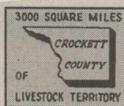




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Work starts on rural telephone system upgrades

Verizon telephone customers in rural Crockett County are seeing flagged stakes go up along their roadways in preparation for new telephone lines to be put in this year. The lines will eliminate the microwave radio telephone systems in use on many ranches in the county.

Work started Feb. 1 on southern Hwy 163 and Hwy 1973. A large percentage of the almost 500 miles of phone line to be placed in Crockett County will be buried, but some cannot. Along the state highway, buried line must be within three feet of the fence line and most ditching equipment cannot work that close.

The improvement project stems from legislation enacted by the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999 regarding advanced services for rural areas that are reasonably comparable to those advanced services, including prices, found in urban areas.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander proposed an amendment to state law to give individuals, businesses and governments in rural areas improved access to the Internet.

Many rural telephone systems were incapable of supporting internet access, fax machines, and such options as Caller ID.

Rylander emphasized the transformation of the economy by the Internet, "generating new ways to do business and generating billions of dollars of revenue. The Internet has the potential to reduce the isolation that restricts economic development in many rural areas in Texas and throughout the country," she said.

As a first step, the Legislature instructed the Public Utility Commission to prepare a report on emerging technologies and the options for expanding those technologies in rural Texas.

A report to the Legislature by the Public Utility Commission during the 77th Legislative session in 2001 outlined options to encourage extension of high-speed telecommunications in rural Texas.

Approximately 30 percent of the 470 miles of rural phone lines being placed in Crockett County will be optic fiber. The fiber will extend from Verizon's Ozona central office to remotes located at Circle Bar, intersection of Hwys. 163 and 1973, west along the access road to Hwy. 2083, north on Hwy. 137 and east and west on Hwy. 190.

From these remotes, copper phone line will extend to the customers' homes or businesses.

The PUC mandates that the Crockett County project must be completed by Dec. 15. According to Duke Edgar and Johnny Compton, construction project managers for Verizon, the Taylor Box Road and Hwy. 163 portions of the project must be in the ground or on poles by May 30. The Hwy. 2083 section is to be completed by June 30. Phone lines in these areas are to be spliced up by Aug. 1 for use by customers.

West to the Live Oak area and north of I-10 along Hwys. 190 and 137 line installation must be completed by Sept. 1 with splicing in to the customers to be finished by December.

Mile wise, Crockett County is the largest of Verizon's rural phone projects. Last year, service was changed over to their customers in Sutton and Val Verde Counties.

Verizon has 210 to 215 rural customers in Crockett County according to Jimmy Arrott.

The changes will "make it a lot better for people in rural areas, as good as people in town is basically what it boils down to," said Compton. "It will be good for everybody that wants a computer."

Lions go two games into playoffs...Win bi-district championship

By Gerri Azaam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lion basketball team finished regular season play on Feb. 11, securing second place in district and earning a spot in the playoffs. The first game out, the Lions met the Alpine Bucks in Fort Stockton on Tuesday, Feb. 18. The Lions put the Bucks down with a final score of 66-57 and brought home the bi-district trophy.

"This was a great win for the program," acknowledged Coach Steve Osborn. "It gave us 20 wins for the season and another 'gold' basketball!"

The next level of the playoffs matched the Lions with the Forsan Buffaloes at the Junell Center in San Angelo on Saturday, Feb. 22. While the Lions played a great game, their playoff run ended here as Forsan took the victory 57-61.

"I was really pleased with the effort and intensity of the players in this game," commented Coach Osborn. "We had a bit of a defensive let down in the third quarter, due mostly to foul trouble on Bryan Skehan and Jarryd Taylor, that allowed Forsan to get a 12 or 13 point lead. You have to give credit to Forsan for exploiting some mismatches we had. Huff scored 12 in the third quarter alone and had not scored a field goal in the first half. That along with their clutch freethrow shooting in the fourth was probably the difference in the game. They were nine of 13 in the last quarter and we were only two of seven."



THE OZONA LIONS 2002-2003 BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

Photo by Gerri Azam

Coach Osborn continued, "I am extremely proud of our comeback in the fourth. The guys really put a lot of pressure on them causing them to turn the ball over to make it a close game. We pulled within two points with under a minute to go."

"We had a great season! I love and appreciated every one of our guys," concluded Osborn.

Leading scorer for the Lions in the Alpine game was Derek Faught with 21 points. Brad Mayfield and Bryan Skehan each scored nine points, Arron Garza and Ryan Wiley made seven points, Lalo Garza with six points, Robert Ogle with four points, Jarryd Taylor with three points.

Top rebounder in this game was Derek Faught with 10 re-

bounds. Bryan Skehan had six rebounds, and Brad Mayfield and Robert Ogle scored four points apiece.

Scoring for the Lions in the Forsan game were Derek Faught with 32 points, Jarryd Taylor with seven points, Bryan Skehan with six points, Lalo Garza with five points, Brad Mayfield with four points, Robert Ogle with two

points, and Arron Garza with one point.

Also playing with the Lions during the playoffs were Dennis Taylor, Abel Martinez, Nick Perez, Doug Duncan, and Jared Bird.

The Lions completed the season with overall record of 20-9, were district runners-up and bi-district champions.

OHS one act cast presents *The Miracle Worker* at chamber banquet

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN REPORTER

Ozona High School's one act play cast and crew have been working on the William Gibson play *The Miracle Worker* for this year's U.I.L. competition. *The Miracle Worker* is about Annie Sullivan, a woman who worked relentlessly with Helen Keller, a deaf and blind girl, in order to teach Helen to communicate by signing into her hands.

"This is a tough show to do with all of the disabilities to portray," commented one act play director Ty Payne. "We have a good cast this year, and they are working very hard."

The cast for the play includes: Dub Walston as the doctor/man's voice, Paige Tambunga as Kate, Jakob Parks as Captain

Keller, Jessica Galan as Helen, Dianna Perez as Aunt Ev, Derek Fierro as James, Jimmy Ybarra as Mr. Anagnos, Bekah Cowen as Annie Sullivan, Allie Bean, Ashley James, Jasmine Tambunga, Kayla Parks and Erika Conner as blind girls and Kyle Webb as Jimmy's voice. Dianna Perez is the stage manager, Baylor Myers is working with the sound, Andy Birkenfeld is working with the lights, and Matthew Harris-Cane is the stage crew.

The one act group will present the play for the public at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce banquet Feb. 27 and again on March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium. They will also present the play March 3 in Rocksprings and March 7 in Sonora. District competition will be March 29 in Ozona at 2:00 p.m.

Brr-r-r-r- Winter storm closes Interstate 10

An Arctic front descended on West Texas Sunday night, dropping temperatures from the weekend's balmy 60s to a Monday night low of 18 degrees.

On Monday, moisture was light but just enough in Crockett County to create some icing on highways and bridges. School dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Monday and resumed at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday as a safety measure based on anticipated freezing conditions.

Interstate 10 east out of Fort Stockton was closed Monday night all the way to Comfort due to ice pack. In Bexar County, many roads were also closed, including parts of the interstate, effectively shutting down I-10 from Fort Stockton to San Antonio.

DPS Dispatcher Les Hale said vehicles could travel west from Ozona to Fort Stockton, but not from west to east due to limited lodging and emergency services here. "Although we think we

have a lot of motel rooms here, we run out in a hurry in an emergency like this," Hale said.

Stranded motorists filled Ozona motels, and some 60 plus travelers were given shelter at Fair Park Convention Center Monday night. Among those at the center were 49 skiers en route home to Austin.

Blankets were provided for the emergencyshelter through the Crockett County Sheriff's Depart-

ment and Care Center, and the county and Ozona Fire Department provided coffee and donuts.

"We need cots," said Steve Kenley, who is the county fire marshal and emergency coordinator.

An assessment of the roadway late Tuesday morning resulted in an order to keep the Interstate closed until warming conditions permit travel, possibly by mid-morning Wednesday.



TxDOT EMPLOYEES JESSE DE LA GARZA AND TONY VILLARREAL man one of the road blocks closing I-10 east of Ozona. DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore



THE TEMPERATURE AT ONB TUESDAY MORNING was a bone chilling 18 degrees. DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore

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"This is the way it was"

By Oscar Kost



Ozona Community Center

Ozona Community Center was financed by the United Methodist Church of New York, the local Methodist Church and local donations. The community center is sponsored by the Missionary Society of the local Methodist Church.

On Sept. 8, 1938, the New York church sent Mis Mary Riddle to teach at the new community center building.

Sept. 29, 1938
 Work started on the building of the community house. It was made of rock. Construction was completed Dec. 1, 1938.

WTU donated an electric range. The group was seeking furniture

Dec. 8, 1938
 Mrs. L. B. Cox Jr. named president of missionary group

Dec. 15, 1938
 With the completion of the community center, 185 Mexican boys and girls ages 4-19 took part in the program.

The community house was dedicated Sunday, Jan. 8, 1939, at 3 p.m. There was an out of town speaker for the grand occasion. A regular meeting of the Young Mexican Club was held under the direction of Miss Riddle. They planned a play to benefit the center.

Later (no dates given) the New York Mission Board sent Miss Ethel Wolf, Deaconess, and Miss Dorothy Price, program director.

Most everyone in Ozona knew them. They retired here and left for their home state. The information only goes to 1966. The dates we have come from The Ozona Stockman.

