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His and Hers

by Linda and Scotty Moore

HERS

You've heard about the "one man dog", but have you ever heard of a "one man parrot"?

HE has a yellow-headed parrot who likes no one but Scotty and his Mother. She can talk to "Buster" in a sweet, high-pitched voice, and that bird suddenly becomes an opera singer. Buster will sit on Scotty's shoulder or on his knee and be the best thing, but brother, don't let anyone else come around. Buster must be a girl, because no female competition other than Maggie is tolerated.

In order to get near the cage to feed or water Buster, who is allowed to roam freely outside his cage, anyone but Scotty has to approach holding a garbage can lid in front of them for a shield. (If you don't believe me, just ask Janet Pullen or Cindy Komechak.)

Buster has been known to fly at me as if he would like to pluck my eyes out. On my few and far between ventures into the bird room, even the garbage can lid shield doesn't work. Buster jumps to the floor and chases me, nipping at my ankles.

If Buster is in reach of Scotty and sees me, he bites him hard enough to bring the blood. Bird people say this is a sign that the critter is protecting you. Just sounds like a jealous, possessive female to me.

HIS

How that woman goes on! We've been married almost 40 years and I've never known her to be speechless but once and it only lasted two days. Now that bird is my kinda bird. He really knows how to keep her in her place.

The old West Texas drinking hole . . . Pass me the water jug, mamma!
 We had just moved to a ranch north of Comstock - I was hired to teach school and there was no available housing in town. After we had settled in a few days I took her and the boys up to see the big concrete tank our drinking water came from.

There wasn't much to look at around there but rocks. It was a dry year and that is hard country at best, so I thought the tank would be an interesting diversion.

For some reason, SHE didn't think all that rust-colored moss floating from the floor of that old tank all the way to the top was a bit pretty. I tried to explain to her that all of that stuff wouldn't hurt you. When we were kids we used to drink right out of the livestock trough out in the pasture, and it never hurt us a bit. I tried to explain to her that if she would just keep her teeth together when she got a drink, that she could strain out any bugs or other unwanted stuff that happened to get in the pipes. I was dead serious, but for some reason SHE didn't like that idea at all!

Later on, several weeks, when the weather was still hotter than blazes, I came home from a hard day in the classroom only to find several high school boys taking an afternoon swim in the tank. I will have to admit that it just about took the cake for me, too. I can take a little moss and rust in my drinking water, but swimming pool water, no, no, no. It didn't take long to shut down the old swimming hole.

Anyway we all lived over it. Both boys grew up smarter than their old dad, and that's all that counts!

Chamber discusses proposed visitors' center in town meeting

Economic impact to the community resulting from a visitors' center is estimated at \$1,155,000.00 per year says Shanon Biggerstaff, executive director of Ozona Chamber of Commerce. The dollar amount is based on 70,000 visitors annually. These statistics were quoted March 29 at a town meeting to present the proposed visitors' center.

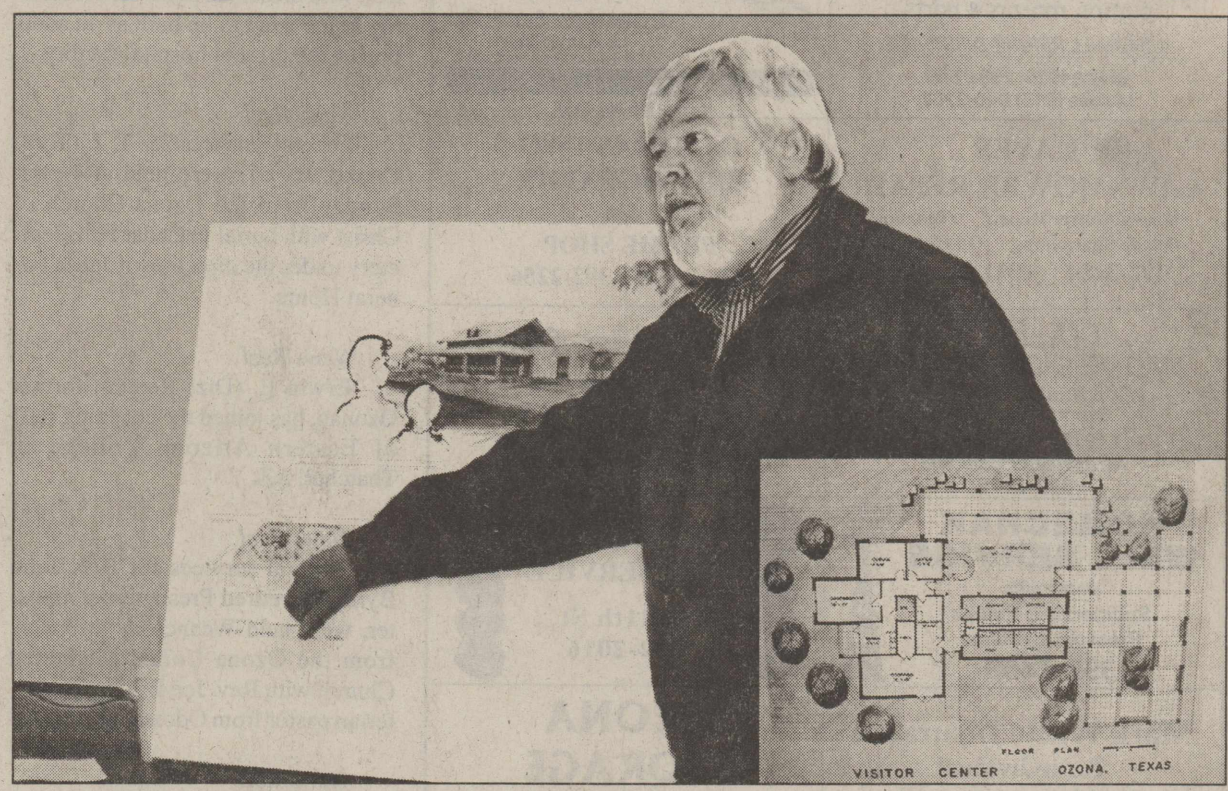
Ms. Biggerstaff estimated \$17,640.00 revenues from motel occupancy tax, \$350,000.00 from food sales, \$315,000.00 in fuel sales and \$49,000.00 in miscellaneous retail sales.

The chamber is proposing construction of the visitor's center, which would include chamber offices, on county-owned land at the southeast intersection of I-10 and Hwy. 163. Estimated cost of the project is \$888,000.00.

If accepted, a nomination by the chamber to a statewide transportation enhancement program through the Texas Department of Transportation would result in payment of 80% of the allowable cost of the project. The fair market value of public land could be used as the local funding match or in-kind donation.

Appraisal of the property by SK Engineering last month showed the market value of the land at \$356,500.00, Ms. Biggerstaff said.

Laurie Hale, chairman of the chamber board, emphasized that the county would not be asked to fund salaries, electricity or operation of the center. These expenses would be paid for with motel occupancy tax dollars allocated to the chamber and through savings realized from not paying building lease. Mrs. Hale said the chamber will ask the county for outside maintenance and cleaning.



HENRY SCHMIDT, architect for the Ozona Chamber of Commerce visitors' center project, makes a point as he talks about the plan at a town meeting March 29.

The 3,900 square foot center was designed by architect Henry Schmidt to incorporate growth. Personnel will include the chamber director and two other paid staff members. A large number of volunteers will also be required.

During a vigorous question and answer session after Ms. Biggerstaff's formal presentation, Dennis Clark expressed concern about suppressing future competition by tying up the property. If the Ozona project is approved, TxDOT would require that the county sign a 10 year contract, Ms. Biggerstaff said. Should the visitors' center not work out over that 10-year period, the county would regain the

property with an attractive building and parking facilities, she continued, emphasizing that the county would not be giving the property away.

Scott Kelley stated that the area where the proposed center would be located had been donated by the Powell family for benefit of the community.

"What natural attractions would cause them (tourists) to come here?" questioned Troy Williams.

"We want to entice visitors off the interstate from a location that is visible, accessible and provides adequate parking," said Ms. Biggerstaff. "We would like the opportunity to directly influence visitors to the services available in Ozona."

