a time of 5:16; Ruben Talamantez took second in the 800m dash in 2:25 and second in the 1,600m run in 5:39.

Raven Perez came in first in the 100m dash in 12.40 and second in the 200m dash in 25.8; Toby Pagan placed third in the 100m dash in 12.51 and fourth in the 200m dash in 25.96; Doug Duncan came in sixth in the 110 intermediate hurdles in 19.86 and sixth in the 300 low hurdles in 51.67; Vince Castro won first in the 110 intermediate hurdles with a time of 16.86; Jared Bird finished third in the 400m dash in 58.9; Derek Fierro placed fifth in the 800m dash in 2:32 and J.D. Borrego won first in the 400m dash in 56.9.

Guild offers scholarship

The Crockett County Arts and Crafts Guild will award the Mary Layman Scholarship to an OHS senior at the 2001 graduation ceremonies.

Application forms are available from school counselor David McWilliams.

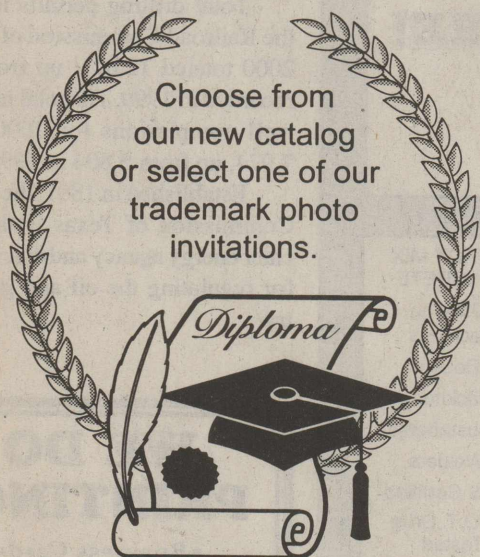
SCHOOL LUNCH MENU
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Mar. 19 - Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Corn, Pineapple, Rolls
Mar. 20 - Nacho Supreme, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Refried Beans, Slice of Bread, Apple Cobbler
Mar. 21 - Chickburger, Burger Salad, French Fries, Cookie
Mar. 22 - Corn Dog, Mac & Cheese, Peas, Peach Slices
Mar. 23 - Steakfingers, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls

FAST FOOD
Mar. 19 - Frito Pie, Corn, Pineapple, Rolls
Mar. 20 - Chili Dog, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Refried Beans, Apple Cobbler
Mar. 21 - Hamburger, Burger Salad, French Fries, Cookie
Mar. 22 - Pizza, Veg. Salad, Peach Slices
Mar. 23 - Cheeseburger, Burger Salad, Tator Tots, Rolls

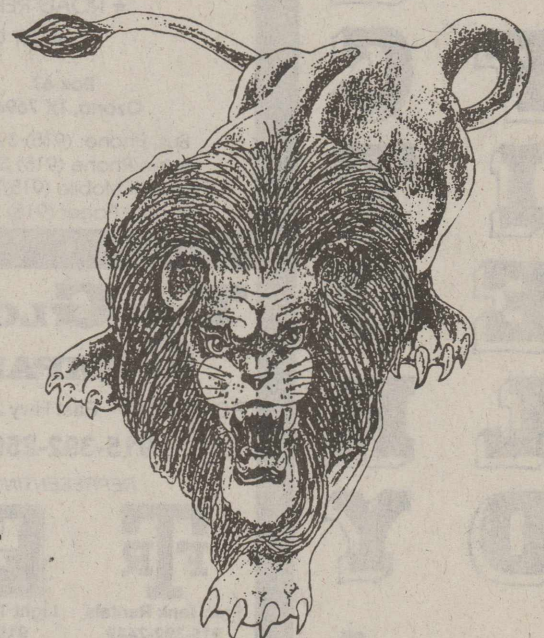
BREAKFAST
Each meal is served with milk, juice, muffin, toast and jelly. You may have your choice of one of the following items each day.
Mar. 19 - Beef & Bean Burrito or Cold Cereal
Mar. 20 - Sausage & Biscuit or Cold Cereal
Mar. 21 - Sausage & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal
Mar. 22 - French Toast or Cold Cereal
Mar. 23 - Chorizo & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

