

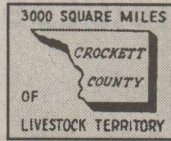
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WHITNEY KING



KATY CHURCHILL

## Ozona girls selected for all district

By Gerri Azam  
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Ozona High School placed five girl basketball players on the 2-AA all district teams.

Selected as Newcomer of the Year was Whitney King.

Katy Churchill was named to the first team. Ruth Cervantez to the second team and receiving honorable mention were Casey Ybarra and Hilary Huffman.

## Filing ends in school, water district elections

Wednesday, March 19, is the final day to file for a place on the May 3 ballots for school trustees and Emerald Underground Water District directors.

At presstime this week, incumbent school trustees Veronica Tijerina, Dist. 3, and Laurie Hale, Dist. 4, had filed.

In the water district election, incumbents George Bunger, Nat Read and Paul Perner had also filed.

If these office holders are not challenged, no elections will be held.

## Motorcycle accident victim dies of injuries

Helen Paladini, 49, died March 14 in a San Angelo hospital of injuries received in an accident in downtown Ozona the previous morning.

Mrs. Paladini was pulled from her 1999 BMW motorcycle onto the street in the 1100 Block of Ave. E when she collided with a rope stretched across the roadway.

The rope had been stretched across the road by a JS Cable Service of San Angelo crew doing telephone repair work. The rope

was attached to the back bumper of a Jeep being used to stretch an overhead cable line.

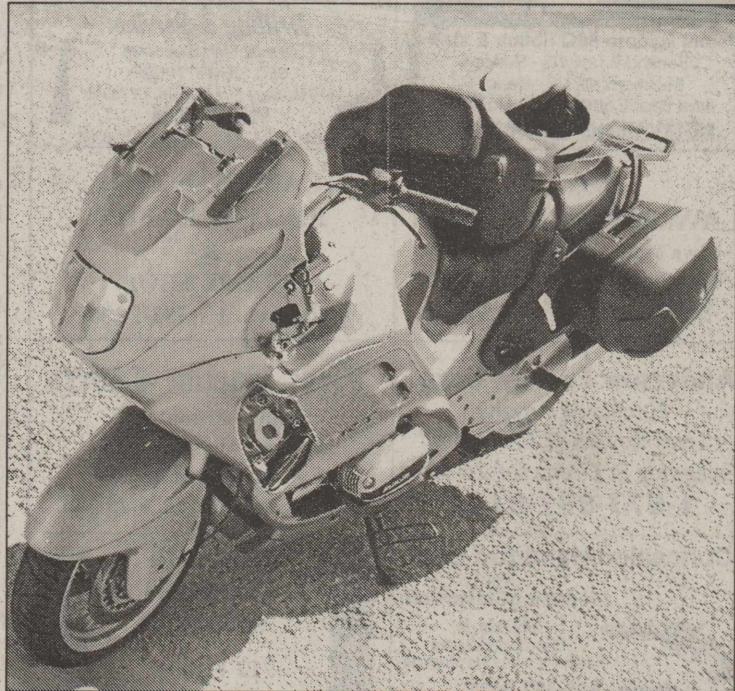
Mrs. Paladini and her husband, Victor Paladini, were riding separate motorcycles and turned from 11th Street to go south on Ave. E. He was riding further over in the lane and the rope reportedly grazed his helmet. Mrs. Paladini, who was riding slightly behind her husband, was hit under the chin by the rope.

There was damage to the right side of her motorcycle and

both mirrors and the windshield were broken according to the report filed by DPS Trooper Bruce James.

Safety cones had been placed in the road, but no flagman was used according to DPS reports. No operator was in the vehicle at the time of the accident. The Jeep had come across the road and backed up in preparation to untie the rope.

Mrs. Paladini, a retired nurse from Sierra Vista, AZ, died at 10:24 p.m. Friday.



BOTH MIRRORS AND THE WINDSHIELD on this 1999 BMW motorcycle were broken in a wreck here March 13.

DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore

## Crockett County 4-H'ers win at Houston

The first year in the new Reliant Center at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo proved to be a successful one for Crockett County 4-H members.

Premium sales proceeds for Crockett County 4-H'ers totaled \$42,600 for the 11 lots that sold through the premium sale.

The meat goat show set the pace for the Crockett County exhibitors on Tuesday with Clint Hale winning first in class 2, and reserve champion of the light-weight division. Murphey Black followed up with a win in class 4, and Alexandra Bean won class 5.

Other exhibitors placing included Kyann Kothmann placing eighth in class 5 and Jake Stewart

placing eighth in class 6.

Other meat goat exhibitors included: Andy Birkenfeld, LuCinda Birkenfeld, Clay Hale, Kramer Hall, Taylor Newton, Adrienne Bendele, Shelby Blount, Aaron Swindell, Kathryn Walston, and Dub Walston.

Eleven Crockett County 4-H members exhibited lambs in the Houston Livestock Show lamb sift in Rosenberg. They were: Clint Hale, Clay Hale, Latham Ducote, Kramer Hall, Aaron Renfroe, Kelbie Renfroe, Murphey Black, Philip Baggett, Lakin Aaron, Kathryn Walston, and Dub Walston. Eight qualified for the sale and competed in Houston.

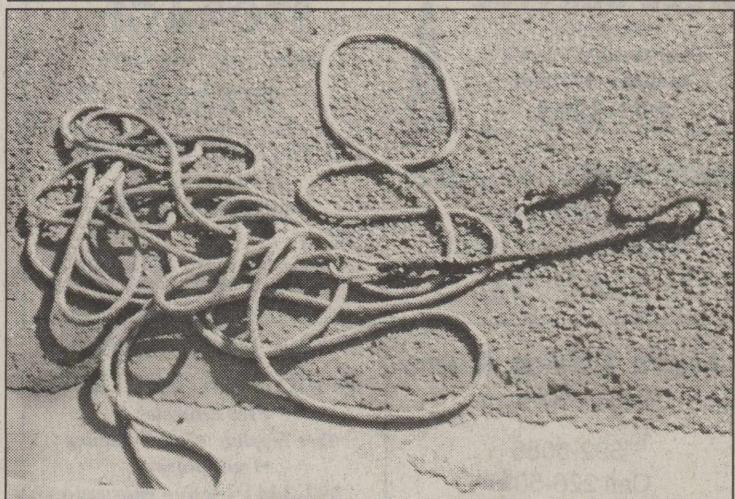
In the light-weight finewool class, Dub Walston placed sec-

ond, and Philip Baggett placed 12th.

In the middle weight finewool class, Latham Ducote placed 17th. The heavy weight finewool class included four Crockett County exhibitors with Murphey Black placing fourth, Kathryn Walston placing ninth, Lakin Aaron placing 16th, and Clint Hale placing 21st.

Clay Hale exhibited the reserve champion finewool cross lamb and placed second in the heavy weight finewool cross division.

"Special big thanks should go to all the parents and local supporters for joining us in Houston for the lamb show," said County Extension Agent Roy Walston.



A ROPE stretched across Ave. E caught motorcycle rider Helen Paladini under the chin, pulling her from the cycle.

DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore

## Permitting and registration of water wells

By Dennis Clark - District Manager  
Emerald Underground Water Conservation District

Conservation of groundwater resources requires a cooperative effort between the Emerald Underground Water Conservation District and the district's water users, reminds the district's newsletter.

Crockett County has recently experienced the subdivision of several large ranches and predicts this trend to continue as agricultural land is converted to recreational use. Along with subdivisions comes the necessity to drill more and more wells to provide water for smaller plots.

It is imperative that all wells meet the district's criterion for spacing and completion standards. This not only helps provide equal water availability to all users, but is also essential in protecting the aquifer from pollution.

Emerald Underground Water Conservation District (EUWCD) rules require that all existing and future wells in the district be registered on a form and in a manner required by the district and that no person shall begin to drill or drill

a well, or increase the size of a well or pump therein without having first applied to the board of directors, and had issued a permit to do so, unless the drilling and operation of the well is exempt by law or by EUWCD rules.

An exempt well is a well used solely for domestic use or for providing water for livestock or poultry on a tract of land larger than 10 acres that is drilled, completed or equipped so that it is incapable of producing more than 25,000 gallons a day.