A second town meeting is planned for Thursday, April 5, at the courthouse from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The visitors' center proposal will be presented to commissioners at their April 9 meeting.

NEWS BRIEFS

Town meeting offers visitors' center info

Ozona Chamber of Commerce will host a town meeting Thursday, April 5, to present information on the proposed visitors' center. The meeting will be held at the Crockett County Courthouse from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Reception honors two at Extension office

There will be a come and go reception honoring Peggy Dickerson, county Extension secretary, and Allison Allen, the new county Extension agent, Family and Consumer Science, on Tuesday, April 10, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the 4-H office.

Forum seeks input for Farm Bill debate

The Texas Coalition - Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) is sponsoring a Grazing Lands Listening Forum at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification in Midland Thursday, April 12. According to Bob McCan, Texas GLCI Coalition president, the forum will begin at 9:30 a.m. and should end around 12:30 p.m. The forum is being sponsored so the Texas GLCI Coalition can gain input from livestock producers and producer organizations on their ideas and positions for the upcoming farm bill debate.

Congressman Henry Bonilla will address the group. Others invited include Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs and Bob Drake, national GLCI president and an Oklahoma

rancher. Representatives from the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association have also been invited to speak on a panel discussion to share their areas of interest with the upcoming rewrite of the Farm Bill.

Persons desiring more information about this important meeting should contact Tamara Daniel at 254-742-9800.

Methodist Church to present Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness

The Ozona United Methodist Church will present the worship service called *Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness*, written by Hal Hopson. The service will be held on Thursday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Service of Tenebrae follows a tradition of the early church dating back to the eighth century, and commemorates the final hours of Christ's life on earth as He prepared for and suffered death on the cross.

Helping Hands Bake Sale April 7

Helping Hands will have their annual bake sale Saturday, April 7, from 8:00 a.m. until all items are sold in the Village Shopping Center. The proceeds from the sale will go toward a floor-polisher for the Senior Citizens' Building.

If you want to donate any baked goods, call 392-5026 to have them picked up or bring them by the Senior Center by Friday afternoon.

Talamantez recognized as Silent Hero

Crockett County Jailer Pablo Talamantez will be recognized at an awards banquet in Austin April 13 as Crockett County's 911 Silent Hero.

Talamantez was nominated by Sheriff Shane Fenton to receive the Silent Hero Certificate of Recognition.

In his recommendation, Sheriff Fenton said, "During the year 2000, all the Crockett County 911 telecommunicators were replaced with new personnel. Most of these vacancies occurred during the same time frame, and the only experienced telecommunicator still working at the 911 facility was Pablo. During this period, Pablo was asked to work 12 hour shifts and sometimes double shifts. He not only worked as a jailer and 911 telecommunicator, but he had to perform the duties as a field trainer for some of the new telecommunicators. During all of this, he performed his duties in a very professional manner and without complaints," said Sheriff Fenton.

"Pablo is a very conscientious individual and makes every effort to ensure each individual receives the proper attention when a call is received. He displays empathy and concern for all individuals that contact our agency for assistance. When a call is received that could be classified as a crank call or a mis-dial, Pablo will use every means possible to ensure that the call is not an actual emergency.

"Even though we are not pointing at a specific incident in our recommendation," Sheriff Fenton said, "Pablo's daily attention to his duties and his conscientious attitude are the main reasons this recommendation has been made. His empathy and concern for the individuals he is hired to protect is one of the strongest attributes Pablo or any 911 telecommunicator can possess."

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OHS wins district UIL championship

By Michelle Holtz
 STOCKMAN REPORTER

Ozona High School students won the district UIL literary championship

March 30-31 in McCamey.

Ozona's science, number sense, math, computer science, spelling and speech teams all placed first, and 10 individual first places were credited to Ozona.

Individually in science, Brian Webb won first overall. He was first in chemistry and second in biology. Kyle Richardson came in third overall and second in chemistry. Jason Davis was fourth overall and first in physics, and Zach Webb was sixth overall.

Journalism events concluded with Codi Richardson first in headline writing. Scarlett Taylor was first in news writing, and Katy Churchill took fourth. Marie Pierce won first in feature writing while Churchill placed third. Pierce placed fourth in editorial writing, and Codi Richardson came in fifth. Richardson was second in ready writing, and Taylor finished fourth.

Brian Webb placed second in calculator while Davis came in sixth.

Number sense results included

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PABLO TALAMANTEZ accepts a certificate from Sheriff Shane Fenton commending him as Crockett County's 911 Silent Hero.
 photo by Scotty Moore

Juan Garcia signs with HSU

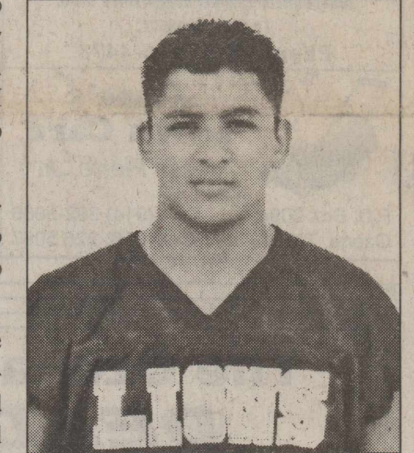
Juan Garcia has committed to Hardin-Simmons University to play football next fall. HSU is a perennial playoff power in NCAA Division III and has a 24-2 record the past two seasons.

Juan is the second Ozona football player to recently commit to HSU, joining Lance Unger, who committed last week.

Juan has been a standout athlete for the Lions the past three years lettering in football, basketball and track. He's been All District in all three sports the past two seasons. He has been instrumental in the Lions making the playoffs the past two seasons in both sports. He was a captain on the football and basketball teams this past year.

Juan was one of the leading tacklers for the Lions the past two seasons with 191 tackles, 14 quarterback sacks and four interceptions. He was a defensive end his junior year, making unanimous All District at that position. His senior year he moved to linebacker where he made All District again. He called the defenses and made defensive adjustments his senior season.

"Juan has been a lot of fun to



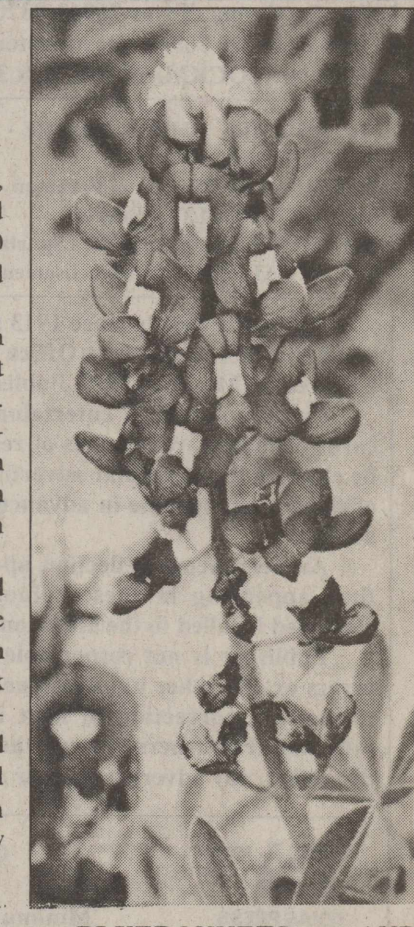
JUAN GARCIA

coach the past two years," said Steve Taylor, athletic director and head coach. "He works really hard and is very coachable; does everything asked of him and always has a smile on his face. We'll really miss him."

Juan is also a great student and has been Academic All District for three years in the previously mentioned sports. He has made As and Bs his entire time in the Ozona school system.

"Juan's going to make HSU a hand. He loves to play the game," said Coach Taylor.

Juan is the son of Ruben and Lupita Cantu.



BLUEBONNETS AND SPRING - This year's crop of flowers is spectacular thanks to good rains.
 photo by Scotty Moore



CHILDREN AT OZONA COMMUNITY CENTER gather around a tree planted in memory of their classmate, Jackie Garcia. The tree was provided by the center's board of directors. *photo by Linda Moore*

Community Center donations

Donations have been made to the Ozona Community Center in memory of:

Don Abbott, David Bean, Christina Sanchez, Jackie Garcia and Jimmy Weant by Victor, Amy, Taylor and Abby Newton

Rachel Childress by Rick, Shannon, Cody and Lacey Hunnicutt
The Ozona Community Center is

a non-profit organization, which has been committed to educating children in Ozona for more than 60 years. For information on making a donation to the Center, call Elizabeth Ann Wadsworth at 392-3060. Donations may be mailed to: The Ozona Community Center, P. O. Box 41, Ozona, TX 76943.



