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Date		Hi	Lo	Rain	
Dec.	05	50	23	-0-	
Dec.	06	57	21	-0-	
Dec.	07	43	25	-0-	
Dec.	08	36	14	-0-	
Dec.	09	52	10	-0-	
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Dec.	11	61	27	-0-	
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Wednesday	Thursday
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Sunny	Mostly Sunny

LO 28 Sunny	Mostly Sunn	
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Hi 48	Hi 49	
Lo 30	Lo 29	

Few Showers Light Rain/Sleet

Forecast information provided The Weather Channel

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What's A dream come true

Local woman visits the Holy Land, fulfills lifelong desire

By MELISSA PERNER Editor and Publisher

Throughout her life, Rita Rios has experienced many

Like most people, she has dealt with ups and downs, praise and disappointments, but no matter what direction her life was going she kept the dream of one day traveling across the ocean to see the Holy Land.

On Oct. 31, 2005, Rios landed in Tel Aviv, making her dream a reality.

"It felt like a dream and even now it still feels surreal," she said. "I just can't believe I was there, the Holy Land. Where Jesus, the Son of God, himself, walked, talked, cried, went out on boats, slept...I got to do the same."

Traveling with a group on one of the John Hagee Ministries Pilgrim Tours, Rios was placed on the Gold Bus. This bus was mostly occupied by handicapped people in wheelchairs, but that didn't let these travelers slow them down.

"I thought the neatest part of the whole tour was our bus," she said. "We all just had this desire to be there, and we ended up doing more than the other buses did."

The 11-day trip took Rios to many of the historical and Biblical spots of the country, including the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, being Baptized in the Jordan River, Mount Carmel, the Mount of Olives, Mount Zion, floating in the Dead Sea, the Western Wall and the Garden Tomb where Jesus was resurrected.

Rios said that the whole time she was there, she never felt any fear even on the day they walked down Via Dolorosa, the way that Jesus went to Calvary wearing the crown of thorns and dragging the cross of crucifixion.

"You have to remember this is a Muslim occupied country," she said. "We had to walk with men but I felt very safe."

Rios also said she was fascinated with the architecture of the country and how the houses looked like "rocks or stair steps" built on top of each other.

In order for Rios to take the trip, she knew she would have last April, prayed about it and figured out that she could have the money by August.

By the first week of June, she had her money.

then they would say 'here's might have been prolonged." something for you' and it was









Photos courtesy of Rita Rios to save her money. She started SIGHTS OF ISRAEL (from top to bottom): Ozona resident Rita Rios waits in line to be Baptized in the Jordan River. The Western Wall, also known as the Kotel or the Wailing Wall. Rios praying at the Western Wall. Inside the Garden Tomb where Jesus was resurrected.

money," she said. "I know that ing her money again so she can "People who did not know without the many friends and fam- go back in 2008. me would pass through and I ily members, prayers, monetary would be talking to them, and gifts and other support, my dream you. Words cannot express my

Rios said she has started sav- you all," Rios said.

"Toda (thank you) to all of gratitude. May the Lord Bless

Commissioners reinstate burn ban, adopt order on fireworks

By MELISSA PERNER Editor and Publisher

ban during Monday's monthly nation, commonly known as "dis-second Monday of the month. meeting. The ban will be in affect play fireworks." for 30 days.

tain fireworks in Crockett County. a fine not to exceed \$500. The order states that "no person ed area of Crockett County.

The order does not prohibit: common fireworks, small in size acres north of San Angelo on Dec. that are considered "consumer 3 destroying four structures. The fireworks" that are less than 4 gms fire spread rapidly due to the dry propellant, and casings less than conditions.

the 5/8-inch x 3 1/2-inch overall length, or large fireworks that are bids on the new swimming pool. devices designed primarily to pro-The Crockett County Comis- duce visible or audible effects by dates for the 2006 Commissioners' sioners voted to reinstate the burn combustion, deflagration or deto- Court meetings to be held every

way use fireworks as 'skyrockets vice due to the amount of dry grasswith sticks' and 'missiles with fins' es, weeds and other vegetation that in any portion of the unincorporation is dead and dormant from hard freezes and drought conditions.

Commissioners also authorized The Commissioners approved

County Holidays approved Violaters of the ban could for 2006 wil be - President's Day The commissioners also face the charge of a Class C Mis- Feb. 20; Good Friday April 14; adopted an order prohibiting cer- demeanor which is punishable by Memorial Day May 29; Fourth of July July 4; Labor Day Sept. 4; The ban comes at the recom- Thaksgiving Day Nov. 23-24; may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any mendation of the Texas Forest Ser- Christmas Dec. 25-26 and New Year's Dec. 29 and Jan. 1

Other items approved:

· Deferred compensation plan. • Resolution of Appreciation. A fire burned more than 400 for Anadelia Fierro, Beatrice Vargas, Inez Ortiz, Domingo Perez

> and Cecilia Longoria. amendments.

