

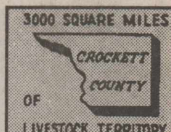
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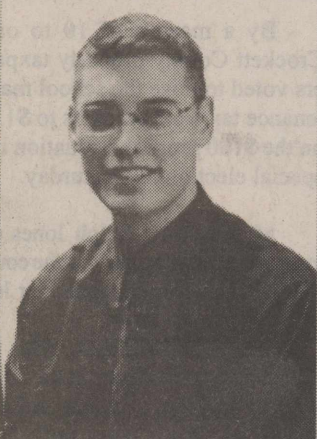
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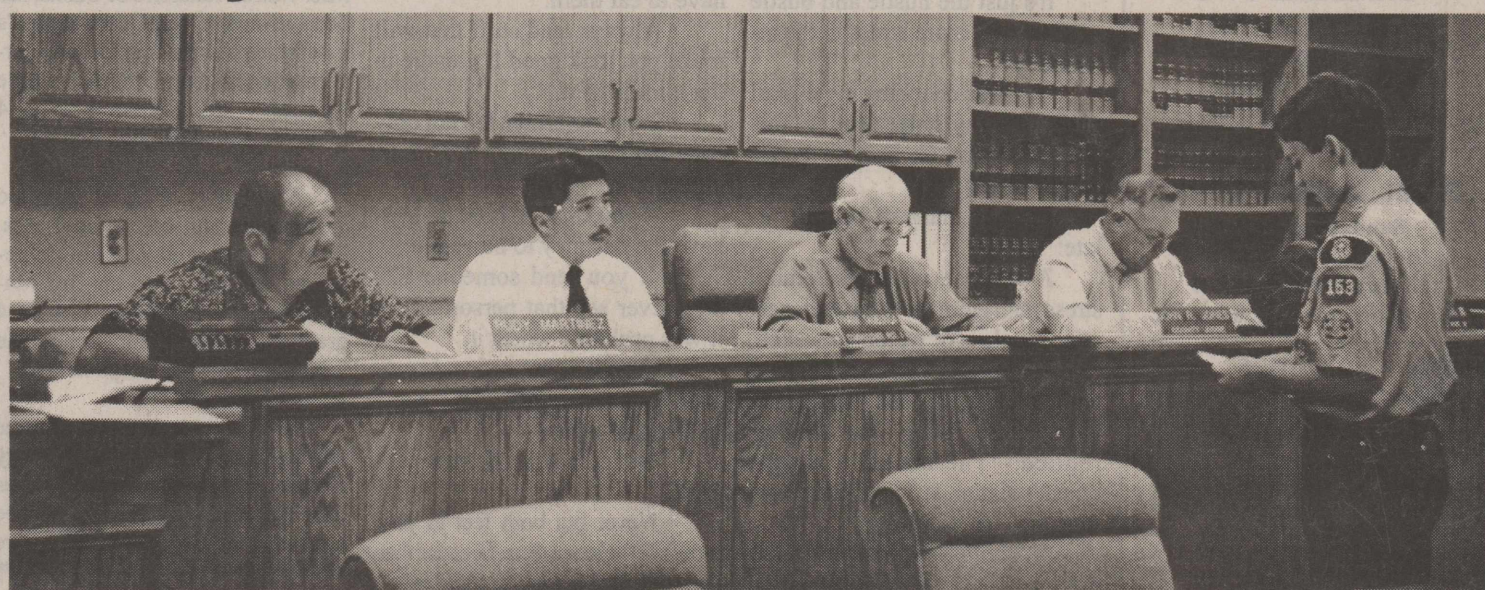


Photo by Melissa Perner

TRAVIS ZUBERBUELER (right) presented his Eagle Scout project of building a Crockett County Monument for the new Visitor Center during Monday's commissioners court meeting. Zuberbueler will be contacting local business and citizens for donations to help with the project.

Commissioners also approve fire department budget request

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

As part of his Eagle Scout project, Travis Zuberbueler presented his project to build a Crockett County Monument as part of the new Visitors' Center to the Crockett County Commissioners Monday during their monthly meeting.

The monument will be built of limestone, with a cutout of the county in red granite and a 10-inch wide, 6-inch tall bronze plaque stating "Eagle Scout project by Troop 153 dedicated to the Citizens of Ozona, 2005."

The limestone is left over from when the county built the courthouse-annex. Those stones will be moved and placed with help from the Crockett County Road Department, Zuberbueler said.

Other contacts that are working on the project include Ozona Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shanon Biggerstaff, Jim Smith with Templeton Construction, Lisa Carol with Carrol's Tile Service and landscape architect Courtney Pashilk.

The total cost of the project comes to \$2,374, with the majority of the cost coming for the cutout of the county and the placing of a star to indicate Ozona, Zuberbueler said.

"I plan to go to businesses and individuals around the community to collect donations. I also plan to advertise in the newspaper," he said. "My goal is \$2,500 with the additional money going toward the interpretive trail at the Visitors' Center."

'BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY GROWTH of grass last year, we will more than likely need this truck in the spring.'

- Bob Falkner
 Ozona Fire Chief

The 9-foot tall monument will be located on the trail on the east side of the building. Zuberbueler said he has been working on the project for three months.

"I greatly appreciate the at-cost and the kindness and willingness to help from the businesses I am working with," he said.

The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department submitted a \$15,000 budget request to finish work on a new Peterbuilt truck tractor that is being built into a fire truck.

Part of the money came from a grant through the Texas Forest Service, which paid for 80 percent of the truck, according to a letter from Fire Chief Bob Falkner.

The fire department then placed \$24,000 in the budget to use to build the firefighting bed on the chassis in last year's budget, the letter stated.

Through some miscommunication, all the fire department was able to do this past year was buy a new water tank, the letter stated.

Now, the department is without the money to finish the truck, which has been sitting in the county barn for almost a year.

The total cost to renovate the truck is around \$37,000, Falkner said.

"I realize this is not a popular request, but I have no other choice other than to let the truck set another year and include a new request in the 2006 budget. Because of the heavy growth of grass last year, we will more than likely need this truck in the spring," Falkner said in the letter.

Commissioners approved the request for the money to be placed in the fire department's equipment replacement fund.

Appointment of Claude Hudspeth as the new chairperson of the Crockett County Historical Commission was approved.

Hudspeth will replace Geniece Childress as chairperson who submitted her resignation. The commissioners also approved a resolution to be presented to Childress at the March commissioners meeting.

The commissioners also approved the promotion of Sarah Stewart to Chief Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector, as well as an increase in salary to the level of Chief Deputy.

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School Board takes no action in special meeting

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

After nearly four and a half hours in executive session, the Crockett County Consolidated Common Board of Trustees decided not to take action on any of the three agenda items during a special called meeting Monday night.

The board met to conduct the CCCCS Trustee Self-Evaluation, evaluation of the superintendent and to discuss the superintendent's contract.

Superintendent Jim Rumage has three years left on his contract.

The board went into executive session at 6:32 p.m. and then reconvened into open session at 10:52 p.m.

Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, a board has the right to discuss personnel matters in executive session.

All board members were present for the meeting.

The regularly scheduled monthly board meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in the board room at the Administration Building.

Agendas are posted 72 hours before a scheduled meeting at all Ozona school campuses and the Crockett County Courthouse Annex Building.

To request an agenda, call 392-5501 ext. 5700.

Stepping up to the challenge Tennis team ready to take on district opponents

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Members of the Ozona High School Tennis Team do not see having district rival Mason as a threat. Instead, the group sees the change as a challenge.

"It's going to be a dogfight to get out of district," said Coach Rick Bachman.

Last year the team lost to Mason in the State Team Tennis Championships.

FOR MORE TENNIS RESULTS, SEE PAGE 6

"Mason who?" said senior Hilary Huffman about her district rival. "We're excited to get this year started."

This year, Bachman said quality programs like Ozona, Mason, Eldorado, Reagan County and Junction, will make the District 2-AA meet in April as a little "mini state tournament."

"It's going to make us better. We are going to have quality, close matches and hope we come out on top," he said. "This is really going to have an impact on all the schools."

After only two meets, the tennis Lady Lions and Lions are stepping up to that challenge.

In the girls' division, senior Jenna Henderson won the West Texas Tennis Championships on Feb. 5 and the first division bracket at the Lake View Invitational this past weekend.

