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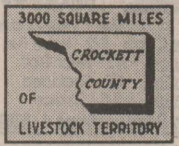


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5TH GRADERS in the Nativity scene during the OLPH Christmas pageant Dec. 17 are: (seated, l. to r.) Joe Patrick Borrego and Jill Marquez. Back: Anthony Gonzales, Jose Espinoza and Chris Lara.
Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

Bids being accepted for visitor center project

The Ozona visitors' center and streetscape projects are to be brought to contract in January 2004 through TxDOT's (Texas Department of Transportation) statewide letting process.

Qualified bidders (i.e. general contractors who have submitted the required information to TxDOT and gained approval) will be able to request pre-bid documents from TxDOT in order to construct their bid. These packages will not be available to prospective bidders until three weeks prior to the letting date, which will be either Jan. 8 or 9 of 2004. Information on the following TxDOT web site regarding this contract will be available beginning Dec. 19. A list of the potential bidders who request this information can be found at the following web address:

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/instdot/orgchart/cmd/cserve/bidlist/state/BidLst07.htm#CROCKETT>

Local businesses interested in participating in this project can access a list of potential general contractors from this link. You are encouraged to contact these potential bidders and indicate your

interest and availability to provide service for these projects.

TxDOT approved funding of \$1,139,040 to build the visitors' center, and awarded \$154,000 for a streetscape to beautify the main intersections at IH-10 and SH163. The streetscape will include the access road leading to the post office.

The visitors' center will include an office for the chamber, a reception area, restrooms, information on local scenic and historic sites as well as those in surrounding counties and across the state. A shaded porch and seating areas in a park-like environment will offer travelers a place to rest before resuming their journeys.

For more information, you may contact the Ozona Chamber of Commerce at 392-3737.

Holiday Deadline

Friday, Dec. 26, at 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for the Dec. 31 issue of *The Ozona Stockman*



ROBERT RODRIQUEZ, JR. is all smiles as he visits with Santa at the gazebo on Dec. 19
Photo by Susan Calloway

New bus approved for school

By Ted Cotton
Assistant Superintendent

In their regular monthly meeting that took place on Monday, Dec. 15, members of the Ozona School Board approved the purchase of a 48-passenger school bus from Blue Star Bus Sales, LTD that will be used both as a route bus and an activities bus for student transportation. The purchase price for the school bus was \$54,100.00, and a school bus bid from Thomas Bus Gulf Coast was also considered by the board before the award was made to Blue Star Bus Sales for the school transportation vehicle.

The members also approved a \$2,584.69 school tax refund to Petro Source Corporation due to a tax assessment error, and they also approved the 2002-03 school

year financial audit as performed by the auditing firm of Eckert, Ingram, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston and Barr.

Board member Veronica Tijerina-Fierro was approved for appointment as a member of the Crockett County Appraisal Board, and the trustees also approved a stipend for National Physical Fitness Facility Supervisor Sam Justiss and a stipend for instructors when they are teaching the program. The school district's physical fitness facility located south of Ozona High School will be available to the public when arrangements for physical fitness training have been completed.

The meeting was adjourned following an affirmative vote to set the date and time for the board's January meeting on Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Graves signs contract for textbook

LEVELLAND - Dr. Laura Graves, professor of history and government at South Plains College, has signed a contract with Prentice Hall as senior author for the nation's first undergraduate American history textbook written from an American Indian perspective.

The book is groundbreaking in many ways. It will be the first true textbook for courses on Native American history, putting the Indian perspective in the forefront. And the text will focus on ordinary people, rather than traditional figures of political and economic influence, allowing the John Does of this world to tell

much of the story in their own words.

The book breaks tradition in another way. It is rare for a community college professor, rather than a faculty member at a university, to be asked to head such a prestigious project. Dr. Graves had worked with Prentice Hall, the nation's leading educational publisher, on several other projects and has written an award-winning biography of an Indian trader for Oklahoma University Press.

"We are delighted to have Laura Graves spearheading this new important history project for Prentice Hall," said Charles Cavaliere, senior acquisitions editor, history, for the publishing firm. "Laura is exceptionally qualified to lead this project, both as a scholar and as a teacher."

"I've always wanted to do this," said Dr. Graves, who has taught 11 years at SPC. "You teach from other people's books, and you think if this were mine, I would do it this way." She got her chance at a publishers' meeting.

Two years ago, Dr. Graves had completed an instructors manual, study guide and Texas component for Prentice Hall's American history survey, *Boydston's Making of America*. "I met with the acquisitions editor for history material, and we were talking about different projects I could do for them. I had finished this one, and they wanted me to continue to do work for them. We tossed around some different ideas. I said, 'This may sound real presumptuous because I am not a big name, but I would really like to write an American History Indian textbook.' He said great. We walked out there where angels fear to tread."

Dr. Graves then spent the next year preparing a detailed proposal and writing three other authors to write different sections of the textbook.

Dr. Graves will write the first half of the book from prehistoric times til about 1900. Ken

Townsend, a professor at Coastal Carolina University in Myrtle Beach, SC, will serve as second primary author, writing the second half of the textbook. He has written a book on Indians in World War II.

Dr. Vickie Sutton, director of the Texas Tech University School of Law and a member of the Lumbee Indian tribe (from South Carolina), will cover Indian law. "I was intrigued by Laura's suggestion that she wanted to embark on a new way of looking at American history and the American Indian history," said Dr. Sutton. "I was also surprised there had not been a history book written for undergraduates from a Native American perspective."

Lomayuntewa Ishii, a Hopi Indian, will represent the Indian voices in the book. In a departure from traditional history texts, he will begin each chapter with a biographical sketch of a person and will use that person's words and life to illustrate different concepts in each chapter.

"Our focus is to bring people to the forefront in this book, as opposed to the traditional way of keeping common ordinary people in the background," explained Dr. Graves. "We are not all sitting

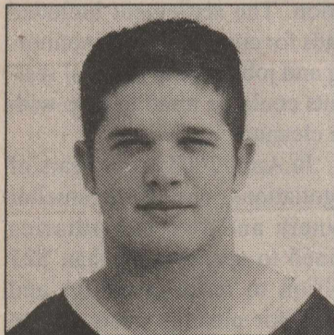
Bulls and George Washingtons, not all important, influential powerful people. We are just common ordinary people who raise kids, got to work, do the things we do every day. Prentice Hall is very interested in helping students engage with people just like themselves."

The writer's deadline to have a completed textbook in the hands of Prentice Hall is Jan. 15, 2006.