JOHNNYE AND JOHN TEMPLE HOOVER are expecting a bumper crop of pears this year from these two trees in their side yard. The varieties are comice and moonglow. *photo by Linda Moore*

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Candlelight Ritual of Jewels ceremonies for Alpha Alpha Mu

Members of Beta Sigma Phi's Alpha Alpha Mu participated in a candlelight ceremony on March 19 at the Crockett Room for degrees into the Ritual of Jewels and Exemplar levels.

New members Geri Azam was recognized into the Ritual of Jewels level after completing her first year in the organization. The evening also included the recognition of members receiving the Exemplar degree, the

next level in Beta Sigma Phi. A member must be a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority for four years in order to qualify for this degree. Members advancing were Shawna Hopper, Renee Pearl, Kay Shaffer and Patricia Sutton.

Alpha Alpha Mu would like to express our deepest concerns to Dana Cowen after her house fire. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and Rebecca.

Jackie Necessary reporting

Easing the pain of moving

Moving is never easy, especially for children who may not want to leave neighborhood friends or go to a new school.

Parents can help by being understanding and assisting a child through the transition.

"If there's time, allow your child to invite classmates and friends to a going-away party," said Dr. Dianne Treadwell-Deering at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "Snap lots of photos and to help stay in touch, get names, addresses and phone numbers

of the guests."

Gradually immerse your child into the new neighborhood by taking walks or drives, pointing out areas of interest. Learn about community activities or events. The Internet and phone books at your local library can be helpful for long-distance moves.

Accompany your child to his or her new school to tour the building and meet the teachers and principal. Also visit area churches, daycare centers and recreational facilities.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 4 - Bernice Cota, Feliciano Esmerado, Benita Martinez, Jay Young, Alberto Galindo, Kaycie McReynolds, Amber Sanchez, Mac Richie

April 5 - Bryon Beasley, Jim Bob Flanagan, Jasmine Tambunga, Betty King, Kayla Shurley, Jeffery Gillit, Juanita Rios, Tiffany Pullig

April 6 - Valde Flores, Tommy Gibbs, Farran Wilson, Israel Carrizales, Ryan Morris, Noah Tambunga, Dustin Shaffer, Michelle Holtz

April 7 - Louise Bunger, Ivory Davis, Stephanie Franco, Tanya Coker

April 8 - Terry Moran, John

Payne, Joshua Gilley, Matthew Daniels, Leah De La Garza, Joe Patrick Borrego, Patty Villarreal, Chuy Flores Jr., Cathy Castillo

April 9 - Dora Bentley, Melody Stark, Karen Bishop, Layne English, Dale Cornett, Lisa Talamantez

April 10 - Connie Cowen, Robert Daniels, Barbara Meador, Socorro Castro, Randy Upham, Elieser Hernandez Jr., Fernando Fernandez, Craig Deaton, Elizabeth Wadsworth

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STORMY HOOVER AND MEGAN BULLARD each received a \$50.00 savings bond for selling the most raffle tickets for the Ozona Community Center Spring Fashion Show. They tied with 355 each. Megan sold the winning ticket to Brenda McCollum. *photo by Linda Moore*

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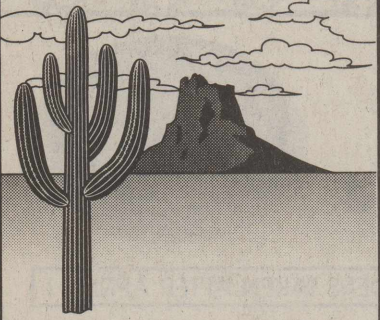
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DR. MARCUS SIMS is the happy recipient of a fully equipped new black bag to be used when making house calls. The gift was presented on behalf of the staff by care center employee Susan Brown in connection with National Doctor's Day March 30. *contributed photo*

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Resurrection Life

by Dr. Dennis J. Prutow

If people are married more than once, which spouse will they have in heaven? Some religious lawyers asked Jesus this kind of question. They wanted to trip up the Master. Jesus turned the tables on them. "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven" (Matthew 22:29-30).

Jesus tells us the Scriptures teach the resurrection of the dead. Jesus also maintained His Father has power to raise the dead. In addition, He says life in the resurrection world is not at all like this life. Marriage is something for this life. There will be no marriage in the resurrected state. The reason is simple. Marital love is meant to picture the love Christ has for His church. "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her" (Ephesians 5:25). The "marriage supper of the Lamb" signifies the end of life as we know it (Revelation 19:9). When we enjoy the reality, life with God in eternity, we no longer need the picture.

For this reason, Jesus likens life in the resurrected state to that of the angels. They live in bliss. They gladly serve God. So too, the great object of our affections will be the Creator, God alone.

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. Bill Fuller Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. Nancy Mossman Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.
Ozona Cowboy Church Cenisa St. Pastor Rick Thomas Thursday: 7 p.m.	Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Rev. Charles Huffman Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m.	Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 526 Santa Rosa St. - Rev. Sergio Arrellano Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Tues. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.
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Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.	Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat and Man O War Pastor Bernardo Solis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.	Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.
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Obituaries

New Mexico service for Edna Phillips Dendy

Edna Phillips Dendy died March 24, 2001, in Silver City, NM. Funeral service was held March 28 in Fort Bryad, NM.

Mrs. Dendy was born Nov. 16, 1907, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Phillips. She graduated from Ozona High School in 1926. In 1938 she married Tom Dendy who preceded her in death in October of 1964.

Mrs. Dendy was a member of Ozona United Methodist Church. She was a nurse at veterans hospitals for many years and had been the supervisor at the hospital in Fort Bryad before her retirement.

Among her survivors are a step-daughter, Betty Brisco of Phoenix, AZ, and several step-grandchildren.

Family members attending the service included sister-in-law Mrs. Dean Phillips and nieces Katrina Phillips and Deena Gatlin.

Garland service for Minnie Delgado April 3

Minerva (Minnie) Delgado left this earth on March 31, 2001, peacefully surrounded by the love of her family. She leaves after a long and courageous battle with Scleroderma.

Minnie was born Feb. 3, 1942, in Ozona to Rodolfo and Rebecca Martinez. She leaves two brothers, Rudy Martinez and Chris Martinez; two sisters, Matilda Cervantez and Lillie Garanzuay, who all reside in Ozona.

Minnie was married on Dec. 27, 1958 to her lifelong partner Juan Delgado Jr. They were united in Ozona and spent most of their lives together in Garland and share four loving children.

Daniel and Cris Delgado live in Stephenville and have three children, Thomas Lancaster and wife Belle, Daniel Delgado Jr. and Chelsea Delgado. Wilma and Jim Jensen live in Dallas and have five children, Jennifer Beauchamp, Jessica Beauchamp, Nicole Jensen, Tracie Davis and husband Nick, and Ryan Jensen. Juan Delgado III lives in Pensacola, FL, and has two children, Juan Delgado IV and Elora Delgado. Lisa and Russell Veasey live in Garland. Minnie also leaves behind her loving pet, a Shi Tzu named Pudge. Minnie was a wonderful mother, wife and working mom. She enjoyed participating in a tap dancing troupe where she performed her famous "Jalapenolina" dance. She loved life and lived it to the fullest. Her greatest pride was her family. She enjoyed celebrating holidays and special occasions with them. She took great pride in actively participating in her grandchildren's school and athletic activities.

She is loved by so many and will be missed by all her family and friends. We were all blessed to have had the opportunity to share in her life. She was an inspiration to all of us and will never be forgotten.

She started her career at TI, continued at Cooper Aeromotives, Polyspede and Compuroute. She worked as an accounting clerk and had many close friends and co-workers.