"The season is just beginning. I have a lot of room to get

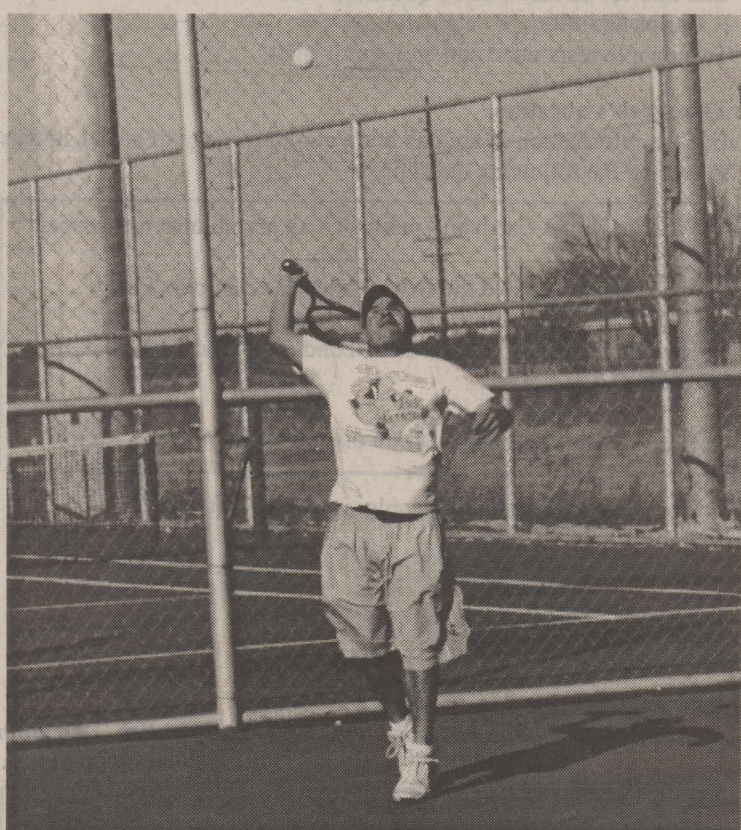


Photo by Joe Hernandez

RUBEN TALAMANTEZ steps back to hit the ball during practice Monday afternoon. Talamantez and the rest of the Ozona High School Tennis Team have high hopes for this season.

Moore added. "For the boys' division, it's a bit of regrouping for senior Roland Galindo who is playing without partner Kris Gray, who graduated last year. Gray and Galindo won third place at the state meet last year."

"He was an incredible player. I really miss him this year," Galindo said. Instead of finding a new doubles partner, Galindo is trying to

Follow right behind Henderson at the Lake View meet were junior Jessica Moore and Huffman, who ended up playing against each other in the second flight championship. "You don't have to be so serious when you play each other," Huffman said. "Not like deep down serious,"

Ramos selected for Cross Country All-State Team



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

BRITNEY RAMOS, shown here at the District 2-AA Cross Country meet last fall in San Angelo, was selected to the Texas Girls Coaches Association AA Region I Cross Country All-State Team.

Lady Lion has worked her way up to state meet for four years

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

108 runners at the state meet this past fall in Round Rock.

"Anytime you get chosen to an All-State team, you've accomplished a great thing," Streun said. "It's great to see Britney receive such a high honor in representing OHS."

Ramos is getting her running shoes ready for track season this spring, and will be running next fall for the Lady Texans of South Plains College in Levelland. Ramos placed 21st out of

Ozona Weather Conditions and Forecast

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Feb. 07	70	36	-0-
Feb. 08	66	48	-0-
Feb. 09	52	39	-0-
Feb. 10	55	36	-0-
Feb. 11	57	46	-0-
Feb. 12	55	48	-0-
Feb. 13	73	43	-0-

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

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Hi 63	Hi 50
Lo 44	Lo 41
Partly Cloudy	Few Showers

Friday	Saturday
Hi 54	Hi 66
Lo 45	Lo 47
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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Stress Management

Last week, our office was filled with busy and hectic days. Print jobs, customers, the phone ringing, you name it. I'm complaining about being busy. Busy is good for a business.

It's just the hustle and bustle created a bit more stress in the atmosphere. As I was checking my e-mail on Friday, my sister sent me this story and tips on how to better handle stress.

I'm sure many of you can relate. A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water? Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g. The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it."

"If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. "In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on." "As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden."

"So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can." "Relax; pick them up later after you've rested. Life is short. Enjoy it!"

And then he shared some ways

TAKS Question of the Week

With the upcoming Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test that students across Texas, including Crockett County, will be taking this spring, The Ozona Stockman will be running a question similar to those found on the test each week to test the public's knowledge. The answer will be revealed in next week's paper. If people want to submit their answers, they can call us at (325) 392-2551 or e-mail us at publisher@ozona.com and we will print the results. Good luck!

The answer to last week's question was: F. Carlos \$15.00. Two people responded and both got it right!

- This week's question:**
Use the information in the box and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.
- William Lloyd Garrison - published an abolitionist newspaper
 - John Brown - raided the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry
 - Harriet Tubman - worked as a "conductor" for the Underground Railroad
 - Harriet Beecher Stowe - wrote the novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin*

- The actions taken by these people were aimed at -
- F. protecting states' rights
 - G. passing fugitive-slave laws
 - H. stopping the South from seceding
 - J. ending slavery

- Look for the answer in the Feb. 23 edition of The Ozona Stockman.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Feb. 16 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Feb. 18 - End of the Fourth Six Weeks at Ozona Schools.
- OHS Tennis Teams compete in Forsan or Reagan County tournaments.
- Varsity and JV Lady Lions Softball teams vs. Fort Stockton at 5 p.m. in Fort Stockton.
- Feb. 19 - OHS Tennis Teams compete in Forsan or Reagan County tournaments.
- AARP Tax-Aide program from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Crockett County Public Library. Call 392-3565 for an appointment.
- Feb. 21 - Presidents' Day
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Games, 1-3 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- OHS Lions Golf Team in Sonora.
- Crockett County Museum Appreciation Dinner, 6:30 p.m. at the museum.
- Feb. 22 - Crafts 3 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- OHS Lions Baseball Team vs. San Saba at 4 p.m. in San Saba.
- Feb. 23 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.



NEWS REEL
FEB. 13, 1975

U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet William C. Taliaferro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Taliaferro of Ozona, has been named to the Commandant's List for his outstanding military performance in the U.S. Air Force Academy. Taliaferro is a 1974 graduate of Ozona High School.

NEWS REEL
FEB. 14, 1946

By a margin of 10 to one, Crockett County property taxpayers voted to raise the school maintenance tax from 50 cents to \$1.00 on the \$100 property valuation in a special election last Saturday.

Marine PFC Emilio Tambunga, son of Mr. and Mrs. Renal Tambunga of Ozona, reported for duty with the 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa. A 1974 graduate of Ozona High School, he joined the Marine Corps in June.

As the finish date nears for the nursing home wing at Crockett County Hospital, a name for the facility has been selected. The facility will be known as the Crockett County Care Center. The 36-bed center will also have a dining room, recreation rooms, lounges and a terrace. Donations for furnishings are being taken now. Proposed completion date is May 1.

It's the Pitts

By Lee Pitts

Long Time No See

I am a photo-phobic. I hate having my picture taken. Always have. I am so photo-phobic that I gave up raising sheep because the use of computers has made it possible for some snot-nosed punk with no respect for his elders to put an innocent and decent fellow in an uncompromising position by plastering a doctored document all over the Internet.

I am now even reluctant to leave the house due to the pervasiveness of surveillance cameras everywhere.

This fear of being photographed is my aunt's fault. She worked for Eastman Kodak for decades and my family felt that her continued employment depended on our usage of their product.

That's why I grew up with a camera stuck in my face. If you've ever seen me in person you know that I am NOT what anyone would call "photogenic."

Because I've always had a face that only a far-sighted mother could love, you can imagine the fear I lived with as I waited for family photos to come back from the Rexall Drugstore.

This failure to photograph well is also the reason why in nearly every picture of me as a child I have my hand up in front of my face. Oh, that's not entirely true, there was one baby picture of me saying "cheese" while cutting the same.

The photo was taken when I was two weeks old and I appear to be wearing what, I suppose, could be called a dress.

Although I hasten to add, I am sure the dress was the height of macho fashion for its day. I never cease to be embarrassed by the transvestite photo of me which all my relatives have prominently displayed in their homes.