Hearne files for re-election

James M. (Jim) Hearne has filed for re-election as Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, Crockett County in the Democratic Primary, in March 2006.

I have held this office for 15 years and ask the citizens of Crockett County to support me with your vote.

I have resided in Ozona for 37 years. My wife, Mary Jo, and I have 4 grown children, who graduated from High School here. James, lives in Crosby, N.D., Robert, lives in Eagle Pass, Texas, Jo Anne, lives in Mansfield, Texas

I take pride in Ozona and Crockett County. I treat every person who has business with my court with courtesey and fairness.



I thank you for your past supand Sandra, lives in San Angelo, port and ask for your vote in the March Primary.

Sincerely, James M. Hearne Political advertisement paid for by James M. (Jim) Hearne, P.O. Box 354, Ozona, Texas 76943

Santa Claus to be at the gazebo Friday for pictures

Santa Claus will be on hand at 3 p.m. Friday at the gazebo in the town square for pictures.

He will also hear all Christmas wishes from every boy and girl.

Remember, he knows who has been naughty and nice!

The event is sponsored by the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.

Ozona school bands to host Christmas concert Thursday night

The Ozona school bands will the Snowman" and "Christmas in peform their annual Christmas the Kitchen." concert at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Fair Park Convention Center.

Ozona Middle School and the Christmas Canon."

Ozona High School bands.

on the Housetop."

The eighth grade band will perform "Christmas for Clari-The concert will feature the nets," "Christmas Magic" and "A

The high school band will The sixth grade band will be perform "Holiday Swing Apeforming "Jingle Bells" and "Up long," "Carol of the Bells/Greensleeves." "Pachelbel's Christ-The seventh grade band will mas" and "Themes from The perform "African Noel," "Frosty Nutcracker."

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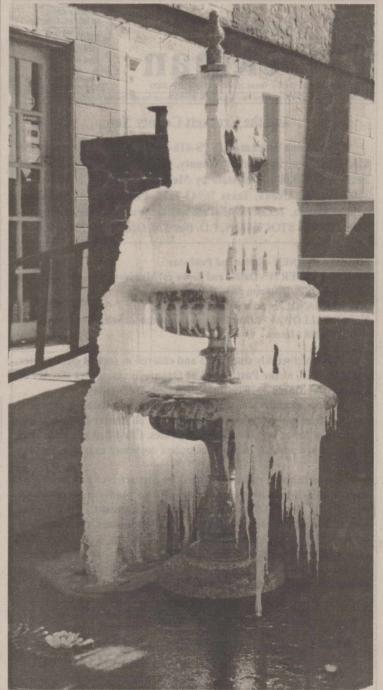


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• End of the year budget FROZEN FOUNTAIN outside Pepe's Cafe. The temperatures dropped to around 14 degrees on Dec. 8, with the high reaching only 36.

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Christmas, a time for memories

Christmas is a time of celealso be a sad time.

ing this time of celebration often we will see them again. puts a sense of despair and lost

Christmas Day when my grandmother passed away. I also remember the Christmas Days in the years to come. Those were the spend the holidays. hardest but as a family we all managed to stick together.

still managed to hang on to some loved to see my smiling face. of the old ones.

ones we most like to talk about.

bration, but to many of us it can that we've lost. The good times we had with them and the hope the The loss of loved ones dur- remains in our heart that one day

At Christmas, it's easy to behope mixed in with the joy and come sad when thinking of lost loved ones. It's easy to get down I remember being so upset on and wish for past holiday celebra-

loved ones would like for us to

my grandmothers would want me Ozona United Methodist Church. We took vacations, celebrat- crying on Christmas. Both of ed with new traditions, but we also them use to tell me how much they

Then there were the memo- Christmas season, take time to reries, both good and bad. The fun- member the ones we've lost, as we ny ones that made us laugh are the celebrate with the ones we love around us.



Henry Bonilla 23rd District, Texas

What happens when Santa doesn't come?

When I was growing up, my ing all of the toys. parents didn't have a lot of mon-

have done something to get on the money for Santa to come. thewrong side of Santa.

ten, there were always presents.

That year, 1964, things were next job. harder than usual. By then our family had grown to include five my son and daughter have never children, including me. My dad ing, subtracting, and dividing the wanted.

About two weeks before

"Henry," she said, "you're the oldest, so you should know what's happening. It looks like we're not stand."

ing this year?

The next two weeks went faster than I would have wanted. Suddenly, it was Christmas Eve.

The next morning, as I was ey. I was nearly 12 before I real- just waking up, I heard my brothized that not all moms and dads er Nate shout. I ran into the next hold down two or three jobs a room. There, in the corner, was a Christmas tree, standing about I know my parents must have four feet tall with shiny red, blue it be?' dreaded Christmas. When you're and yellow balls on it. But that that Santa Claus brings toys only most. Under the tree were preto good little boys and girls. If you sents! There were new coats, don't get much under the tree on games, and dolls for my sisters.