Minnie was a member of St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church in Garland and an avid camper with the Jolly Good Sam's camping club.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, April 3, at St. Michael's The Archangel Catholic Church with Father James Sharp celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Bluebonnet Chapter of the Scleroderma Foundation in her memory. Donations can be sent to P. O. Box 590742, Houston, TX 77259-0742.

What is scleroderma?

Scleroderma is a chronic disease with no known cause or cure. It is very misunderstood and difficult to diagnose. For this reason, many patients have been ill for years without knowing the true nature of their illness. Scleroderma is a disease of the vascular and immune system, as well as a disorder of the connective tissue. While the word literally means "hard skin", the disease can present many different symptoms making diagnosis very difficult.

Many physicians are not familiar with Scleroderma and are unable to satisfy the "need to know" held by their patients. This has led patients to hide their Scleroderma rather than try to explain their baffling disease to friends and relatives. Scleroderma usually manifests itself first in the hands with the skin becoming hard and tight, but any organ of the body may be affected.

Pain of the muscles and joints, tightening of the skin, fatigue, weight loss, swallowing difficulties or any number of non-specific complaints may be the first symptoms presented. Scleroderma has no respect to age, sex, or ethnic background, but women are afflicted at four to one ratio over men.

The two major forms of Scleroderma are localized and systemic. Localized manifests itself mainly in the skin or bone and muscle, while systemic can involve the entire body system. Treatment is limited to supportive drugs and physical therapeutic measures which can contribute to improving the function and comfort of the patient.

While seemingly "rare", Scleroderma is more prevalent than muscular dystrophy. There are more than 300,000 people suffering with this multi-faceted disease. Because of the Scleroderma Foundation, patients themselves are able to spread the word. Those who were once timid when asked about their illness, now have the courage to discuss their condition.

If you have Scleroderma or know someone who does, the Foundation

Senior Happenings

By Janet Hill-McDaniel

If you haven't been out for our dances with Red Bandana, you have missed a good time. The April Fool Tacky Party was a good time waiting to happen. Forty-nine were in attendance with most looking like someone we really didn't know.

Marsha Tomlinson will provide music for our Easter dance Saturday, April 7. Let's give her a big welcome by attending this get-together starting at 7:00 p.m. Helping Hands will have a concession stand for your snack attacks.

The bake sale on April 7 will be a benefit for Helping Hands' floor polisher fund. This will take place at the Village Shopping Center starting at 8:00 p.m.

April 11 will be the next pot luck luncheon. Bring a dish and join us.

Exercise is still Tuesday and Thursday at 3:00 p.m. Come join us for an energizing afternoon.

We are working on Easter crafts to add to the decor of the building. Stop by if you want to help us with this project.

The flag pole is up thanks to Tommy, James, Ray and Eddie. Old Glory is waving in front of the Senior Citizens' Building and looks so nice.

The 55 Alive driving program will be held April 20-21. Call or come by to sign up for this. The first 30 to sign up will be accepted for the course.

Just a reminder that our night activities are for those 50+ and are smoke and alcohol free.

Coffee drinkers are always welcome. The pot is usually on until late afternoon, and most of the time we have a donated snack to enjoy with it.

If you would like to join us for lunch, call 392-5026 to reserve your spot at the table.

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Care Center Chatter

Last week department heads hosted a cookout for staff in appreciation of all the good teamwork that is done at the care center.

Rusty Harris was voted Employee of the Month for April. Lester Evans and Belva Jones were chosen residents of the Month for April.

Dinky Wagner and daughter Lilly Anna from Iran came Thursday afternoon to visit residents. Our residents enjoy children.

Friday afternoon the care center staff honored Dr. Sims for National Doctor's Day. We are very fortunate to have Dr. Sims in our community.

Volunteers for the week are JoAnn Williamson, Kay Baker, Eddie Hale, Cynthia Flores, Judy Reagor, Barbara Howell, Peggy Earl, Otis Nester, Merle Welty, Mr. and Mrs. Len Hillman, Mr. and Mrs. Raul De La Rosa, Jonny Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cota, Cindy Dusek, Church of Christ, First Baptist Church, Iglesia Bautista, Harvest Time Christian Center.

Please note, I need a month's no-

stice for activities inside or outside the facility as our calendar is planned in advance.

We welcome new resident Gladys Humpries from Del Rio to our care center. She is Patsy Hester's mother.

Pastor Nancy Mossman was here to visit residents at the care center on Friday.

We will honor our volunteers on April 25 at the care center from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. This is National Volunteer Week. Volunteers give the gift of time, sharing time and making a difference and brighten lives. We thank all our volunteers who come so faithfully each week. You all are our shining stars.

Come check us out here at the care center. Great things are happening. Remember, our care center should be number one priority in Crockett County. Our care center could be your home in the future. Let's make it the best it can be.

Jan St. Clair
Activity Director



RUSTY HARRIS, Crockett County Care Center maintenance supervisor, has been chosen Employee of the Month for April.

photo by Linda Moore

Harris chosen Employee of Month

Rusty Harris has been selected as Employee of the Month for April at Crockett County Care Center. He is the center's new maintenance supervisor, having started work in that capacity Feb. 2.

He moved to Ozona as a second grader "many years ago", says Rusty.

He and wife Ofilia are the parents of two daughters, Krislynn and Madalyn. His family and fishing are the loves of his life.

"I enjoy the residents and staff," says Rusty of the care center. "Everybody works as a team. It's really a nice place to work."

Luna completes basic training

Marine Corps Pvt. Joe F. Luna, son of Marine Sgt. and Mrs. Junior B. Luna of Ozona, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Luna successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Luna 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, Luna spent numerous hours on classroom 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.

Luna and other 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.

Luna 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.

Luna is a 2000 graduate of Ozona High School.

County unemployment rate drops

Crockett County's unemployment rate continues to drop according to a March 22 report from the Texas Workforce Commission.

The report showed a labor force of 1,788 in the county in February with 1,742 of those persons employed for an unemployment rate of 2.6%. This is a drop from 2.9% in January.

Highest February rate of unemployment for the county since 1990 was in 1999 when it stood at 9.4%. At that time, the labor force was 2,180

with 1,974 employed.

Across the state, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped to 3.7 percent in February. The unemployment rate in Texas has remained under 4% for three consecutive months for the first time since 1974.

In Crockett County, the unemployment rate has remained below 4% for nine consecutive months. The rate reached 4.1 percent in June and March of 2000, was 4.9% in February of 2000 and 5.7% in January of that year.

TxDOT to host transportation improvement plan meeting April 4

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host two public meetings on April 4 concerning project selections for the Departmental Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) in the 15 counties of the San Angelo District.

The first meeting is scheduled on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in San Angelo at the district office assembly room located at 4502 Knickerbocker Rd. The second will be in Sonora on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the First National Bank at 101 NE Main.

TxDOT officials will present the draft for the TIP program for the fiscal years 2002 through 2004 as well

as disseminate information about the United Transportation Program. Participants will have the opportunity to provide input regarding these programs.

Written comments will be accepted through April 12. Comments concerning projects outside San Angelo should be addressed to Walter G. McCullough, P.E., District Engineer; TxDOT; 4502 Knickerbocker Rd. San Angelo, TX 76904. Comments related to projects within San Angelo should be directed to J. D. Reyes, Director of Transportation; City of San Angelo; P. O. Box 1751; San Angelo, TX 76902.

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 - April 9 - Commissioners Court, Annex Bldg., 9 a.m.
 - April 17 - School Board, 797 Ave. D, 7 p.m.
 - April 19 - Ozona Garden Club Annual Flower Show, Civic Center, 4-6 p.m.
 - April 21-28 - Friends of the Library Book Sale, Hotel Ozona, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - April 24 - Scout Pack 153 Field Day, Rodeo Park, 7:30 p.m.
 - April 27-28 - Lewis & Lace 15th Anniversary Dance Festival, Civic Center
 - May 15 - Scout Pack 153 Pack Meeting, Boy Scout Hut 7:30 p.m.
 - June 22-24 - World Championship Goat Roping
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State history museum opens April 21

In 1996, former Texas Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock shared his dream for a state history museum to be built in Austin, in the capital city of Texas. On April 21, 2001, the 165th anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto, his dream will become a reality. The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, located in downtown Austin in the Capitol Complex, tells "The Story of Texas" through exhibits, object theaters, films and interactive computer displays.