In nearly every instance where a successful snapshot has been taken of me I am doing something to embarrass myself.

That's why I break out in a rash at the sight of a camera. There I was after having won a speech contest in a full frontal photo on the front page of our local newspaper... with my zipper down, thereby ruining any chance I might have ever had of running for the local city council.

There I am on my wedding

Letters to the Editor

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published, those that are chosen will be found on page 2. To submit a letter, mail us at The Ozona Stockman, P.O. Box 370, Ozona, Texas 76943 or email at publisher@ozona.com. Please include name, address, phone number and email if available. All letters must contain this information or will not be published. Defamatory, libelous and/or profane language will reject any letter out of hand. Letters should not exceed 250 words.



Former Ozona resident dances in Minnesota 'Nutcracker' ballet

Daniel Whitehead, a former resident of Ozona, danced his first principle role as "the prince" in the Minnesota Ballet production of "The Nutcracker" this past December in Duluth, Minn.

Whitehead, 20, was born and raised in West Texas and began studying jazz dancing at Catherine's Dance School in San Angelo.

Two years ago he began ballet training under Brynar Mehl.

In 2002 he moved to Duluth to study at the School of the Minnesota Ballet and finish his last year of high school.

Last season, as a trainee, Daniel appeared as a courtier in "Cinderella" and as Elliot and Russian dancer in "The Nutcracker."

Whitehead's 16-year-old sister, Jennifer, also appeared in the ballet as one of the Snowflakes, a Flower and a Spanish dancer.

Many people might remember Whitehead's mother, Nancy, who would walk all over Ozona reading a book.

Dena Porter, Whitehead's former kindergarten teacher, has a VHS copy of the tape featuring Whitehead's performance.



Submitted photo
DANIEL WHITEHEAD (right) danced the principle role as "the prince" in the Minnesota Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker." Whitehead is a former Ozona resident.



Feb. 16 - Abbie Hubbard, Angel D. Suarez, Willa Perry, Lana Sanchez, Abby Zamarripa and Xavier M. Coward

Feb. 17 - John Clayton Childress, Lacey Sanchez, Margart Villarreal, Ray Martinez Jr. and Chris Gregory

Feb. 18 - Naomie Borrego, Joseph Hernandez, Leslie Flores and Philip Munoz

Feb. 19 - Gavina Flores, Jeffery Dylan Sanchez, Inez Ortiz and Lando Pena-Alfaro

Feb. 20 - Matthew Galindo and Raymon Michael Maldonado

Feb. 21 - Alexander Chase Perez, Michael Garcia Jr., Casie Graves and Corey Galindo

Feb. 22 - Gloria Onate and Trinity Collis

To add a name to the birthday list, call 392-2551

Wheeler-Maresch to wed

Johnny Dean and Damion Maresch, along with Hunter Wheeler, would like to announce the engagement of their mom and dad: Surena Wheeler to Stanley Maresch.

Surena is the daughter of Betty Knolb of Sonora and Brent Gagneau of Casper, Wyo.

Johnny is the son of Myron and Pamela Maresch of Ozona.

The wedding is planned for March in Dallas.

Library to host AARP Tax-Aide Program Saturday

By **LOUISE LEDOUX**
Crockett County Librarian

Crockett County Public Library is proud to once again host the AARP Tax-Aide Program from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday or later if needed at 30 minute intervals.

AARP offers free tax help and E-Filing for taxpayers with middle- and low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older.

This program is administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS.

Mr. Ted Lawler, District Coordinator for the AARP Tax-Aide Program, and his volunteers will be in the library all day Saturday, Feb. 19, helping people file their tax returns for 2004.

The tax preparation will be done on computer for e-filing or can be printed for mail-in filing. This Tax-Aide program is aimed at low and medium-income filers and is **By Appointment Only**.

Please bring the following with you when you come:

- * Current year's tax forms and preparation booklet.

- * Copy of last year's income tax returns.

- * W-2 forms from each employer.

- * Unemployment compensation statements.

- * SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security benefits.

- * Any and all 1099 forms showing interest and/or dividends, miscellaneous income, pensions or annuities.

- * All forms indicating federal income tax paid.

- * Dependent care provider information.

- * All receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions.

- * Social Security numbers for all dependents.

Please call the Library at 392-3565 to make an appointment.

Reservations are required to insure quick and efficient service for each person.

Call now or come by the Library at 1201 Ave. G in Ozona to sign up and take advantage of this free one-day-only AARP Tax-Aide Program on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Call now for your appointment. It's quick. It's easy. And, it's free!



Photo by Melissa Perner
RITA RIOS donated her time and blood at the United Blood Services Blood Drive on Feb. 10 at the Crockett County Civic Center. The drive was sponsored by Xi Sigma Omega Sorority.

Fort Stockton to host workshop on rural development and tourism

FORT STOCKTON - Fort Stockton will host a two-day rural development workshop Feb. 23-24 to provide rural communities tips and tools for agricultural diversification and rural tourism.

The workshop is sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Big Bend Region Minority and Small Business Development Center at Sul Ross State University and the Texas Cooperative Extension.

"Sustaining Rural Economics and Lifestyles" will offer hands-on training related to agricultural diversifications, rural entrepreneurship, online tourism promotion and evaluating tourism success.

The two-day workshop will be from 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Wednesday with an evening reception from 5-7 p.m. celebrating historic Fort Stockton. The second day will be from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday. It will be held at the Large Community

Hall located on State Highway 285 South at Rooney Park in Fort Stockton.

Topics to be covered include finance, marketing, alternative lodging, alternative crops, affordable tourism promotions and using the Internet to promote tourism.

Guest speakers include Dr. Ed Mahoney, associate professor and extension specialist at Michigan State University, Judon Fambrough, senior lecturer and attorney at law at the Texas Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, Dr. Jason Johnson with the Texas Cooperative Extension, Carla Lowe, with Carla Lowe Associates, Penny C. Reeh, owner of Indigo Resource Group and Dr. Roger Haanagrill of Sam Houston State University.

Cost for the two-day workshop is \$50 or \$25 for one-day only.

For more information or registration, call the Big Bend Minority and Small Business Development Center at Sul Ross at (432) 837-8694.

Red Hat Society News

By **JULIA HOLMES**
Red Hat Society

The "Scarlett Bonnets" of Ozona had a fun day on Jan. 22 in San Angelo going shopping and eating at Miss Hattie's.

The next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18. We will meet at the intermediate school.

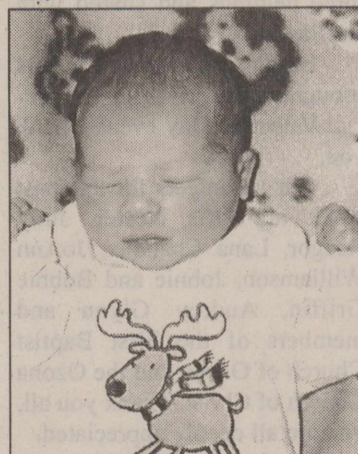
We will be going to San Angelo to have dinner and see the play "Romeo and Juliet" at the Angelo Civic Theatre.

If you are interested in going, please call Diane Gleghorn 392-9105.

Tickets are \$10 and need to be paid in advanced.

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It's a boy

Ashley, Rocky, Jimmy, Sky and Hayden welcomed the birth of their baby brother, John Cole Childress.

John was born Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004 at 11:40 a.m. in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

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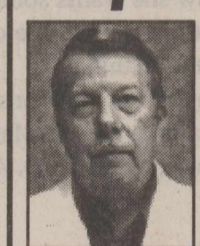
Prospective volunteers must schedule an interview and fill out an application prior to entrance into the training program.

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Levis & Lace News

By **TINA JARVIS**
Levis and Lace
Square Dancer

On Feb. 7, Cody Gotcher and Steve Usener joined us for lessons at the Senior Building.

On Feb. 11, we had our Valentine Dance. Club dancers Leroy and Carol Adcock, Otis Nester, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Jim Couch, Raul and Maria De La Rosa, Jim Brisbin, Brigitte Rogers, Lucy Hinde, Rita Rios, Carol Yeager, Renee Padier and Tina Jarvis danced to caller Roy Lombard from Del Rio.

Two squares danced to calls of Load the Boat, Teacup Chain and the Grand Colonel Spin.