My throat tightened as I A tree was a luxury we thought about the extra shifts couldn't always afford at Christ- mom must have taken, and the mas. But, until the year I turned nights when dad could barely sleep before heading off to the

Now, 37 Christmases later, gone to sleep on Christmas Eve would stay up late at night, add- afraid that Santa's forgotten them.

But that doesn't mean we bills in a crazy kind of math that haven't tried to show them what never gave him the answers he it's like for other children who aren't as lucky as they are.

Every year, Project "Any Christmas, my mom took me Baby Can" here in San Antonio give their kids the Christmas they deserve. The families that Project going to be able to buy any pre- ABC helps all have children with sents this year. I need you to help expensive medical problems. One your brothers and sisters under- year, our family was matched with I nodded, but inside I was age who had muscular dystrophy. dog. worried. How do you tell a five Our family goes out and buys preyear old that Santa won't be com- sents we think the children (and their parents) will like. We also bring them everyday things like canned food or pots and pans.

We're not the only family That evening, my mom made her who plays Santa. Today, there are famous tamales and bunellas. dozens of charities that try to Dad read the Christmas story, and make sure that "all" good girls and we sang a few songs. But I no- boys have a Merry Christmas. ticed my brothers and sisters They do it not because of some weren't as excited as usual. They'd rule or regulation the government rope off a dog. been warned days before that has passed. They do it because there were lots of kids in the they care about their fellow Amer-

tory was having a hard time mak- and our country are all about. COMMUNITO CAMBRIDAR

Dec. 14 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. • Pot luck luncheon, noon at the Senior Center.

Dec. 15 - JV Lady Lions and Lions in the Kermit JV Tournament.

· Ozona school bands Christmas Concert, 6 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center.

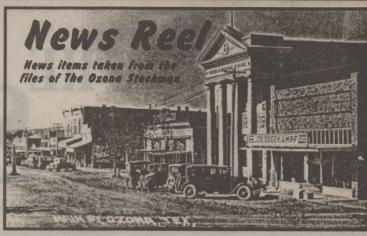
• Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building on 797 Avenue D.

Dec. 16 - Santa Claus pictures, 3 p.m. at the gazebo in the town square. · JV Lady Lions and Lions in the Kermit JV Tournament.

• JV and Varsity Lady Lions vs. Junction at the Davidson Gymnasium. Dec. 17 - JV Lady Lions and Lions in the Kermit JV Tournament. Dec. 18 - Christmas Cantata, 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Ozona. Dec. 19 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

• Care Center Christmas Party, 7 p.m. at the Care Center. Dec. 19-30 - Ozona schools closed for Christmas holidays. Dec. 20 - JV and Varsity Lady Lions and Lions vs. Grape Creek, 5

p.m. at Grape Creek. Dec. 21 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.



NEWS REEL DEC. 11, 1975

Catrina Russell, Ozona High School senior, was the winner of the Voice of Democracy speech contest. Miss Russell was selected out of six finalists. The other finalists were: Richard Cardona, Cynthia Badillo, Jennifer Nicholas, Debbie Taylor and Lupe Tambunga.

Cynthia Lucille Harrell, daugh-This is not how I believe are ter of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Harrell, became the bride of Robert James Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rob-In fact, I know neither one of ert G. Hodges, on Dec. 4 at the

Louise Perner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Perner, was inducted As we gather around this into the Angelo State University chapter of Sigma Tau Delta last week.

NEWS REEL DEC. 12, 1946

Mrs. H.B. Tandy and Mills are visiting relatives in Abilene.

Winter range prospects, dimmed by prolonged summer drouth and moistureless fall, were brightened this week with one to three inches of rainfall throughout

The annual football banquet was held in the homemaking rooms of the high school, with girls of the department, under the direction of Miss Francis Willms, providing an excellent turkey dinner for the occasion. Football queen, Lillian Schneemann, and her attendant, Jerry Leatherwood, were special

It's the Pitts By Lee Pitts

talking sports over a cup of co- to do with it?" coa when he asked, "If you were Pet) around the ranch what would

"ReRide, that's the first little, everybody's quick to tell you wasn't what surprised me the thought-provoking thing to come out of your mouth since I've known you. I think we can eliminate some animals from conten-Christmas morning, you must Somehow, my parents had found tion for MVP right away, like the factor," said ReRide. "A dog is killing the occasional mouse." any horse. My dog rides in the cab

itive characteristic that I like," pondered ReRide. At least they cover up after they go to the bathroom. I wish my cows would do

"Speaking of cows, I think we can also exclude them as MVP

"How about the chicken?" asked ReRide in a voice that grated like a rusty hinge.

"I swear ReRide you are dumber than a box of hair. You matches us with a family that might as well have a pet rock for doesn't have enough money to all the hard work and affection you're going to get out of poultry. No. I think the competition for the most valuable pet boils down to either the dog or the horse."