Although the district does not require a permit for exempt wells, it is advisable to contact the district or obtain a copy of the district's rules prior to drilling to avoid possible violation of these rules.

Contact the district for more information or services which include: water quality analysis, water level measurements and the plugging or capping of abandoned or deteriorated wells. Call the office at 392-5156 or go by 1102 Ave. I.

## Resolution In Recognition Of National Agriculture Week In Texas - March 16-22, 2003

WHEREAS, the week of March 16 to 22, 2003, in NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN TEXAS, as proclaimed by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, and;  
WHEREAS, agriculture starts with the growing and harvesting of food and fiber and ends with almost everything we eat, wear and use, and;  
WHEREAS, we all must appreciate the role agriculture plays in maintaining a strong economy and in providing a safe, abundant and affordable food and fiber supply now and for years to come, and;  
WHEREAS, increased knowledge of agriculture helps us to understand the vital impact that our state's largest industry has on our daily lives, especially as we make informed personal choices about diet and health, and;  
WHEREAS, it is important that everyone is aware of their reliance upon farmers and ranchers whose stewardship ensures a substantial resource base for future generations, and;  
WHEREAS, agriculture plays a key role in the lives of everyone in this county,  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners' Court of Crockett County, Texas declares this National Agriculture Week in Crockett County, and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioners' Court urges everyone in our area to learn more about the role of agriculture here, share that knowledge with young people in our area, and recognize the farmers, ranchers and their families who contribute so much to this county, this state, this nation and the world.  
THEREFORE, IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, we, the undersigned to hereby affix our signatures this the 10th day of March, 2003.

JOHN R. JONES  
COUNTY JUDGE

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## Sign up for youth basketball

Registration for the girls' Ozona Youth Basketball League will be held Thursday, March 20, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Davidson Gym.

The league is open to girls in grades four through six, and cost is \$20.00 per person.



MELISSA GLOSSON gets a helping hand from one of the Harlem Entertainers during last Wednesday's Knights of Columbus fundraiser. Penny Weddle and another Harlem team member cheer them on.

DigiCam Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller

## One act play cast performs *The Miracle Worker*

The community will have a chance to experience *The Miracle Worker* performed by the one act play cast of Ozona High School

Sunday, March 23. The 3:00 p.m. performance will be in the high school auditorium.

This year's University Inter-

scholastic League selection 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.

Cast members include: 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, Dere 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.

Stage manager is Dianna Perez, Baylor Myers is working with the sound, Andy Birkenfeld with lights and Matthew Harris-Cane is the stage crew.

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

District competition will be March 29 in Ozona at 2:00 p.m.



IN THE OHS ONE ACT PLAY "THE MIRACLE WORKER," ANNIE explains to the Kellers that she needs Helen alone away from the ones who love her. The play will be presented to the public on Sunday, March 23 at 3:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Pictured are: (l. to r.) Lynn Galan, Bekah Cowan, Paige Tambunga, Jacob Parks and Derek Fierro.

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## Crockett County History

"This is the way it was"  
 By Oscar Kost



The Crockett County Jail was built in 1892, one year after the county was organized. Contractor was A. D. Gafford of San Angelo.  
 Rock for the building was quarried on the Myers property. I believe John L. Henderson and family have a home there now.  
 The Ozona National Bank building was constructed of native stone in 1905. The Masonic Lodge owned the second floor where Masons and Eastern Star still meet.  
 Until the building was completed, banking was carried on in the L. B. Cox store next door (now Westernman Drug).  
 J. W. Henderson was president, L. B. Cox vice-president; with directors, Dr. A. W. Clayton, S. E. Couch, Wm. P. Hoover, Robert Massie and J. B. Moore. J. B. Rielly was cashier.

The first permanent school building was constructed of native stone in 1910-12. A bond issue for \$75,000.00 paid for the building. Judge Charles Davidson was general foreman, and Walter Kyle oversaw the stonework.  
 The courthouse was built of native stone and designed by San Angelo architect Oscar Ruffini. Cost was \$30,000.00. Construction was completed in 1902.  
 The Chihuahua Trail was opened in segments and was not called by that name until the 19th Century. The trail was intended to go to the Gulf Coast. About 1875 freighters brought from the State of Chihuahua silver and copper, which they delivered to the coast to be shipped. A land march (in Texas) was to the Escondido (Hidden) water hole. It is on the former Perner Ranch.  
 Have a good week.  
 Oscar

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
 I have passed through Ozona many times over the years. Usually only stopping to get gas. On March 8th, Sat., we were coming from a track meet in Big Lake on our way to San Antonio. We stopped at the Best Western Ozona Inn. The lady at the front desk, "Sara", asked us if we would be dining out.  
 When we told her we would like a chicken fried steak, she recommended the "Hitchin' Post" restaurant. Knowing we were pulling a trailer she even told us where to park at the restaurant and

how to turn around.  
 She was right on about the food. It was great and the service was even better. Regretfully, I didn't catch the waitress's name, but I'm sure you know her. When I'm treated like royalty it sticks with me.  
 Ozona will no longer be a gas stop for me. When possible, we will make it a point to stop and stay here in yall's town. Ya'll can thank your two ambassadors of kindness.  
 Sincerely,  
 Robert Graves and family,  
 Pyote, Texas

## Community Calendar

- March 19 - Last Day To File For May 3 Trustee & Emerald Water Dist. Elections
- March 23 - One Act Play, OHS Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- March 29 - David West Ranch Community Day, FMI Contact Peggy Maddox, 392-2292
- April 11- Levis & Lace Anniversary Dance Festival, Civic Center, 8-10:30
- April 12 - Levis & Lace Anniversary Dance Festival, Civic Center, 5:30 p.m. BBQ, \$4.00 per person, 7:30 p.m. Grand March, 8-10:30 p.m. Dance. FMI Carol Adcock, 392-2912 or Maria DeLaRosa 392-2726
- April 17 - Ozona Garden Club Flower Show, Civic Center, FMI Vivian Childress 392-2382
- May 14 - Texas Tech Mobile Mammography Clinic at Methodist Church. Call 1-800-222-8388 for appointment

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MARCH 29, 1973  
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**News Reel**  
 Ozona Lion Trackers literally buried up the track at their own relays here Saturday to take an easy win in the Class AA division.

iting their son, Jim Montgomery, a student at the University of Texas.

**News Reel**  
 When the staff of the Ozona Stockman arrived for work Monday morning they discovered that the building had been broken into over the weekend and around \$40 to \$50 was missing from the office safe.

**News Reel**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boy Davidson were in Houston over the weekend to attend the annual stockholders' meeting of the Federal Land Bank Assn.

**News Reel**  
 Ozona Lion Golfers pulled to within 9 strokes of the Big Lake leaders at the district tournament in Crane last week.

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**News Reel**  
 Mrs. Ed Collett returned Sunday from Oklahoma where she visited her mother, Mrs. Sam Lawrence.

**News Reel**  
 A veteran of sixteen years on the job, George Russell this week announced himself a candidate for re-election to the post of county and district clerk.

**News Reel**  
 Mrs. Audra Moore of San Angelo and Mrs. Billie Whatley of Wichita Falls, both former Ozonans, were visitors here last week.

**News Reel**  
 M. E. Corbell, a resident of Ozona for the past four years, this week announced his candidacy for the office of sheriff of Crockett County.

**News Reel**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welch of Malta, MN have been houseguests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Collett this week.

**News Reel**  
 Mrs. Chas. Williams and Mrs. Joe Clayton attended the Grace Moore concert in San Angelo Monday night.

**News Reel**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Montgomery spent the weekend in Austin visiting relatives in Midland.

**News Reel**  
 Mrs. Frank Hill and daughter, Jeanette, spent the weekend visiting relatives in Midland.

**WEEKLY REPORT**  
 Congressman  
**Henry Bonilla**  
 23rd District, Texas  
 1529 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 202/225-4511

## Bonilla launches U.S./Mexico Congressional Caucus

WASHINGTON, DC - Now more than ever, the United States is looking to Mexico for international assistance. A new group has dedicated itself to generating stronger relations between the neighboring nations. The U.S./Mexico Congressional Caucus has officially announced its formation and has chosen senior lawmaker Henry Bonilla to serve as vice chairman.  
 "Our nation has changed dramatically since Sept. 11, 2001. With a changing nation comes a changing border environment. The terrorists are not playing by the old rules and neither should we. We must continue to foster a working relationship with Mexico. Our combined influence will keep our borders and our nations strong and prosperous for many years to come," said Vice Chairman Bonilla.