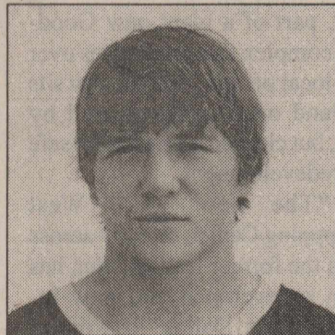
Dr. Graves has been interested in history since she was a child growing up in Ozona. Her great-grandmother was the first white woman in the Trans-Pecos region of Texas and moved to Crockett County in 1876. Dr. Graves grew up listening to stories told by her father (she is the daughter of the late Jocelyn and Lee Graves) about the pioneer. Another woman named Mrs. James came to her family's home selling fabric when Dr. Graves was a little girl. "She would tell me stories about growing up in Quanah when Quanah Parker was there, riding into town on his big horse. I am sure my eyes were as big as saucers," recalled the historian. "Most kids grow out of that, but I never did."

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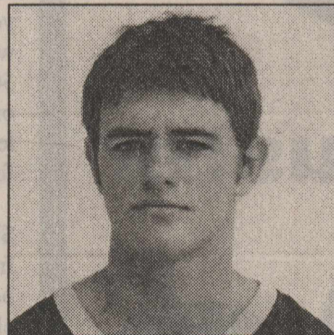
Academic All-State team announced



JOSH LONG



JARRYD TAYLOR



BRIAN SKEHAN

Ozona High School placed three student athletes on the Academic All State Football Team. They are Josh Long, Jarryd Taylor and Brian Skehan.

Long, selected for the first team, is first in his class with a grade point average of 99.6. As defensive tackle, he had 64 tackles, 29 quarterback harrassments and 23 tackles behind the line this year.

"Josh has been on the varsity the past three years, been Academic All District all three years, was moved to defensive line this year and did a great job," said Coach Steve Taylor. "He made a lot of big plays during the year. Academically, he's one of the hardest, if not the hardest, worker in the whole school. He'll be really success-

ful in college."

Jarryd Taylor, who is on the second team, is in the top 10% of his class with a 97.1 grade point average. As a running-back, he had 213 carries for 1,279 yards with 23 touchdowns. As a linebacker, he made 167 tackles, 79 unassisted, and five quarterback sacks.

"Jarryd has been on the varsity four years, been Academic All District all four years and done a great job on the field and in the classroom," said Coach Taylor.

Brian Skehan, who is in the top 15% of his class with a 94.7 grade point average, is a member of the second team. His record as a defensive end includes 93 tackles and nine quarterback sacks. As tight end, he

had 14 receptions, 258 yards and one touchdown.

"Again, Brian has been on the varsity three years and been Academic All District all three years. Brian had a tremendous year on the football field, making All District on both sides of the ball," said Coach Taylor. "He's a hard worker in everything he does as evidenced by his grades as well."

Coach Taylor continued to praise these All State students and football players. "All three of these guys are great student athletes. Making the Academic All State team is a big deal. The state has a point system based on grade point average, class ranking, SAT and ACT scores, and you have to do a great job on all four to make the team."



DR. LAURA GRAVES, (r.) professor of history and government at South Plains College in Levelland, signs a contract with Prentice Hall, the nation's leading educational publisher, to author the nation's first American history survey textbook for undergraduate students written from the native American viewpoint. Dr. Graves will serve as senior author of a four-member team on the project. At left is Prentice Hall representative Mary Frances Weatherly.
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Folktales of Crockett County

By John Fluth

A roughneck got lost on the way to a rig, and ran out of gas on a back road by Orla. In the distance, he saw a small wood-frame house with smoke coming from its chimney, and set out across the desert for it. When he got to the house, a rancher with a shotgun and two working dogs met him on the porch.

After explaining that he was lost, hungry and thirsty, the rancher set down his shotgun, shook the roughneck's hand and invited him inside. The rancher picked up a five-gallon water can and poured him a glass of water. The roughneck noticed that the only water in the house was in that can.

The rancher had lamb stew cooking on a gas stove, and on the table was a tin plate with a half-eaten meal. The rancher apologized to the roughneck, saying that he only had one plate, but as soon as he was finished, he would clean off that plate and load it up with all the stew the roughneck could eat.

The roughneck asked, "Say, how can you clean your dishes without a sink?"

The rancher replied, "Well, I use soap and water." He finished his plate and set it on the floor and whistled for his two dogs who ran in the door.

"See, that Catahoula cur's name is Soap, and that Border Collie's name is Water."



News Reel

News items taken from the files of The Ozona Stockman

NEWS REEL JAN 17, 1973

News Reel
 District play in basketball began last week for the Ozona Lions. In the first game the Lions lost a squeaker to McCamey 53-50 in an overtime. Leading scorers for the Lions were Richard Sanchez with 21 points and David Bean with 16.

NEWS REEL JAN. 25, 1945

News Reel
 Funeral services for Mrs. Enoch (Nollie) Godwin, 88, mother of Mrs. J.D. Brown, were held Tuesday afternoon in Long Cove Church in Lometa with burial in the cemetery there.

News Reel
 Funeral services for Jones (Slick) Miller, 59, were held here Friday at 3 p.m. at the Ozona Church of Christ with Bill Morrison, minister, officiating.

News Reel
 Barbara Davidson and her mother, Mrs. Joe Tom Davidson, returned from Dallas Saturday where Mrs. Davidson spent the week attending to her grandchildren, Meredith and David Madray.

News Reel
 Mrs. Tom Harris underwent surgery Monday morning in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo for a broken hip.

News Reel
 Mrs. Embree (Sue) Hunt, former Ozonan, now of Temple, is in Baylor Hospital in Dallas in critical condition with a heart ailment.

Angel Tree inspires love

The town square's Angel Tree, a project of Ozona Woman's League, brings a warm glow to the heart as well as the sky. Donors give Lights of Love in honor of or in memory of persons or organizations important in their lives.

The annual lighting ceremony featured "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" by Jadyndy Poindexter and Jack Baggett, baritone duets by band directors Sonny Bahlman and Gretchen Bloebaum, carols by children from Del's Little Schoolhouse, Ozona Community Center and, under the direction of Justina Sanders, Ozona Primary School.

A visit from Jolly Old St. Nick ended the festivities.

Special thanks go from the League to Robbi Harris for organizing the ceremony and to Martin and Vicki Childress for helping League members put up the Angel Tree.

Rehab donations welcomed

Persons wishing to make telephone donations to West Texas Rehab may mail them to Kay Stewart at Crockett National Bank, Box 1089, Ozona, TX 76943.

A phone bank will be in operation at CNB and you also may call there at 392-3745 to make your pledge.