"Well then," proclaimed Rea family that had a boy my son's ride, "it would have to be the could hide and pretend not to be

"Hold your horses a minute there cowboy. You're telling me you're never home when I come to that a dog is more vital to the operation of a cow ranch than the I bring a fresh pie or cookies." horse? You can't ride a dog!"

croppy outlaw horse.

"Well you can't rope off a horse," observed ReRide semiworld, and the North Pole toy fac- icans. They are what Christmas correctly. "At least a dog will continued in defense of the dog, "but a horse you have to go catch. And when you get thrown from your horse and get busted up in some rock pile your dog will run back to the house and bring back some help.

"Maybe your dog would do that, mine would use the opportunity to run away from home. Even if you can catch your dog

My friend ReRide and I were ReRide, then what are you going

"A dog will gather cattle just to name an MVP (Most Valuable like a horse and will go into thick brush to get waspy cattle while you sit in the shade on your high

"If you have a dog like that I want some pups," I replied sarcastically.

"Then there's the friendliness barn cat whose only contribution makes a much better friend than "Well they do have one pos- with me and is an excellent listener and she lays in my lap at night to watch TV. You can't do that with your horse unless you have a BIG crew cab and a very large sectional sofa. Even then it's not going to be real comfortable. And we haven't even mentioned ranch security issues yet. If someone tried to steal your useless horse a good dog would warn you by barking.'

"Nothing I hate worse than a yapping dog," I said. "At least horses don't bark."

"Which means they can't notify you when undesirables come prowling around the ranch like inlaws and syndicated columnists. If you had a good dog it would warn you in advance so that you at home like I do.'

"Ah-ha! Now I know why borrow stuff and always there when

ReRide continued: "A good "That's right," said ReRide, cow dog costs a tenth of what a "which means you can't be good Quarter Horse will cost you bucked off and get killed by some and with a dog there are no expensive accouterments to buy like I protested... "But you can't saddles, halters and bridles. They are cheaper to feed than a horse and you don't have to shoe a dog every six weeks," ReRide reminded me. "And we haven't come when you call it," ReRide even talked about the intelligence of dogs versus horses."

> "Now hold on buster. Put your jaw in a sling for a minute. This is where I win the argument hands down. I'll have you know that there have been many times while I was working cattle on my horse that I thought he was every bit as smart as I am."

"My point exactly," concluded the smart aleck ReRide.

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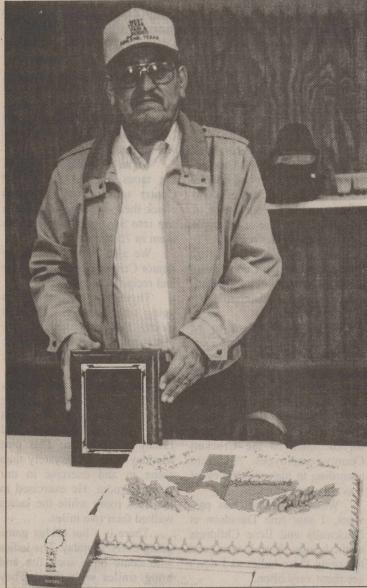


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RAMON SANCHEZ retired from the Crockett County Road Department on Friday after 21 years of service. He was presented with a plaque and a watch, along with a lunch at the Fair Park Convention Center.

Toys for Tots brisket plate fund-raiser Sunday

Veterans will not be collecting on Saturday, Dec. 17. Instead there will be a fund-raiser at the town square at noon Sunday, chairperson. "We need the Dec. 18.

plate, with trimmings for \$5 per plate or we will trade a toy for a plate. We will be there until we sell out or till 3 p.m. We appreciate everyones support and encourage everyone to come by and buy a plate or bring a toy.

"We have been doing pretty good so far we have collected on or about 300 toys and \$574.83 in applied for assistance with about money donations. This is good, 41 children. We expect more but we are down to our last before the end of the week.'

The Crockett County weekend before Christmas. Our goal is to collect about 400 toys and \$1,000 in money donations," said Frank Tambunga, money donation because we use We will be selling a brisket this money to buy something for older children, most of the toys we have collected are good for the younger ones. We also use the money to buy food for the families and if we have any money left over it goes to the people through out the year. We have so far 18 families that have Melvin Conner.



Dec. 13 - Cookie Worthi-

Dec. 14 - Johnna Pullig, Jeanie Thompson, Dusty Wilson, Harvey Fierro, Sara Estrada, Alexa Cervantez and Kylan

Dec. 15 - Rick Hunnicutt, Trey Fierro, Merle Welty and Luetta Kost

Dec. 16 - Carl Thurman, Anna Marie Fierro, Janina Savala, Manuel Gutierrez Sr., Markaus Galindo and Alex

Dec. 17 - Jolene Hernandez, Kelli Anne Goble, Helen Owensby, Zachary Talamantez, Aidan Fierro and Jordan Martinez

Dec. 18 - Celia West and Hope Ellington

Dec. 19 - Sean Austin Fuentes, Terri Price, Jodie Baggett and Thomas Talamantez

Dec. 20 - Rebecca Flores, Christine Lindsey, Jacinda Villarreal, C.O. Walker, Lesly Rodriguez and Blanca Garza

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



Photos by Joe Hernandez PEOPLE LINED UP Thursday morning around the block to take advantage of the drive-thru flu shot clinic at the Crockett County EMS Building. Shots were given out to 360 people from 9 a.m. until about 10 minutes until five. For more information about flu shots, call the Family Health Center of Ozona at 392-3788.