"Let's face it. The Mexican economy directly affects our country. By working together with Mexico we have the opportunity to improve both country's economy, trade and government relations," said Bonilla. "The formation of the U.S./Mexico Congressional Caucus will create a forum to bring businesses from both countries together with lawmakers. This is a win-win for the people of both nations."  
 Bonilla's district includes more than 800 miles of the Texas/Mexico border. He currently serves as co-chair of the Congressional Border Caucus and is a long-time advocate of securing a working relationship with our neighbors in Mexico.

The U.S./Mexico Caucus is a bipartisan group of members of Congress committed to expanding and improving the bilateral economic relationship between the United States and Mexico. The caucus is currently comprised of 24 members, 13 Republicans and 11 Democrats from 11 states. By initiating a dialogue within the Congress, the caucus will focus on building upon the two nations' economic relationship, understanding that the long-term solutions to many cross-border issues will be facilitated by our existing partnership.  
 A press conference was held in Washington, DC, last week to officially launch the caucus. Among those in attendance were Mexican Ambassador to the United States Juan Jose Bremer and senior members of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Both the ambassador and chamber representatives expressed their enthusiasm and support for the newly formed caucus.

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Bonilla pointed to the economic success of the North American Free Trade Agreement as a blueprint for more economic activity between the U. S. and Mexico. Since that agreement went into effect in 1994, two way trade between the two countries has tripled and \$250 billion a year in bilateral trade has been generated.

**Ozona Weather Conditions and Forecast**

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Mar. 10	73	52	-0-
Mar. 11	72	54	-0-
Mar. 12	82	62	-0-
Mar. 13	82	42	-0-
Mar. 14	83	40	.8
Mar. 15	76	54	-0-
Mar. 16	77	53	-0-

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**EXTENDED FORECAST**

Wednesday	Thursday
Hi 69	Hi 69
Lo 46	Lo 43
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
Friday	Saturday
Hi 75	Hi 70
Lo 45	Lo 43

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### Ozona Garden Club News

By Jerri Lynn Pierce

Ten members of the Ozona Garden Club met at the Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo for a buffet lunch and a program on "Types of Irises Suitable for West Texas" presented by Anthony Large of Norton. Anthony also presented a slide program on cross breeding irises and is a member of the American Iris Society.

President Vivian Childress conducted the business meeting on community efforts. Carmen Sutton reviewed the categories for

the upcoming flower show April 17 at the Ozona Civic Center.

Members welcomed two guests, Karin Childress and Joy Walker. Members were: Linda Bruington, Vivian Childress, Charlotte Harrell, Dorothy Montgomery, Jerri Lynn Pierce, Jo Nel Stokes, Carmen Sutton, Jan Van Shoubrouek, Esther Williams and Sharon Williams.

The next meeting will be held at Ozona Civic Center April 14, "Flower Show Preview" designs by club members prior to the spring flower show April 17.

### Ozona Senior Happenings

By Lynn English

Last week was a busy week here at the center. Our potluck was on Wednesday, March 12, and we had a turnout of 41. Earlier the same day we had a group here from Novartis Pharmaceutical Company. They gave bone and memory screenings to a large number of us. It was informative and easy to do. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to take these screenings. We also had a nurse from West Texas Health Care taking blood pressures.

We received a call from Willena Holden to say that she will play for us at a Red Bandana dance at the Senior Center Friday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. We were happy that Willena will be back with us and that her son is back at work and doing much better. Come out and welcome Willena back.

We have begun getting calls from folks wanting to have a booth at our bake sale, cake walk and flea market April 12 here at the Senior Center. The event will be held outside and the booths will be \$10.00 per booth site. Gather up your odds and ends and come out for a pleasant Saturday.

Jimmy Lott is getting better all the time. He drops by the center twice a day now. Dave, Jim's

son, has gone back home, and Jim is driving, going to therapy and is back doing his duty at the care center.

Spoke to Oscar Kost this morning and it was good hearing his voice. He said his health was getting better. He also said his wife, Luetta, is doing well at the care center as she recovers from broken bones received in a fall.

We are glad to have Pleas and Geniece back with us. They have been entertaining their daughter, Lucille, and granddaughter, Abby, who were visiting from Pennsylvania. They also reported that their son, Charles, was down from Austin with his two sons for a visit.

Remember, our activities are: Monday - Games at 1:00 p.m.; Tuesday - Exercise from 3-4:30 p.m. and clogging from 5-6; Thursday - Exercise at 3 p.m.

A call to Betty Bullard informed us that her surgery went well and she is ready to come back to work.

Our activities are for those 50+, and our establishment is smoke and alcohol free.

If you wish more information, to volunteer, or to put your name on our list to have your meals delivered, please phone us at 392-5026.

### Reading program to begin at Ozona Primary School

Reading is one of the most important skills a child will ever learn. The child who reads well, and loves to read, will excel in school and achieve personal growth.

Would you like to be involved in a project that fosters the love of reading? The literacy task force is asking for volunteers, ages sixth grade and older to volunteer to read 30 minutes two to three times a week with first and second graders. The reading program will be-

gin March 31 and continue until the end of school.

The program will also be conducted during the 2003, 2004 school year. If you are interested in helping further a child reading, call Wendy Scott, CEA, FCS, Crockett County at 392-2721 or e-mail at: wmscott@ag.tamu.edu. Two reading trainings will be held on March 25. The first will be from 12:00-1:00 and the second from 5:15-7:30.



SONNY AND CHER aka Mac Richie and Patricia Sutton made an appearance during the Harlem Entertainers show last Wednesday. DigiCam Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

### Happy Birthday

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

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

March 21 - Leandra Benson, Mela Flores, Emilio Gutierrez, Amy Wiggins, Jon Adams, Keith Adams, Deborah Bourne, Fernando Sifuentes Jr., Antelia Sifuentes, Heather Price, Sooner Williams

March 22 - Alex Sanchez, Abel Rodriguez, Martin Martinez, Stevie Vargas, Samantha Ledesma, Jasmine Lara, Aurora Najjar, Tyler Galindo, Danny Weant

March 23 - Jared Espino, Raleigh Conner, Tres Perez, Napoleon Vitela, Penny Williamson, Mitch De La Rosa, Rolando Villa, Corey Allum

March 24 - Angela Kay Moore, Vicki Stokes, Lucio Fierro Sr., Orlando De Hoyos, Esmie Moran, Austin Borrego, Jr.

Whitley, Jessica Ortiz  
March 25 - Taylor Newton, Emilio Tambunga, Alonzo Fielder, Rita Garza, Cynthia Flores, Cynthia Hokit, Albert Talamantez, Joslyn Brice, Jacob Nehus

### It's a girl!

Terry Thomas and Eliza Tijerina of San Angelo are the parents of a daughter, Kaleigh Rae Thomas, born Feb. 14, 2003, in Shannon Women's and Children's Hospital. She arrived weighing six pounds, 12 ounces and was 17 inches long.

Helping make her welcome are grandparents Mari Tijerina and Abel Campos and great-grandfather Luis Tijerina, all of Ozona. Kaleigh Rae is also welcomed by great uncles and aunts and many cousins.

Thank you for reading The Ozona Stockman

### Get your basic computer skills

Do you feel confused, befuddled or lost when it comes to computers? The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center and the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, having similar missions to support and assist small businesses and individuals within the local community, join together to once again provide a series of computer workshops.

The first workshop will be held Monday, March 24. The course offered is "Basic Computer Skills". This workshop is an attempt to fill in the missing pieces and tie it all together. Subjects covered include introduction to hardware, introduction into using a mouse, introduction to Windows and basic Internet skills. There is no charge to sign up for this class. Sign up deadline is Friday, March 21. The class will be held

at the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Library Lab from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Seats are limited, so please do not sign up if you do not plan to attend. To sign up, call the chamber office at 392-2727.