I got the surprise of my life when I was honored with Sweetheart of the Year. My fellow club member voted and actually kept this a secret until Saturday night. I was given roses, a card and balloons.

I was told that they voted

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for me because of the time I put in writing articles each week, planning monthly birthday parties and for helping with the computer work that is done.

Thank all of your for this honor.

Our guest was Mildred Couch. She brought a heart-shaped box of candy.

Buster Miller and Lee and Kelly Aguero from Sonora and John and Nora Geen from the San Angelo Square Dance Club also joined us.

Our next dance will be at 8 p.m. Monday featuring caller Ed Hart from San Angelo at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

Ozona Youth Alliance invites all to Monday meeting

The Ozona Youth Alliance will host a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

The meeting is open to everyone interested in the youth of Ozona.

The meeting will discuss the planning of the Feb. 23 event featuring Kevin Kirkland of Catalyst Ministries.

The performance will be at 6:45 p.m. at the Crockett County Civic Center. Transportation will be provided.

For more information, call Lenny Morrow at 392-8314.

"For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have."

"For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened. But by an equality, now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack - that there may be equality."

2 Corinthians 8: 12-14

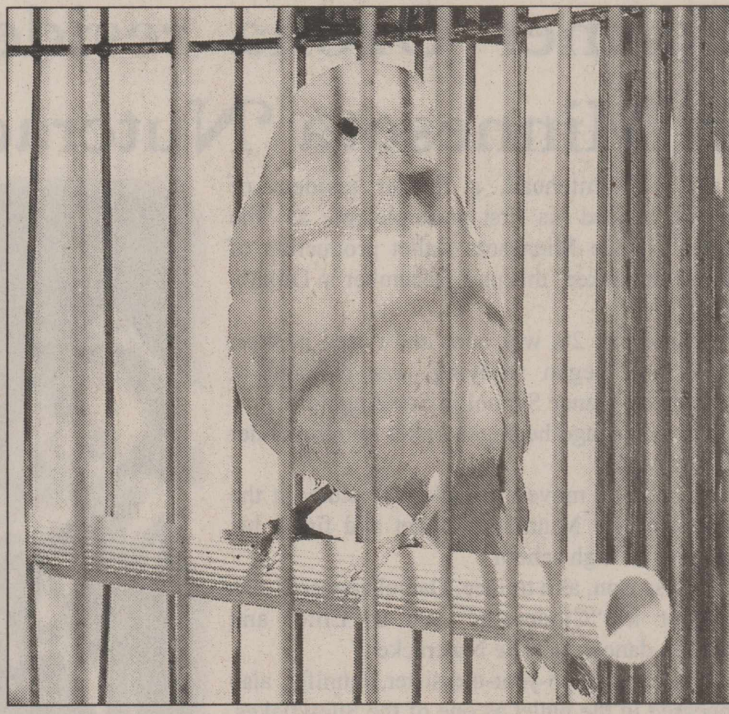


Photo by Susan Calloway

IT'S BIG DADDY'S 12th birthday this month. He is alone with his parents Bill and Allene Townsend at 605 Avenue J. Since Randy, their cocker spaniel dog of 13 years, died and then Lolly, their shepherd dog of 16 years, died on Jan. 25 due to a short illness. They shared almost 12 happy years. The couple misses the boys. The average life span of a parakeet is 2-7 years. Seven years is considered very old.

Ozona Senior Happenings

By **NELL WESTER**
Senior Center Volunteer

The last two days have definitely made me think of spring-time. Someone last week said they saw robins in their backyard. Is that a sign of spring?

It seems that so many of our folk is sick or has been. We miss seeing you. Lefty Walker, one of our faithful, has been in the hospital in San Angelo. We pray for a speedy recovery, Lefty. I hope everyone will take extra good care of themselves.

The Levis and Lace Square Dance group had a good turn out Saturday night. Two squares danced to the calls of Roy Lombard from Del Rio. It was a fun evening.

If you are interested in learning, lessons are being given right now. Just call Carol Adcock. Our next regular dance will be Monday.

Pot luck was extra nice with a big group from the Crockett County Care Center attending. We do appreciate Frances Davis and those who help her taking the time to transport them out here.

Amy Chumney with Intrepid Home Health Care, gave a very nice program.

The next pot luck will be Feb. 23. We will have a program presented by the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley. Make plans to come.

Our exercise group did a new tape today, "Sweating to the Oldies." It was quite different, but everyone seemed to enjoy the different pace.

We still meet at 8:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Afternoon games are on Mondays. Remember our establishment is smoke and alcohol free.

Stop by for coffee and a visit.

The Ozona Stockman e-mail address is: publisher@ozona.com

Obituaries

Minnie Sanchez

Minnie Sanchez, 70, of Ozona, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 at her residence.

Funeral service was Thursday, Feb. 10 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sanchez was born Feb. 27, 1934 in Georgetown, Texas. She was member of the

Catholic Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Delma Calvetti of Del Rio, Judy Sanchez and Josie Sanchez both of Ozona; two sons, Jimmy Sanchez of Ozona and Paul Sanchez of Fort Stockton; three sisters, Lucy Rowland of Odessa, Eloisa Esparza of Lamesa and Mary Gomez of San Antonio; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Doris Alexander Conley

Doris Alexander Conley went to be with the Lord on Monday, Feb. 7, 2005. She was surrounded by family and went very peacefully.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Feb. 9 at the Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

Doris is survived by her daughter, Linda Conley, of Austin; three brothers, J.L. Alexander, of Bronte, Eddie Alexander and wife Earlene, of Bronte and Billy Alexander and wife Rena, of Irving; two sisters, Montie Sanker, of Ozona and Mary Webster, of Ozona. She is also survived by her two grand-nieces, Jayden and Jennifer Alexander, of Robert Lee and Josh Alexander, of Bronte, who regarded "Aunt Doris" as their second grandma.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Monroe and Martha Alexander, of Bronte; a sister, Juanita Alexander, of Bronte and a brother, Norman Alexander, of Bronte.

Doris was born Oct. 20, 1924. She was the third of eight children and graduated from Bronte High School. Shortly after graduating, she began her career at San Angelo National Bank, where she retired in 1986 after working in various positions for 41 years. She was active with the bank retirees and attended their luncheons and other functions.

Doris raised her daughter as a single parent and taught her to be strong, kind and independent. Her daughter was with her every day in the last weeks of her life and will treasure those moments forever.

The family wishes to thank Hospice of San Angelo and the Bronte Nursing Home for their special care. Memorials may be sent to Hospice of San Angelo.

Benefits Counselor from Area Agency on Aging to visit Feb. 23

A Benefits Counselor from the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley will visit Ozona next week.

The program will be from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Crockett County Senior Center.

She will answer questions regarding benefits that may be available to you.

Information regarding Medicare Part D, Medicaid Estate Recovery, assistance with

finding a Prescription Assistance Program, appealing Medicare-denied charges on your hospital/doctor bill or advice needed on legal issues can be discussed.

Bring your Medicare Summary Notice, a list or your medications, or other paperwork for a personal consultation.

For more information, call Nell Wester at 392-5026 or Lynne Alexander in San Angelo at 1-877-944-9666.

Care Center Chatter

By **JAN ST. CLAIR**
Activity Director

It is hard to believe another week has passed by so quickly.

Thursday afternoon, our residents gave our art lady, Johnnie Johnson, the day off. Residents enjoyed the making of their own apple salad and a blended applesauce.

Some residents enjoyed the salad so much that they had three helpings and shared with staff as well.

Employee Anna Yruegas brought bingo prizes for our special Valentine Day event. Thank you.

Our volunteers for this past week are Otis Nester, Judy Reager, Lana Chandler, JoAnn Williamson, Johnnie and Bobbie Griffin, Audrey Glynn and members of the First Baptist Church of Ozona and the Ozona Church of Christ. Thank you all, you are all deeply appreciated.

Our lady residents' hats are

coming along slowly, but we should have them ready for the Easter Holiday.

We could use some plastic lids from any size of containers as we are making wind chimes. If anyone out there can help us out with this project, we would appreciate it.

Parties of the month of March will be on March 17 celebrating St. Patrick's Day and birthdays, and March 24 celebrating Easter. Come join the fun here at the facility with our residents.

Due to two holidays in March, our hallways will be decorated for St. Patrick's Day and Easter to celebrate both occasions. This should really be different from anything we've seen before.