03-06-2001 through 03-12-2001

DISPATCHES

3/06/01

- Report of a motor vehicle accident on I-10 at the 333 MM. Deputy assisted Pecos County units, and victim was taken to hospital.
- Deputy transported an inmate to Sutton County for dentist appointment.
- Sheriff's office received report from West Texas Utilities Company in reference to several street lights being shot out by juveniles with pellet guns in the area of Mulberry St. and Willow St. Deputies will keep close watch for juveniles in this area.
- Report of a deer that had been run over by a vehicle on I-10 at MM 380. Deputy was given ok by local game warden to destroy the deer.
- Report of a suspicious vehicle parked at local truck stop. Deputy ran check on vehicle and it was stolen out of Mesquite. Duty wrecker was called out and impounded the vehicle.
- 911 emergency system at the Sheriff's Office was checked out by telephone company in reference to an alarm that went off. System was repaired and back in service.
- Deputy arrested a subject on I-10 at MM 363 on charges of speeding and refusing to sign traffic citation.
- Report of a civil matter on Largo St. Deputy talked to a male subject in reference to his girlfriend wanting him to leave the residence.
- Report of an alarm at the Ozona Primary School. Deputy reported that the principal was inside the building and all was clear.
- Report of a gas drive off from local convenience store. Deputies reported that the subjects came back to the store and paid for the gas.
- Report of a bus driver who was having problems with a passenger. Deputy went and talked to the passenger who was allowed to continue on his way.
- Deputy conducted a vehicle search of a tractor trailer on I-10 at MM 364. Search was negative.
- Deputies conducted a search of a vehicle on Hwy. 163 at mile post 532. Search was negative.
- Deputy met with complainant on Mulberry St. in reference to an intoxicated subject.
- Report of a stranded motorist on I-10 at MM 333 that needed diesel fuel. Deputy took two five-gallon cans to motorist at this location.

3/07/01

- Report of a stranded motorist on Hwy. 163 15 miles south. Deputy responded and located a vehicle, but no one was around the vehicle. Deputy reported the license plate to Val Verde County Sheriff's Office.
- Report of suspicious vehicle that was tailgating a motorist on I-10. Deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle on Henderson Dr.
- Deputy met with complainant on Heraclio St. in reference to a vehicle that was parked in front of the residence and complainant wanted the vehicle moved. Deputy advised owner of vehicle to move vehicle or it would be towed away.
- Deputy met with complainant on Santa Rosa St. in reference to a male subject who had been asked to move out by ex-girlfriend and the subject had returned. Deputy advised both parties that this is a civil matter and that has to be worked out by an attorney.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle on Santa Anna St.
- Deputy took a report from a female subject who said she had been threatened by a male subject over the phone. Deputy advised the female subject that a statement would have to be given before a warrant could be issued for the male subject.
- Deputy took custody of six illegal aliens

- at local convenience store and placed them on hold for the U.S. Border Patrol. Subjects were picked up.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at Santa Rosa St.
- Report from a citizen that a subject who was wanted was at local apartments. Deputy and DPS Trooper responded and reported that the subject was not located at this residence.

3/08/01

- Report from a local convenience store of a suspicious vehicle that was at this store. Vehicle had a back window that busted out. Vehicle had left upon deputies arrival.
- Deputy met with complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to a civil matter concerning a vehicle that was taken by the wife and complainant stated that the vehicle was registered in his name. Deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.
- 911 hang up call from Peach St. Deputy went by the residence and everything was okay. No medical emergency. Resident advised deputy that she did not call 911.
- Report of stranded motorist on I-10 MM 359. Deputy responded and motorist advised Deputy that he needed a wrecker. Duty wrecker was dispatched.
- Report from Sutton County of a gas drive off. Clerk from the store advised that she recognized the male subject as being from Ozona. Subject was located later by Deputy and advised subject to go pay for the gas.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at the truck stop motel.
- 911 emergency call on 14th St. A juvenile had fallen down. Deputy assisted EMS unit and 911 responder unit.
- Deputy met with complainants at Santa Rosa St. in reference to a pickup that was missing. Deputy advised that this was a civil matter and they needed to contact an attorney.
- Report of a suspicious vehicle at the truck stop. Deputy ran a check on the license plate and it belonged to a local citizen. Deputy reported that the owner was already going to go pick up the vehicle.
- Deputy responded to a welfare concern of a female subject at Santa Anna St. in reference to her father suspecting that there may be trouble. Deputy reported everything was okay.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle on Largo St.
- Report of a reckless driver at local apartment. Deputy located the vehicle and talked to the young driver in front of his parents.

3/09/01

- Report of a skunk on Live Oak St. Deputy located the skunk, but left it alone since it ran off into the pasture.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at a local convenience store.
- Report from a local school of a young juvenile student who was upset at a teacher and was causing problems. Deputy and DPS Troopers responded. The mother of the student was contacted and she took custody of the juvenile.
- Deputy responded to an alarm call at a local store. Deputy reported that the building was secure.