Several feet were added to the north side of the building. The group needed more room. Ozona Community Center is still working with children as of this date.

Ozona Community Center, a wonderful addition to the community in 1938.

Letters to the Editor

Hello Ozona,
 My training for the triathlon to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is going well. The physical aspect of the training is do-able but not easy. The emotional aspect is very rewarding. I've been receiving encouraging notes and letters from people I haven't heard from in years. Many of my contributors have expressed their appreciation for my efforts and have told me stories of how Leukemia has affected their friends or families.

The financial aspect is quite a challenge. I happen to drive a gas-guzzling SUV and I'm averaging about 150 miles a week to get to my training venues. Overall, this is a very rewarding challenge.

I'd like to invite you to follow my progress at: joycegalvan.pledgepage.org. If you have trouble finding the page directly, go to www.pledgepage.org and search for me by name. Thanks again.

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Community Calendar

- Feb. 26 - School Board, 797 Ave. D, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 27 - Annual Chamber Banquet and Dinner Theatre, 6-6:30 p.m. Reception, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Awards/Presentations; 7:30-9:00 p.m. Dinner and One Act Play - *The Miracle Worker*
- May 14 - Texas Tech Mobile Mammography Clinic at Methodist Church. Call 1-800-222-8388 for appointment

Read Across America with OPS

Ozona Primary School will take part in Read Across America in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 4 from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m.

there will be round robin reading where children will move from room to room to hear school staff and community members reading their favorite children's stories.

Read Across America began in 1998 and is a nationwide National Education Association campaign to motivate children to read. At Ozona Primary School

Those who have promised books to be given as door prizes are asked to have them to Mrs. Gracie Delgado by Friday, Feb. 28.

The Annual Crockett County Fair Association Stockholders Meeting
will be held at the Crockett Room
Tues., March 11
1:30 p.m.

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MARCH 8, 1973

News Reel

The Ozona Lions made it two in a row at the McCamey track meet last Saturday and won the championship by a big 143 points to second place Big Lake with 79 and third place Crane with 72.

News Reel

Funeral services were pending at press time for Dr. T. E. Tabb of Waco, father of Thadd Tabb of Ozona.

News Reel

The Ozona Lion Golfers placed third in the first district golf meet at Big Lake Saturday, coming in behind Big Lake and Crane with a team score of 326.

News Reel

Funeral services for Mrs. Bobby Vargas, 30, were held in Sonora Sunday afternoon from St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery.

News Reel

Mrs. R. F. Curl received a pleasant surprise this weekend when Mrs. Joe Davidson visited her at Hilltop Village in Kerrville and presented her with around fifty letters and cards from her Ozona friends.

News Reel

Earl Acton of Ozona has been named Wagon Boss in Crockett County for the 1973 West Texas Boys Ranch Annual Roundup.

News Reel

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Harrell returned last weekend from a 5-week, 3,100 mile trip around the world.

They visited eleven different countries on their trip.

News Reel

Herberto Vargas of Ozona is among 128 Sul Ross State University seniors completing student teaching requirements this semester.

News Reel

Coon Chandler, former Ozonan, of Quemado, was an Ozona visitor last week.

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News Reel

Sgt. Max Schneemann, Jr., recently transferred to San Diego, CA, is here this week on a furlough to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Schneemann.

News Reel

Miles Pierce is in Officer Candidate School in Virginia.

News Reel

Funeral services were held here at 5:30 Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Martha E. Perry, 72, an early day Crockett County resident.

News Reel

Ozona Marine Lieutenant Welton H. Bunker, Jr., commanded a gun crew that stood off two Japanese night attacks at Cape Gloucester.

News Reel

Honor students of the 1944 senior class were announced recently. Burl Sparks took valedictory honors, and John Calvin Williams took salutatory honors. Mary Elizabeth Gray stood in third place.

Texas Senate Review

Insurance Regulation

Senate Bill (SB) 310 will become the first legislation to be enacted by the 78th Legislature if Governor Rick Perry approves the bill, which requires insurers in Texas to file their rates and supporting data with the commissioner of insurance on a one-time basis. In Thursday's session, the Senate unanimously concurred with the amendments added by the House to SB 310. One amendment clarifies that only insurers with a five percent or more share of the residential property insurance market must file. The other amendments require insurers to explain underwriting guidelines and to disclose their losses in investments in the stock market.

Although it will be about thirty days before the official numbers from the insurance companies will be available, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst said that the commissioner promised them a preliminary report in several weeks. "Whether we look at a rate making procedure or we're looking at a roll back, we all want to see homeowners insurance rates be as low as possible here in the state," said Dewhurst. Horseshoe Bay Senator Troy Fraser, chairman of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee, hopes that the data obtained from SB 310 will show that insurance rates are high and that a roll-back is warranted to bring them down.

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Ozona Weather Conditions and Forecast

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Feb. 17	69	32	-0-
Feb. 18	68	43	-0-
Feb. 19	55	42	.2
Feb. 20	46	42	1.1
Feb. 21	48	37	.3
Feb. 22	67	35	-0-
Feb. 23	60	28	-0-

(Readings are for a 24 hour period beginning at 8 a.m.)

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EXTENDED FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday
Hi 60	Hi 64
Lo 40	Lo 39
AM Drizzle	Partly Cloudy
Friday	Saturday
Hi 64	Hi 63
Lo 39	Lo 43
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy

Forecast information provided by The Weather Channel

Crockett County Official Rain Gauge



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Woman's Forum members learn of Chihuahua Road

The Ozona Woman's Forum met on Feb. 18 at the Hitchin' Post. Hostesses were: Norma Carson, Benny Gail Hunnicutt and Mary Sellers. Seventeen members and two guests were present.

After refreshments, Ann Light conducted a short business meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved; the treasurer gave her report. Members were reminded that the annual fund raiser will be at the March meeting, and they were en-

couraged to bake and to buy. Marjorie Coates lead the group in reading the *Collect for Club Meeting*.

Charlotte Harrell introduced the guest speaker, Claude Hudspeth from San Angelo. Mr. Hudspeth gave an interesting presentation, including pictures and maps, on how the route for the Chihuahua Road from San Antonio to El Paso was determined and on traces for the route that remain today.

Louise Taliaferro reporting

Levis and Lace dancers continue having fun

Saturday, Feb. 23, was another fun-filled evening for us square dancers.

The musical Williams family from San Angelo came to entertain us. They were Darryl Williams playing guitar, his wife, Mary Lee, on the keyboard and Logan Williams, their son, was the caller.

Looking on approvingly was the grandmother, Joy Logan. Logan Williams is only 16 and did a great job of calling.

Participating square dancers and guests were: Otis and Myra Nester, Nell Wester, Carol and Leroy Adcock, Maria and Raul De La Rosa, Bill and Bernice Cota, Lucy Hinde, Jo Ann Babbitt and Helen Stokes.

Our Levis and Lace members are selling tickets for a dollar apiece for the 41st Annual Texas

State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival. Check with Carol Adcock or Maria De La Rosa for tickets or call 392-3849. The first prize is a new vehicle.

Next Friday, Feb. 25, Carol Adcock is combining our visit to the care center and square dance lessons.

On April 11 and 12, the Levis and Lace Square Dance Club will hold their 17th anniversary festival at the civic center at 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. with a dance, Soup, etc., will be served afterward. On Saturday, the 12th, a workshop will be held at 2:30 p.m. A barbecue dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

To wind things up, a dance will be held from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m.

Hope to see you there.
Bernice Cota

Slow steady diet changes lead to healthier weight loss

It's easy to put on extra weight after overindulging during the holiday season. If you want to lose some of that excess poundage, there's a right way to do it. The wrong way is to starve yourself, according to nutrition experts at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Your holiday weight gain is probably mostly fat. Lona Sandon, a UT Southwestern dietician, says the body needs food to function, so when you starve yourself, you'll lose muscle mass as well as fat. That will lower your metabolism, making it even more difficult to lose weight.

You'll be on track for nice spring clothes by making some changes in your eating habits now.

Start by stocking your pantry and refrigerator with foods that are good for you - fresh fruits and vegetables, low-fat milk and yogurt, lean meats and almonds and walnuts for snacking. You do need to eat, but eat the right foods.

Keep a food journal and record your food choices so they're more tangible. Set one or two initial goals that will be easy to keep, such as switching to low-fat milk. Then build on your success with those goals by adding new goals.

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BAYLEE DEHOYOS won second place in the Muttin' Bustin' at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo with a score of 93. She is the daughter of Tommy and Lisa DeHoyos (pictured left) of San Angelo and the granddaughter of Randy and Donna Herring and Thomas and Alda DeHoyos. The five year-old won a coloring contest in her pre-kindergarten class at Angelo Catholic School to earn the right to compete.
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Learn about foster parenting

An information meeting on becoming a foster/adoptive parent will be held in San Angelo March 6 at the office of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, 622 South Oakes. Time is 6:30 p.m.

Children's Protective Services is looking for families willing to open their homes and their hearts to abused and neglected children. San Angelo and surrounding counties are in need of foster homes.