Have you forgotten about something special? We're here waiting for a visit from you all out there.

From our happy home to yours, have a good week.

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Card of Thanks

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone that accompanied us at this most difficult time of sorrow. A special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ramos and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ramos, who helped with the arrangements and planning of our Mom's funeral. I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to everyone that sent food and flowers. To the church choir and the Guadalupanas for the dinner and to Mr. Mike Preddy for the lovely funeral. Thanks to everyone who came from out-of-town to be with us. May God bless each and everyone.
The Family of Minnie Sanchez

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The Pest

She is disciplined and usually well mannered but she has one habit that can sometimes be annoying. She doesn't make a big to do of it but when I am sitting in the big soft chair in the living room and she wants to sit in my lap, whether I want her to or not she pesters me till I give in. I am talking about my daughters little dog. She will come up and sit at my feet very patiently for a long time and if I don't respond or take notice she will gently paw my leg. If I tell her no, she continues to stay there letting me know she wants something. Her persistence usually pays off and there I am reading a book and the dog in my lap. Her actions remind me of a principle or promise in our relationship to God. We may have access and the privilege to ask for certain things.

God tells us to be persistent in our prayers and petitions, (Luke 18:1-8). The Bible tells us to seek God, (Isaiah 55:6). It also tells us to humbly ask or knock, (Psalm 3:4 & 4:1, Matthew 7:7). There is one vital condition; we must have accepted Christ to be near God, (John 9:31, Ephesians 2:12,13). After we accept Him we can come with boldness, (Ephesians 3:12).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<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. 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>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday</p>	
<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 Interim - Ray Valadez 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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Chamber of Commerce awards banquet to feature singing sensations 'The Plaids'

By SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
Chamber Executive Director

Plans for the annual Chamber Awards Banquet are underway.

"We are really excited about our program this year. As always, there are some wonderful people and organizations that will be recognized. Our guests are really going to enjoy themselves. We've lined up some special entertainment and our speaker is going to be tons of fun," said Shanon Biggerstaff, Chamber Executive Director.

The banquet has been scheduled for March 8 and will be held at the Civic Center.

Doors open and the festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a welcome reception.

Chamber Ambassadors and the National Honor Society will greet guests.

If your wondering what the Visitor Center is going to look like on the inside, you will have an opportunity during the reception to view the color boards for the center.

The program will begin with the posting of the colors by Boy Scout Troop #153 who will lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation.

Dinner will be served at 6:30p.m. and a wonderful meal has been planned.

Highlights at the banquet will first of all include the dinner entertainment.

Guests should be prepared for a snappy fun blast from the past featuring "The Plaids."



Submitted photo

THE PLAIDS will perform at the annual Ozona Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held March 8 at the Civic Center.

"The Plaids" were a fictional singing group from the 1960s (as portrayed in the New York Broadway play, "Forever Plaid"), that were busy working up to their first big concert, when they were killed in a car accident by a bus carrying young girls on their way to attend the debut of the "Beatles" on the Ed Sullivan show.

The Plaids have reunited and will perform a few select songs from the Broadway smash!

"The Angelo Civic Theatre produced the play in the fall, selling out every performance. We are in for a treat," said Biggerstaff.

Following dinner The Chamber will recognize its outgoing and incoming directors, and review the 2004 accomplishments and give guests a

look ahead at the challenges for 2005. The Chamber will present six awards honoring individuals and organizations that have contributed to the community.

The Soil & Water Conservation District will also present their Conservation Award.

The evening will end on a very lively note featuring Kathy Keaton, aka "Piccolo" the clown. Piccolo will share with guests how to deal with the many changes and challenges in life we face as well as our attitudes through humor and laughter.

Banquet tickets for individual open seating are \$15 each. Reserved tables of six are \$90. All reservations must be made by March 4.

To make your reservation now, call the Ozona Chamber of Commerce at 392-3737.

DPS spotlights missing persons

The Department of Public Safety has released a Project FindME Top 10 poster that highlights 10 Missing and Endangered individuals, whose cases indicate the possibility of foul play.

DPS Special Crimes Service and its Missing Persons Clearinghouse spearhead Project FindME and believe that the monthly focus on each case may generate public awareness and new leads to help solve these cases.

In addition to the initial release of the poster, DPS will highlight one missing person from the list each month for 10 months.

In 2004, about 69,291 missing and endangered persons were reported and entered into the FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) by

law enforcement agencies in Texas.

As of Dec. 31, 6,927 of those remained on the list of active missing persons cases.

"We believe that someone, somewhere, has information that could help investigators solve these disappearances," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "The families of these missing people deserve to know what happened to their loved ones."

Anyone with information is asked to call the nearest DPS Special Crimes office or the Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243.

Individuals could earn up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of person(s) criminally involved in the disappearance of

one of the missing persons featured on the poster.

The Project FindME list can be found on the DPS website at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/mpch/findme/0tenspot.htm>.

DPS believes that Project FindME may be the first project of its kind in the country to target missing persons in this format.

The Missing Persons Clearinghouse was established by the Texas Legislature in 1985. It serves as a database for law enforcement and the public on missing persons, including disability, endangered, involuntary, juvenile and catastrophe-related disappearances.

The Clearinghouse also serves as a central repository for unidentified deceased and living persons.

Harrell awarded scholarship at Sul Ross

Jason K. Harrell, of Ozona, has been awarded with a Freshman Leadership Program scholarship from Sul Ross State University for the spring 2005 semester.

Harrell was a participant in the university's leadership program.

Williams chosen to work in the State Capitol

COLLEGE STATION - Tom Ben Williams, a 2000 graduate of Reagan County High School and an ag business major at Texas A&M University, recently began a spring 2005 internship in Austin.

Williams will spend the semester as an integral part of House Speaker Tom Craddick's legislative team. Williams just returned from spending the fall semester in Washington, D.C. as an intern in Representative Henry Bonilla's congressional office.

Williams is one of 12 students selected for a legislative internship through the Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Internship Program at Texas A&M.

Williams's duties include monitoring legislation, attending committee hearings and briefings, preparing reports and researching and responding to constituent requests.

Williams is the son of Larry and Elaine Williams of Ozona.

"This internship is an excellent experience for both our students and our legislators. ANRP interns provide valuable assistance to their employers, specifically on agricultural and natural resource issues. In addition, the leadership skills and work experience interns gain is invaluable when searching for a job after graduation," said Dr. Elsa Murano, vice chancellor and dean for agriculture and life sciences at Texas A&M.

The program is in its 15th year of sending students to Austin to work for legislative offices and committees.

Since its inception in 1990, more than 400 Aggies have worked both in Austin and in Washington, D.C. through the program. Each student receives course credit as well as a salary for their internship.

For more information, visit <http://agintern.tamu.edu>.



Tom Ben Williams

COMMISSIONERS: Court approves contract with Pecos County

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Other agenda items approved:

- Final Plan for Deer Canyon Ranch Phase I.
- Preliminary Plan for Deer Canyon Ranch Phase 2.
- Letter of agreement with Beyer & Co. for audit services.
- Bonds for tax assessor-collector, sheriff, county attorney and county/district clerk.
- Contract and agreement with Pecos County for detention of juvenile offenders.
- Bid for paving rock.

Texas agrees to concealed handgun reciprocity with North Dakota

Gov. Rick Perry has signed a proclamation allowing citizens with concealed handgun licenses issued by North Dakota to legally carry concealed handguns in Texas.

Based on this proclamation, North Dakota law allows Texas citizens with concealed handgun licenses to legally carry concealed handguns in North Dakota.

This action has the same effect as a reciprocal agreement.

"In essence, this agreement allows licensed Texans to enjoy the same or similar privileges their licenses give them at home," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr.

This is the 16th reciprocity agreement Texas has reached with another state. (These agreements were made possible by 1997 and 2003 changes to the Texas concealed handgun law.)

Texas also has reciprocity agreements with Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado.

"Texans should remember that laws vary from state to state, and before traveling, license holders should educate themselves about laws in other states that govern where and when they can legally carry their concealed handguns," Davis said.

Second QuickBooks seminar Thursday

The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center will host the second seminar in the QuickBooks series titled: "Basic QuickBooks - Lists, Forms & Registers" from 2-5 p.m. Thursday in Room 117 of the Rassman Building at the ASU campus.

The program will help participants set up a chart of

accounts, customer lists and vendor lists.