3/10/01

- Deputies conducted traffic control for Medivac helicopter on Ave. H in reference to a heart attack victim.
- Report of loose livestock on Hwy. 163 north. Owner was contacted.

3/11/01

- Report of a reckless driver on Ramos St. Deputies and DPS Trooper located the vehicle on 14th St. and arrested the driver on a charge of driving while intoxicated and the passenger for public intoxication.
- Report of loud music at Ave. D. Deputies advised subject at the residence to turn the music down.
- Deputies met with complainants at Sheriff's Office in reference to civil problems between male and female subjects. Deputies took statements from both subjects.
- Deputy went to unlock a vehicle at a

- local store. The back door to the vehicle was unlocked.
- Two subjects walked into the office wanting gas welfare and a place to sleep. Subjects were denied welfare because they had enough gas to make it to the next town. However, they were given some sandwiches and something to drink.
- Report of a gas drive off from a local convenience store. Subject was located and escorted back to the store to pay for the gas.
- Deputy met with complainant in reference to someone coming on their property. The person was found and issued a criminal trespass notice.
- Report of loose cattle on roadway. Owner was contacted.
- Report of a possible drunk driver on Hwy. 290 coming from Sheffield. Deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.
- Deputy assisted a stranded motorist on I-10. The duty wrecker was called and towed the vehicle to town.

3/12/01

- Report of a drunk driver on Hwy. 290. Deputy and DPS units unable to locate.
- Stranded motorist on I-10. Deputy assisted motorist.
- Deputy met with complainant in reference to two subjects arguing.
- Locked vehicle at local business.
- Deputy assisted Texas Ranger in reference to complainant.
- Deputy met with complainant in reference to theft.
- Deputy met with subjects on 11th St. in reference to control burn.
- Deputy spoke with subject in reference to lost wallet.
- Medical call on 5th St. Deputy and EMS assisted patient.
- Deputy assisted EMS on medical call on Live Oak St.
- Gas drive off from local convenience store.

OFFENSE REPORT

03-06-2001 through 03-12-2001

3/7/01

- Deputy filed a recovered stolen vehicle report.

ARREST REPORT

03-06-2001 through 03-12-2001

3/6/01

- Dracula, Anthony Ralph, age 25, of Florida was arrested on charges of speeding and violate promise to appear. Subject was released after paying his fines.

3/08/01

- Martinez, Daniel Escobevo, age 24, of Mexico was arrested on a charge of illegal entry into the US. Subject was released to Border Patrol Agents.
- Lugo, Garcia Jose Arturo, age 36, of Mexico was arrested on a charge of illegal entry into the US. Subject was released to Border Patrol Agents.
- Ramirez, Beine Isodoro, age 57, of Mexico was arrested on a charge of illegal entry into the US. Subject was released to Border Patrol Agents.
- Ramirez, Isoboro Estraina, age 19, of Mexico was arrested on a charge

of illegal entry into the US. Subject was released to Border Patrol Agents.

- Mascorro, Juan Luis Lopez, age 33, of Mexico was arrested on a charge of illegal entry into the US. Subject was released to Border Patrol Agents.
- Torres, Arturo Antonio Jr., age 49, of Ozona was arrested on a charge of assault. Subject was released after paying fine.

- Weyman, Roberto Almeda, age 24, of Mexico was arrested on a charge of illegal entry into the US. Subject was released to Border Patrol Agents.
- Weyman, Raul, age 50, of Mexico was arrested on a charge of illegal entry into the US. Subject was released to Border Patrol Agents.
- Casas, Gerardo Nascorro, age 42, of Mexico was arrested on a charge of illegal entry into the US. Subject was released to Border Patrol Agents.
- Weyman, Raul Jr., age 19, of Mexico was arrested on a charge of illegal entry into the US. Subject was released to Border Patrol Agents.

- Tambunga, Nino Castillo, age 34, of Ozona was transported from Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice Unit to Crockett County on a bench warrant. Subject remains in jail.