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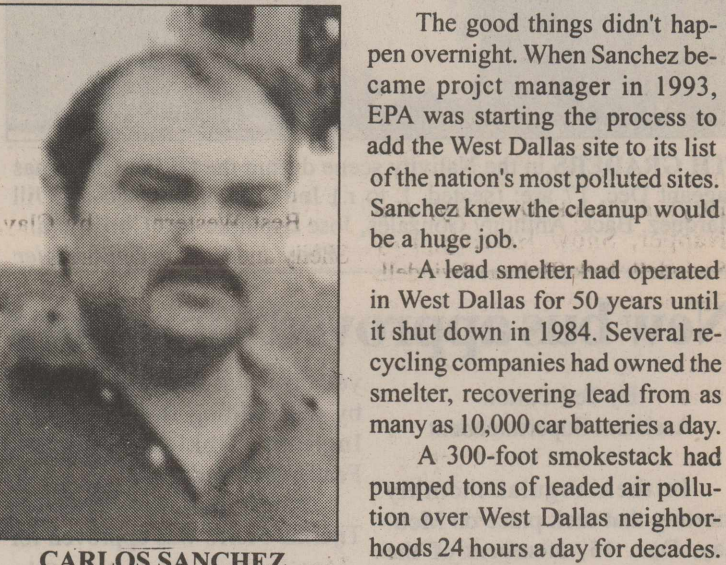
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Sanchez helps bring changes to West Dallas



CARLOS SANCHEZ

Carlos Sanchez has seen the transformation of West Dallas up close.

"There are lots of changes, lots of improvements," says Sanchez, EPA project manager for the West Dallas Lead Superfund site.

The good things didn't happen overnight. When Sanchez became project manager in 1993, EPA was starting the process to add the West Dallas site to its list of the nation's most polluted sites. Sanchez knew the cleanup would be a huge job.

A lead smelter had operated in West Dallas for 50 years until it shut down in 1984. Several recycling companies had owned the smelter, recovering lead from as many as 10,000 car batteries a day.

A 300-foot smokestack had pumped tons of leaded air pollution over West Dallas neighborhoods 24 hours a day for decades. In 1993 the old stack still stood there, a contaminated neighborhood eyesore.

Texas already had inspected 6,800 properties and found lead hazards in an area covering 13.6 square miles where 17,000 people lived. More than 400 residential yards showed hazardous levels of lead in the soil.

Sanchez says, for cleanup purposes, the Superfund site was divided into five units, single family residences, public housing, slag piles and former landfills, the smelter and the battery wrecking facility.

In 1998, seven companies settled liability claims and agreed to spend \$11.5 million to help clean up the West Dallas contamination. The settlement included funds for community air monitoring and job training so local residents could be hired to help with the cleanup.

In April 2003, after years of negotiations, one of the smelter owners and two subsidiaries agreed to spend more than \$25 million to reimburse EPA and Texas for cleanup costs and to continue cleaning up the site. Sanchez says, with court approval, this latest settlement should allow completion of the cleanup during 2004.

West Dallas keeps changing. To Sanchez, the most important change is the blood lead levels of its residents. In 1983 before the smelter closed, some 90 percent of those tested in West Dallas had levels of lead in their blood that now would be considered dangerously high. In 2003, blood lead levels in West Dallas are below the national average.

With public health protected and a massive cleanup almost finished, chances look brighter for more redevelopment. "We're getting there," grins Sanchez.

And so is West Dallas.

Carlos Sanchez is a native of Ozona and the son of Lucia Sanchez and the late Jose M. Sanchez.

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JARED BIRD AND LEVI ENGLISH (r.) have places on the Regional Band. Levi, a freshman, has played the french horn in the band for three years. Jared will advance to area competition in January. He is a junior and is in his sixth year of band playing the trombone. Photo by Linda Moore

Care Center Chatter

Merry Christmas to all from us here at Crockett County Care Center.

A big thanks goes to the Angel Tree and the Levis and Lace Square Dancers for giving to our residents who have no families. It will make these residents' Christmas a merry one.

Thanks go to the 8th grade carolers, to the first, second and pre-K school children for coming and entertaining our residents with their Christmas songs.

Vicki Childress will take the honor of being Employee of the Year. The Residents' Council selects the Employee of the Year.

Our residents also take their place as being honored with their services to the facility. Resident Frances Flanagan Outstanding Helper, resident Hally Allison for Outstanding Leader in Exercise Class, resident Emma Camarillo for Outstanding Leader in Motivation and Inspiration for Staff, resident Helen Stokes for Outstanding Leader in Preparing Residents' Monthly Calendars, resident Marie Gerlach for Inspirational Leader in Prayer at Meal Times. Congratulations, you all do a great job of taking part in the facility.

Volunteers for the Week are E. A. Wadsworth, R.N., Commissioner Freddie Nicks, Pat Nicks, Merle and Mary Welty, Otis Nester, Katharine Russell, Bertha Landin, Nell Wester, Jo Ann Williamson and Penn Baggett.

Thanks go to our administrator, Benny Gibbs, for the gift of ham to each employee for Christmas. We appreciate you, Benny. Have a Merry Christmas.

Jan St. Clair
Activity Director



SANTA VISITED WITH COMMUNITY CENTER STUDENTS on Dec. 19. Photo by Linda Moore

Spirit of Christmas

I had to be there early so I could meet a small group of Christians from different churches. We were going to have a Christmas party and dinner for a group of men in prison and their families. They are only allowed to be with all their family one day a year.

It was so rewarding to watch the children getting their little presents and seeing the families together. I heard someone say, "Isn't the spirit of Christmas great" and it reminded me of some events that took place over two thousand years ago.

God had promised there would come a time when He would be with us (Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 7:14, and Isaiah 9:6-7). He did that with a special gift and in a special way (Luke 1:30-35, 2:10-12, John 1:14). That gift, even though small, had a very important purpose. That gift, Jesus, started His life in a manger and ended it on a cross 30 plus

years later (Luke 23:33, John 19:30). He was sent to live and die for us so we could have a way for our sins to be forgiven (Matthew 1:21).

That's the beginning of the Spirit of Christmas. If you haven't ever received that special gift from God, why not ask Him for it today?

See you in church on Sunday.
Brother J

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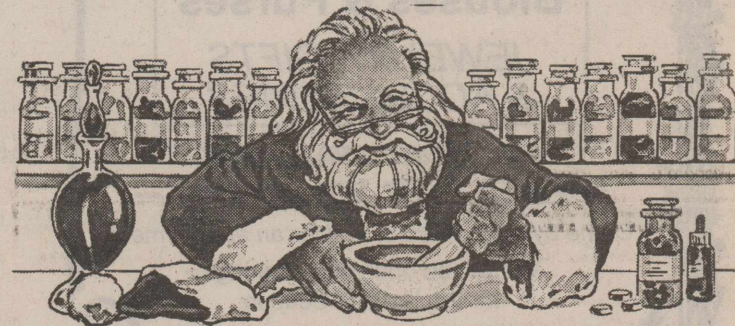
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It's a boy!