Crockett County Museum Memorials

Jerri Lynn and Joe Pierce in memory of: Patsy Najar, Toots Walker, Jonesy Williams, J. B. (Beatus) Parker

Carmen Sutton in memory of: Jonesy Williams

Helen Owensby in memory of: Jonesy Williams

Sue and Larry Arledge in memory of Toots Williams

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Millsbaugh in memory of J. B. (Beatus) Parker

Memorials may be sent to Crockett County Museum, Box 1444, Ozona, TX 76943.

Cancer Society Memorials

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Henderson in memory of James Nelson

Fred and Jane Chandler in memory of J. B. Parker

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Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stuart in memory of Toots Walker, Beatus Parker, Patsy Najar, Charlene Cowder, Bill Armstrong, Jonesy Williams, Monty Price and Family, George Olson, James Nelson

Marolyn and Joe Bean in memory of Don Long's aunt, Mrs. Donna Shock

Bill and Norma Carson in memory of Toots Walker

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mason in memory of Toots Williams, Toots Walker and Elaine Phillips

Happy Birthday

Feb. 26 - Walter Spiller, Rebekah Cowen, Fred Baker, Tres De La Garza, Kenneth Kramer, Melissa Quintero

Feb. 27 - Paula Ramirez, Chady Longoria, Leandro Gonzales, Edvarado Contreras

Feb. 28 - Sylvia Flores, Little Bit Cullins, Thomas Galan, Gene Fowler, Romanita Vargas, Larry Seymour, Lauren Pool

March 1 - Marina Tambunga, Norma Martinez, Belia Garza, Mike Miller, Derek Faught, Lacy Vestal, Linda Rodriguez, Rogelio Martinez, Jadie Marshall, Jo Beth White

March 2 - Sandra Tambunga, Wilson Stokes, Marta De La Garza, Sharon McLaughlin, Nester Villarreal, Fred Jones

March 3 - Diane Anderson, Lloyd Winkley, Harold Thompson, Jim Caldwell, Jessica Longoria, Gary Pridemore, Annie Ramos, Twyla Chambers

March 4 - Ruth Gilliam, Vanessa Rodriguez, Adriene McClanahan, Sarah Pullen, Leigh Galindo, Marty Moran Jr., Glen Tinney Jr. Travis Knaack, Mia Mendoza, Tamara Hernandez

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Community forum focuses on improving aging services

Improving aging services in Texas is the focus of a community forum, set for Thursday, Feb. 27, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the San Angelo Convention Center located at 500 Rio Concho Drive. The forum is co-sponsored by the Texas Department on Aging and the Area Agencies on Aging of the Concho Valley and Permian Basin.

TDoA Executive Director Mary Sapp noted that, "Consumers benefit when local communities have input into planning efforts, and stakeholder input is critical to improving aging services. This forum represents local-state collaboration to achieve that goal."

The forum will give participants a chance to comment on local service provision and on how well their communities are preparing for an aging population. Their input will improve local service delivery and allow TDoA to strengthen its State Plan.

The public session is one of 11 to be held across the state during the winter of 2003 to increase local involvement in providing aging services in the Concho Valley and Permian Basin communities.

Happy "18th" Birthday Tres!

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⁽¹⁵⁾ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.
 2 Corinthians 9:8, 12, 15

Hold On.....

Last week some of our friends decided to have an afternoon get together for hamburgers. The women were inside the house while the men were outside with the boys. One of the ladies brought her little daughter outside and said, "Watch out for her, and don't let her get in the mud". As soon as the little girl (not yet 2) started walking, you guessed it, she headed straight for a mud puddle, so I quickly went over to help her.

To help, I reached my hand down to her and she took hold of it. We started waling slowly, and I kept telling her, "don't let go". We made it safely to dry ground.

Watching her holding on to my hand reminded me about our relationship to God. God has already reached down to us (Jesus on the cross - John 3:16, Romans 5:8, 9) but we must be willing to reach up to Him even if it is just a little bit. (Romans 10:13, John 1:12). When we reach up He will lead us and watch over us.

Are we holding on to His hand? Recently it has been prayer (asking) for God to take hold of me, not just my hand but all of me and for Him to lead me (James 4:8-10).

See you in church on Sunday.
 Brother J

Care Center Chatter

Tuesday and Wednesday staff honored employee C.N.A. Rafela Perez with three birthday parties. Rafela has worked for 10 years here at Crockett County Care Center. She celebrated her 70th birthday. We wish her many more happy birthdays.

Thursday afternoon our health care board honored staff with steak, potatoes, beans, jalapeno peppers and ice cream. This luncheon was given for a job will done during the year 2002.

Our board members are Carmen Sutton, J. L. Henderson, Randy Branch, Jim Skehan, Jan Van Shoubrouek, Concha Zapata and Dr. Marcus Sims.

We thank all of the board members for the steaks were just great.

Volunteers for the week were: E. A. Wadsworth, R. N., Randy Carter, Merle and Mary Welty, Otis Nester, Jo Ann Williamson, Nell Wester, Methodist Church, Church of Christ, First Baptist Church and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic

Church. Thank you all.

We are glad to have the Catholic Church to have church for our residents on Thursday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. Thank you all.

We celebrate March birthdays with a party on March 17 at 3:30 p.m. in the main lobby sponsored by Crockett National Bank of Ozona.

Residents celebrating March birthdays are Lester Evans March 15 and Felipa Munoz March 29. Come join the fun.

Please note, I need a month's notice for activities inside or outside the facility as my calendar is planned in advance.

Would you like to do something different for your children or school children classes for Easter? If so, give me a call at 392-3096 and ask for the Activity Department.

Have a good week from all of us at Crockett County Care Center.

Jan St. Clair
 Activity Director

Obituaries

Feb. 27 service for Nancy Harris

Nancy Sue Harris went to be with her Lord Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003.

Graveside services will be at the Mertzson Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27. Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard Kelley Funeral Home in Odessa.

Nancy was born Aug. 19, 1948, in San Angelo. She was a nurse in the Ozona Care Center for 11 years.

Survivors include her mother

and stepfather, Sue and Jim Caldwell of San Angelo; two sons, James Ray Gideon and his wife, Maria, and their daughter, Valarie, of Odessa; Kenny Harris and his wife, Chrissie, of Odessa and their son, Bryan Harris of San Angelo; one brother, Ken Spoons, and his wife, Gail, of Anchorage, Alaska; one nephew, Kelly Spoons of Kenia, Alaska; one niece, Kimberly Yeager and her husband, Peter, and family of Willington, ND.

Ozona Senior Happenings

By Betty Bullard
 Green Thumb Worker

That is nearly as much fun as dancing.

Remember, Wednesday the 26th is our potluck dinner. Cook up something good and come join us.

Wasn't the rain we had last week wonderful? Have you noticed how green our world is getting? Just in time for St. Patrick's Day.

Lynn English is still having a problem with her ankle, she is wearing a brace and buzzing around on a jazzy little candy apple red scooter.

Lynn and Lupe M. made a trip to Eldorado last Friday to earn more continuing education unit hours.

Freddie and Pat Nicks made a trip to Austin. Freddie needed more schooling, and Pat needed a break.

Willena could not be with us on the 21st so we cancelled our Valentine's Day dance planned for that day. Without her, our Red Bandana Band was without its leader. Willena's son is very ill, and she could not play for us. Please remember Willena and her son in your prayers.

Feb. 22 Levis and Lace had their square dance here at the center. If you don't square dance, come on out and be a spectator.

Saturday, March 2, AARP will present the 55 Alive driver's education program for the seniors. If you are interested in attending these classes, please call 392-5026 or 392-5431.

Remember our usual activities - clogging lessons at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, exercise at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday. Activities are for those of you 50 plus and our establishment is alcohol and smoke free.

Maria Elias Perez fell and broke her ankle, Maria is one of our most dedicated workers. She delivered Meals on Wheels every day. She will be sorely missed and very hard to replace. If you are interested in helping out with delivering Meals on Wheels, will you please call 392-5026.

Betty Bullard is the new Green Thumb Worker at the center. Betty likes to play card and board games of all kinds. But watch her. If she can't win fair, she may cheat.

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CARE CENTER EMPLOYEE RAFELA PEREZ celebrated her 70th birthday at a party given by the care center staff.
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Seeking and Finding

By Dr. Dennis J. Prutow

There are many people in the world today who are bearing burdens far too great for them. What kind of burdens are they? Well, Jesus talks about them in Luke 11:46. He is talking to the church lawyers. They are the worst kind! He says to them, "Woe to you lawyers as well! For you weigh men down with burdens hard to bear." These church lawyers believe in salvation by works. They weigh people down with the burden of trying to measure up. It is the burden of proving yourself to God. The only problem is, you have to be perfect. That is a burden too hard to bear. There are lots of people today who think they have something to prove. They think they have to prove themselves. In the process they find out that it is a heavy burden. They wind up with frayed nerves and ulcers. The thing is, these heavy burdens show us that we are frail. They show us we are weak. They show us our own inabilities and sinfulness. When this happens, we should recognize those weaknesses and sins. Trying to hide them only compounds the burden. You see, Jesus Christ offers Himself to people who recognize their own frailties and sinfulness. Listen! "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29). When you accept the invitation of Christ, you quit trying to prove yourself. It is too big a burden. Rather, you trust in Jesus Christ. You find God through a confession of sin and faith in Christ.