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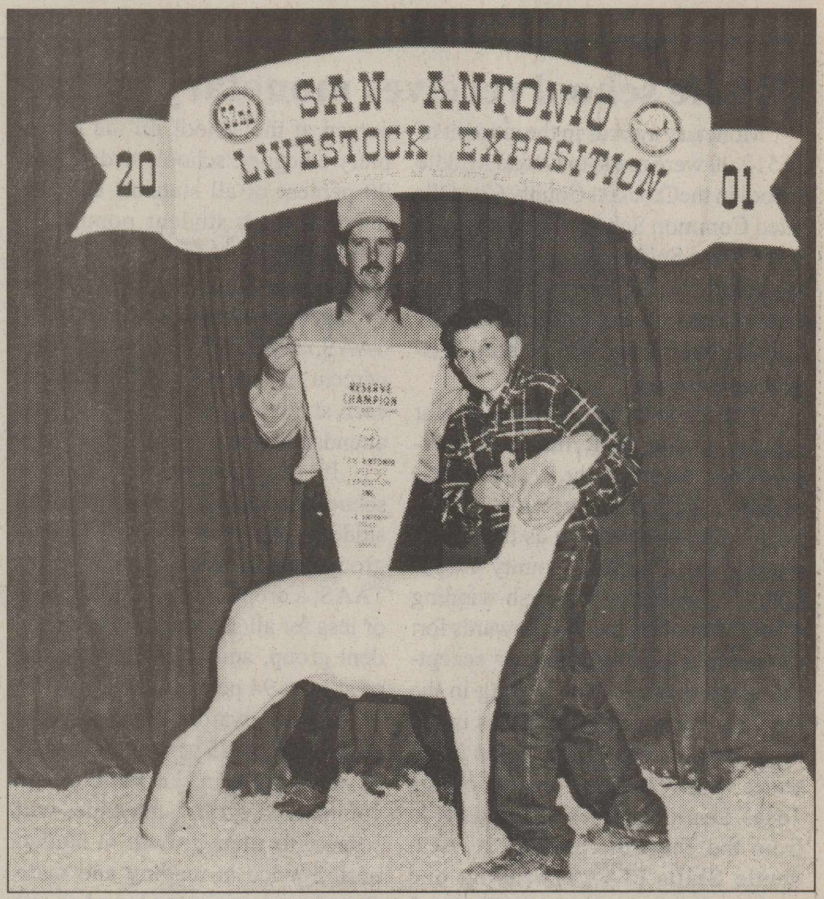
- Lentz, Gary Lee, age 41, of Big Lake was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. Subject was released after paying fine.
- Middleton, Hubert Otis, age 44, of Big Lake was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Subject was released after posting surety bond.
- Deanada, Cruz Bottelo Jr., age 25, of Odessa was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended. Subject was released after posting two surety bonds.

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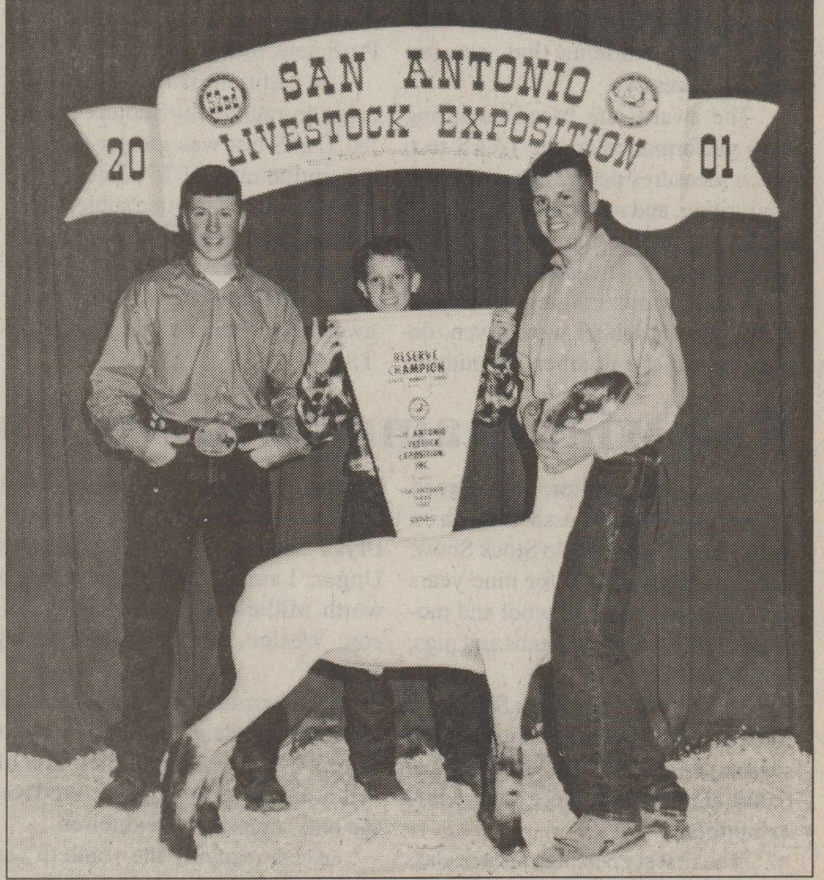
- Ramirez, Micheal David, age 23, of Ozona was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. Subject remains in jail.
- Perez, Jimmy, age 25, of Ozona was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated with an open container. Subject was released after posting bond.