The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum has three floors of engaging, state-of-the-art exhibits and 17 different media and interactive experiences that trace Texas history from before European exploration to recent time. A temporary exhibit gallery on the first floor also features short-term exhibits on topics and themes related to Texas and its history. The museum boasts Austin's only IMAX Theatre with 2-D and 3-D capabilities, as well as a multimedia special effects Texas Spirit Theater - the only one of its kind in Texas. Other museum amenities include a 200-seat indoor/outdoor cafe, a Texas Fair-themed store, classrooms and an underground parking garage that can accommodate 476 vehicles.

The first floor explores "Encounters on the Land" - stories about people

interacting with the land and with each other.

"Building the Lone Star Identity" is the theme for the second floor. Starting in the 1820s, exhibits and interactives recount the people and events leading up to the Texas revolution through the Texas Centennial in 1936.

The third floor of the museum focuses on the theme "Creating Opportunity". Exhibits trace the history of ranching, opportunities on the land, how oil changed Texas, Texas in the Nation and new frontiers in space, medicine and technology.

The museum also features a 60-foot digital Texas Timeline. Individual computer monitors connected to the timeline allow visitors to explore different subjects of interest in Texas history.

In addition to the permanent exhibit space, a temporary exhibit gallery occupies 7,000 square feet of the first floor. The gallery will open with "It Ain't Braggin' If It's True" - an exhibition that brings to life the legendary pride of Texas through seldom-seen artifacts that celebrate Texas, its symbols, its people and their accomplishments.

Admission to the exhibit floors are free to anyone age 18 and under as part of the museum's educational

mission. There is a charge for youth to attend the IMAX (\$4.50) and Texas Spirit Theaters (\$3.50).

Located at 1800 North Congress Avenue, at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and North Congress Ave., the museum will be open Mon-

day through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. IMAX Theaters is open daily until 8:00 p.m. with special extended hours on weekends.

More information is available at www.TheStoryofTexas.com.

Scouts brave the cold March 24

On March 24, Boy Scout Troop 153 took a cold camping trip. The boys and their leaders traveled to the Baggett Ranch south of town.

Making the cold night stay was Jakob Parks, Matthew Payne, Philip Baggett, Glenn Conner, Melvin and Linda Conner.

The boys had the best time you could have under these conditions. They worked on their cooking merit badge and metalwork badge. Each boy got to cook his own meal Saturday night, and then Sunday morning Glenn and Matthew cooked breakfast burritos. At lunch, Jake and Philip grilled hamburgers.

After breakfast, the boys worked

on metal. They made their own brand out of wire and put the brand on one of the Scout chuck boxes. It was fun to see the different ideas from each boy.

The troop also reassigned positions of responsibility. These are: Glenn Conner - Troop Guide; Philip Baggett - Senior Patrol, Jake Parks - Patrol Leader, Ross Kelley - Chaplain Aid, Matthew Harris-Cane - Historian, Matthew Payne - Quartermaster, and Levi English - Scribe.

"The young men have been working hard to achieve this responsibility," said Mrs. Conner. "If you see these young men, please give them encouragement to do their best."

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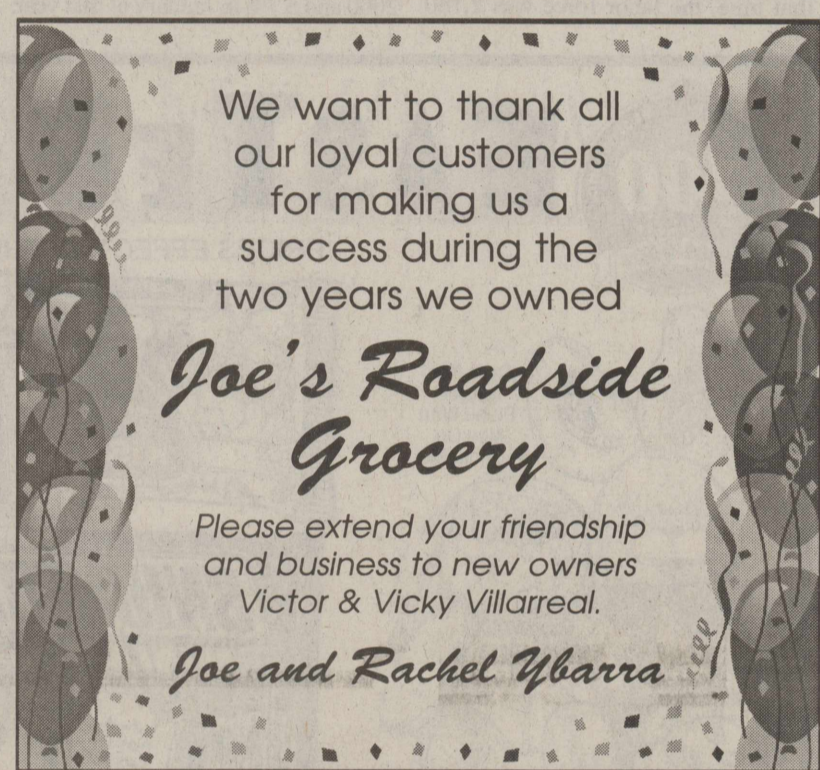
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OZONA PRIMARY SCHOOL Second Grade Choir members entertain Women's Forum with the program "Ev'rybody Smiles in the Same Language". Directing is Mrs. Jennifer Knapp. *photo by Linda Moore*

USDA continues vigilance against foot-and-mouth disease

WASHINGTON, March 28, 2001 - Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman today said the USDA will continue to be vigilant in its efforts to prevent foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) from entering the United States, including intensified scrutiny and inspections at ports of entry and a temporary import prohibition of swine, ruminants and products that could potentially carry the virus from the European Union and other countries that have confirmed cases of this animal disease.

In a get-acquainted meeting, European Union Commissioner David Byrne and Secretary Veneman discussed many issues of interest including trade, biotechnology and the current FMD situation. "We had a very productive and cordial meeting today," said Secretary Veneman. "We discussed a wide range of issues important to our countries and we look forward to working together and continuing to strengthen relationships."

Among other important issues, they discussed the current FMD situation in Europe and the current U.S. temporary prohibition of certain products from the European Union. The Secretary gave no indication of a regionalization or lifting of the temporary restrictions at this time.

"This is a very difficult situation, and we certainly recognize the extensive efforts that the EU and the member states are taking to control the current outbreak," said Veneman. "We will continue reviewing our policies but remain concerned about the spread of FMD within the EU and the risk of introduction into the United States. Given the current situation, we are not prepared to lift any restrictions at this time."

The United States continues to safeguard American agriculture from FMD and all other foreign animal diseases. Since the outbreak of the disease in parts of Europe and other countries, USDA has strengthened its protections, which include:

1. Establishing an emergency operations center to coordinate communications, answer technical questions, and provide consumer/traveler information about FMD and other related issues. Toll-free numbers include: Technical questions - 1-800-601-9327; Consumer/Traveler Hotline: 1-865-SAFEGUARD.

2. Heightened alert and increased inspections at ports of entry, borders, and airports to ensure passengers, luggage and cargo are checked as appropriate. This includes redirecting 150 inspectors to critical ports of entry and plans are underway to double the number of dog teams at airports to check incoming flights and passengers. USDA currently has nearly 2,000 inspection personnel assigned to these facilities and ports of entry.

3. Heightened alert and increased coordination of programs in states across the country. USDA has more than 450 veterinary officials throughout the country that partner with state and local agriculture officials to en-

sure appropriate protections are in place to prevent the entry and potentially detect FMD in the United States. USDA has been coordinating and meeting regularly with appropriate federal, state, industry and university officials since the recent FMD cases were discovered. These groups include regional USDA officials, Customs, Defense, state agriculture and veterinary officials, university experts, and airline/travel industry representatives.

4. Prohibiting travelers from Europe and other FMD countries from carrying into the United States any agriculture products, particularly animal products, that could spread FMD. Violations could result in penalties of up to \$1,000.00. Passengers are required to identify any visits to farms or rural areas to Customs and USDA officials. All travelers/baggage are subject to inspection by USDA/Customs officials and dog teams and disinfection of footwear/clothing may be required for some travelers.