John and Sharayne Hall of Monahans proudly announce the birth of their son, Korbin Aidan Hall. Born on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at 10:37 a.m., he weighed in at seven pounds 14 ounces and measured 19.5 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his sister, Kiley, on Thanksgiving Day.

Proud grandparents are Mike and Sandy Glover of Ozona and Sylvan and Sharon Grover of Monahans. Great-grandparents are June Carter of Ozona, Willie Van Cleve of Monahans and Jack R. Davis of Lake Charles, LA.



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It's a girl!

Angel Marie Garcia was born Dec. 10, 2003, in Shannon Women's and Children's Hospital in San Angelo. She is the daughter of Kim and Miguel R. Garcia of Ozona.
 The baby arrived weighing seven pounds five ounces. She was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Jackie and Pat Pauley of Ozona, Tommy Weddle of Corpus Christi, Nina Garcia of San Angelo and Miguel C. Garcia of Bridgeport.

Service cancelled

The Christmas Eve service at Faith Lutheran Church has been cancelled due to illness.
 May each and every one of you have a blessed Christmas.

Obituaries

Wanda Stuart



She was very active in the later years with all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren's activities.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dunlap; husband of 67 1/2 years, B. W. Stuart; son, Gregory; grandson, Justin Browne; son-in-law, Bill Wilson; and nephew, Basil Ray Dunlap.

She is survived by her children, Carolyn Rae Wilson, Jeffrey Stuart and wife Ronda, all of Ozona, and Douglas Stuart of Bedford, PA; one brother, Basil Dunlap and wife Mary of Coleman; a niece Bridget Smith and husband Gary of Loop; grandchildren Debra and Tommy Ezell of Fort Stockton, Lisa and Freddy Garza of Ozona, Lori Ward of San Angelo, Shelby and Jesse Garza of Eldorado, Emily Stuart of San Angelo, Chet Stuart of Levelland, Jadon Stuart of San Marcos, David Stuart of Ozona and Summer Browne of College Station; great-grandchildren Chance and Cade Ezell, Arron Garza, Brandon Logan, Bryce and Blane Ward, Jalen and Brooke Helen Garza and Tanner Rodriguez.

Wanda Dunlap Stuart passed away on Dec. 10, 2003, at 6:15 p.m. in a San Angelo hospital. Funeral services were held at Cedar Hill Cemetery on Friday, Dec. 12, at 2:00 p.m. with Brother John Collis officiating.

Wanda Laverne Dunlap was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Columbus Dunlap in Ozona on July 31, 1920. She was the oldest of two children who were raised on the Dunlap Pecos River Ranch. She attended school in Ozona until graduation in 1936.

She married B. W. Stuart on Jan. 31, 1936, and followed him throughout his baseball career. They returned to Ozona in 1945 with their two oldest children, Carolyn and Douglas, and enrolled them in school. They continued to live in Ozona and had two more children, Gregory and Jeffrey.

During the years, she was active in the PTA, Women's Music Club, square dancing, bridge and golf association and bowling. She was a housewife and member of the First Baptist Church of Ozona.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Chet, Jason and David Stuart, Brandon Logan, Arron Garza, Chance and Cade Ezell, Bryce and Blane Ward and Jalen Garza.

Honorary pallbearers were: Taylor Deaton, Lalo Garza, Will and Billy Hoover, John Tarr, Glenn Burns, John Thompson, Beecher Montgomery, Gene Lilly, Elliott Barrera, Jack Brewer, Harold Shaw, Felipe Castro, Jerry Hopkins, Gene Hood and Rod Schneider.

Dorothy Lee Price

Dorothy Lee Price of Sweetwater, TN, was born May 23, 1920. She died at her residence during the evening of Nov. 24, 2003.

She was a missionary employed by the National Division of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church. She served in Maryland, Arizona and Texas before retiring in 1973 and returning home to Sweetwater.

Upon her return, she continued her Christian service to her church and community. She provided these services in many ways including outreach, leadership, service for First United Methodist Church and for Girl Scouting in the Tanasi Council.

Dorothy received many awards and honors for her selfless service to many. The Tanasi Council of Girl Scouts has created the Dorothy Price Diversity Award, and a scholarship has been established in her name at Hiwassee College, to name a few. She was also awarded her pin for 60 years of service to Girl Scouts.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Sammie Bellamy Price, and her brother, Norman L. Price.

Survivors include her sister, Velma Dunsmore of Powell, TN, sister-in-law Margaret Price, niece Connie Price of Signal Mountain, TN, nephews Jack L. Price of Signal Mountain and Michael L. Lillard of Douglasville, GA.

A committal service was held Nov. 26 at Westview Cemetery followed by a Celebration of Life service at Sweetwater First United Methodist Church.

Persons who wish to make donations to honor Dorothy are encouraged to support her scholarship fund at Hiwassee College, her church or the Tanasi Council of the Girl Scouts.

Maudie Mae Couch

Maudie Mae Couch Montgomery, 82, died Dec. 18, 2003, in a San Angelo hospital. Maudie was born to Mike and Maudie Couch on May 7, 1921, in Ozona. She attended Ozona schools.

Maudie married Carl D. Montgomery in 1943. After spending time in San Antonio, St.

Paul, MN, and Oklahoma, the couple moved to Ozona in 1948 where they raised their two sons and ran the Montgomery Grocery for more than 30 years.

Maudie is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, a brother, James Couch, and a grandson, Patrick Montgomery.

She is survived by: her sons and their wives, Carl D. and Janette Montgomery of San Angelo, and Robert (Pete) and Rebecca Montgomery of Queen Creek, AZ; her sister, Alleane Sutton; four grandchildren and their spouses, Susan and Jeff Halberg, Michelle and Russ Good, Amanda and Mark Kitchens and Benjamin and Bylissa Montgomery, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2:30 p.m. at Ozona's Cedar Hill Cemetery under the direction of Freddy Funeral Home.