LOCAL BAND MEMBERS Merle and Mary Welty and Otis Nester entertain the care center residents.
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CARE CENTER RESIDENTS. Neva Palmer, Gladys Humphries and Mary Swihart enjoy the sunshine.
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NURSING STAFF WORK AT THE CARE CENTER. Pictured are: Selena Martinez C.N.A., Connie Marshall C.N.A./C.M.A and Sonia Castro L.V.N.
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First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D 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. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Ozona Cowboy Church Cenisa St. - Non-Denominational Pastor Rick Thomas Thursday: 7 p.m. Broadcasting on the radio at 8 a.m. on Sunday mornings.	Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Rev. Charles Huffman Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 9 am.	Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. - Rev. Dan & Ann Rios 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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TIGER CUBS - First graders (front row, l. to r.) champion - Justin Pullig, 1st runner-up - Michael Ybarra, 2nd runner-up - Nathaniel Valdez and 3rd runner-up - Emilio Mendez. Other participants were: (back row) Alejandro Mendez, Josh Porras, Calvin McKinney and Brett Castillo. *Submitted Photo*



WOLF CUBS - Second graders (l. to r.) champion - Jason Alaman, 1st runner-up - Noah Tambunga, 2nd runner-up - Robert Hernandez, 3rd runner-up - Tres Perez and other participants Felipe Villarreal and Hunter Streun. *Submitted Photo*



WEBELOS I - Fourth graders (l. to r.) champion - Austin Sudthreth, 1st runner-up - Jayce Logan, 2nd runner-up - Sean Davis, 3rd runner-up - Joe Patrick Borrego and other participants Russel Komechak and Anthony Gonzales. *Submitted Photo*



WEBELOS II - Fifth graders (l. to r.) champion - Lane White, 1st runner-up - Taylor Newton, 2nd runner-up - Lalo Longoria, 3rd runner-up - K.C. Carson. *Submitted Photo*

WEEKLY REPORT

Congressman
Henry Bonilla

23rd District, Texas

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By Representative Henry Bonilla

The word bioterrorism has a frightening ring to it.

We've all heard the term tossed around. Perhaps you read about it in a specialized news story or saw a reference to it in a recent movie. But let's face it, before September 11th, discussion of bioterrorism was pretty infrequent.

That all changed on September 11th. The term 'bioterrorism' has become a part of our daily vocabulary. It seems everywhere you turn today, bioterrorism is the topic of conversation. It's hard to miss. Every newspaper, television and radio is discussing the issue. Images of anthrax, chemicals and other deadly substances are filling our minds. Some people have already bought gas masks for spouses and children. It's been tough keeping fear out of our minds. It's only human.

But we must remember that bioterrorism is about terror. The more we allow fear to consume our daily lives, the more the terrorists have won the battle. I understand many of you feel helpless against an act of bioterrorism. Many people feel there is nothing they can do to combat this fear. But that's where they're wrong. You can combat your fears by educating yourself and finding strength in information.

Since the attacks of September 11th, I've made a point of learning as much as possible about bioterrorism. And you know what, it's helped. Every briefing I attend, every news article I read, and every website I study brings me a new sense of calm. Knowledge really is power.

Did you know that chemical and biological weapons are extremely difficult to transport, much less distribute? Did you know that anthrax can not be spread from one person to another? Did you know that it takes thousands of spores to infect a person with anthrax? Did you know that these spores can only live in our atmosphere for a short period of time and that it takes near perfect conditions to keep them alive? Those are some pretty staggering facts.

Historically, the odds are against chemical and biological weapons. In 1979, some 5,000 people were exposed to anthrax aerosol in the former Soviet Union, but a total of 66 people

died. More recently, in March of 1995, the Japanese Aum Shinrikyo cult released nerve-gas in the Tokyo subway. Thousands of people were in the subway system at the time of release, but only twelve people were left dead. We all agree that any malicious death is a tragedy. But my point is that even in the best of circumstances, only a small percentage of bio or chemical terrorist acts are fatal.

Those are some tough odds to beat. But should something slip through the cracks, you should rest assured that we will be prepared. The nation's health agencies have formed a strong and flexible public health infrastructure. The Department of Health and Human Services is working closely with the Center for Disease Control, the Health Alert Network, and other state and local health agencies. They have a specific action plan that includes pharmaceutical stockpiles and accelerated development of vaccines and antibiotics. It also includes rapid response teams, emergency preparedness, disease surveillance and research and development. The bottom line is that our health agencies stand ready to fight any disease outbreak.

But it doesn't stop there. State, local and federal health agencies are looking after our water supply. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration are closely monitoring our food supply. President George W. Bush nominated Governor Tom Ridge to oversee homeland security and the Senate and House of Representatives have now overwhelmingly approved formation of the Department of Homeland Security. The United States Congress is doing our part to keep all these agencies well funded and well prepared.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "we have

nothing to fear, but fear itself." He was right. We cannot allow terrorists to change our nation. We cannot live our lives based on fear. I urge each of you to become informed. Let information conquer your fears.

For more information on the subject of bioterrorism, please try the following websites:

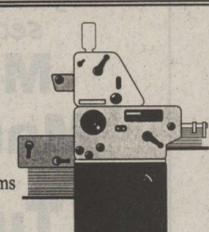
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Health Alert Network: www.bt.cdc.gov/Docs/App/HAN/han.asp

U.S. Department of Agriculture: www.usda.gov
Food and Drug Administration: www.fda.gov
U.S. Department of Homeland Security: www.dhs.gov

America is the greatest nation in the world. We have a lot to be proud of and a bright future to anticipate. Remember the President's words - America will not waiver, we will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail in our fight against international terrorism. Until next time, God Bless each of you and may God continue to bless America!

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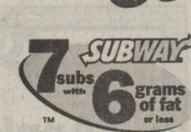
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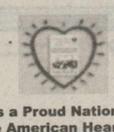
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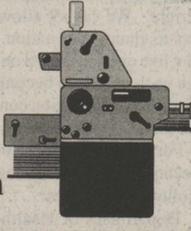
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Students recognized for academic success

This year 10 students from Ozona qualified for induction into the 2002-2003 National Honor Roll.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high school students who have achieved exceptional academic success. The 2002-2003 Commemorative Edition, which was released in December, honors students who excelled during the 2001-2002 school year.

Selected from Ozona are: Shane Albers, Bobbi Bangeman, Leta Bangeman, Sophie Bangeman, Koby Fenton, Victoria Lara, Dianfa Perez, Regan Shaw, Paige Tambunga and Kendra Webb.

"The future is in the hands of our children," says Lynn Romeo, publisher of the National Honor Roll. "These young people have worked hard to attain academic success. Honoring their achievement provides motivation and encourages them to continue striving. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

The National Honor Roll contacts potentially qualifying students after reviewing information on their academic performance. Students are asked to submit information about their grade point averages, their interests, activities and future goals for further consideration. Only students with a B or better average are eligible.

This year, 68% of the inductees averaged an A- or better and 32% averaged B through B+.

The National Honor Roll furnishes several other benefits which can contribute to the success of its student members. By taking advantage of NHR's College Admissions Notification Service, students can notify the admissions offices of as many schools as they wish that they have been inducted into the National Honor Roll and that they are interested in obtaining information about their colleges. A copy of the student's biography - and photograph - when published - is sent to the colleges along with that letter. Inductees also receive an application for one of the 25, \$1,000.00 Community Contributions Scholarships which are awarded annually by the Educational Research Center of America. These scholarships are awarded to students who have made an extraordinary contribution to their communities and/or schools. Each state governor and all U. S. Senators also receive a complimentary copy of the Commemorative Edition, along with a list of the students who have been inducted in their states. Complimentary copies of the book are also sent to selected school libraries, teachers and guidance counselors across the country.

***Senate (Continued from page 2)**

14 and SB 400. SB 14 would require insurers of homeowners and automobile insurance to file rates and supporting data with the insurance commissioner, who would then have sixty days to reject the rates before they become effective.

San Antonio Senator Leticia Van de Putte's SB 400 would require insurers to roll rates back to the levels that were in effect on January 1, 2001, and require them to obtain prior approval by the commissioner of insurance before changing their rates. SB 400 would also prohibit the use of credit scoring for underwriting and rating, require insurance companies to disclose underwriting guidelines, and authorize the Texas Department of Insurance to adopt and approve insurance rating manuals. Van de Putte said that if the bill passes, it will give homeowners a deserved relief and will provide them an average refund of \$436.

Health Insurance Accessibility

Senator Kip Averitt of Waco filed SB 10 on Thursday. He said the bill can help small businesses obtain health insurance for their employees by allowing them to combine together as a single entity to negotiate coverage and receive the savings that large businesses enjoy. As an incentive to insurance providers, the bill would provide a two percent tax credit to cover previously uninsured persons. The proposed legislation is supported by Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst and Governor Rick Perry, along with several other senators.

Increasing Capacity in Prison System

Despite the increasing prison population and a seven percent reduction in their budget this fiscal year, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, is working towards freeing four thousand prison beds. The Lieutenant Governor applauded the agency and supports its plans to convert a

youth facility in Bryan back into a transfer facility for adult inmates, shorten the substance abuse treatment program from nine to six months, and possibly add more than one thousand beds to existing facilities. Dewhurst said that he refuses to compromise public safety.