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CARE CENTER RESIDENTS enjoyed the Harlem Entertainers last week. Pictured with Sonny, Cher and Elvis are: Gladys Humphries, Jo Richardson, Jesus Martinez, Emma Camarillo and Francis Flanagan. *Contributed Photo*

## Leather Jackets

Some friends of mine went shopping in a neighboring town. We had planned to rendezvous at a certain store. When I arrived, my friends were sitting at a table talking to a couple on their way to a motorcycle rally. They were dressed up in their motorcycle riding gear.

I overheard the young woman say that her friends were mad at her because she didn't wear a helmet. I asked her if something were to happen to her did she think God would allow her into Heaven. She said, "yes". I also asked her if she thought everyone was going to Heaven. She said "yes".

I explained that the Bible

teaches that most people won't be going to Heaven (Matthew 7:13, 14). It also tells the only reason anyone is allowed into Heaven is because of the death of Christ on the cross (Romans 5:6-8, 1 Peter 2:24). I further explained that she must repent of her sin and ask God to forgive her (Acts 17:30). I said, "You must be willing to call upon Jesus to come into your heart and be your Lord and Savior." It is only then can we be allowed into Heaven (John 1:12).

I hope and pray that she will make that wonderful decision to accept Christ. See you in church on Sunday.  
Brother J

## Obituaries

### March 17 service for Chris Cornett

Chris Cornett, age 26, of San Diego, CA, died Wednesday, March 12, 2003, in San Diego.

Funeral service was at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 17, in the Ozona First Baptist Church. Graveside service followed at 4:00 p.m. in Gail Cemetery in Gail.

Chris was born April 17, 1976, in Post. He was a 1994 graduate of Ozona High School.

Survivors include: his parents, Dale and Vickie Cornett of Ozona; maternal grandparents, Red and Ginny Barkowsky of Lamesa; great-grandmother, Clara Barkowsky of Lamesa; one sister, Shelley Cornett of Ozona; one brother and his wife, Kevin and Michelle Cornett of Mineral Wells; niece and nephew, Lexy and Evan Cornett of Mineral Wells; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

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## Care Center Chatter

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Our prayers are with the family of Chris Cornett. Chris was an activity director here at CCCC. We all thought a lot of Chris.

Volunteers for the week were Bertha Landin, Johnny Johnson and members of Ozona Church of Christ and First Baptist Church. Thank you for your dedication to our facility.

On Friday afternoon, residents gathered in the main dining room talking about the past year, how hard times were at these times in their lives.

Everyone had a story to tell. One resident had to ride a mule

across the river to attend school. Another resident rode a horse five miles to school. If you need a history lesson, come by for true stories of the past from our residents.

The Ozona Community Center will have an Easter egg hunt here at the facility Wednesday, April 16, at 10:00 a.m. Come join the fun.

Activity staff and a few residents will meet primary students at 11:30 a.m. April 17. Primary school is getting to know about our senior citizens at the care center.

Congratulations are in order for Administrator Benny Gibbs and wife, Eva, upon being grandparents to Brendon Gibbs, weighing in at seven pounds, four ounces.

Have a good week from all of us at CCCC.  
Jan St. Clair  
Activity Director

<sup>(24)</sup> For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself now to appear in the presence of God for us.  
<sup>(25)</sup> but now once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.  
<sup>(26)</sup> So Christ was offered once to hear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time: apart from sin, for salvation.  
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## Separation from God

By Dr. John Fluth  
Ozona United Methodist Church

While walking in a tourist section of Edinburgh, Scotland, a team of pickpockets stole what appeared to them to be my wallet. What appeared to them to be my wallet was actually a small package of Kleenexes in my hip pocket. A short time later, the same team approached again with the same routine — a woman in front of me stopped, and a man to my left bumped into me as a now-laughing pickpocket expertly placed the small package of Kleenexes back into my hip pocket. All of us, like that pickpocket, have picked up something that doesn't belong to us — something that separates us from God. Lent is a time when we are reminded to laugh and cry at our own weaknesses, and get rid of those things that we have picked up that separate us from God.

### Former Ozonan dies in Odessa

Maria A. Gonzalez, our loving "Nana", departed this world to reign eternally with our Heavenly Father and her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Wednesday, March 12, 2003. Born in Ozona on March 28, 1920, she made Odessa her home for the past 51 years. To celebrate her long and

faithful life, a memorial service led by Rev. Robert Martinez of Lubbock was held at Frank Wilson Funeral Home Chapel on March 15.

She is survived by her loving children: Louis Garcia and wife Brijida of Odessa; Silveste Garcia Jr. and wife Hortencia of Odessa; Minerva Jones of Odessa; and Rebecca Peña Hines and husband, Marvin, of Houston.

"Nana's" grandchildren include: Diana Maria Garcia, Amanda Duarte, Stephen Garcia, Clarissa Hines, Victor Garcia, Nathan Hines, Joe Hinojos, Rebecca Hinojos, Michael Hinojos, Joe Louis Garcia (deceased); 11 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She is survived by three of her 10 siblings: Ester Valdez, 91, and Beatriz Garza, 85, both of Odessa, and Carmen Trujillo, 81, of Midwest City, OK.

She was a sister-in-law to Elvira G. Higginbottom, Armenta Sanchez and Maria G. Vitela, all of Ozona.

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# Texas Senate Review

## Insurance Regulation

An initial report presented to the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce on Friday shows that individual insurance company rates could be reduced up to 25%. The Texas Department of Insurance found that the average industry rate increase since January 2000 was 38%, with some consumers seeing increases as high as 200%. According to the report, one reason for the excessive rates is the standard practice of offsetting discounts by charging other policyholders higher rates. The chair of the committee, Horseshoe Bay Senator Troy Fraser, told the press that he is drafting a bill to give the commissioner of insurance the authority to make companies bring rates back down to a level that is commensurate with their losses. The report was required by Senate Bill (SB) 310, which was signed into law by Governor Rick Perry on February 25, 2003, and is based on information from the top twelve non-rate regulated companies that make up almost eighty-three percent of the homeowner's market. A final report is expected by March 28, 2003.

On the topic of credit scoring, Fraser and Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst agree on regulating the practice instead of banning it altogether. "If we put sunshine on the issue, then not only do we know what they're doing, but we can assure the public that the practices they are doing are non-discriminatory and are fair in the way that they're used," said Fraser after Thursday's session. He wants to ensure that people with little or no credit, those who have had their credit affected by medical emergencies, and those with disputed credit are not discriminated against. Fraser hopes to have a bill out by Monday, March 17, 2003.

## Budget Process

Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst reported on the progress the Senate has made in balancing the budget following Monday's session. Dewhurst announced that the seven percent reduction he had asked agencies to make has resulted in \$1.25 billion in savings to go towards the \$9.9 billion deficit. He recommended several sources of non-tax revenues as options to fill the gap and said that he will be meeting with Senators from the Finance Committee to discuss these.

After presiding over Wednesday's session, the Lieutenant Governor reported that the state currently has \$700 million more than was originally projected by the comptroller and that the monies would go into the fiscal year 2004-05 budget. Dewhurst also presented another recommendation that would save an additional \$65 million. He proposed changing the Medicaid eligibility requirement for nursing homes from an income of 225% of the poverty level to 200%, while allowing continued coverage to those people currently eligible. Additionally, Dewhurst announced that the Senate Finance Committee will start the budget mark-up process next week and they hope to have a bill ready by the first week in April.

## Corporate Integrity Legislation

Houston Senator Rodney Ellis and Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott announced the filing of a corporate integrity legislative package on Monday. Abbott said that the proposed bills would help to protect the pocketbooks of Texas, ensure corporate responsibility, and hold corporate wrongdoers accountable. The three bills included in Ellis' proposed legislation would:

## Fighting Identity Theft

Ellis held a press conference at the Capitol Tuesday to present legislation aimed at protecting consumers from identity theft. His proposed legislation includes bills which would allow victims of identity theft to freeze their credit records for a small fee to prevent more credit from being issued, truncate credit card numbers on cash register receipts to four digits, restrict the use of social security numbers as a form of identification, and prohibit business from selling personal information without permission.

## Medical Malpractice Regulation

Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst, who also held a Capitol press conference on Tuesday, promised to drive down medical malpractice rates, citing what he called the troubling results of a recent poll conducted by the Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (TAOG). According to Dewhurst, the survey reinforces what the legislature has been concerned about for some time—that medical malpractice rates have gone through the ceiling. Frivolous malpractice lawsuits, which end up with a verdict of no merit, are creating a health care access crisis by driving up professional liability insurance premiums so high that doctors can no longer afford to practice in Texas, said the Lieutenant Governor. The TAOG report sug-

gested some possible solutions to the crisis, such as limiting how much a personal injury trial lawyer can receive from a professional liability lawsuit and creating a law to limit awards for pain and suffering.