5. Dispatching teams of experts, including 40 Federal, State and university veterinarians, to the United Kingdom to assist in surveillance and eradication of FMD.

6. Heightened awareness and monitoring the FMD situation worldwide to ensure proper protections are in place in other countries that have confirmed cases of the animal disease.

7. Implementing a renewed public education campaign for travelers that includes additional signage/information in airports, public service announcements, information hotlines and an extensive website with public information about this important issue and steps that can be taken to prevent FMD and other exotic diseases and pests from entering the United States.

USDA continues to review its current APHIS programs and staffing to ensure appropriate resources are available to prevent the entry of FMD into the United States, both short and longterm. USDA continues to review emergency operations plans to ensure appropriate response mechanisms are in place (federal/state) to act quickly if FMD were ever to enter the United States. This includes continuing ongoing research, including possible vaccination methods, increased surveillance and regulatory controls.

While FMD does not pose a health risk to humans, it is highly contagious to livestock and could cost billions in containment and eradication if detected in the United States.

FMD is a highly contagious and economically devastating disease of ruminants and swine. The United States has been free of FMD since 1929. FMD is one of the animal diseases that livestock owners dread most because it spreads widely and rapidly and because it has grave economic consequences.

Current information on foot-and-mouth disease and traveler questions and answers are available on the Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/>.



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MODELING THEIR WINNING FASHIONS after the 4-H clothing project judging April 2 are: Ashlee Worley, LuCinda Birkenfeld, Jenna Henderson, Adrienne Bendele and Julia Henderson. They will compete at district in Fort Stockton on April 21. *photo by Linda Moore*

County 4-H clothing project winners advance to district

Six members of the 4-H clothing project group were judged April 2 and will advance to district competition in Fort Stockton on April 21.

Senior Division contestants and their categories were: Ashlee Worley, Casual Buying and Natural Fiber Wool/Mohair; Erica Birkenfeld, Dressy Buying.

Intermediate Division winners were: Jenna Henderson, Casual Buying; and Lucinda Birkenfeld, Dressy Buying.

Junior Division winners were: Julia Henderson, Casual Buying and Adrienne Bendele, Casual Construction.

All contestants received first place rosettes. Judges for the contest were Jean Conner and Carmen Sutton.

"These girls did a wonderful job on their projects," said adult leader Monica Schwartz. Also working as a clothing project leader was Cyndie Worley.

Participating but not judged were: Kaylee Wiley, Jarod Shaffer, Diana Perez, Dana Moran and Amanda Carson.

During their project the group made 92 place mats for District VI adult leaders for the Southern Region Adult Leaders' dinner in Georgia. Additionally, they made goat jackets

Junction Gun and Knife Show

The Kimble County Gun & Knife Show and Flea Market will take place at the Coke Stevenson Center in Junction April 21-22. The 2-day show is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days. Admission is \$3.00 per person with children under 12 admitted free when accompanied by their parent. There is no admission charge for the outdoor flea market.

The gun show and flea market are sponsored by the Kimble County Meals on Wheels and Senior Center.

Meat goat exhibitors excel in San Angelo

Crockett County 4-H meat goat exhibitors did well at the San Angelo Stock Show 2001. Approximately 850 meat goats were exhibited in 10 weight classes.

Jake Stewart showed his goat to a first place in the ninth class. Lucinda Birkenfeld exhibited the fourth place goat in the second class and 19th place goat in the third class. Peyton Fenton had the 20th place goat in the second

class. Other meat goat exhibitors were Allie Bean, Adrienne Bendele and Mac Fred.

The first and second goats in each class are also entered in a carcass class for evaluation. Jake Stewart's goat placed fifth in the carcass class out of 20 goats. Also, results from the San Antonio Stock Show have Allie Bean's second place goat as fifth in the San Antonio carcass evaluation.



THESE HEAD START STUDENTS are ready to ride in the 2001 St. Jude's Children Helping Children Bike-A-Thon. This is the second year for Head Start to participate. *photo by Linda Moore*

Ozona students tour wildlife areas

Robert Gentry and Slate Williams from Ozona and other students in a wildlife management class at South Plains College had a firsthand look at wildlife on a recent educational tour of the Welder Wildlife Foundation, the University of Texas Marine Science Institute and the Port Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

The Welder Wildlife Foundation is a private ranch near Sinton that

funds graduate student biological research according to David Etheredge, assistant professor of biology at SPC and tour sponsor.

As part of the Marine Science Institute project, the students took a trip on a research boat, the Katy, into Corpus Christi Bay and dropped nets in a catch-and-release project collecting fish, squid, mud crabs and aquatic organisms that live on the bottom of the bay. They also made a stop at the Port Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

Additional instructors going on the trip were Leanna Smith, assistant professor of biology, Joel McKinney, professor of biology, and Dr. Laura Graves, associate professor of history and government.

Quilters Guild sets June show dates

The Concho Valley Quilters Guild will host its annual show at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo June 15-16. Deadline for entries is May 31.

For more information, contact Willetta Bumpas, 801 E. 39th, San Angelo, TX 76903, 659-2371 or e-mail Willetta@tcainet.net.

Big Lake plans July 4 team roping

Big Lake Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a team roping on Wednesday, July 4, at the Reagan County 4-H Arena. Details will be released at a later date.

Contact the chamber office at 884-2980 or e-mail to blcoc@airmail.net for more information.

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Eighth Lady Lions win Ozona Relays

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The eighth grade Lady Lions won the Ozona Middle School Relays by one point March 30 at Lion Stadium. Ozona had 156.50 to Greenwood's 155.50.

Individually, in the 100m dash Casey Cervantez came in first with a time of 13.99. Casey Ybarra finished first in the 200m dash in 29.26, and Becky Tambunga was fifth in 31.18. Heather Ybarra won first in the 400m dash in 1:06.05. Britney Ramos came in first in the 800m run in 2:41.13, and Kristen Bunger was sixth with 2:58.72.

Ramos was also first in the 1600m run in 6:18.80. Hilary Huffman took first place in the 100m hurdles in 16.90, and Taylor Oglesby finished in third in 18.09. Cervantez won first in

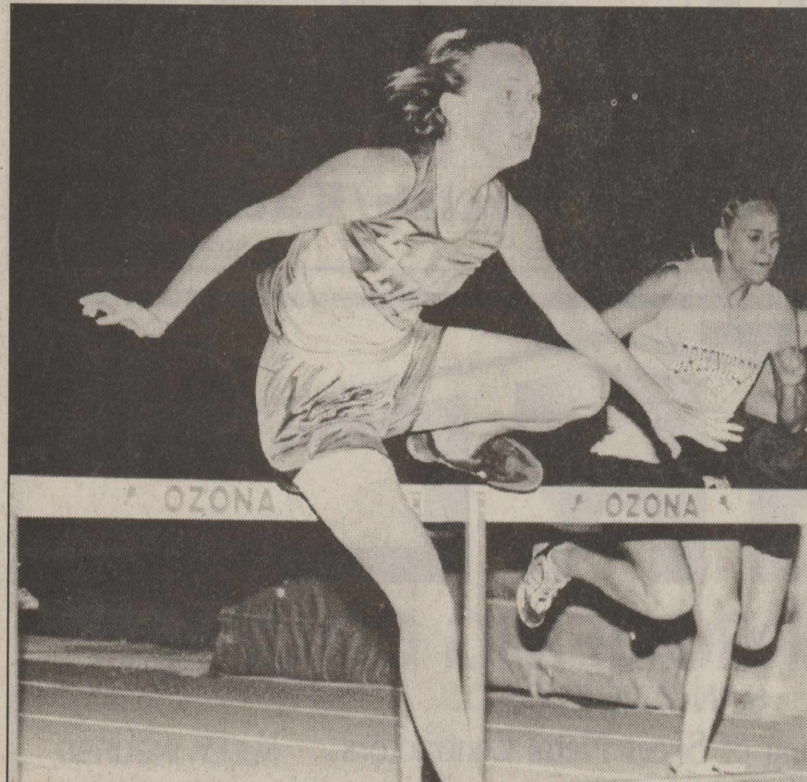
the long jump with a leap of 15'. Kinsey Morris took fourth place in the 300m hurdles in 56.15.