¹⁸Shepherds living out in the fields.
¹⁹An Angel of the Lord stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were greatly afraid.
²⁰Then the angel said to them "Do not be afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings.
²¹For there is born to you this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord.
²²"And this the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying a manger."
²³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:
²⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men!"
 Luke 2: -8,-9,-10,-12,-13,-14

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8TH GRADERS delivered fruit and sang carols for the care center residents. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler



CHRISTIE SMITH (front) performs in the OLPH Christmas pageant. Also pictured is Jessica Franco. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

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Reasons for the Season

By Dr. Dennis J. Prutow

Christmas week is here. What are you up to? What are your reasons for the season? Let's see if they line up with the reasons for the season given by God. The Bible says, "When the fullness of time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law" (Galatians 4:4). Now here are four reasons for the season given by God. Let's start with the last one. Christmas is God's Son born under the Law. This means that when Christ was born, He was subject to all the legal demands of His Father. Christ kept the Law perfectly. Christ was "obedient to the point of death" (Philippians 2:8). We are also commanded to "worship the Lord in holy attire" (Psalm 96:9). But we are unable to do what Christ did! We do not satisfy all the legal requirements for heaven! "Our righteous deeds are like filthy garment" (Isaiah 64:6). So, we need to trust in the good works of Christ to get us to heaven! Yes, Christmas is the gift of God's Son born under the Law "in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:5). Christmas is also God's Son, born of a woman. What a wonderful reason for the season this really is! When Jesus entered the world, God took on human form. So much was this the case that the baby lying in the manger was declared to be "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). Now if you do not believe that Jesus is God, who took on appearance as a man, by being born of a woman then you have missed one of the most significant reasons for this season. Allow me to encourage you to align your reasons for the seasons with God.

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Rev. Charles Huffman Worship: 9 a.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Jon & Charity McCullough Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Serafin Avenida Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.</p>
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<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Minister: Amelio Hinojos Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p>

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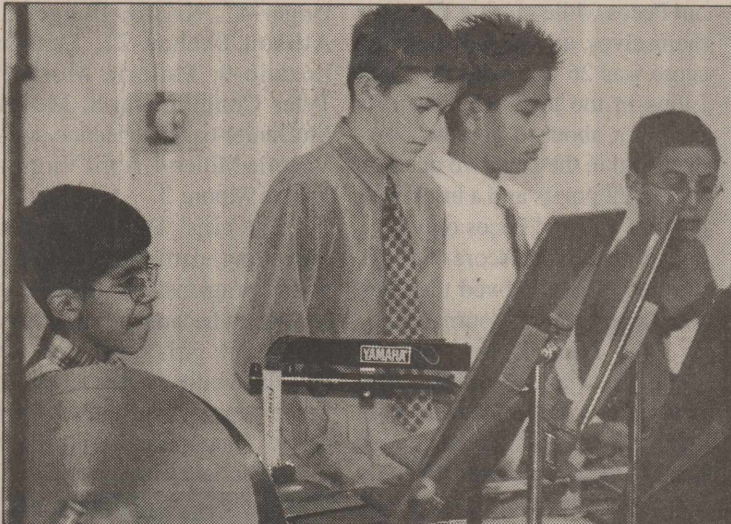
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KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS listen to the community handbell choir perform at the Ozona National Bank wassail festivity Dec. 17. *Photo by Susan Calloway*



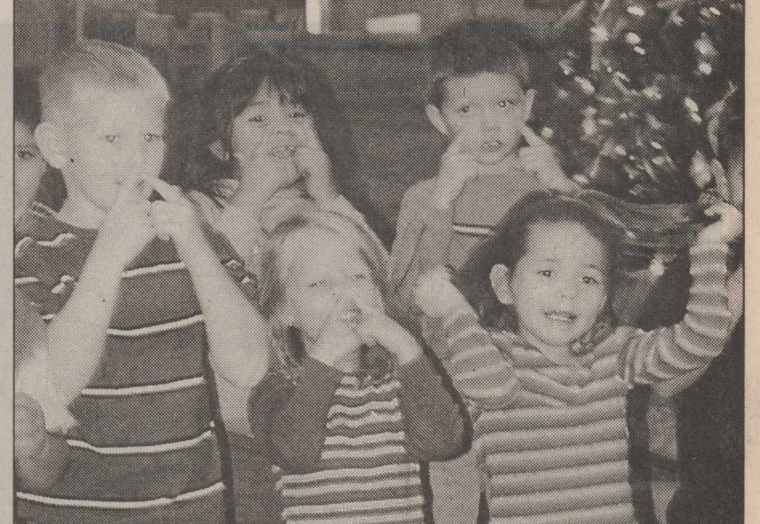
PRIMARY SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER JUSTINA SAUNDERS directs her second grade classes as the sing carols at the Crockett National Bank open house. Dec. 18 *Photo by Linda Moore*



SEVENTH GRADE BAND MEMBERS (l. to r.) Jordan DeHoyos, Nathan Knox, Jonathan Flores and Jimmy Munoz at the Dec. 18 Christmas band concert. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller*



PLAYING FRENCH HORN at the Dec. 18 Christmas band concert are: (l. to r.) Mark Thornton, Marcus Badillo, Becca Enriquez and Levi English. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller*



KINDERGARTNERS SINGING at the ONB Wassail Festivity on Dec. 17 are: (front, l. to r.) Adison Aaron and Bobbie Jo Benson, (back) Taylor Absher, Neida Huerta and Walker Whitten. *Photo by Susan Calloway*



A. J. MONTAÑEZ AND SARA DORROUGH (r.) performing at the Christmas band concert on Dec. 18. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller*



SIXTH GRADE BAND MEMBERS (l. to r.) Josh Ramos, Sophie Trevino, Myra Dominguez, Brelinda Smith and Blair Chandler play clarinet in the Christmas band concert Dec. 18. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller*



YVETTE GONZALES AND HER MOM, ROCIO, visit with Santa. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller*



SINGING IN THE OLPH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT are: (l. to r.) Brianna Perez, Alexis Aguilera, Briana Lara and Bethany Martinez. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller*



ANGELS AT THE OLPH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT on Dec. 17 are: (l. to r.) Maira Rodriguez, Diana Sifuentes, Alexis Flores, Barbara Villarreal and Cora Williams. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller*

5:35 p.m. Thursday

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JV Gold girls overpower Sonora Lady Broncos

By Makinsey Morris
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Coach Ricky King couldn't have said it better. "The JV Gold team bounced back from a hard tournament and crushed the Lady Broncos in their final game before Christmas break."

In four quarters, the JV Gold girls almost doubled the score of the Lady Broncos and finished 40 to 27. In two of those 4 quarters, they had a combined score of 28 points and kept the Broncos to only 17 in those same quarters.

High scorer for the Dec. 15 game was Farran Wilson who led all scorers with 18 points, fol-

lowed by Frankie Skinner with 12. Ashley Anderson contributed 4 points along with "some great rebounding." Adrienne Bendele and Melissa Morris had 2 points each, and Peyton Fenton and Tiffany Carrasco each put a free-throw in. Mandy Fierro had several steals and Britni Buchanan played well from the guard position. Kayla Parks contributed with some good passing and rebounding.

These girls really put forth the team effort and deserved to win this district game. "It was a great district win." Coach King ended. "The girls are looking forward to continued success in January."



PEYTON FENTON goes after the ball during the JV-Gold Lady Lions victory over Sonora. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller

Seventh grade boys whip Sonora

By Makinsey Morris
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Ozonia's 7th grade guys really showed their improvement Dec. 15 in their win over the Sonora Broncos.