This will be a hands-on class, so participants will have the opportunity to enter sales and invoices and pay bills.

It is mandatory that participants be able to perform basic computer skills for the course.

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OHS Varsity Girls sweep singles at Lake View Invitational

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

All three Ozona High School entries in the girls' singles bracket fared exceptionally well at the Lake View Invitational Tennis Tournament, held this past weekend in San Angelo.

Unlike regular tournaments, this tournament was unique in that it is flighted by ladder positions, where all the first positions play against each other all the second positions play in a separate bracket against each other, said Coach Rick Bachman.

"I was really impressed with the outstanding play of everyone on our team as they faced some extremely tough opponents. Snyder, Lakeview and Central are all very deep in talent and their teams are strong throughout their ladders. Wall, Eldorado, Brady and Estacado also had some very talented tennis players as well," Bachman said. "Coach Phillips from Snyder was also impressed with our team and told me that we could compete and beat many 3A teams. I took this as a high complement from a veteran tennis coach who has taken many teams and individuals to the regional and state levels."

Lady Lion Jenna Henderson was in the first position in the girls' singles bracket. She breezed through her matches, without giving up a set, Bachman said.

Henderson won her first match over Kim Samaniego of Eldorado, 6-2, 6-2. Henderson then went on to defeat Leisel Waterhouse of Wall, 6-0, 6-1 in the semifinals.

Henderson claimed victory of her flight with a victory over Kalli

Wesson of Snyder, 6-3, 6-0. In the second flight, Jessica Moore beat Megan Crisp of Snyder, 6-3, 6-2 in the semifinals and then she had to face her teammate Hilary Huffman in the finals. Moore defeated Huffman, 6-2, 6-2.

Huffman had defeated Farow Ramirez of Lubbock Estacado in her first match, 6-2, 6-2. She then beat Barbara Coty of Central, 6-0, 6-2 in the semi-finals before losing to Moore and receiving the runner-up title.

In the girls' first position doubles division, Patsy Larson and C.J. Graves lost their first round match to a Lake View duo, 6-3, 6-3.

The Ozona pair then defeated a duo from Estacado, 8-0 in the consolation semi-finals and won the consolation bracket over a Brady pair by default.

Kristin Bunger and Kyann Kothman played in the second position bracket where they lost to a Wall duo, 6-3, 6-3. The Lady Lion pair then received a bye to the consolation finals where they lost a close match to an Eldorado team, 8-4.

"I was totally pleased with the girls as they played some fantastic tennis. This was Jessica (Moore) and Hilary's (Huffman) first tournament as they just finished basketball last Tuesday and they played some great tennis," Bachman said. "C.J. (Graves) and Patsy (Larson) are also beginning to play really well and I am expecting them to get better and better. Kyann (Kothman) and Kristen (Bunger) were remarkable and continue to gain valuable experience with each match they play."

In the boys' doubles, all the

first and second positions played in the same bracket.

Jeff Gillit and Jared Espino defeated a Brady duo, 6-2, 6-2 in their first match and then defeated a pair from Snyder, 7-5, 7-5 in the quarter-finals.

They then beat a Central duo, 6-4, 6-7, 10-7, to place them in the finals where they defeated another Central team, 6-3, 6-3, for the title.

Ruben Talamantez and Jared Bird lost a very close first round match, 3-6, 6-3, 10-2, to a Snyder pair. The Ozona duo then defeated a pair from Brady, 8-1, in the consolation quarter-finals and then defeated an Eldorado pair, 8-4, in the consolation semi-finals.

Bird and Talamantez lost 8-6 to a Snyder pair in the consolation finals.

In the boys' singles first position bracket, Roland Galindo lost to Scott Motl of Central, 6-3, 6-3 in his first match. Galindo then defeated Daniel Burk of Snyder 8-2 in the consolation semi-finals and then defeated Josh Frazier of Lake View, 8-1, to win the consolation bracket.

Joseph Tambunga also played in this bracket where he won his first match over Frazier of Lake View, 6-3, 4-6, 10-7. Tambunga then lost a close match to Justin Box of Wall, 3-6, 6-0, 10-6.

David Ray Casarez played in the second position bracket where he won his first match over Omar Alcala of Snyder, 6-4, 6-3, before dropping his second match, 6-2, 6-0, to Steven Manahan of Estacado.

"The boys also did a great job and they gained much needed tournament play. Jeffery (Gillit) and Jared (Espino) were just fantastic as they played some outstanding tennis throughout the tournament. Ruben (Talamantez) and Jared (Bird) played well and will continue to improve, as this was only their second time to play together this year. Roland (Galindo) also beat some quality players and his only loss was to the eventual champion who is very solid player. David Ray (Casarez) and Joseph (Tambunga) also played well and fought hard in both of their matches," Bachman said. "Our season is really just beginning, so I am very excited about our remaining schedule as I expect the players to improve as they continue to work hard and compete against each other. Our district is without doubt the toughest 2A district in the entire state in tennis, and the kids are very aware of this and what it is going to take to advance to the Regional Tournament this year."



Photo by Joe Hernandez

PLACING IN THE LAKEVIEW INVITATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT this past weekend are: (l. to r.) C.J. Graves and Patsy Larson - consolation winners of girl's first position doubles; Jenna Henderson - winner of girl's first position singles; Hilary Huffman - second place in girl's second position singles; Jessica Moore - winner of girl's second position singles; Roland Galindo - consolation winner of boy's first position singles and Jeff Gillit and Jared Espino - winner of boy's doubles.

Lions defeat Junction in overtime district game

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

In a close district match up, the Varsity Lions defeated the Junction Eagles 61-56 in overtime on Feb. 11.

Scoring for the Lions was: Matt McGuire 19; Levi Vargas 16; Trey Collis 9; Nick Perez 6; Justin Galan 5; David Esparza 2; Tate Collis 2 and Zane Coates 2. Three-point goals - Vargas 2; Trey Collis 1 and McGuire 1.

Other individual statistics: Esparza 1 assist and 1 rebound; Trey Collis 2 assists, 4 rebounds and 2 steals; Tate Collis 1 assist and 1 rebound; Galan 2 assists, 2 rebounds and 1 steal; Coates 1 rebound; Perez 3 assists, 3 rebounds and 4 steals; Vargas 2 assists, 2 rebounds and 1 steal and McGuire 3 assists, 7 rebounds and 2 steals.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 9 20 9 12 10 - 61; Junction - 13 4 15 17 7 - 56.

"This was a good win for

these guys. This game epitomized the attitude these guys have had all season. When bad things happen they just keep on digging," said Coach Lynn Sears. "We had a 49-46 lead with five seconds remaining in regulation, Junction hits a long three-point on the buzzer to send us in overtime. When our players came to the bench they were fired up about getting to play four more minutes. Everyone scored and played good defense. In overtime we stepped up the level of play out scoring the Eagles 12-7. Matt (McGuire) and Levi (Vargas) had a good scoring game and Matt (McGuire) and Trey (Collis) did a great job on the boards. Our free throws probably had more to do with the win than any other aspect. We were 17 of 20 from the line, and 10 of 11 during the overtime."

The Varsity Lions lost to the Mason Punchers, 55-70, on Feb. 8.

Scoring for the Lions was: Trey Collis 13; Tate Collis 9; Galan 4; Coates 2; Perez 5; Vargas

9; Drew Clayton 2 and McGuire 11. Three-point goals - Trey Collis, Tate Collis and Vargas 1 each.

Other individual statistics: Esparza 1 rebound; Trey Collis 4 rebounds and 2 steals; Tate Collis 1 rebound; Galan 3 rebounds and 1 steal; Coates 1 rebound; Perez 4 rebounds and 4 steals; Vargas 1 rebound and 1 steal; Clayton 5 rebounds and McGuire 7 rebounds and 3 steals.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 15 17 15 8 - 55; Mason - 20 13 17 20 - 70.

"These guys played a great game. We had several score from the floor. It was a fast pace game with little time to rest," Sears said. "At one point we were down by 12 points and battled back and went up one point. We turned the ball over too many time in the fourth period and Mason took advantage of it. Super effort against a very talented team."

The Lions are 11-14 overall and 4-9 in district play.

JV Tennis Team plays well at Lake View

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The OHS Junior Varsity tennis team traveled to Lake View this past Thursday to participate in the Lake View Invitational Tennis Tournament.