Red Hat Society News

The Scarlet Bonnets will be meeting for their Christmas Party at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15 at the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse.

Everyone bring your tea cup and an extra one if you have it. Hope to see everyone there.

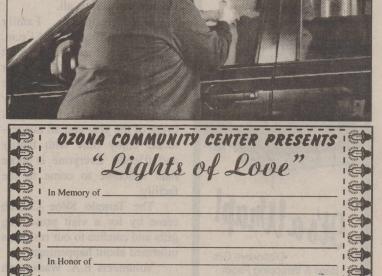
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Photo by Frieda Zuberbueler

TRAVIS ZUBERBUELER (second from left) completed his Eagle Local Salvation Army to help Scout project outside the new Visitors Center. Standing with Travis are (left to right) his father Stephen and scout leaders Linda and

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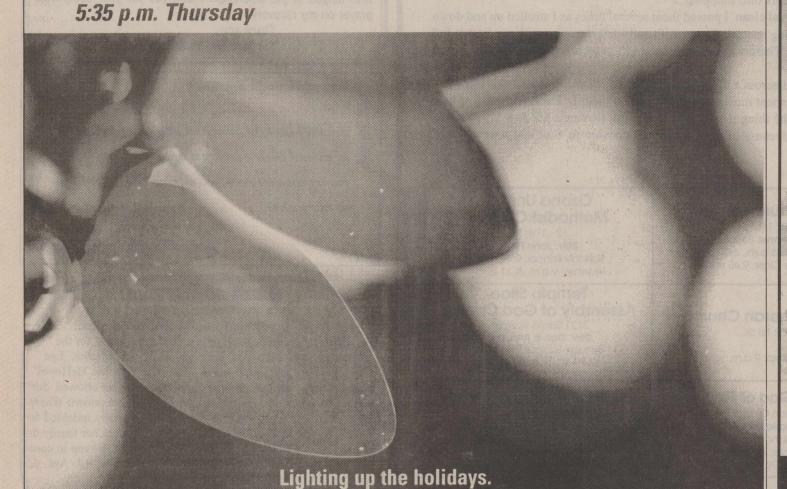
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Care Center Chatter

By JAN ST. CLAIR TICE **Activity Director**

Thanks goes to Marsha Tomlinson for her music and singing for our residents. Marsha also filled in for Baptist Bible Study on Tuesday afternoon, everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

Our Thursday morning is booked from 9:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. with children's Christmas Carols. Come and join the holiday season with us all.

Our residents Family Christmas party will be at 1 p.m. Dec. 19 in the main lobby. Don't forget to bring a gift for your loved one to put under the Christmas Tree. Our Family Christmas party is the largest event of the year and all our residents enjoy time with family and friends. Everyone is more than welcome to come to the facility.

The Templo Siloe Church came by for a visit presenting gifts and candies to our residents informed about happenings.

Volunteers E.A. Wadsworth R.N., Audrey Glynn, Carol Adcock, Marsha Tomlinson, Rachel Ybarra, John Collis and the Ozona Church of Christ. Thank you all your very much appreciated by everyone you touch here at the facility.

The next two weeks will be very busy with Christmas approaching. Come by and check us out were looking a lot like Christmas. Judy Reagor, we all missed you this past week.

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Levis & Lace News

By TINA JARVIS Levis and Lace Square Dancer

On Monday, club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Raul De La Rosa, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Renee Padier, Jim Couch, Lucy Hinde and Tina Jarvis and our student had a lesson. Mildred was our gues tonight.

Next lesson will be at 8 p.m. tonight, Dec. 14, at the Senior Center. We will perform at 7 p.m. at the Care Center.

Saturday night we hosted the Westerner's meeting. Tom Harrison and his wife Debbie presidents of the Westerner's. Tom is also a caller from Abilene. At the meeting we discussed the President's Dance schedule for January 2007 in Abilene. I was voted secretary for thise event. The city of Abilene will promote and will sponsor this event and we all look forward to working on and attending this event.