## Bills Passed This Week by the Senate

• SB 40, sponsored by Laredo Senator Judith Zaffirini as an effort to fully immunize Texas children, would direct the Texas Department of Health to implement a continuous statewide immunization education campaign.

• SB 94, sponsored by Dallas Senator Royce West, would delay the issuance of a temporary driving permit to a driver cited for DWI by 24 hours to allow the driver time to sober up before legally driving again.

• SB 104, sponsored by Flower Mound Senator Jane Nelson, would grant more authority to the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners by providing the financial resources and the statutory authority to quickly and strictly discipline physicians who should not be practicing medicine. The bill passed with eighteen amendments.

• SB 153, sponsored by Zaffirini, would expand the membership, change the name, and extend the expiration date of the Voucher Payment Program Work Group.

• SB 161, sponsored by Nelson, would grant the Texas Department of Health greater enforcement power over certain licensing programs.

• SB 209, sponsored by Dallas Senator John Carona, would expand the law regulating video receiving equipment in cars to include new equipment, such as videocassette players and digital video disc players.

• SB 258, sponsored by West, would allow four-year colleges and universities to waive tuition and fees for the students they enroll that are concurrently in high school.

• SB 346, sponsored by College Station Senator Steve Ogden, would authorize a school district to provide an optional flexible school year program for students who would otherwise not be promoted to the next grade level. The bill would also allow a district to reduce the regular school year and teacher service days to create time for specialized programs for at-risk students.

• SB 360, Greenville Senator Bob Deuell's first bill, would include chambers of commerce in the definition of charitable organizations.

• SB 375, the first bill for freshman Senator Tommy Williams of The Woodlands, would allow the Ninth Court of Appeals to meet in the county seat of any county in the district as the court deems necessary.

• SB 439, by Houston Senator Jon Lindsay, would prohibit the use of devices designed to obscure license plates.

• SB 519, sponsored by Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock, would change language in the Health and Safety Code to facilitate the sharing of health information among agencies.

• SB 520, also by Duncan, would remove Upton County from the 83rd Judicial District.

• SB 578, by Addison Senator Florence Shapiro, would require the principals of schools that participate in the Advanced Placement program to assemble a team of teachers to determine the use of funds awarded by the program.

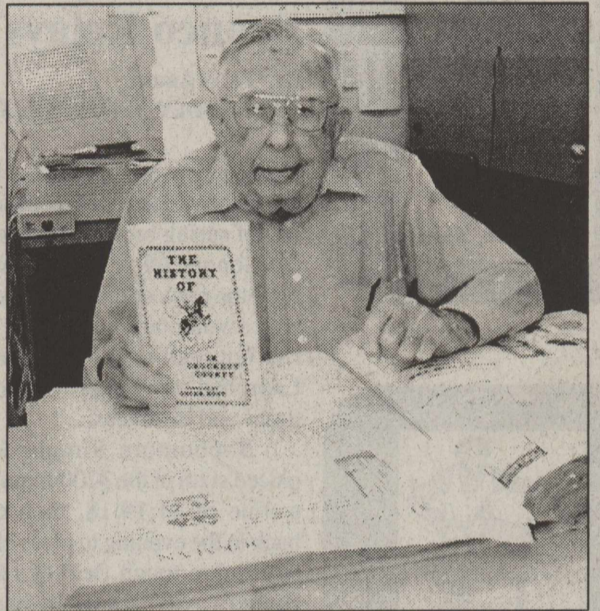
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# Heather Ybarra sets track record

By Gerri Azam  
STOCKMAN SPORSWRITER

The Lady Lions traveled to Sonora to compete in the Bronco Relays the last Saturday of spring break, March 15.

Although the Ladies did not have enough participants to compete in the relays, they did put together some pretty impressive times individually. Most noteworthy on this day was the new school record set in the 200m dash by Heather Ybarra. She set the new record with a time of 26.07.

Competing in the field events in Sonora were Britney Ramos with 12' 10 3/4" in the long jump, and Heather Ybarra with a 4'6" high jump finish and seventh place in the triple jump with a distance of 30' 10".

For the running events, Laken Villarreal finished fourth in

the 3200m run with a season best of 13:06. Becky Barrera also competed in the 3200m run. Britney Ramos placed sixth in the 800m run with a time of 2:36. In the 100m dash, Heather Ybarra placed third (12.45), Colbey Crawford finished seventh (13.29), and Brandi Buchanan ran a 13.98. Colbey Crawford also

finished third in the 400m dash with a time of 63.6. Heather Ybarra ran the 400m in 71 seconds and Tyler Cunningham finished in 69 seconds.

Heather Ybarra won the 200m dash with a time of 26.07. Brandi Buchanan ran it in 28.78 and Tyler Cunningham ran it in 29.77. In the hurdles, Erika

Conner ran the 100m hurdles in 19.76, and she and Allison Skehan ran the 300m hurdles (finishing in 27, 88 and 58.92 respectively). For the 1600m run, Britney Ramos took third place with a season best of 5:46, and Jasmine Tambunga also ran a season best of 6:36.

The Lady Lions will host their next meet on Thursday, March 20 at Lion Stadium.

## Ladies finish 3rd in Reagan County invitational meet

By Gerri Azam  
STOCKMAN SPORSWRITER

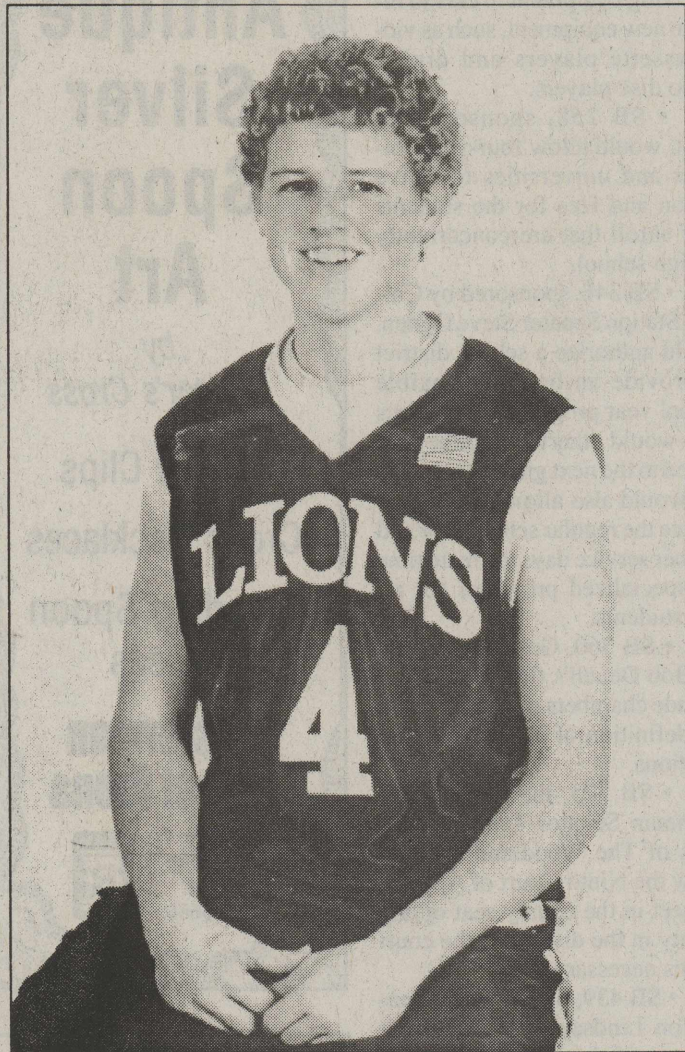
Ozona's girls' track team claimed third place at the Reagan County Invitational Meet on Saturday, March 9, in Big Lake. The Ladies competed against six other schools in the meet. Those teams were from Big Lake, Sonora, Fort Stockton, Monahans, Rankin, and Midland Lee. First place was Reagan County with a total of 211 points, Sonora in second with 128 points, Ozona in third with 122 points, Fort Stockton in fourth with 76 points, Monahans fifth with 37 points, Rankin sixth with 27 points, and Midland Lee in seventh with 12 points.