Agencies Criticized for Not Complying with HUB Requirements

Senator Van de Putte and Dallas Senator Royce West spoke at a Capitol press conference on Monday to criticize the eleven agencies that are not reaching out to minority-owned businesses, known as Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs). Senator Van de Putte said that they will be wary of trusting agencies with other fiscal and statutory responsibilities when they cannot even comply with current laws. Senator West said that he will ask the Legislative Budget Board to act on a provision passed during the last legislative session which could revoke an agency's delegated purchasing authority if it is determined that it has not attempted to comply after one year of monitoring.

A State Auditor's Report released on Friday, February 14th, 2003, concluded that nine out of ten agencies audited failed to comply with HUB requirements and a follow-up on two agencies determined that they continued to be in noncompliance. According to the report, four of the agencies, including one previously audited, did not make a "good-faith effort" to give minority-owned businesses the opportunity to compete for state contracts.

Baseball Sign-ups

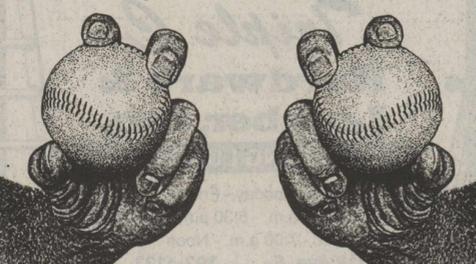
Sign-up for 2003 season on
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Major League Field

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Hernandez completes basic

Marine Corps Pvt. Luis C. Hernandez, son of Guadalupe C. Hernandez of Ozona, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

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

Hernandez 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, Hernandez spent numerous hours in 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.

Hernandez 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.

Booster Club meeting Monday, March 3

The Ozona Athletic Booster Club will meet on Monday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ozona Middle School Library.

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Crockett County 4-H'ers out in force at San Angelo Show

Thirty-one Crockett County 4-H members competed in the 71st Annual San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo. The market meat goat show kicked off the show for Crockett County on Feb. 17 with 16 local 4-H members exhibiting 24 meat goats.

Lane White, son of Vicky and Jim White, exhibited the first place meat goat in class three out of more than 100 meat goats in his class. The 80-pound goat bred by Kay and Eddie Stewart earned Lane \$2,400.00 in the premium sale held on Saturday at the completion of the junior market shows.

Other Crockett County 4-H'ers placing goats included:

Class 1 - 16 Stephen Humphrey; Class 3 - 8 Clint Hale; Class 4 - 13 Kyann Kothmann; Class 7 - 11 Alexandra Bean; Class 9 - 7 Alexandra Bean, 15 Jake Stewart.

In the market lamb show, Crockett County had 12 members of the 4-H Club exhibiting 22 finewool and finewool cross lambs. Exhibitors included: Clint Hale, Clay Hale, Lane Hale, Murphey Black, Philip Baggett, Lakin Aaron, Kramer Hall, Latham Ducote, Kelbie Renfroe, Aaron Renfroe, Dub Walston and Kathryn Walston.

Exhibitors placing lambs and receiving premiums included: Finewool Division: Class 1 - 3 Murphey Black; Class 2 - 11 Dub

Walston and Class 4 - 11 Murphey Black. Finewool Cross Division: Class 2 - 6 Murphey Black; Class 3 - 4 Kelbie Renfroe.

In the market barrow show, Crockett County 4-H and Ozona FFA had 10 members exhibiting 13 barrows. Exhibitors receiving premium prize money included Frankie Skinner who won fifth place heavy weight Hampshire and 14th place lightweight Hampshire. Kasey Gray won eighth place honors in the heavy weight crossbred class. Ryan Wiley placed sixth with his heavy weight white other pure bred class and

Keelin Wiley placed ninth with her lightweight Yorkshire barrow.

Other exhibitors included: Brandi Glosson, Morgan Glosson, Jadynd Poindexter, Derek Wiley, Kaleigh Wiley and Jared Espino.

"Congratulations to all these exhibitors and families on a successful show," said County Extension Agent Roy Walston. "Over \$6,500.00 in premium prize money and sale proceeds was won by these exhibitors thanks to generous support from local donors and support from the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Premium Auction."

Wool and mohair teams win third in San Angelo

Crockett County 4-H members competed in the annual wool and mohair judging contest in San Angelo during the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo. Members competing included: Andy Birkenfeld, LuCinda Birkenfeld, Aaron Renfroe, Craig Chandler and Taylor Newton.

This team won second high in wool, third high in mohair and

third high team overall while Kraig Chandler won fifth high individual in mohair and ninth high point overall.

Andy Birkenfeld won fifth in wool and 10th high point overall.

Coaching the team are Donnie Laughlin and Charles Seidensticker.

Parents joining the team were Kelvin and Tia Chandler, Randy Dusek and Amy Newton.

4-H'ers compete in San Antonio

Twenty-one Crockett County 4-H members competed during the San Antonio Livestock Show Feb. 9-14. Twelve 4-H members exhibited market lambs while four qualified for the premium sale.

In class one, Lane Hale, son of Les and Katrece Hale, won first place honors with his Fred Chandler bred finewool lamb, followed in class four with Clint Hale placing sixth and Murphey Black placing ninth. Aaron Renfroe exhibited the third place finewool in class five. Other 4-H'ers exhibiting market lambs included: Philip Baggett, Kelbie Renfroe, Clay Hale, Lakin Aaron, Kramer Hall, Latham Ducote, Dub Walston and Kathryn Walston.

In the junior meat goat show, Crockett County had nine 4-H members competing including: Alexandra Bean, Adrienne Bendele, Andy Birkenfeld, LuCinda Birkenfeld, Murphey Black, Shelby Blount, Stephen Humphrey, Taylor Newton and Jake Stewart. Exhibitors placing animals included Stephen

Humphrey 12th and Alexandra Bean eighth.

Crockett County also had three market barrow exhibitors competing with Jadynd Poindexter and Dub Walston exhibiting Hampshire barrows and Kathryn Walston exhibiting her Duroc barrow.

"Congratulations to these exhibitors and their families for doing a fine job representing Crockett County, and a special thanks to all the local supporters that made the trip to San Antonio to support our youth," said County Extension Agent Roy Walston.

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The Letters

By Tom Morrow
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Eighteen and married; mother with child,
Her husband a soldier, had to leave for awhile;

They hugged and kissed, said their goodbyes,
Walked away in silence, tear stained eyes;

He promised to write; every single day,
From across the ocean, far and away;

So she sat on her porch, patiently waiting,
Consumed in love, anticipating;

As each letter arrived, she carried them inside,
Held them close, as tears fell from her eyes;

She opened them carefully, whispered each word,
Wanting him with her, his voice could be heard;

The days seemed like weeks, weeks seemed like a year,
A year seemed like eternity; before he would be near;

She soon felt his sorrow, his sadness, and pain,
All she could do was sit there and pray;

The letters came less after awhile,
But she kept up her hopes,
He'd be home; see her smile.

1-25, Local: Rep. Merritt: 'Everything on table for cuts'

NOTE:
The following article was brought to our attention by Supt. Jim Ramage and is reprinted with the permission of the Longview News-Journal.

By Glenn Evans

Taxpayers will be getting enraged at school boards, city councils and county commissioners courts in coming years, but the real culprits will be hidden behind promises of no new taxes coming from Austin, state Rep. Tommy Merritt said Friday.

The same promises from state leadership could foster ideas for revenue that voters wouldn't hear of during surplus years gone by, the Longview republican told the Government Affairs Committee of the Longview Partnership.

"Everything is on the table for cuts," Merritt said later Friday, summing up his breakfast discussion with the city's business and political leaders. "And to continue services may fall to local governments - the county judge and city officials."

A \$1.8 billion shortage was announced last week for the remainder of the fiscal biennium that ends Aug. 31. That prompted Gov. Rick Perry to tell state agencies to trim 7 percent off their spending plans.

And with Comptroller of Public Accounts Carole Keeton Strayhorn putting the revenue shortfall for the 2003-04 biennium at \$8.1 billion, legislators such as Merritt are wrestling with nearly \$10 billion less than they need to maintain services at levels they envisioned in 2001. That challenge has resulted in a host of ideas floating around the Capitol, though it's doubtful anyone would be brave or foolish enough to outright propose them.

Merritt, stressing that he's not proposing these measures, said they include a return to the old 11-grade public school curriculum and the legalization of various forms of gambling.

With the state lottery contributing \$700 million to the \$26 billion education budget, a Powerball could add another \$100 million, and eight-liner machines would double that amount. And forget about casinos, which he said could boost state revenue by billions.

"I'm not proposing anything," Merritt said. "I'm just saying those are the subjects that are being talked about in Austin as forms of revenue. ...Are people willing to pay more taxes or are they going to allow various forms of gambling in this state? It was real fine to be against gambling when you're in surplus."

But almost every winning Republican in the Nov. 5 election, which gave the GOP every statewide office and a 197-74 majority in both chamber of the legislature, indicated he'd chew his own foot off before raising taxes. Weeks ago, Perry snuffed out proposals to raise the cigarette tax by \$1, to applause from now-Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and now-Speaker Tom Craddick.

The result?

"One other side is the local control of our education - there's the possibility we could remove the (\$1.50 school tax rate) cap and say to the local school districts, 'You raise your taxes.' It's not up to the Legislature to do it," Merritt said, describing a sleight-of-hand that could prompt local tax hikes

across the state that would be blamed on school boards instead of the Legislature.

The Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, which runs the prisons, has 140,000 beds thanks to a 1991 referendum. But now it's poised to resume turning away inmates and releasing prisoners early, because it can't afford the annual cost of housing them, Merritt said.

"At the same time, we're 2,000 prison guards short," he said. "So if we have a (hiring) freeze, where are we moving the prisoners? In several states, they are not sentencing prisoners to prison because they're not taking them. Or they're releasing them early. And it all trickles down to the communities, that you still have the criminals in your community."

He noted the example set by former New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman.

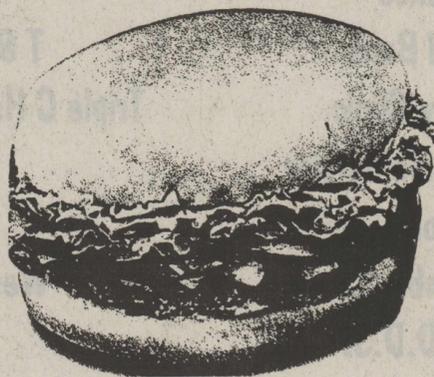
"She downloaded all of the services to local governments," he said of Whitman, who won reelection as governor and later was promoted by President Bush to lead the Environmental Protection Agency. "The (new Jersey) state taxes went down, but there was a net increase on the local taxpaying citizens. They (in Austin) are looking at models of governors around the nation who got re-elected."

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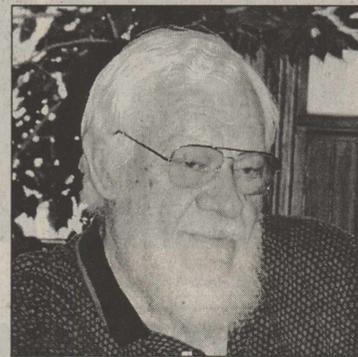


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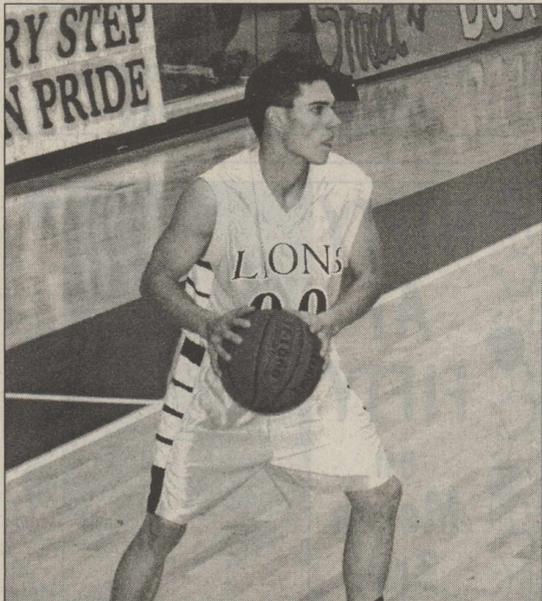
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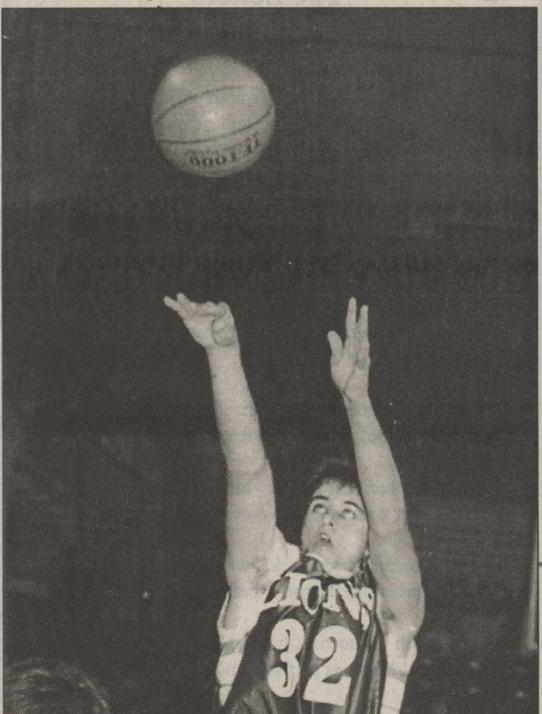
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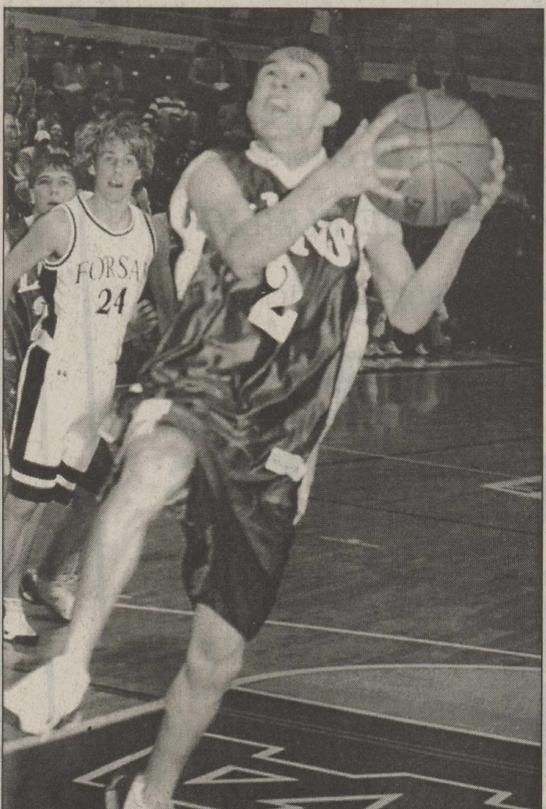
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Tennis team finishes 6th in Fort Stockton tourney

By Gerri Azaam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Ozona High School tennis teams traveled to Fort Stockton on Feb. 21-22 to compete in the Fort Stockton Invitational Team Tennis Tournament. The team finished in sixth place in total team points out of the eight teams competing in the tournament.

"This was a great tournament for our team as we approach our regional team meet this next weekend," stated Coach Rick Bachman. "We had to shorten the matches on Friday due to the rain, but the kids all were still able to play a lot of tennis."

"The strength and depth of our opponents in this tournament was truly phenomenal. Fort Stockton, Eldorado, Midland Christian, and Monahans have some of the highest quality programs in West Texas, and our kids really hung in there in many of the matches," added Coach Bachman. "We are still a little behind some of these powerhouses, but this tournament gave us some good insight on the areas we need to strengthen. This will enable us to work harder in these areas as we continue our season."

Bachman wrapped it up saying, "I was really proud of the way our players performed, as many were playing in positions that they are unaccustomed to. I'm looking forward to our regional tournament this weekend, as we again will be challenged by some of our district adversaries."

Boys Singles #1
Roland Galindo lost to Bjorn Subia of Ft. Stockton (8-2), beat Quaid Ledingham of Monahans (8-4), beat Joey Colvin of Greenwood (8-1) to win the consolation championship

Boys Singels #2
Ruben Talamantez beat Jay Dannelly of Pecos (8-5), lost to Eric Fierro of Fort Stockton (8-2), beat Nolan Pritchard of Monahans (8-4) to win third place.

Boys Singles #3
Jeffrey Gillit lost to Heath Andrew of Eldorado (9-8), lost to Leonel Ramirez of Greenwood (9-8, 11-9)

Boys Singles #4
Paarth Raj lost to Brian Fierro of Fort Stockton (8-3), beat John Willhelm of Monahans (9-7), lost to Tate Taylor of Crane (8-3)

Boys Singles #5
Eric Fierro lost to Shay Parker of Eldorado (8-2), lost to Nolan Henderson of Crane (8-1)

Boys Singles #6
Daniel Cruz lost to Bryce Swinford of Crane (8-4), beat Frankie Hernandez of Pecos (8-2), lost to Simon Leyva of Monahans (8-0)

Girls Singles #1
Bobbi Sue Bangeman lost to Casee McKenzie of Fort Stockton

(8-1), lost to Adrea Valdez of Crane (8-6)

Girls Singles #2
Hilary Huffman lost to Britany Phillips of Midland Christian (8-6), beat Sydney Bassett of Monahans (8-4), lost to Griselda Bedyo of Crane (8-4)

Girls Singles #3
Michelle Necessary lost to Vic Subia of Fort Stockton (8-1), beat Alicia Campbell of Greenwood (8-2), lost to Treena Escamilla of Monahans (8-3)

Girls Singles #4
Makinsey Morris lost to Kassie Bollier of Ft. Stockton (8-4), lost to Irene Blocker of Monahans (9-7)

Girls Singles #5
Jenna Henderson lost to Chandra Wanoreck of Eldorado (8-5), beat Ashley Smith of Greenwood (8-2), beat Krista Henry of Crane (8-1) to win Consolation Championship.

Girls Singles #6
Jessica Moore lost to Blair Irving of Midland Christian (8-2), beat Imari Ornelas of Pecos (8-5), beat Marisol Bedyo of Crane (8-0)

Girls Singles #7
Kayla Johnson lost to Laura Ramirez of Monahans (8-2), beat Chantel Orona of Pecos (8-3), beat Gabi Garcia of Crane (8-2) to win the consolation championship.