Club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Jim Couch,

Renee Padier, Lucy Hinde, Dale Bebee, Raul and Maria De La Rosa attended our dance on Saturday night. It was an open mike dance, any caller that When it turns cold out here in wished to was given time to call. Tom Harrison from Abilene and John Geen from San Angelo and myself called. We had almost County Senior Center and it looks three squares to keep busy and wonderful. We invite any of you to enjoyed calling mainstream, drop by and have your choice of plus and of course we each hot chocolate, coffee or hot apple called a Christmas song. cider with Christmas cookies. Birthdays celebrated at this 1, Maria De La Rosa, Jan. 1 and here Dec. 6 and will not be back Myra Nester, Dec. 31. Myra was until February or March due to a not able to attend due to illness funding shortage. but we wish her all the best. Our ever faithful honorary member, here at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. Mildred Couch joined us. Our student was talked into dancing with us and he did very well. Concho Squares from San Angelo came to retrieve their banner and we are always so glad to see them. Fun, Food and fellowship were abundant tonight!

Keep it square and happy dancing!



Submitted Photo

LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE CLUB MEMBERS Maria De La Rosa, Nell Wester, (r.) and Myra Nester (not pictured) have December birthdays.

will be coming to Ozona on

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The Gift

Last week my wife and I went to town to do a little Christmas shopping. While we in the store I found a lot of little gifts for friends and family. I really enjoy giving little gifts that my love ones enjoy. While I was in the store I noticed an older woman with a young girl maybe eight or nine years old, shopping.

They were poorly dressed and their clothes were not real clean. I passed them several times as I strolled up and down the isles and it looked like they were looking for something special. As my wife and I left the store with our basket full I noticed that the lady and the little girl were leaving too. There was only one little gift in their basket and I think it was for the little girl.

I watched them as they left the parking lot and started across a vacant field because they didn't have a car. I saw that the lady loved the little girl very much and she probably spent most of what she had on the gift. I was reminded of how much God loves us and the special gift He gave to us. The thing most precious to Him, (Romans 5:8 & 8:32) His only begotten son, (John 3:16). With that gift came the forgiveness of sins, a new relationship to God and a new future,

Brother J

See you in Church next Sunday. First Baptist Church Ozona United Ozona Church of Christ 901 Ave. D 1002 11th St. Rev. John Collis Mr. Johnnie Perkins Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. Templo Siloe Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Faith Lutheran Church Corner of Secretariat & Man 'O War 802 1st St. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Worship: 9 a.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m. Templo Bautista Jerusalem Church of God of Prophecy 138 Blas St. 102 Man O' War St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m. Calvary Baptist Church Attend the 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Church Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 1.1 a.m.

701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.

Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.

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of Your Choice This Sunday **Methodist Church** 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.

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Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.

Apostolic Church

307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.

Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m.

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH Senior Center Director

Last week's temperature West Texas it is real cold.

The Christmas decorations are all in place and the Crockett

Concho The dance were for Nell Wester, Dec. Community Action Council was

Leslie Harris plans to be 15 to offer information concerning prescription drug plans and to sign you up for the plan that suits your needs. These plans are for Medicare part D.

On Dec. 7, Helping Hands served lunch to the Crockett County employees. All went according to plan and the event was very enjoyable.

When I was out this past week, I saw Ann Davidson at Duckwalls and Ilene Childress at the beauty shop. It was good to seeing these ladies as I don't see them very often.

I heard through the grapevine that Merle Welty is having a birthday Thursday, Dec. 15. Merle, from all of us here at the Senior Center, we wish you al very happy birthday and many more. We also found out that Merle's sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Fred

Patterson will be here visiting him this week from Atlanta, Geo. Today will be our Pot Luck

lunch at noon. If anyone would like transportation to the Senior Center, call Lynn English at 392-9094 and we

will arrange a ride for you. We have the defensive driving tapes here at the Senior Center to rent out. You can check them out here and save a trip into San Angelo and return them in 72 hours.

We also have here at the Senior Center, a book, magazine and recipe exchange.

There are several things going on here at the Crockett County Senior Center. We have a number of games or you are welcome to bring your favorite game with you.

Our exercise class, "Walk Two Miles" is growing and we want you to join us. We meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. This past Monday we had a mystery man come in and exercise in our exercise room. He exercised in the back room while the ladies walked their two miles.

There is a hot bridge game going every Monday. The ladies who come have such fun and bring smiles with them. They sure cheer up my Mondays.

If you are a pool player we have a good pool table in the back room. There also a puzzle going at all times and the coffee pot is always on.

Our activities are for those 50 years of age or older (we are flexible). God bless all of you.



Submitted Photo

CONCHO SQUARES retrieved their banner at the Levis and Lace square dance held on Saturday, Dec. 10.

The Ozona Stockman Deadline is Monday at NOON

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everybody who visited or called during my stay in the hospital and we would like to thank everyone who helped in the fundraiser. Thank you for your continious prayer on my recovery.

Thank you, Santiago and Ysabel Ybarra and Family

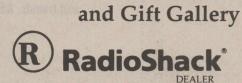
The family of Bisa and Jay Pool would like to extend their sincerest appreciation for the loving support received during the recent loss of her father.