In the first quarter both teams had difficulty putting points on the board, but at the end of the quarter it was the Lions in the lead 4-3, and they would remain on top throughout the entire game. In the second quarter, the Lions were able to pull ahead of the Broncos by a few more points and by the end of the third quarter, Ozonia was ahead by 3, 20 to 17.

The work of the Broncos was no match for the Lions as they hung on to the lead and as the buzzer sounded it was Lions ahead with 31 and Broncos 26.

Scoring an amazing 13 total points this game was Matthew

Garza. Daniel Gonzalez and Wade King put up 5 points, and Fabian Onate and Josh Smith both put in 2 points for this Lion victory.

"We have talked about getting better every week," Coach David Delgado commented, "and beating a good team like Sonora really proved that the boys have been getting better."

This win puts the Lions at a 2-2 season record.

Also playing against the Broncos Monday was the 7th Grade Lion B-team. They didn't have as much luck as the A-team. The Lions were unable to get any points on the board while Sonora scored 8, but the loss shouldn't get the boys down and after a few more practices (and a Christmas vacation) I'm sure we will start to see some smashing victories from the 7th grade B-team guys.



HILARY HUFFMAN WAS FOULED ON THIS SHOT for the Lady Lions in the Ozonia Tournament championship game against Ballinger. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller

Lady Lions capture 2nd place in Ozonia Tournament

By Makinsey Morris
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

We've all seen the pictures, and here's the article on the varsity girl's second place win at the Ozonia Tournament.

The Ozonia girls' varsity team was matched up with Ira for their first game of the tournament. It was a close game, but the Lady Lions pulled it off to put them on the winner's side of the bracket. The Lady Lion's second game was against Brownfield. Ozonia had been beaten by Brownfield at an earlier tournament they attended, but they weren't intimidated and went on to a victory. The Lady Lions took the lead early on and in the first quarter were up 11 to 5.

They held on to their lead and at half-time were up 22 to 15. After the half the Brownfield girls began to catch up, but the Lady Lions snuffed them out and as the final buzzer sounded were ahead 39-36 for the win.

On this game, Coach Faught comments that it was a "great win

for this team. They avenged their earlier loss to Brownfield last week. They did a super job on defense and especially rebounding."

This is the first time the Lady Lions have been in the finals of the Ozonia tourney since 1999 when they made it to the regional quarter-finals.

The Lady Lions went up against Ballinger for the championship game. Ballinger was ranked number 8 out of 3A in the state. The Lady Lions were up after the first quarter, 11-9, but the Ballinger girls tested the Lady Lions' talent and pulled off a 49-32 win for the championship game.

"The girls did a super job playing defense, it was only a three points game at half." Coach Faught pointed out. "It was a great effort, but we've got to cut down on turnovers and make some free-throws." (The Lady Lions were 8 for 22 in free-throws.) Including the tournament, the Lady Lions are 9 and 4 for the season.

JV Lady Lions on a roll

By Makinsey Morris
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Ozonia's JV girls are on a roll. In the Iraan tournament, the JV team played four games and wound up champions of the tournament. In their championship game, they beat the hometown by 11 points. In fact, not a single game was closer than 5 points and if you combined all the points that the other teams scored and compared them to the Lady Lions total score, the Lady Lions more than doubled the efforts of their opponents. (For the record, Ozonia had a tournament score of 146 to their total opponents' score of 56.)

The JV girls' first game was against Pecos. In the first quarter the Lady Lions completely shut out Pecos while scoring 15 points themselves, and by half-time the score was 26 to 5 with the Lady Lions in the lead. The JV girls were not about to go soft, however, and in the next two quarters scored 22 points and a brick wall defense allowed Pecos only 5.

With the final score 48 to 10, the Lady Lions proved that they were ready for this tournament.

The Lady Lions' second game was against Big Lake. The Owls are a well-balanced team and were not going to be an easy beat. In the first quarter, the Lady Lions were down by 1, 7 to 8, and although they scored 5 points in the second quarter, they were unable to topple the Owls. The half-time score was 12 to 15 in favor of the Owls. The Lady Lions came out pumped after half-time and succeeded in scoring 9 points and holding the Owls to only 4, putting the Lady Lions ahead for the first time in the game 21 to 19. The final quarter showed a great effort on the Lady Lions part as they came up 5 points ahead 28-23.

Coach Rodney Johnson reconfirms their hard work, saying it was "a great effort against a good team." The Lady Lions were now in the semifinals.

In the semi-finals, the Lady Lions were matched up against

Alpine. It wasn't really much of a match as the Lady Lions blew past Alpine in a 45 to 9 win.

Skipping the details of the Lady Lions' most recent thrashing of Alpine, the championship game was between the Iraan Braves and the smokin' Lady Lions. Iraan, however, didn't stand a chance to the talent of the JV girls and were behind from the beginning. In four quarters, the Lady Lions racked up 25 points while their great defense kept the Braves to only 14 for the win. It was a "great defensive effort by the girls." Coach Johnson explained, "Our defense is what won us the championship."

Total scoring for the tournament were as follows: Ashley Unger-47, Kristin Bunger-31, Allison Skehan-22, Laurissa Lozano-9, Malorie Moran-9, Tyler Cunningham-8, Meagan McDaniel-6, Jenna Henderson-4, Victoria Miller-4, April Vargas-4, Jessica Moore 2.

The girls' JV team is really improving, partly in fact to their practices against the varsity team, and partly because of straight talent. These girls don't care who gets the credit, or whose name is in the paper, it's just about being called "champions", and the JV girls deserve every letter.



Laura Pierce

Student of the month for December

Ozonia High School Student of the Month for December is Laura Pierce.

Laura participates in National Honor Society, Student Council and Science Club. She is editor of the yearbook and on the varsity basketball team.

She is a member of Ozonia United Methodist Church.

Teachers say that: "Laura is a model student. She is never a discipline problem, always is prepared, and does everything asked of her."

"She's a very hard worker and wants to learn. She does the right thing all the time."

"She's sweet and everybody likes her. She knows the value of education."

Also nominated for the December Student of the Month honor were: Jared Bird, Justine Fielding, Allison Skehan, Josh Long, Matthew Bullard, Clint Hale and Paarth Raj.