Casey Ybarra was third in the shot with a throw of 25'3 1/2" and third in the discus in a throw of 28'10". Cervantez placed second in the high jump with a leap of 4'8", and Heather Ybarra tied in fourth place with a leap of 4'4".

The Ladies' 400m relay team came in first in 53.90. Runners were Huffman, Cervantez, Casey Ybarra and Heather Ybarra.

The Ladies' 800m relay also won first with a time of 1:58.40. Runners included Tambunga, Cervantez, C. Ybarra and Ramos.

The Ladies' 1600m relay team came in third in 4:50.28. Running were April Vargas, Morris, Huffman and H. Ybarra.



HILARY HUFFMAN won the 8th grade 100m hurdles in the Ozona Middle School Relays. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

Seventh grade Ladies place fourth in Ozona Middle School Relays

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The seventh grade Lady Lions placed fourth in the Ozona Middle School Relays March 30 in Lion Stadium. They scored 86 points.

Malorie Moran was third in the



CHELSEA TOBAR placed 2nd in the 7th grade 100m hurdles when she competed in the Ozona Middle School Relays. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

200m dash with a time of 30.29 followed by Kayla Pratt in fourth with 30.31. Victoria Miller came in fifth in the 400m dash in 1:11.82 and second in the 800m run in 2:47.01. In the 1600m run, Jasmine Tambunga came in 7:15.16.

Chelsea Tobar placed second in the 100m hurdles in 19.51, and Erika Conner came in third in 19.74. In the 300m hurdles, Allison Skehan took fourth place in 56.62, and Tobar claimed fifth in 58.15. Pratt came in second in the triple jump with a leap of 29'4" and third in the high jump with 4'2". Skehan was fifth in the triple with a leap of 27'9 1/2".

The Ladies' 400m relay team won fifth in 58.84. Running were Conner, Jasmine Tambunga, Kayla Parks and Moran.

The Ladies' 800m relay team placed second in 2:02.32. Runners were Moran, Skehan, Whitney Hernandez and Pratt.

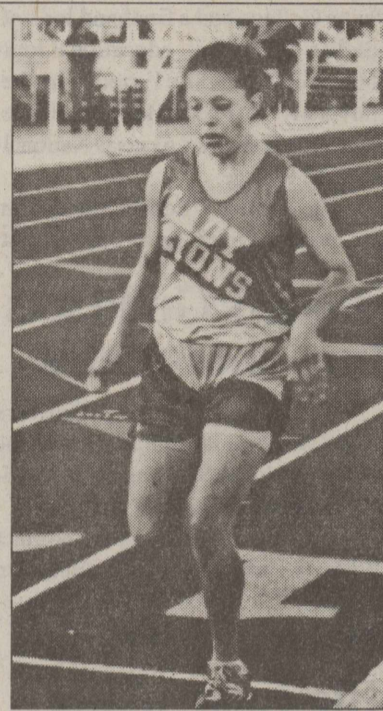
The Ladies' 1600m relay team placed fourth with 4:56.56. Runners were Miller, Skehan, Allie Bean and Pratt.



TOBY PAGAN HANDS OFF TO J. D. BORREGO in the 400m relay. The 8th grade Lions won the race with teammates Vince Castro and Raven Perez in a time of 47.24 in the Ozona Relays. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

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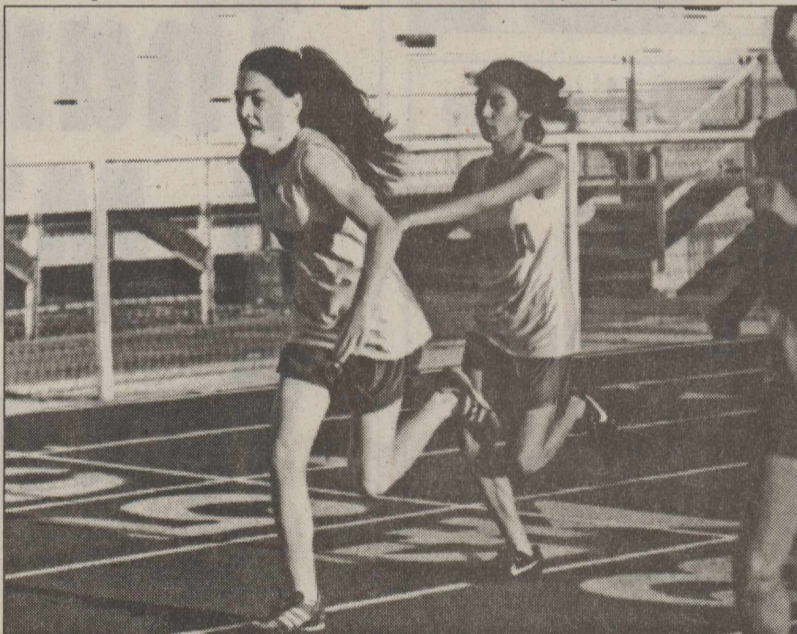
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BRITNEY RAMOS won the 8th grade 800m dash and 1600m run in the Ozona Middle School Relays. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler



CLINT HALE RECEIVES A HANDOFF FROM NICK PEREZ in the 7th grade 400m relay that placed 4th with teammates Jack Rodriguez and Jared Espino. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler



KAYLA PARKS AND JASMINE TAMBUNGA make a handoff in the 7th grade 400m relay that placed fifth. Malorie Moran and Erika Conner are the other members of the relay team. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

Eighth grade Lions win Ozona Relays

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The eighth grade Lions won first place as a team in the Ozona Relays held March 30 at Lion Stadium.

Individually in the field events, J. D. Borrego won first place in the long jump with a leap of 18'10". Raven Perez came in second in 18'9", and Vince Castro placed third with a jump of 18'5".

In the discus, Toby Pagan won first with a throw of 130'5", and Castro placed second with 119'3". Pagan won the shot with a throw of 42'8 1/2".

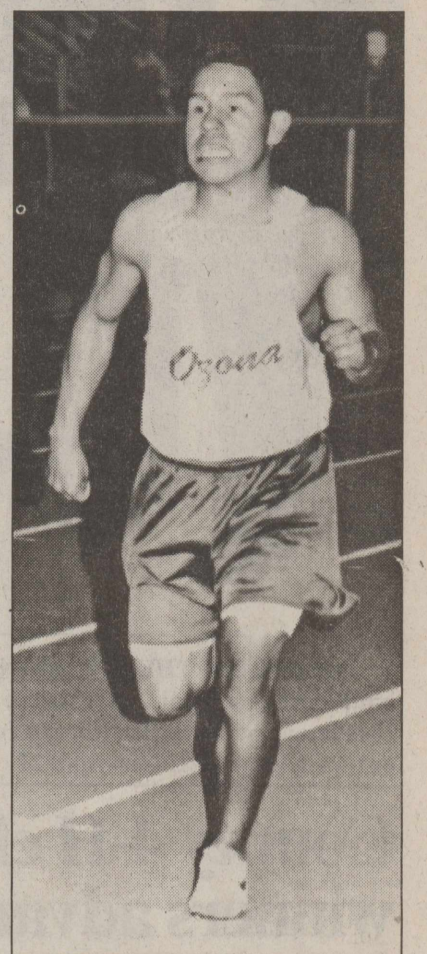
In the triple jump Borrego came in first in 37'8 3/4". In second was Perez in 37'5 1/4", and in third place was Doug Duncan with 35'2 3/4". Jeffery Gillit placed second in the pole vault with a vault of 9'0".

Results for the running events are as follows. In the 100m dash, Perez won first in a time of 12.49. Brandon Payne placed second in the 200m dash in 25.78. Borrego came in first in the 400m dash in 55.89, Jared Bird finished third in 58.45 and Payne came in fourth in 58.55.

Ruben Talamantez placed second in the 800m run in 2:26.72, and Derek Fierro won sixth in 2:34.16.

Elisao Treto won the 1600m run in 5:08.14, and Talamantez came in second in 5:25.67. Treto won the 2400m run in 8:03.32, Gillit came in third in 9:24.42, and Simon Garza came in fifth in 9:43.64.