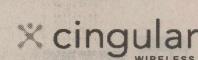
Card of Thanks To the Citizens of Ozona,

Texas - Our Home Town: We wish to extend out sincerest gratitude to all of you, as a community, for the kindness and help you have given to our Mother, Lee DeHoyos, in the years since our Father, Carlos DeHoyos passed away. In our absence, your support has allowed our Mother to maintain her independence in her hometown where she wished to remain, and for this we are eternally indebted to you all. As our Mother leaves Ozona to be closer to her family in East Texas, we welcome you, her Ozona Family, to keep in contact with her: Lee C. DeHoyos, 500 N. Danville Rd. Apt. 5, Kilgore, TX 75662 Phone: 903-984-7151

> Thank you, and may God bless you all. Eva Williams Mary Hernandez Oscar DeHoyos

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USDA-NRCS accepting EQIP applications for 2006

Farmers and ranchers can start applying for the Farm Bill conservation programs through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). USDA cost-share funds have been released earlier this year to give farmers and ranchers more time to make sound decisions in regard to applying conservation practices before the growing season begins.

Eligible producers may apply for cost share assistance on conservation practices that will address the identified resource concern identified by the Local Work Group (LWG). Practices are implemented through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). EQIP offers cost share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm water development. conservation practices. The NRCS determines eligible land and eligible practices.

The Ozona USDA NRCS office will be accepting EQIP applications for 2006. The deadline is Feb. 17, 2006. Applications received on or before Feb. 17 will be ranked and funded from the initial allocation to Crockett County. Last year EQIP funding in Crockett County totaled \$201,822 for county based funds and \$51,166 for Salt Cedar spraying.

EQIP was established to assist landowners with applying conservation plans to treat major resource issues. In Crockett County, these include brush management for invasive species, cross fencing and

Eligible conservation practices include brush management (prickly pear, cedar and mesquite), cross fencing, livestock pipelines, storage tanks, troughs and wells.

NRCS, through the invitation of the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, is the federal government's principal agency for conserving natural resources on private lands, while encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water and wildlife on private lands. NRCS offers its services free of charge.

Theose interested in signing an EQIP application should visit the USDA Service Center office in Ozona or call (325) 392-3702, ext. 3, or visit www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Bonilla's request approved, more border patrol agents added in Texas

WASHINGTON, D.C. -Less than three months ago, Congressman Henry Bonilla (R-TX) led the Texas delegation in declaring a state of emergency on the Texas/Mexico border. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has responded to Bonilla's call for action and today announced the assignment of an additional 452 Border Patrol agents on the contentious border.

"I've been saying for a long time that we need to focus on the Texas/Mexico border; I'm glad to see that the Department of Homeland Security is finally listening to my calls for action," said Bonilla. "The men and women of our Border Patrol are our first line of defense. These agents keep our borders safe and strong. We cannot - and should not - underestimate their importance."

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff has projected an increase of 452 agents in Texas, including 493 additional agents in the El Paso

State fire control leaders

Additional in-state and out-

continue to gear up for what

could be a long winter wildfire

siege for the state's firefighters.

of-state personnel and equip-

ment resources, including six

dozers and seven engines from

Wisconsin, have been ordered

and mobilized to strategic areas

to bolster the state's firefighting

arsenal. Critically dry fuels

(vegetation) exist across much

of the state, a fact evidenced by

several large wildfires that have

already occurred. With no sig-

nificant change in the weather

pattern in sight, fire control

leaders are planning for the

vegetation in much of the state

lie dead and dormant from a

combination of drought and

hard freezes, according to Mike

Dunivan, fire behavior analyst

with the Texas Forest Service.

Areas hit by hard frosts earlier in

the year are where the lion's

share of the known large fires

occurred, but essentially all of

the state is now at risk, due to

the presence of the dead vegeta-

in much of the state," said

Dunivan. "Add winds and low

humidity during the afternoon

prime burning period, and you

have a recipe for fast-spreading,

dangerous wildfires. Most of the

large wildfires that already

occurred statewide resulted

from this deadly combination of

the Texas Forest Service sent an

advisory to fire departments in

Texas warning of the possibility

of dangerous fire behavior dur-

ing periods of dry, windy weath-

er and the need for diligent use

of fire safety practices and pro-

The fire analyst noted that

wildfire ingredients."

"Vegetation is critically dry

tion, said Dunivan.

Grasses, weeds and other

worst but hoping for the best.

25 additional agents in the Marfa sector, 70 additional agents in the Del Rio Sector, 55 additional agents in the Laredo Sector and 62 additional agents in the Rio Grande Valley Sector.

The increase in staffing was authorized through the 2006 Appropriations Bill and the 2005 Emergency War Supplemental Act. The projected manpower will be permanently assigned to the Texas-Mexico. border and the DHS goal should be reached by October 2006.

Joined by 26 members of Texas Congressional Delegation, Bonilla sent a letter to President George W. Bush declaring a "State of Emergency" on the Texas-Mexico border. The letter addressed "Other than Mexicans" (OTMs) who are making a mockery of the immigration system; illegal drugs crossing the border; and border violence. Bonilla stated that these issues pose a serious threat to the border and one of his recommendations was adding Border Patrol agents to increase safety and security.