"For many of the younger players this provided an excellent experience for them to get their first taste of high school tennis," said Coach Rick Bachman.

OHS had six girls doubles teams entered in the tournament and they all played extremely well in the consolation bracket, Bachman said.

Diane Hernandez and Lanell Garcia lost in the first round 8-5 to a Miles pair, and then went on to secure wins over a Wall duo 8-4, teammates Ashley Anderson and Isabel Aguilar 8-6 and teammates Rebecca Enriquez and Cristy Dominguez 8-5 to win the consolation division.

Anderson and Aguilar lost in the first round to a Menard pair 8-3, and then defeated teammates Leandra Benson and Melony Moran 8-2 before losing to Hernandez and Garcia.

Benson and Moran lost their first match 8-1 to a Sweetwater duo, and then they lost to Anderson and Aguilar in their next round.

Enriquez and Dominguez lost to a Sweetwater pair 8-4 in their first match, and then they defeated a Miles duo 8-3 and teammates Paloma Taylor and Puja Bhakta 9-8 before falling to Hernandez and Garcia in the consolation finals.

Taylor and Bhakta lost to a Central duo before defeating teammates Dana Moran and Libby Martinez 8-3 before losing to Enriquez and Dominguez.

Moran and Martinez lost their first match 8-0 to a Wall pair, and then they lost to Taylor and Bhakta.

Amber Batura defeated Sara Kashan of Sweetwater 9-7 in her first round of girls' singles before losing to Shelby Sides of Wall 6-1, 6-0.

Park Preddy won her first match 8-6 over Brooklyn Cmerok of Miles before losing her second 6-4, 7-6 to Molly Johnson of Central.

Heather Price received a first round bye, and then lost to Doyle of Wall 6-1, 6-2. She then lost her consolation match 8-1 to Cmerok of Miles.

Jorge Siller represented OHS in boys' singles where he lost his first match 8-2 to Kenneth Gunnels of Menard. He then defeated Jacob Gamel of Sweetwater 9-7 before losing to Jesse Melendez of Sweetwater 8-1 in the consolation semi-finals.

"This was a great experience for these players as they were able to compete against so very good tennis players from other schools. The more tennis they can play under tournament conditions, the better they will be when the pressure is on them. I am proud of the way they played, but more importantly, the way they conducted themselves both on and off the court."

March 4	Junction	March 24	Sonora
March 11	Reagan County	April 7	District Meet @ Grape Creek

Date	Event	Place	Time
Feb. 28	Dual Meet-Eldorado	Ozona	4:00 p.m.
March 1	Tri-Meet (Eldorado, Sonora)	Eldorado	4:00 p.m.
March 8	Dual Meet-Wall	Ozona	4:30 p.m.
March 19*	Sonora Tourney	Sonora	8:00 a.m.
March 25*	Ozona Tourney	Ozona	8:00 a.m.
April 2**	District Zone Tourney	Big Lake	8:00 a.m.

**Due to the size of our district (8 team) and the number of entries in the tournament, the district has been zoned into two sections. Our zone includes Reagan County, Eldorado, Sonora, and Ozona.

Lady Lions complete season with loss to Mason

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Varsity Lady Lions wrapped up the 2004-2005 season with a 41-55 loss to Mason on Feb. 8.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Hilary Huffman 8; Taylor Oglesby 2; Ashley Unger 10; Malorie Moran 2; Heather Ybarra 6; Frankie Skinner 2 and Casey Ybarra 11. Three-point goals -

Huffman 2. Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 10 14 9 - 41; Mason - 8 17 16 14 - 55.

The Lady Lions finished 12-19 overall and 3-11 in district play.

JV Lady Lions finish against Wall, Mason

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lady Lions finished their season in two tough matches against Wall and Mason.

On Feb. 4, Ozona lost to Wall 18-36.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Peyton Fenton 3; Adrienne Bendele 3; Kasey Gray 1; Cecilia Rivera 4; Allie Bean 3; Tori Miller

2 and Sara Dorrough 2.

Score by quarters: Ozona 0 5 5 8 - 18; Wall - 3 4 12 16 - 36.

Ozona lost to Mason 12-24 on Feb. 8.

JV Gold Lions wrap-up season with victories over Sonora, Eldorado

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The JV Gold Lions wrapped up the season with wins over Sonora and Eldorado.

The Lions stomped the Broncos with a 37-22 victory on Jan. 31.

Scoring for the Lions was: Mark Tambunga 9; A.J. Montanez 7; Ethan Moore 6; Aaron Pearl 5; Abel Villarreal 4; Alan Lozano 4 and J.T. Tijerina 2. Also playing was Parrish Aiguier.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 10 8 9 10 - 37; Sonora 6 3 6 7 - 22.

"We got off to a good start and it just carried on through the game," said Coach David Delgado. "One thing we have stressed the whole year has been

defense, the boys had a great defensive effort as they have all year."

The Lions were victorious again with a one-point victory, 34-33, over the Eldorado Eagles.

Scoring for the Lions was: Montanez 10; Villarreal 9; Moore 8; Tambunga 3; Lozano 2 and Aiguier 2. Also playing was Tijerina, Josh Smith and Pearl.

"This game put an exciting and fun end to a good season," Delgado said. "Our shots just were not falling early, but the boys made up for it with hustle and good defense. In the third quarter Eldorado came out hot and scored the first eight points of the second half. But the guys just kept playing hard and pulled off the win at the end."

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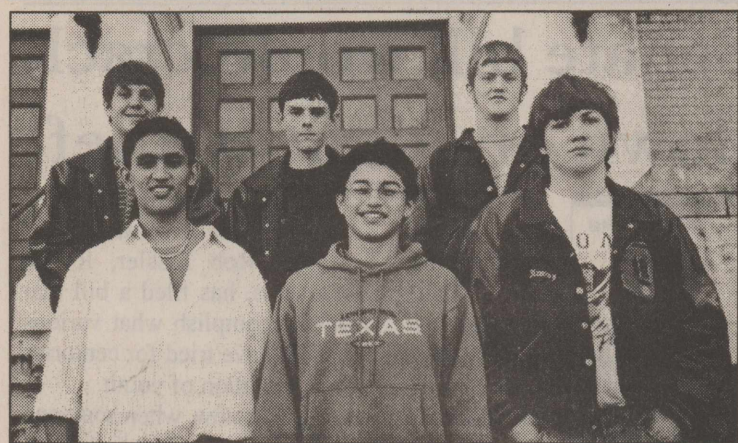


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THE OZONA HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC COMPETITION TEAM placed during the 2005 Area 5 Small Schools Academic Competition this past weekend in Hamilton. The group will compete at the state meet April 10 in Belton.

Academic Competition Team places at area, advances to state meet in April

Ozona High School students competed in the 2005 Area 5 Small Schools Academic Competition on Feb. 13 in Hamilton.

The team of Paarth Raj, Eric Fierro and Jimmy Tebbetts placed third, while the team of Jared Bird, Dean Wadsworth and Ross Kelley placed fourth.

There were 11 teams total with the top five advancing to the state meet April 10 at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton.

The Ozona teams also brought home \$1,700 in scholarships.

If the teams place at the state meet, they will be eligible for more scholarship money.

Students are raising funds for Jump Rope For Heart

The students of Ozona Primary School are jumping at a chance to help fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's number one and number three killers.

On Feb. 24, the school will hold its annual Jump Rope For Heart event. Students will jump rope to raise funds for the American Heart Association's cardiovascular research and educational programs. Jump Rope For Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Jump Rope For Heart teaches participants about the impor-

tance of a healthy lifestyle. The event empowers children as they provide vital community service and discover that they can make a difference. At the same time, students enjoy being part of a team while jumping into the spirit of this fun-filled event.