The Ladies' relay teams ran well in this meet, finishing first or second in each relay. In the 400m relay, Colbey Crawford, Heather Ybarra, Casey Ybarra, and Malorie Moran finished second with a time of 53.73. The Ladies won the 800m relay with a time of 1:54.49. Malorie Moran, Brandi Buchanan, Casey Ybarra, and Heather Ybarra each ran a leg of the relay. For the 1600m relay, the girls finished second with Colbey Crawford, Katy Churchill, Britney Ramos, and Heather Ybarra running a 4:28.13.

In the 100m dash, Malorie Moran got fourth place with a time of 13.63. In the 200m dash, Brandi Buchanan finished third with 28.59. Colbey Crawford placed second in the 400m dash with a time of 1:04.58. For the 800m run, Britney Ramos claimed first with a time of 2:39.50, and teammate Jasmine Tambunga ran the race as well. Britney Ramos and Becky Barrera ran the 1600m, Britney finishing first once again with a time of 6:00.01. In the 100m hurdles, Erika Conner ran a 19.31, giving her fourth place. Katy Churchill finished the 300m hurdles in second place with a time of 53.42. In the 3200m run, Laken Villarreal finished second with a time of 13:55.48, April Vargas finished third with 14:00.06, and Lori Lozano competed as well.

In the field events, Katy Churchill finished fourth in the high jump with a jump of 4' 8". Britney Ramos jumped 12' 11 1/2" and Malorie Moran jumped 12' 9 1/4" in the long jump. In the triple jump, Casey Ybarra finished sixth with jump of 28' 7 1/4" and Malorie Moran competed in the event as well. Competing in the shot put were Taylor Oglesby, Colbey Crawford, and Casey Ybarra. Taylor finished sixth with a throw of 29' 7 1/2". Taylor also finished seventh in the discus with a throw of 74' 7".

## Derek Faught earns basketball honors



**Derek Faught**  
- All West Texas 2A MVP -  
- 2003 Super Team -

Ozona High School basketball standout Derek Faught was named Most Valuable Player of the 2003 All-West Texas boys' 2A division.

In addition, Faught was named to the boys' Super Team for 2003, having "lived up to

enormous expectations".

Statistics for this 6-1 senior guard include 21.2 points, 6.6 rebounds also averaging 4.4 assists, 2.6 steals.

He is the son of Dickie and Terri Faught.



## Lions compete at Bronco Relays

By Gerri Azam  
STOCKMAN SPORSWRITER

This last Saturday, March 15, the Ozona Lions took time at the end of spring break to compete at the Sonora track meet. Only a skeleton crew competed since this was a voluntary meet. The varsity boys tallied 20 points as the Lions had many improvements in times and distances.

Sophomore Simon Garza placed sixth in the 3200m run with a time of 11:19.18, then came back in the evening to place eighth in an ultra tough field of 1600m runners with a season best of 5:10.52.

Sophomore Toby Pagan and junior Jarryd Taylor competed in the 100m prelims, running 11.70 and 11.67 respectively but were two-tenths short of qualifying for the finals.

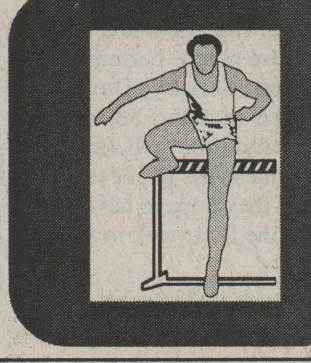
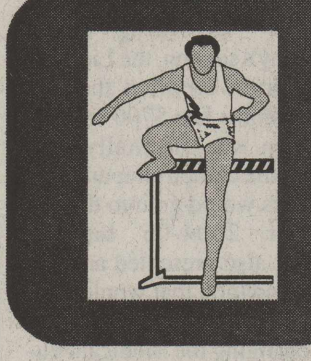
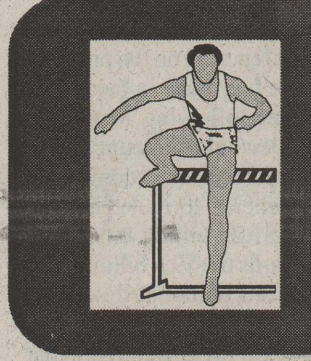
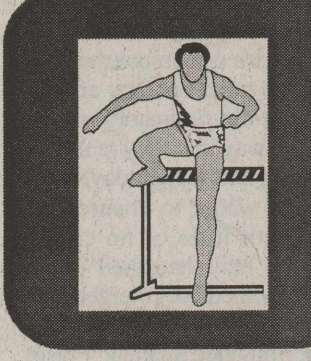
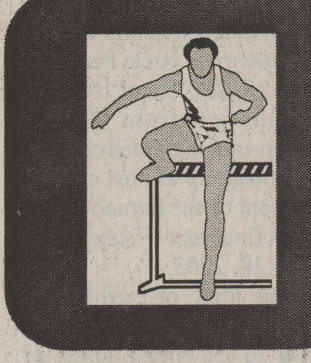
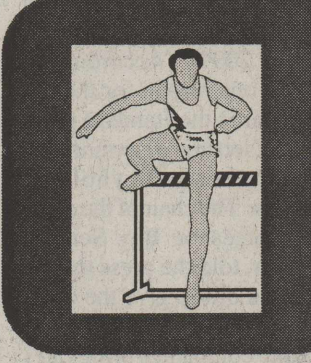
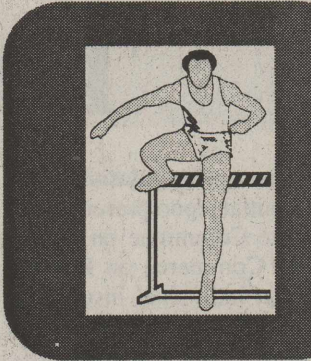
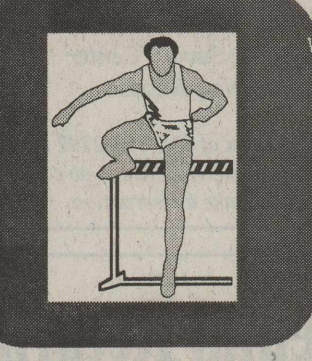
Sophomore intermediate hurdler Vince Castro ran a season best 43.08, made the finals and finished seventh.

In the field events, Jarryd Taylor threw the shot 46'7" placing fifth. Then in the discus, senior Ramon Trujillo placed second with a throw of 137' 1/2", Jarryd Taylor finished third with a 136' 5" throw, and Toby Pagan captured fifth with a toss of 135' 1 1/2". Castro came back and competed well in the triple and long jump, and junior Tyson Vordick placed sixth in the high jump with a height of 5' 10".

In the JV division, sophomore Doug Duncan ran a season best of fourth in the 110m high hurdles with an 18.66, then followed up with a fifth in the 300m hurdles with a 47.95 time.

Also competing with fine effort were Jimmy Tebbets (a freshman) running the 100m (12.90) and 400m (63.21). Jimmy also threw 30' 6" in the shot put. Freshman Kyle Fish competed in both shot and discus with a 30' 4" and 92' 8" throws.

This next week both varsity and JV Lions will be at full strength when they compete. The varsity will visit the San Angelo Relays on Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22. The JV team will travel to McCamey on Saturday to compete in the Badger Relays March 22.



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## The Medicare window is open

The Medicare enrollment window is wide open. That's good news for people who want to apply for "medical insurance" under the federal health program now because they chose not to do so when they turned 65. They have until March 31 to apply for this coverage by contacting the Social Security Administration.

Those words of advice came from Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo. "The first three months of every year are traditionally set aside as open season for anyone who didn't sign up for Medicare medical insurance, usually called Part B, when they turned 65," Franki said. "If you initially thought you didn't need Part B coverage but have since learned you should have it you've got to make use of this once-a-year opportunity or go another whole year without full Medicare coverage."

Franki explained there are two parts to Medicare. Part A of Medicare helps cover inpatient hospital costs, some skilled nursing care and limited other expenses. Part B helps pay doctors' fees, outpatient hospital charges and many other expenses not associated with an inpatient hospital stay.