Boys Doubles #1
Talamantez/Galindo lost to Graham/Sotelo of Pecos (7-6, 7-5, 6-4), beat Winn/McCarty of Crane (6-3, 6-0), lost to Ledingham/Pritchard of Monahans (8-3)

Boys Doubles #2
Gillit/Raj lost to Phillips/Andrew of Eldorado (6-2, 6-3), beat Ramirez/Colvin of Greenwood (8-3), beat Soderstrom/Swinford of Monahans (8-4)

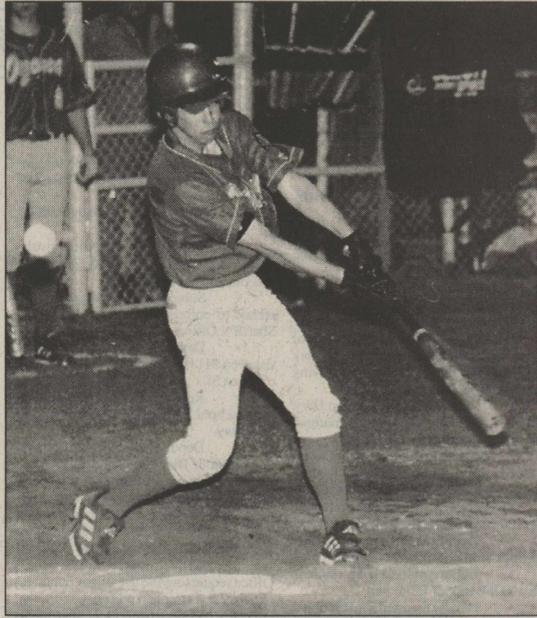
Boys Doubles #3
Fierro/Cruz lost to Yoho/Martinez of Monahans (6-0, 6-2), received bye, lost to Crumrine/Rodriguez of Crane (8-2)

Girls Doubles #1
Bangeman/Huffman lost to McKenzie/Gandhi of Ft. Stockton (6-0, 6-3), lost to Bedyo/Rodriguez of Crane (6-4, 6-4)

Girls Doubles #2
Necessary/Henderson lost to Valdez/Sharp of Crane (1-6, 6-3, 6-3), beat Escamilla/Ramirez of Monahans (6-4, 7-6, 7-5), beat Irving/Huff of Midland Christian (8-6) to win consolation championship.

Girls Doubles #3
Johnson/Morris lost to Brown/Holley of Eldorado (6-1, 7-6), beat Henry/Bedyo of Crane (6-3, 4-6, 6-1), beat Reynolds/Smith of Monahans (8-4) to win consolation championship

Mixed Doubels #1
Casarez/Moore lost to Gatzke/Oliver of Monahans (6-2, 6-3), received bye, lost to Noe/Ingram of Midland Christian (8-2)



LOGAN ENGLISH
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Ozona Middle School Honor Roll

FOURTH SIX WEEKS A HONOR ROLL

Freshmen
Brian Anderson, Alexandra Bean, Ashley James, Allison Skehan, Jasmine Tambunga, Derek Wiley

Sophomores
Jared Bird, Doug Duncan, Derek Fierro, Cecilia Garza, Jenna Henderson, Paarth Raj

Juniors
Philip Baggett, Bobbi Sue Bangeman, Layne English, Whitney King, Josh Long, Laura Pierce, Jake Stewart, Dennis Taylor, Ryan Wiley

Seniors
G. L. Bunger, Derek Faught, Koby Fenton, Zach Webb

A-B HONOR ROLL

Freshmen
Lindsey Castro, Tyler Cunningham, Mardi Fierro, Elizabeth Hernandez, Grant Hodges, Judy Lombrana, Victoria Miller, Jessica Moore, Gloria Onate, Kayla Parks, Seth Peerson, Eric

Tambunga, Dean Wasdworth, Dub Walston, Kyle Webb

Sophomores
Bianca Aiguier, Amber Batura, Kristin Bunger, Chris Carter, Vince Castro, Casey Cervantez, Adrienne DeHoyos, Simon Garza, Tina Martinez, Erika Morales, Makinsey Morris, Taylor Oglesby, Britney Ramos, Sara Richie, Becky Tambunga, Elizabeth Venegas, Casey Ybarra, Heather Ybarra

Juniors
Aaron Espino, Arron Garza, Kristen James, Abel Martinez, Christopher Martinez, Bradley Mayfield, Bryan Skehan, Jarryd Taylor, Victoria Velasquez, Tyson Vordick, Jimmy Ybarra

Seniors
Melanie Bullard, Rebekah Cowen, Colbey Crawford, Kelly Cunningham, Ashley DeHoyos, Roy Estrada, Myda Fay, Erika Fierro, Jessica Galan, Lalo Garza, Ariana Lira, Patricia Martinez, Luis Mata, Michelle Necessary, Dianna Perez, Regan Shaw, Wilson Stokes, Olga Talamantez, Ramon Trujillo, Laken Villarreal, Lindsey Wilson

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Ozona High School Honor Roll

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Sixth Grade
Daniel Anderson, Ethan English, Silvia Hernandez, Wade King, Matthew Komechak, Alysha Lara, Chelsea Spence, Wilson White

Seventh Grade
Puja Bhakta, Morgan Capps, Jonathan Flores, Julia Henderson, Anna Hernandez, Brooke Kelly, Justin Maldonado, Park Preddy, Lauren Sanchez, Jared Spence, Mark Tambunga, Abigail Zamarripa

Eighth Grade
Isabel Aguilar, Matthew Bullard, Benjamin English, Justine Fielding, Jordan Long, Caleb Mitchel, Lauren Pool, William Richie, Catlin Sessom, Kaleigh Wiley

A-B HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade
Kara Bird, James Caldera, Cheyenne Coy, Jordan DeHoyos, Devon Diehl, Latham Ducote, Benjamin Flores, Jonathan Flores, Desiree Galan, Matthew Garza, Nathan Knox, Dillon Lankford, Christopher Lara, Jasmine Moran.

Fabian Onate, Jesse Ramos, Ruben Rivas, Cristina Rodriguez, Steven Silva, Preston Tebbetts, Samantha Torres, Federico Veloz, Chelsey West, Keelin Wiley

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Alexa Cervantez, Mathew DeWolfe, Kyann Kothman, Libby Martinez, Aaron Pearl, Luis Perez, Rylee Ramos, Celia Rivera, Fermin Romero, Joshua Santos, Ely Silva, Jessica Simmons, Vanessa Tobar, Paloma Torres Cutino, Victoria Treto, Matt Turland, Evangelina Vasquez, Abel Villarreal, Lori Villarreal, Wendy Wilson, Ramon Ybarra

Eighth Grade
Ashley Anderson, Adrienne Bendele, LuCinda Birkenfeld, Britni Buchanan, Cristina Dominguez, Peyton Fenton, Fernando Fierro, Jose Galvan, Lanell Garcia, Blanca Garza, Diane Hernandez, Tashina Lewis, Daniel Lombrana, Megan McDaniel, Melony Moran, Melissa Morris, John Payne, Seslee Perez, Daniel Roman, Javier Santos, Jarrod Simmons, Frankie Skinner, Francisco Tambunga, John Tijerina, Luis Tijerina, Maria Torres, Levi Vargas, Erica Venegas

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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
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Exxon/Mobile Dev. Co.	15000	Ranner Estate #30 HR	Patterson UT/LV #481	Drig. ahead 4872'
New EOG Res./Mid.	11600	Allison -22- #111	Patterson drilling/A #39	Drig. ahead
Nueve Texas Inc.	9900	Mitchel -6- #9	Nabors Drilling (O) #316	Drig. ahead

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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Parsons Energy	15,800	Foote-Whitehead -S74-#1	Patterson Drilling/A #36	Drig. ahead
EEX E&P Co.	15,000	Whitehead -A- #6391	Patterson Drilling/A #471	Drig. ahead
Phillips Pet/Hous.	9875	Cauborn -B- #37	Patterson Drilling/A #118	Drig. ahead

Edwards County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Par Minerals Corp.	8000	Richardson #1	Key Energy (L) #10	Drig. ahead 7430'

Schleicher County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New TAP, Inc.	6800	case -B- #3	Heart Land Drilling #2	Rigging up

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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Mariner Energy	8600	SAU Mariner-5- #1B	Big Dog Drilling #5	Drig. ahead 6815'
New Mariner Energy	8600	SAU Mariner-19-1A #1A	Big Dog Drilling #9	Drig. ahead 2928'
New Mariner Energy	8600	SAU Mariner-21-3A- #3A	Patterson UT/Mid #472	Drig. ahead 5460'
New Tamarack Pet.	8500	Weatherly -A- #5	Big Dog Drilling #12	Drig. ahead 5900'
New Pioneer Nat./rv.	8440	Sprabery Driver Unit #8141A	Patterson UT/Mid #464	Drig. ahead 5850'
New Tamarack Pet.	8300	Schaefer -A- #4602	Big Dog Drilling #13	Drig. ahead 7668'
Pioneer Nat./rv.	8250	Merchant Unit #6212A	Patterson UT/Mid #461	Drig. ahead 8135'
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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WEEKLY NEWS REPORT 02-18-03 through 02-24-03

02-18-03

- Report of a stranded motorist at the 350 mile marker on I-10 west of Ozona. Deputy located three subjects, and brought them to town to get fuel, and gave them ride back to their vehicle.
- A request from Texas Dept of Transportation for traffic control at a work site in reference to traffic not slowing down for workers.
- Report of loose goats on Hwy. 137 north of Ozona. Deputy and motorist put up the goats inside the fence.
- Deputy met with complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to damage to windshield. Deputy filed report.
- Deputy met with complainant in reference to juvenile problem.
- Deputy assisted motorist at local truck stop needing gas welfare.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at the 400th Block of Plum St.
- Deputy escorted a male subject to a residence on Rugged Rd. in reference to subject wanting to pick up personal item.