BRITNEY RAMOS made two points on this shot against Brownfield in the Ozonia Tournament. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller

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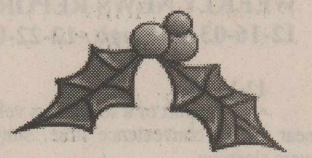
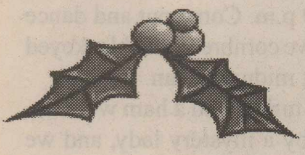
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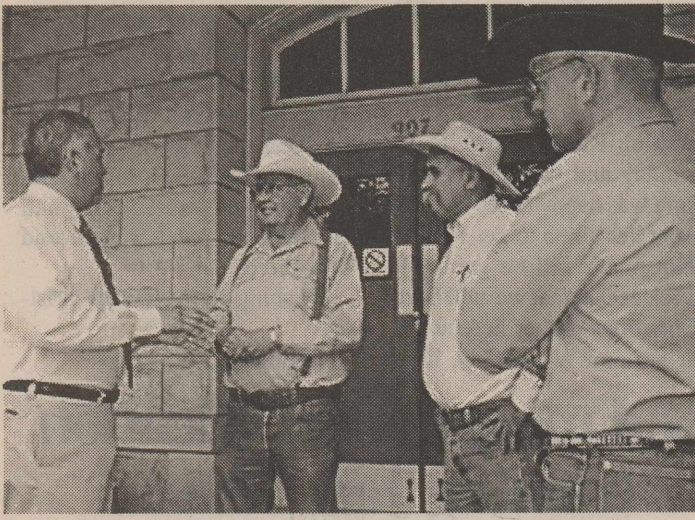
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A Holiday Greeting from Congressman Henry Bonilla



Dear Friends,

I hope that this holiday season brings you and yours all the joy on earth.



It has been my honor to represent you for the last eleven years and I look forward to another successful year for the people of the 23rd district.

All the best,

Hy Bonilla



Crockett County Sheriff's Report

Ozona Senior Happenings

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WEEKLY NEWS REPORT 12-16-03 Through -12-22-03

12-16-03

- Report of a suspicious vehicle near a local convenience store. Subjects were sleeping.
- Report of a gas drive off from a local convenience store. Deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.
- Report of a minor accident on Ave. D. No injuries.
- Deputy assisted subjects with gas and food.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at the Post Office.
- Report of subjects making harassing phone calls.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on the 300 Block of 11th St.
- Report of a suspicious person behind closed restaurant on Sheffield Rd. Deputy located subject and advised him to move on.
- Deputy met with complainant in reference to a vehicle. Subject was advised it was a civil matter.
- Deputy met with complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to burglary of his residence.
- Subject requesting assistance with his vehicle. Mechanic was called.

12-17-03

- Deputy assisted subject with gas.
- Report of a gas drive off. Deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.
- Deputy transported two females to Huntsville.
- Report of gas drive off from local store, unknown direction of travel. Deputy was unable to locate.
- Report of subject hitting a dumpster on Vieta St. Subject just wanted Sheriff's Office to know.
- Deputy met complainant on Bold Ruler in reference to child custody. Subject were advised to contact an attorney.

12-18-03

- Deputy met with complainant at the Crockett County Library in reference to theft. Deputy took offense report.
- Report of some Christmas lights down on 11th St. Dispatcher notified the road dept.
- Report of an assault at rig location. Repo man trying to repo a vehicle. Deputy advised all was okay.
- Deputy met with complainant on Santa Rosa St. in reference to tire damage.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on Ave. I.
- Deputy met with complainant at the office needed a blue form. Subject

- hit a deer.
- Deputy met with complainant on Ave. L. Subject could hear noise in her carport. Deputy advised all was clear.
- Deputy and DPS Troopers responded to a disturbance on 13th St.
- Deputy met with complainant on Willow Drive in reference to an assault. Deputy took report.

12-19-03

- Deputy responded to a motor vehicle accident at MM 340. DPS officer worked the accident.
- Deputy met with complainant at the office in reference to stolen checks. Deputy filed an offense report.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on Mulberry St.
- Deputy assisted stranded motorist.
- Deputy provided courtesy transport from clinic to truck stop.
- Report of gas drive off from local store. Subjects were located and paid for fuel.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on Ave. G.
- Deputy provided civil standby on Bold Ruler while subject picked up his child. Deputy advised no one was at home.
- Report of 911 hang up on Llano St. Deputy advised kids were playing with phone.
- Report of alarm at the primary school. Deputy advised all was clear.

12-20-03

- Report of loud music on Santa Rosa. Deputy was unable to locate vehicle.
- 911 hang up call on Ave. I. Deputy checked residence and all was okay.
- 911 medical call. Deputy assisted EMS.
- Report of juvenile leaving basket ball goal in street. Deputy checked area and reported goal was not in the street.
- Disturbance on 1200 Block of Mulberry St. Deputy stood by while subject collected belongings.
- Second call to 1200 Blk of Mulberry St. Deputy delivered items to subject.
- Report of stranded motorist on I-10. Deputy assisted subject who ran out of gas.
- Disturbance on 1100 Block of 11th St. Deputy stood by while subject collected belongings.
- Report of a motor vehicle accident on 14th St. and Ave. A. Deputy assisted trooper.
- Report of a stranded motorist at 337 MM on I-10. Trooper checked on subject.
- Alarm at Ozona Primary School. Deputy checked building and all was secure.
- Deputy assisted subject with gas welfare at office.
- Locked vehicle on Hwy. 163

- S. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
- Report of possible drunk driver at 369 MM on I-10. Trooper made arrest.
- Criminal mischief report on 1900 Block of Willow St. Deputy spoke with subjects.
- Report of attempted burglary on Ave. M. Deputy took report from owner.
- Report of locked vehicle at local restaurant. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
- Report of locked vehicle on 1900 Block of Mulberry St. Deputy unlocked vehicle.

12-21-03

- Deputy found open door at local convenience store. Manager was contacted.
- Report of elderly person that fell. Deputy assisted home health care attendant.
- Report of smoke in area of Rugged Rd. Deputy assisted fire dept.
- Alarm at Ozona Primary School. Deputy assisted key carrier.
- Deputy assisted subject with gas welfare at office.
- Deputy met with subject at office for statement.
- Locked vehicle on 200 Block Ave. G. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
- Locked vehicle at local convenience store. Deputy was canceled. Keys were found.
- Deputy assisted stranded motorist at 362 MM on I-10. Mechanic called.
- Locked vehicle on 1200 Block of Ave. E. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
- Report of subject hitting deer. Trooper assisted subject.
- Locked vehicle at local hotel. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
- Report of subject walking down I-10 at 357 MM. Deputy assisted subject.
- Report of harassing phone calls. Deputy spoke with subjects by phone.

Alarm at Ozona Primary School.

Deputy assisted key carrier.

ARREST REPORTS 12-16-03 through 12-22-03

12-18-03

- Ida Galindo Villarreal, age 37, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on local District Court warrant for motion to revoke probation/possession of controlled substance. She was released after posting bond.
- Seale, James E., age 40, of Eldorado was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Subject was released on bond.