Most people take Part A, or hospital insurance coverage, when they turn 65 because that part of Medicare is free. Part A is actually funded by a tax deducted from workers' paychecks. But Part B coverage, or medical insurance, is funded by a monthly premium usually deducted from Medicare recipients' Social Security checks. That deduction is \$58.70 per

month in 2003 for those who elect coverage during their initial enrollment period when they attain age 65.

"Some people don't take Part B because they think they don't need the coverage, or they figure they will be covered by other insurance," Franki said. "But then they later learn that Medicare is generally the primary insurance for most people 65 and older, and they are required to have both parts."

People who refused Part B during their initial enrollment period and then later decide to take the coverage can do so only during an open season, or "general enrollment period," January through March of each year. There is a penalty for delayed enrollment. "It's an extra 10 percent for each year you could have had Part B, but didn't take it," Franki said. "In 2003, instead of paying \$58.70 per month, you would pay \$64.60 per month for Part B coverage if you delayed your enrollment by one year."

Franki said that, as a general rule, the only people age 65 and older for whom Medicare Part B coverage is not the primary insurance are those still working and covered by an employer's health plan or those covered by an insurance plan of a spouse who is working. When they lose this coverage, they will get a "special enrollment period". As long as they file during the seven-month period following either the end of their employment or the loss of their health insurance coverage (whichever happens first), there is no penalty or late enrollment fees.

## Correct steps in planting trees, shrubs beneficial

As winter comes to a close and spring begins to emerge, homeowners and agricultural producers alike begin to plant trees and shrubs. The best time to plant hardy native trees and shrubs is when the weather is not frosty, or excessively windy and drying. Ideally, months such as March and April also provide much needed rainfall to help water newly planted trees and shrubs.

The first step in planting trees and shrubs is to find a species that is most tolerant of the climate in your area. For help in finding the right trees or shrubs for your home, office, recreational area, farm, or ranch, you can call your local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Site selection is the next important step in planting trees and shrubs on your chosen property. First, test soil drainage before planting. Dig a test hole to determine drainage in the area. Also, consider weed control in the planting area, as weeds compete for water and nutrients that are beneficial to your young tree or shrubs. Soil should also be examined for compaction before planting. If soils are compacted, con-

sider replacement with a good loam, or incorporating several inches of an organic material such as composted yard waste.

Site preparation, first dig a shallow planting hole two to three times as wide as the root ball. Wide, shallow holes encourage horizontal root growth that trees and shrubs naturally produce. Next, backfill half the soil, then water thoroughly to settle out air pockets. Finish backfilling, then water again. Cover any exposed root ball tops with mulch. You may choose to incorporate slow-release granular fertilizers into backfill soil to provide nitrogen or other nutrients. Avoid using fast-release agronomic fertilizers that can dehydrate tree roots. The local SWCD can perform a soil test for your chosen planting area.

Tree care after planting can also help to increase tree health and hardiness. First, remove tags and labels from trees and shrubs to prevent girdling branches and trunks. Following up with good watering helps prevent weed growth. Two to three inches of mulch around the new tree or shrubs helps prevent weed growth and retain moisture. Finally, only

stake trees with large crowns or those situated on windy sites or where they can be easily knocked over. If your tree must be staked, only stake for a maximum of one year and allow for a slight amount of flex.

For more information on soil surveys and trees native to the area, contact the local Soil and

Water Conservation District at 392-2301 or call the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board headquarters at 254-773-2250.

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## Crockett County Sheriff's Report

**Crockett County Sheriff's Office**  
Weekly News Report  
03-11-03 through 03-17-03

**03-11-03**

- Report of juveniles having a party, and possible consumption of alcohol at the 1600 Block of Santa Rosa St. Deputies spoke with a subject at this location, and there was no party.
- 911 call in reference to a subject who needed assistance at the 1200 Block of Ave. E. Deputy took subject to local clinic, and later Deputy transported subject to San Angelo.
- 911 call in reference to an assault in progress at the 1700 Block of Monterey St. Deputy escorted one female subject to the Sheriff's Office.
- Deputy met with complainant at the 1700 Block of Santa Anna St. in reference to a civil matter concerning car keys. Deputy spoke with subject who denied having the keys.
- Sheriff, Deputies and Constable responded to an alarm at the Justice of the Peace Office. Sheriff reported everything was okay.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at the 800 Block of 11th St.
- Sheriff gave permission to a citizen to park his vehicle at the Sheriff's Office for a few days.
- Deputy met with complainant at local apartments south of Ozona in reference to a subject who has court order not to make telephone contact with complainant. Deputy advised subject to talk to her attorney.
- Report of loud noise and partying at local apartments south of Ozona. Deputy reported that there was no one in the area.
- Deputy provided a civil standby for a female subject at the 400 Block of Plum St.
- Probation Officer requested deputy to escort her to locations of subjects on probation.
- Report of a minor vehicle accident at the corner of 12th St. and Ave. A. DPS was notified.
- Report of loose livestock on Hwy. 137. Dispatcher made contact with landowner.
- Report of a reckless driver on the 300 Block of Ave. H. Deputy reported that there was no vehicle in the area.
- Report of loud music at the 1800 Block of Largo St. Deputy spoke with subject, and was advised to turn music down.
- Deputy met with complainant on the 300 Block of Ave. H in reference to a previous complainant.
- 911 hang up call from the 500 Block of Ave. J. Deputy responded and

reported everything was okay.

**03-12-03**

- Deputy met with citizen on the 300 Block of Ave. H in reference to previous calls.
- While on patrol, Deputy located an open door at local water office. Deputy reported all was okay.
- Report of a subject who was yelling in the area of Owens and Ave. J. Deputies did not locate anyone in the area, but did talk to subjects on Plum St. who were partying.
- Report of a suspicious vehicle and subject at local motel on the 1300 Block of Ave. A. Deputy reported that it was just a subject who wanted to rest for awhile in his vehicle.
- Deputy responded to local apartments in reference to welfare concern for a small child. Deputy reported all was okay.
- Chief Deputy met with complainant on the 100 Block of Vitela St. in reference to a stolen bike. Deputy filed report.
- Subjects at Sheriff's Office requesting welfare. Sheriff provided fuel, and later when checks were run on all of the subjects, one male was arrested for outstanding warrants.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle at local convenience store on Hwy. 163 and 14th St.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle on the 900 Block of Ave. E.
- Report of subject on the 1800 Block of Willow St. who wanted to talk to a Deputy in reference to harassment. Deputy reported that the complainant had already left the residence.
- Report of gas drive off from local truck stop. Deputy located the subjects who were escorted back to the store to pay for the fuel.
- Report of a suspicious vehicle on the 100 Block of War Admiral. Deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.

**03-13-03**

- Deputies provided civil standby on the 1800 Block of Mulberry St. in reference to a child custody matter.
- Report of loud music on the 1200 Block of Loop 466. Deputies reported all was quiet in the area.
- Deputy met with complainant at construction site two miles west of Ozona in reference to criminal mischief on vehicles. Deputy took offense report.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle at local store.
- Report of alarm going off at the School Auto Shop. Deputy advised it was a school employee in the building. Alarm was reset.
- Deputy met with complainant on the 400 Block of Plum St. in reference to a civil matter.
- Deputy met with complainant on the 1800 Block of Willow St. in refer-

ence to subjects arguing with each other. They were advised to stay away from each other.

**03-14-03**

- Report of loud party on Piedra St. Upon Deputy's arrival, all was quiet.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle at local store.
- 911 medical call on 11th St. Deputy assisted EMS.
- Report of a reckless driver on Santa Rosa St. Deputy was unable to locate suspected vehicle.
- Deputy met with complainant in reference to runaway juveniles. Deputy contacted surrounding counties, and they located the juveniles.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on Taylor Box Rd.
- Report of a reckless driver on Hickory and Mulberry streets. Deputy was unable to locate suspected vehicle.
- Report of a minor traffic accident at local convenience store. Deputy spoke with both subjects involved, and advised them to exchange insurance information.
- Report of a reckless driver in the draw. Deputy was unable to locate vehicle.
- Deputy took dog bite report at local clinic.