In the 100m hurdles, Castro won first with 17.31, and Duncan was fifth



RUBEN TALAMANTEZ came in 2nd in the Ozona Relays 8th grade 800m dash. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

in 19.72.

The 1600m relay team won first with a time of 3:59.20. Runners were: Bird, Castro, Duncan and Borrego.

The 400m relay team also placed first. Finishing with a team time of 47.24 were Perez, Pagan, Borrego and Castro.

Seventh grade Lions place second in Ozona Relays

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The seventh grade Lions placed second in the Ozona Relays March 30 at Lion Stadium with 133.50 points.

Individually, David Lee Borrego won the 400m dash in 1:02.88. Aaron Lopez won the 1600m run in 5:46.57 and also won the 2400m run in 9:05.96. He was fifth in the 800m run with a time of 2:44.40. Michael Maldonado placed third in the 800m run in 2:37.24. Sam Pena placed sixth in the 2400m run in 10:12.19.

Jared Espino came in third in the 110m hurdles in 20.28 and was third in the triple jump with a leap of 30'1 1/4". David Esparza won the 300m hurdles in 51.79 and came in second in the 110m hurdles in 20.24. Derek Wiley won second in the 300m hurdles in 52.95.

Jack Rodriguez came in fourth in the long jump in 14'10". Juan Valdez placed fifth in the shot with a throw of 30'1 1/4".

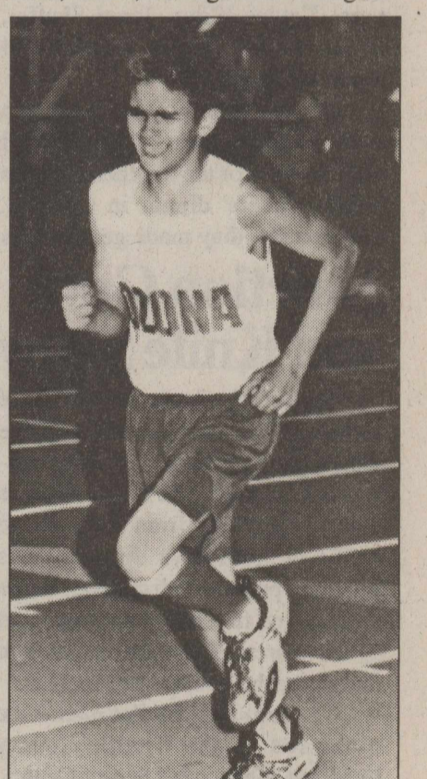
Nick Perez won the discus with a throw of 101'10" and was fourth in the high jump with 4'6". Robert DeHoyos threw the discus 86'5" for sixth place. Clint Hale placed second in the triple jump in 30'11 3/4", and Justin Galan placed fourth in the triple jump in 29'11 1/2". He tied for fourth in the high jump with a leap of 4'6".

Zane Coates tied for first in the

pole vault with a vault of 8'0", and Junior Valdez tied for second in the event with a height of 7'6".

The Lions' 400m relay team came in fourth in 54.76. Runners were: Rodriguez, Espino, Hale and Perez.

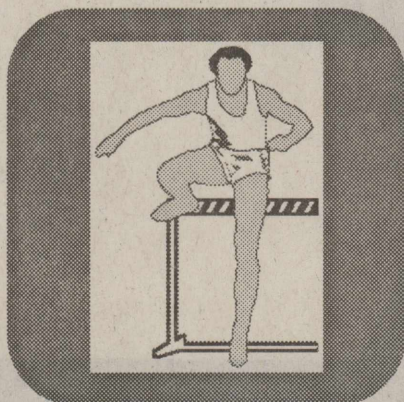
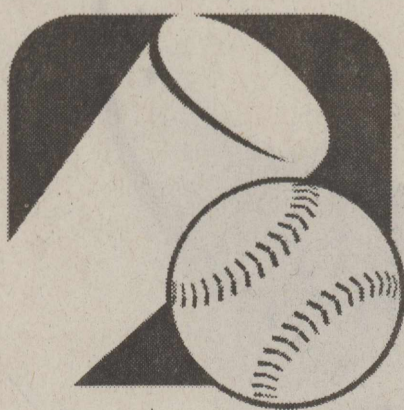
The Lions' 1600m relay team came in third in 4:28.68. Runners were Hale, Galan, Borrego and Rodriguez.



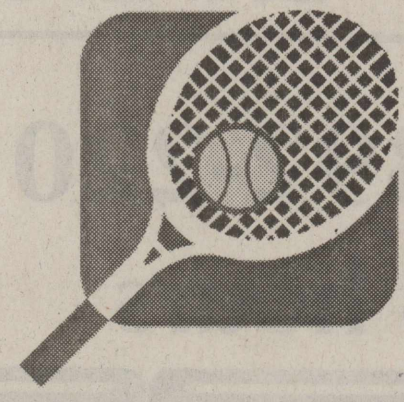
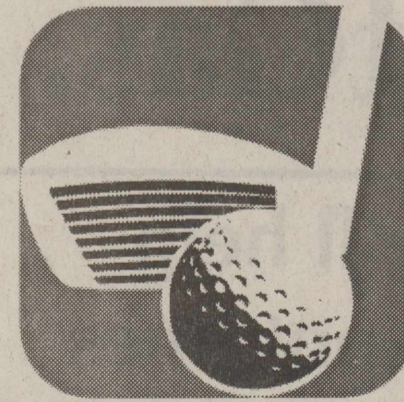
MICHAEL MALDONADO was 3rd in the 7th grade 800m dash in the Ozona Relays. Photo by Stephen

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Sealed bid proposals will be opened at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2001 at the School District Administration Building in Ozona, Texas. The bid award announcement will be made at the regular board meeting, in April by the Board of Trustees.

For more information contact Ray Don Myers at 915/392-5501 Ext. 5201. 2c8

BIDS NOTICE

High School Band Hall
The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will receive sealed bids until 1:00 p.m., April 17, 2001, for the interior renovation of the High School Band Hall, Rehearsal Room, Ozona, Texas. All bids should be addressed to Mr. Larry J. Taylor, Superintendent, 797 Avenue D, Ozona, Texas 76943. Bids will be publicly opened and read out loud at 1:05 p.m., April 17, 2001, at the Administration Offices.

Interested bidders should contact Mr. Ray Don Myers, Maintenance Director, Crockett County CCSD, (915) 392-5501, ext. 5710. Scope of work will include new floor and wall carpet, new paint, new acoustical ceiling system, and new light fixtures. 2c9

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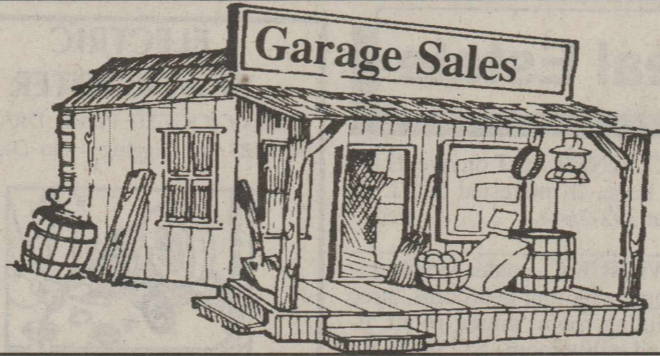
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On March 27, 2001, the District Manager of the Emerald Underground Water Conservation District certified to the Board of Directors that Larry R. Williams and James W. Owens had no opposing candidates for the positions of Director of the Emerald Underground Water Conservation District. No write-in candidates had filed to be placed on a list of write-in candidates. No proposition was to appear on the ballot.

Therefore, by action of the Board of Directors at their regular meeting held on April 2, 2001, the above-named unopposed candidates were declared elected to office. The Certification of Election, signed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Directors, will be posted at the polling places on May 5, 2001.

Law Enforcement Position

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran is accepting applications for a Deputy Sheriff position. Applicants must be TCLEOSE certified. Applications can be picked up at the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department, at 4 S. Divide St., Eldorado, Texas 76936 or by calling 915-853-2737. Deadline for applications is April 30, 2001. Schleicher County is an Equal Opportunity employer.

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