02-19-03

- 911 hang up call from the 100th Block of Martinez St. Deputy brought the subject to the jail and was put up as a sleeper.
- Deputy escorted sleeper at the jail to the east county line.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at the 1100th Block of Ratliff.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at local truck stop.
- Sheriff and DPS Captain met with complainant at the 1300th Block of Ave. G in reference to an incident.
- Deputies provided funeral escort.
- Deputy met with complainant at the 700th Block of 14th St. in reference to a civil problem.
- Deputy responded to an alarm at local business on the 1200th Block of Ave. B. Deputy reported the building was secure.
- Deputy met with complainant at the 1700th block of Piedra St. in reference to juveniles who had damaged a trailer house. Deputy reported that the parent of the juveniles and owner would work it out on payment for the damages, and that no charges would be filed.
- DPS dispatcher requested assistance at the DPS Office in reference to a subject that was at the DPS Office, and was wanted for traffic warrants. Deputy assisted.
- Deputy met with subjects at the Sheriff's Office that were requesting gas aid and food welfare. Deputy provided assistance.
- Report of a subject at local business who was causing problems. Deputy brought the subject to the jail as a sleeper.
- Deputy met with complainant at the 100th Block of Swaps St. in reference to telephone harassment by juveniles. Deputy filed report.

02-20-03

- Report of a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy. 163 north of Ozona.
- Report of meter reader for WTU bitten by dog at 100 Block Ave. L. Deputy and animal control responded.
- Report of loose livestock on Hwy. 137 N. Unable to contact landowner. Deputy put them back inside fence.
- 911 hang up call from residence on 100th Block of Ave. E. Deputy responded, and every-thing was okay.
- Report of motor vehicle accident at MM 331 eastbound on I-10. Deputies responded, and there were no injuries. Accident was weather related.
- Report of motor vehicle accident at MM 343 westbound on I-10. Car rolled over, and occupants taken to Pecos County in private vehicle. DPS was notified.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle at Senior Apartments.
- Deputy provides gas assistance to motorist at local convenience store.

02-21-03

- Report of possible prowler on 1600 Block of Santa Rosa. Deputies responded and all was okay.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle at local convenience store on 900th Block of 15th St.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle at local motel on I-10 and Ave. A.
- Deputy responded to disturbance call at local community center. All was okay.
- Subject met with deputy in reference to correspondence received from Sheriff's Office. All was okay.
- Deputies and DPS trooper assisted on 911 medical call on 1800th Block of Perez St.
- Report of alarm set off at primary school. Deputy responded, and all was okay.
- Deputy met with complainant on the 200th Block of Santa Rosa St. in reference to a personal problem.
- Report from local motel in reference to subjects requesting welfare for a room for the night. Deputy reported that the subjects had already left the area.
- Citizen called the Sheriff's Office requesting the use of gas container to help out a stranded motorist.
- Report from local apartments in reference to a missing juvenile. Deputy located the juvenile at a residence, and transported him back to his residence.
- Report from local convenience store on the 1200th Block of Ave. E that subjects were requesting gas welfare. Deputy reported that the subjects had already left the area.
- Report from local convenience store on the 900th Block of 15th St. in reference to female subject who needed to be picked up. Deputy reported that the female subject had already left the store, and was located at the 371 Mile Marker of I-10. Deputy reported that the female subject had been involved in an argument with her husband, and had just got out of the vehicle. Deputy released the female subject to her sister.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at local oilfield business on Hwy. 163 North of Ozona.
- Deputy met with complainant on the 100 Block of Yucca Ln. in reference to criminal mischief. Deputy filed report.

02-23-03

- Report of a possible intoxicated driver in the area of Piedra St. Deputy reported that the vehicle was already parked at a residence.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at local truck stop.

02-24-03

- 911 call from the 1600th Block of Blas St. in reference to subjects harassing the owner of the residence. Deputies responded.
- Report of a stranded motorist west of Ozona on Hwy. 290. Deputy assisted motorist with fuel.
- Deputy met with subject at the Sheriff's Office who was requesting gas welfare. Deputy provided fuel at local convenience store.
- Deputy met with complainant on the 1600 Block of Blas St. in reference to damage to vehicle tires. Deputy spoke with parent of possible suspect, and filed report.
- Report of a minor vehicle accident at the 376 Mile Marker on I-10. DPS units were already in route.
- Report of minor vehicle accident 6 miles south on Hwy. 163 from Barnhart. DPS units were already in route.
- Deputy met with complainant via phone in reference to interference with child custody. Deputy advised subject that she would have to travel to Crockett County if she wished to file charges.
- Report of motor vehicle accident 8 miles east of Ozona on I-10. DPS Troopers, EMS and Fire Dept. assisted.
- 911 emergency call from the 2100th Block of Santa Anna in reference to an elderly male that had fallen down. Deputies and EMS unit assisted.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at the 400th Block of Del Rio and Heraclio Streets.
- Report of a vehicle that was stuck on a fence on Hwy. 163 north of Ozona. Deputies reported that it was a vehicle from a previous accident earlier in the day.
- Deputy met with complainant via phone in reference to missing lost pit bulls.

02-20-03

- Strother, John David, age 42, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a warrant out of Montgomery County for possession of controlled substance. Subject remains in custody awaiting extradition.

02-23-03

- Robinson, Rechel, age 29, of Crosby was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 ounces. Subject posted bond and was released.

OFFENSE REPORTS 02-18-03 through 02-24-03

02-20-03

- Sheriff's Deputy filed an attack by a dangerous dog report. Deputy met with subject on the 100th Block of Ave. I in reference to an employee of local utility company who had been bitten by a pit bull. The victim had been taken to local clinic. Deputy attempted to locate the owner of the dog. Animal control officer was also notified, and investigation continues.

02-21-03

- Sheriff's Deputy filed a criminal mischief more than twenty dollars, but less than two hundred dollars report. Deputy took statement from subject in reference to damage to a window on a vehicle. Investigation continues.

02-22-03

- Sheriff's Deputy filed a burglary of a building report. Deputies responded to a local business on the 1600th Block of Martinez St. in reference to a burglary in progress. Deputies apprehended two juvenile males inside the store. Later store owner gave statement, and the investigation continues.
- Sheriff's Deputy filed a theft of more than fifteen hundred dollars, but less than two thousand dollars report. Deputy took statement from subject in reference to a camper trailer that was stolen from a deer lease. Investigation continues.

ARREST REPORTS 02-18-03 through 02-24-03

02-18-03

- Lopez, Santiago Jr., age 19, of Kerrville was transported by Crockett County Constable from Kerr County Jail to Crockett County Jail on a Crockett County bench warrant. Subject was transported back to Kerr County after he was finished with court appearance.

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Baby tooth Angora stocker nannies	45-55
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Angora kids	90-1.12
Angora kids-shorn	88-1.10
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin)	34-45
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies	45-50
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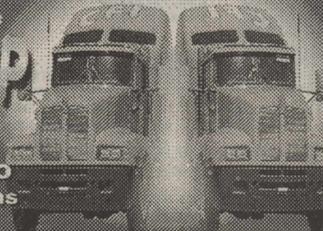
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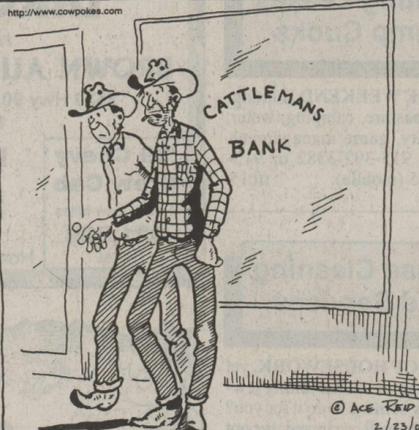


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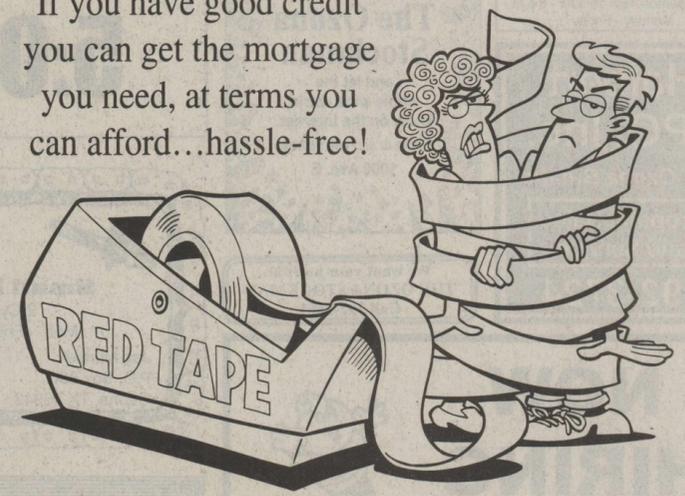
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