**03-15-03**

- Report of loud music on Ave. J. Deputy advised subject to turn down the music, and they complied.
- 911 hang up call on 200 Block of Ave. L. Upon Deputy's arrival, he found several underage kids in possession of alcohol.
- Report of subject arguing outside of Crockett Apartments. Deputy advised everything was quiet.
- 911 call reporting a truck on fire at MM 353 east bound on I-10. Sheriff's Office contacted fire dept., and DPS, deputies assisted with traffic control and scene safety.
- 911 hang up call on Santa Rosa. It was determined that it was a phone malfunction.
- Report of a stranded motorist on I-10. Dispatcher notified wrecker.
- Deputy took theft report on 200 Block of Ave. J.
- Report of loose livestock on I-10. Dispatcher notified Tx Dot.
- Report of a reckless driver on 1200 Block of Ave. F. Deputy was unable to locate suspected vehicle.

**03-17-03**

- Loud noise report at Crockett Apartments. Deputy advised it was kids making noise.
- 911 medical call. Deputy assisted EMS on 400 Block of Terrace Dr.
- Theft of gas from local convenience store. Dispatcher called DPS.
- Deputy met with high school principal in reference to kids fighting.
- Deputy assisted a stranded motorist on Hwy. 163 north of Ozona.
- Deputy assisted DPS trooper with traffic control at a minor accident on 1400 Block of Ave. E.

Sheriff on warrants out of Hidalgo County. Subject remains in jail.

- Nanez, Mark Anthony, age 19, of Big Lake was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of criminal trespass. Subject remains in jail.

**03-13-03**

- Graham, Michael David, age 23, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of family violence assault. Subject was released after posting bond.

**03-14-03**

- Curl, Christopher James, age 19, of El Paso was arrested by DPS Troopers on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Subject remains in jail unable to make bond.

**03-15-03**

- Greg Emmitt Heflin, age 47, of Uvalde was arrested for out of county warrants. Subject made bond and was released.

**03-16-03**

- Alan Cruz, age 21, of Ozona was arrested by a Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of making alcohol available to a minor. Subject was released after posting bond.

**03-17-03**

- Gabriel Mata, age 17, of Mexico was arrested on charges of minor in consumption of alcohol, and illegal immigrant. He was later picked up by the U.S. Border Patrol.

**03-17-03**

- Jonathan Lee Munoz, age 18, of Ozona was arrested on a Crockett County warrant charging assault by contact. Subject was released after posting bond.

### OFFENSE REPORTS 03-11-03 to 03-17-03

**03-12-03**

- Sheriff's Deputy filed a theft more than twenty dollars, but less than two hundred dollars. Deputy took statement from subject who stated that a bicycle had been stolen. Deputy took information, and investigation continues.

**03-13-03**

- Sheriff's Deputy filed a criminal mischief report. On Thursday, March 13, two construction vehicles belonging to Hosman and Strawn were vandalized. Case is still under investigation.

**03-15-03**

- On Saturday at about 6:25 p.m. Sheriff's Deputy responded to clinic in reference to a dog bite. An offense report was filed for attack by a dangerous dog.

**03-17-03**

- Sheriff's Deputy filed an assault charge against a 17 year old student for assaulting another student on school property. Suspect was arrested later in the day.

### April 15 deadline for filing property tax renditions

AUSTIN - The state comptroller's office reminds Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 15. To render is to list the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other property that a business owned or managed as of Jan. 1, 2003. Appraisal districts use the information to set property values.

Business owners and operators are required by law to file an annual property tax rendition, but any property owner - including homeowners, farmers and ranchers - may render their property with county appraisal districts. Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office. The comptroller's office also announced that owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 15 to file the decreased value report, which indicates their property's condition on Jan. 1, 2003.

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General location information for  
Crockett, Sutton, Schleicher,  
Terrell, Reagan and Val Verde  
counties of Texas

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As of March 14, 2003

#### Crockett County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Harrison Int.	10000'	Joe Tom Davidson Jr. F-#37	Patterson Drilling/A #109	Drig. ahead
New Pioneer Nat/Mid	9550'	J. L. Henderson Jr. 18-44	Patterson Drilling/A #42	Drig. ahead
New Chevron/Mid.	9500'	Scheuber-Wilkins #49	Nabors Drilling (O) #353	Drig. ahead
New Encore Oper. LP	9200'	H&H Drilling Co. #640	Key Energy (L) #10	Drig. ahead
New RME Petro Co./Mid.	9000'	Friend -D- #6	Patterson Drilling/A #38	Drig. ahead

#### Sutton County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Dominion OK TX&P	7000'	Mayer -3D-#5	Patterson Drilling/A #122	Drig. ahead
New Dominion OK TX&P	8550'	Mayer -3C- #7	Assigned	
New Dominion OK TX&P	8500'	Sawyer-Jones #2002	Key Energy (O) #4	Drig. ahead
New Dominion OK TX&P	8450'	Duke Wilson -189- #10	Patterson Drilling/A #108	Drig. ahead
New Dominion OK TX&P	8350'	Duke Wilson #1119	Patterson Drilling/A #40	Assigned
New Dominion OK TX&P	7300'	Shurley -166-#15	Patterson Drilling/A #40	Drig. ahead
New Dominion OK TX&P	6900'	Genni #3111	Patterson Drilling/A #107	Drig. ahead
New Dominion OK TX&P	6600'	Deberry -A- #82	Patterson Drilling/A #102	Moving on
Dominion OK TX&P	6200'	Allison -54- #8	Patterson Drilling/A #115	Drig. ahead
New Dominion OK TX&P	6000'	Fiddle -52- #2	Assigned	
New Silver Oil & Gas		Weis #1	Patterson Drilling/A #105	Drig. ahead

#### Terrell County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Tom Brown Int/Mid	20,000'	Muleskinner #1 H	Grey Wolf Drilling/M #88	Drig. ahead
Exxon/Mobile Dev. Co.	15000'	Banner Estate #30 HR	Patterson UTLV #481	Drig. ahead
Nuevo Texas Inc.	13000'	Mitchell -8-#7	Nabors Drilling (O) #316	Drig. ahead
EDGE Res./Mid.	10100'	Allison -18- #1	Patterson Drilling/A #39	Drig. ahead
New Fasken Oil & Ranch	7500'	Geaslin NE -205- #40	Patterson Drilling/A #161	Drig. ahead

#### Val Verde County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Paramount Energy	16,000'	Foots-Whitehead -S74-#1	Patterson Drilling/A #36	Drig. ahead
Phillips Pet/Hous.	9875'	Cautions -B-#31H	Patterson Drilling/A #118	Drig. ahead

#### Edwards County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New E&P Co.	10000'	Shaw -A-#7591	Patterson Drilling/A #471	Drig. ahead
New Dominion E&P/Hous.	7750'	Canyon Ranch #1131E	Patterson Drilling/A #120	Moving on

#### Schleicher County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
TXI, Inc.	6800'	Case -B- #3	Heart Land Drilling #2	Drig. ahead
New Sinclair Eng./Inv. (re-entry)	3000'	Tisdale South #1	Hinz Drilling #1	Drig. ahead

#### Reagan County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Pioneer Nat/Inv	9100'	Aldwell -R- #307	Patterson UTLV #461	Drig. ahead
Mariner Eng.	8600'	SAU Mariner -8- #2B	Big Dog Drilling #5	Drig. ahead
New Mariner Eng.	8600'	SAU Mariner 19-2A #2A	Big Dog Drilling #9	Drig. ahead
New Mariner Eng.	8600'	SAU Mariner -5-#3B	Patterson UTLV #472	Drig. ahead
New Tamarack Pet.	8500'	Weatherby #4	Big Dog Drilling #12	Drig. ahead
Newbourne Oil/Tyler	7200'	University 1-22 #1	Big Dog Drilling #8	Drig. ahead

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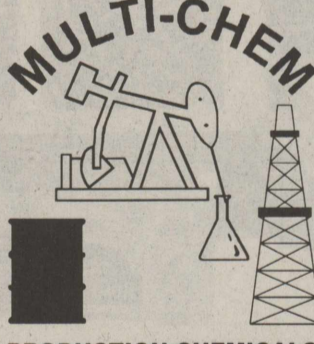


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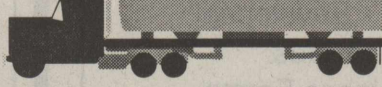
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Applications must be picked up from and returned to the Crockett County Road Department. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on April 18, 2003.  
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