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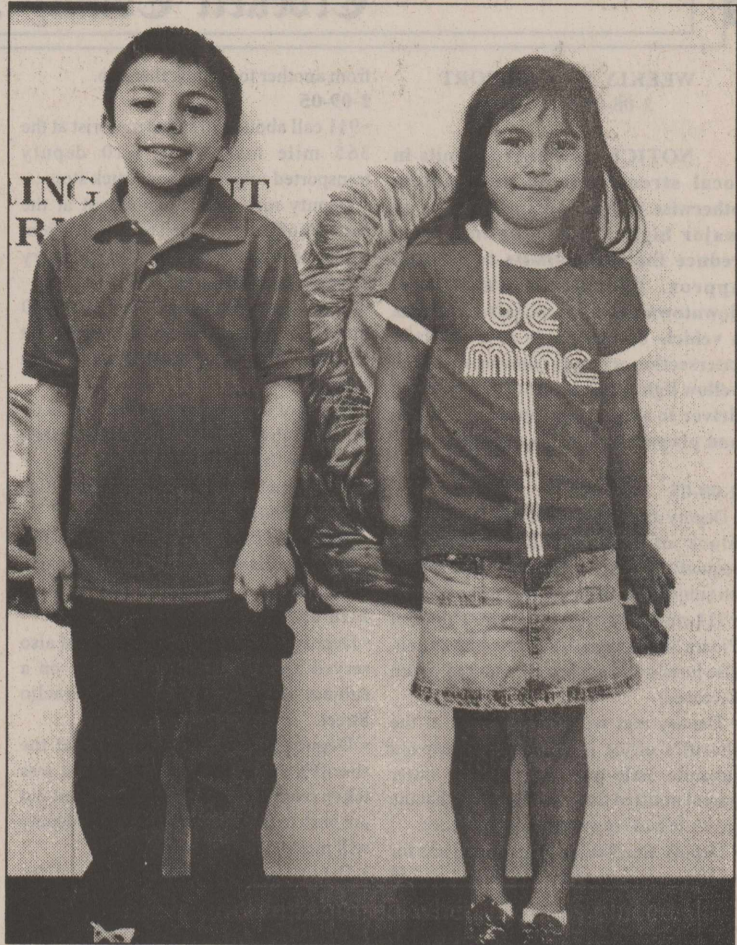


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SECOND-GRADER RICKY PORRÁS (left) and **FIRST-GRADER NARDA AGUILAR** were the winners in the 2004-2005 District VIII Texas State Garden Club poster contest. Ricky and Narda took home first place in the Woodsy Owl category. Their posters will now be sent to be judged at the state competition.

TENNIS: Galindo to try playing singles this year

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go it alone as a singles player with hopes of heading back to the state tournament.

"Mason is going to be a challenge. They have such a good team program and lots of tradition out there," Galindo said. "It's going to be tough at district this year."

Galindo said he is also dedicating this season to his parents.

"They have been there every second for me and I love them to death," he said.

On the doubles side, senior Jared Bird and Ruben Talamantez are hoping to get to state as well. The duo made it to the regional

tournament last year.

"My serve has always been my weakest point, so I'm really focusing on that this year," Bird said.

A new addition to the district meet this year will be mixed doubles featuring boys and girls playing together for the first time on the same tennis team.

The tournament at district will be strictly exhibition and the winners will not advance on this year, but in 2006 players will have a chance to advance past the district level, Bachman said.

"It opens the door for other kids to play and just gives everyone another chance," he said.

Seventh Grade Lions lose close game

By MELISSA PERNER Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lions lost to the Eldorado Eagles, 13-17, on Feb. 7.

Scoring for the Lions was: Matthew Fay 4; Dylan Castillo 2; Jaron Vasquez 3 and Kurtlan Reyes 4.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 3 4 2 4 - 13; Eldorado - 4 3 6 4 - 17.

The kids worked hard all season and were great to work with," said Coach Benny Granger.

"They improved each week and hopefully they have developed a love for the game. I enjoyed working with each one of them. This is a fine group of young men."

The Seventh Grade Lions finished the season 6-8.



Submitted photo

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DISTRICT FREE THROW WINNERS competed this past weekend at the Davidson Gymnasium.

Ozona youth clean up at Knights of Columbus District Free Throw contest

Youth from Ozona and Eldorado competed this past weekend in the Knights of Columbus District Free throw Competition in Ozona.

Winner will advance to the Regional Competition on March 6 in Wall.

The results are as follows: 10 year-olds - Kelsie Dean free throws out of 25

attempts; Jeffery Sanchez 16/25.

11 year-olds - Stacie Quioz 10/25; Anthony Delgado 18/25.

12 year-olds - Libby Moore 15/25; Dylan Castillo 15/25.

13 year-olds - Cristina Rodriguez 17/25; Freddy Veloz 18/25.

14 year-olds - Morgan Glosson 18/25; Joseph Turnbull, of Eldorado, 19/25.



Submitted Photo

LOVE WAS IN THE AIR at Ozona High School this past Monday as we play "Where's Sheba?" with this photo.

Eighth Grade Lions lasso Broncos

By MELISSA PERNER Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lions defeated Sonora 29-19 in basketball action on Jan 31.

"This was a good win for the young Lions," said Coach Benny Unger.

Scoring for the Lions was: Daniel Gonzales 5; Steven Silva 2; Matthew Garza 17; Jonathan Flores 3 and Matias Gandar 2.

"The young Lions played a great game defensively holding Sonora to only 19 points for the game," Unger said.

Playing in the game were Matias Gandar, Jordan Dehoyos, Matthew Garza, Fabian Onate, Daniel Gonzales, Devon Diehl, Jesse Ramos, Nathan Knox, Matthew Komechak, Josh Smith, Latham Ducote, Steven Silva, Jonathan Flores and Ruben Rivas.



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller

STACY SILVA drives toward the basket against Eldorado. Silva led the eighth grade Lady Lions in scoring with 13 points.

Eighth Grade Lady Lions finish year with close match against Eldorado

By MELISSA PERNER Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions wrapped up the season with a 25-28 loss to Eldorado Feb. 7.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Christina Rodriguez 5; Samantha Torres 2; Stacy Silva 13; Kendra Pratt 2 and Crystal Gonzalez 3.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 5 6 8 6 - 25; Eldorado 12 2 10 4 - 28.

The Lady Lions lost to Sonora 19-30 on Jan. 31.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Rodriguez 5; Melissa Miller 2; Silva 10 and Pratt 2.

Score by quarters: Ozona 5 4 7 3 - 19; Sonora - 4 12 4 10 - 30. Ozona lost to Reagan County 17-22 on Jan. 24.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Moran 1; Miller 4 and Silva 12.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 3 6 4 - 17; Reagan County - 7 5 8 2 - 22.

On Jan. 20-22, the Lady Lions competed in the Reagan County Tournament in Big Lake. Ozona lost 20-32 to Reagan County in their first game.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Moran 1; Rodriguez 6; Kara Bird 2; Silva 7 and Pratt 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 4 3 8 - 20; Reagan County - 8 8 10 6 - 32.

The Lady Lions won their second game against McCamey by a score of 19-18.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Moran 1; Rodriguez 4; Bird 2 and Silva 12.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 6 5 4 - 19; McCamey - 2 2 9 5 - 18.

Also playing in the games was Sarah Lott, Chelsea Spence, Jasmine Moran and Alysha Lara.

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The Crockett County Comsioners' Court will hold a public meeting on Monday, March 14, 2005, 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom located in the Crockett County Courthouse Annex at which time a citizen has the right to protest the county's claim of public interest in a road included on the map. A person may also file a written protest with the County Judge at any time prior to the public meeting.

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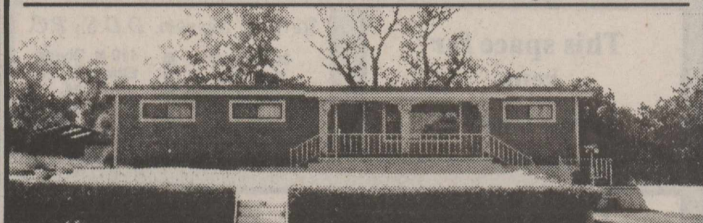
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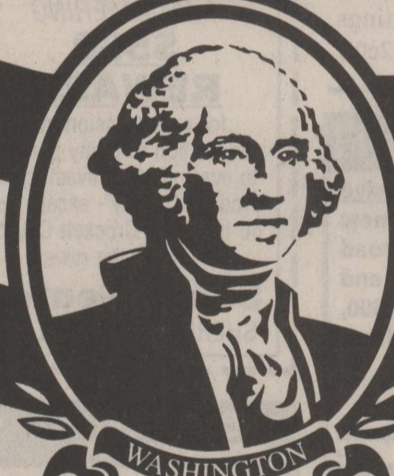
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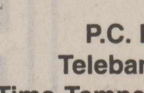
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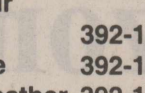
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