Offense Reports 12-16-03 through 12-22-03

12-16-03

- Crockett County Sheriff's Deputy filed a report of theft. Complainant reported that a suspected family member took funds out of complainant's bank account without authorization. Investigation continues.

12-18-03

- Crockett County Sheriff's Deputy filed a theft of money report from the Crockett County Library. Investigation continues.

12-19-03

- Crockett County Sheriff's Deputy filed a report of forgery (forged check) from a citizen who stated several stolen checks had been cashed at a local grocery store. Investigation continues.

*Textbook (Continued from front page)

She earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology and English in 1975 and a master's degree in museum science and anthropology in 1977 from Texas Tech University. Dr. Graves later served as museum director for Arkansas State Parks, curator of the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff, taught part-time at Northern Arizona University and at two California community colleges. She earned a PHD in history and government in 1992 at Northern Arizona University and joined SPC that year.

temporary Hopi Pottery, for the Museum of Northern Arizona, funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, and helped produce *Apache Gaming: Betting on the Past*, a video documentary for the Mesa Southwest Museum, Mesa, AZ. Her biography, *Thomas Varker Keam, Indian Trader*: University of Oklahoma Press, won the 1997-98 Angie Debo Prize as the best book published that year by the university about the American Southwest.

Dr. Graves looks forward to her new project and the implications it could have on future American history texts.

"The folks at Prentice Hall are very excited, and they are very generous. It is a tremendous investment for them," said Dr. Graves. She hopes that the textbook she has embarked on will serve as a benchmark for future books about American Indian history.

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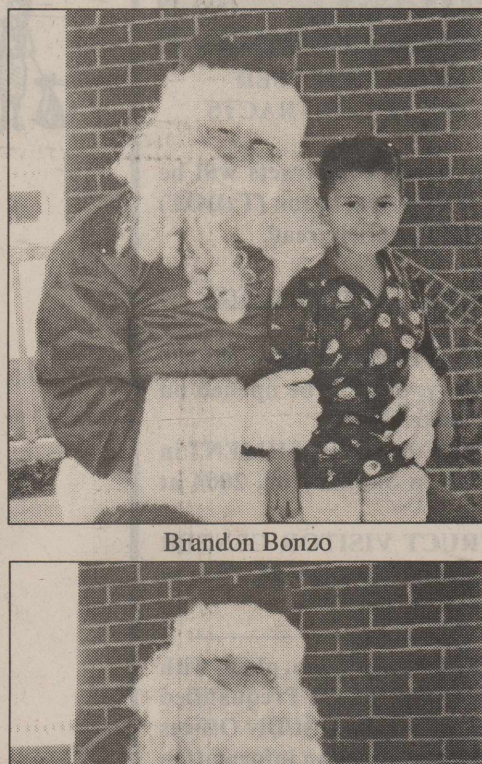
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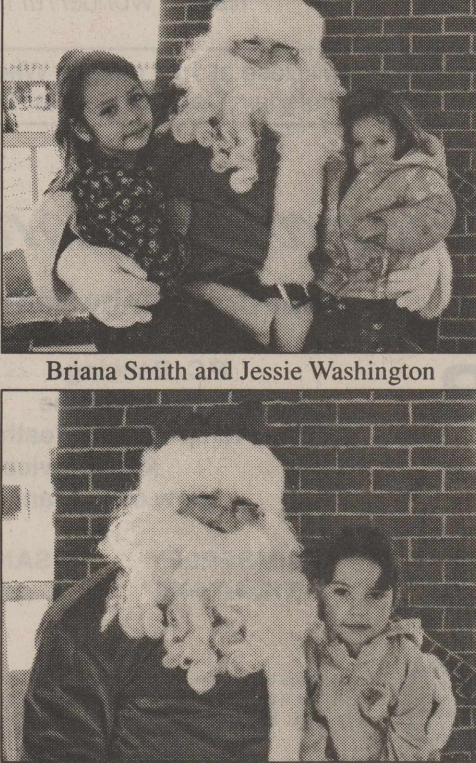
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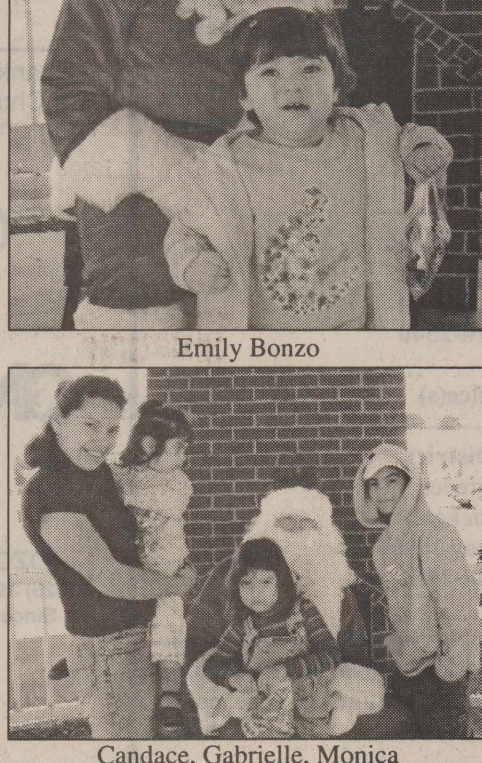
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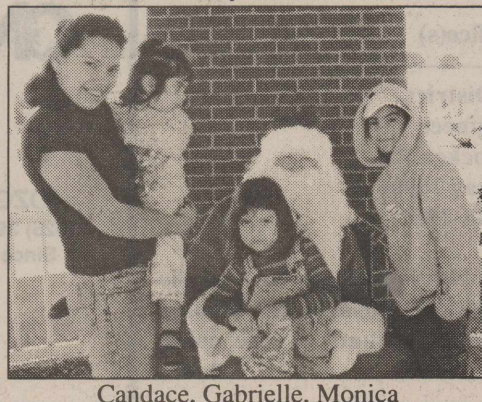
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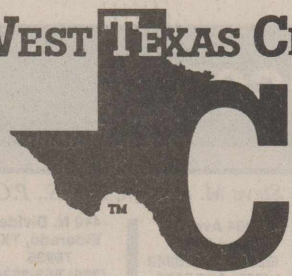
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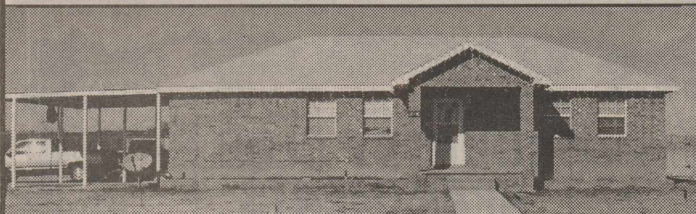
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