3/12/01

- Gomez, Jesus, age 29, of Sun Land Park was arrested on a charge of no insurance and out of county warrant. Subject remains in jail.
- Robert Z, Solo, age 20, of Illinois was arrested on a charge of drug paraphernalia. Subject remains in jail.
- Hurst, Brian Derrick, age 22, of Ozona was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. Subject remains in jail.



AARON RENFROE brought home the reserve champion finewool lamb banner on Feb. 14 from the San Antonio Livestock Show. Aaron is pictured with his father Billy Del Renfro.



TREY HALE (r.) won reserve champion finewool cross lamb honors at the 2001 San Antonio Livestock Show on February 14. Also pictured are Clay Hale (l.) and Clint Hale.

County ninth in state's gas production in 2000

According to Texas Railroad Commission production statistics, Crockett County was ranked ninth in production of natural gas in 2000. The county produced 120,174,225 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) for the year. Zapata County was the number one natural gas producer with 317,586,110 Mcf followed by (2)

Webb, 299,367,715 Mcf; (3) Hidalgo 287,887,713 Mcf; (4) Panola, 257,231,243 Mcf; (5) Pecos, 250,404,954 Mcf; (6) Harris, 156,516,535 Mcf; (7) Freestone, 129,342,092 Mcf; (8) Starr, 127,597,756 Mcf; and (10) Lavaca, 116,233,396 Mcf.

The state's top 10 oil producing counties for year 2000 were: (1) Gaines, 33,042,447 bbl (barrels); (2) Yoakum, 26,855,236 bbl; (3) Andrews, 26,260,754 bbl; (4) Hockley, 23,134,018 bbl; (5) Ector, 21,897,328 bbl; (6) Pecos, 13,357,256 bbl; (7) Crane, 11,391,602 bbl; (8) Upton, 11,287,098 bbl; (9) Midland, 11,057,079 bbl; and (10) Howard, 7,465,234 bbl.

Texas produced 5,645,792,009 Mcf of natural gas last year, and 398,677,877 barrels of crude oil. Natural gas was produced in 214 of the state's 254 counties. Crude oil was produced in 208 counties.

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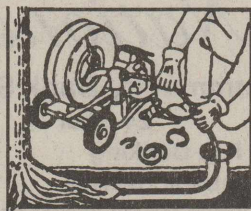
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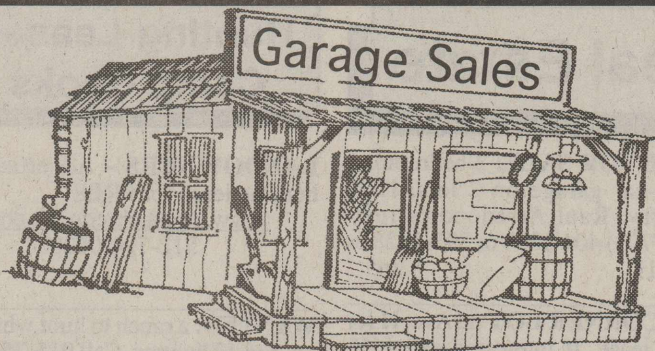
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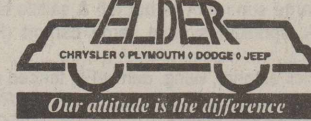
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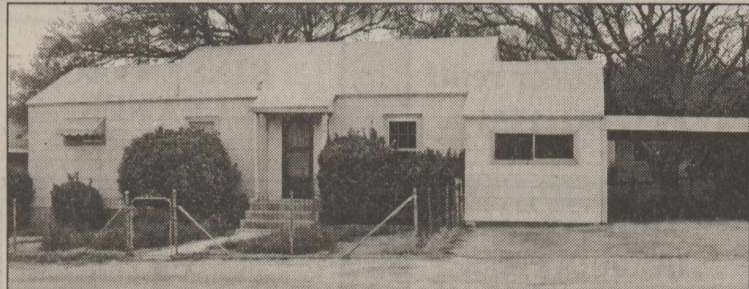
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