Bonilla also questioned Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff in Congressional hearings regarding a systematic lack of departmental responsiveness to emergency situations, including security the nation's borders.

"Mr. Secretary, are you aware that there is currently an invasion of illegal immigrants along the South West border? And would you agree that the government's lack of attention to this is an embarrassment to our nation and a mockery to federal law?" said Bonilla when questioning DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff. "I just hope that you'll do all you can to change this because its an emergency situation that needs action.'

Co-chair of the Congressional Border Caucus, Bonilla has been striving for several years to created stronger security along the Texas/Mexico border. In addition to serving as Cochair of the Congressional Border Caucus, Bonilla is a Vice-Chair of the U.S./Mexico

State gearing up for possible winter wildfire siege

tective gear. Already this year, two volunteer firefighters suffered serious burns upon being overrun by wildfires, and another firefighter lost his life in an accident when the fire tanker he

was driving rolled over. "Now that most summer grasses and weeds have gone dormant, any wildfires that arise will have more fuel available to stoke the flames. Also, wherever dead grass, weeds and other finetextured fuels are present, even short periods of dry, windy weather can cause a rapid escalation in wildfire risk and difficulty of control," Dunivan declared.

Unless the weather cooperates and brings significant moisture statewide and/or the public exercises greater safety with all

ly. Many wildfires result from careless burning of household trash, leaves and brush piles. The following are suggestions

from the Texas Forest Service.

* Obey outdoor burning bans. * Postpone all outdoor fires during periods of dry, windy

* When outdoor fires are per-

mitted, establish wide control lines down to bare soil before igniting your fire, and stay with your fire until it is cold to the touch.

* Dispose of smoking materials properly, either in an ashtray or crushed out in bare dirt.

* Avoid using welding or grinding equipment in or near dry grass and weeds.

* Avoid driving or parking in tall grass and weeds that could

Madla files for re-election, fully intends to win fourth

Senate term

AUSTIN - State Senator Frank Madla (D-San Antonio) announced Dec. 12 that he has officially filed for re-election to Texas Senate District 19, a seat that he has held for three terms, and fully intends to win a fourth.

Madla's re-election announcement was hailed by his colleagues in the Senate, who touted his legislative accomplishments and his integrity, and emphasized that, as a senior senator, Madla's ability to advocate for his constituents would far outweigh that of any challenger.

If reelected, Madla said he would continue the work he has already begun, in concert with the citizens and communities within his district, drawing on his seniority, legislative experience, and understanding of critical issues in matters vitally important to his constituents. Among the issues he plans to address during his next term, Madla cited the improved quality and increased funding of K-12 public schools; affordable health care for citizens in both urban and rural areas; and ensuring an abundant water supply while protecting landowners'

"Representing the people of Senate District 19 has been an honor and a privilege," said Madla. "If they reelect me to represent them in the Texas Senate, I pledge to work harder than ever before in my 33 years of public service to be worthy of their trust and confidence."







Concern citizens speak out about keeping postal employee

Editor's note: The following was written by Alfredo Tobar who is circulating a petition to keep Ray Martinez at the Ozona Post Office.

To Whom It May Concern,

We the people of Ozona are very concerned about Ray Martinez leaving our community. He is the transferring to another post office, for the reason that he is not making it with the hours that he gets here.

I just wanted to let you all know that we the people of Ozona hate to see him leave. He is the best person have had in our Ozona Post Office here. He

is very courteous, polite, smiley and always helping people or willing to help in any way possible when we need it. Whether is to fill out money orders or to send money, carry boxes for the Sector* (*this sector includes El elderly and especially to those Paso County and New Mexico), who do not speak or understand English.

You can do a survey here in Ozona about him and I can bet you that you will not find a person who can talk bad about him.

So we are asking to please make him a full-timer so that we can keep him here where he belongs.

> Sincerely; Ozona People



Card of Thanks

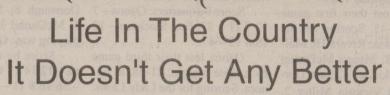
The flu shot clinic on December 8th was a great success, and I would like to say "Thank you" to the following people for all their help. To the EMS for the use of their building, and to the Crockett County Road Department for setting up our driveways. To Harold Shaw for seeing to it that we had heat, and to Richard Storms and Elliot Barrera for their assistance as well. To Dee Keilers and Junior Bilano in helping us get everything in order and set up, and for being our "gophers." Above all, I want to thank our staff, Marilee Saegert, Judy Farris, Jackie Necessary, Elena Alvarez and Connie Arredondo for braving the cold for nine hours so that we could provide the vaccine in an efficient manner to the community. Our customers were great, and we all had a good time.. I hope that everyone who desired to get the vaccine was able to do so before we ran out. We look forward to doing it again next year, and hopefully at a much earlier date!

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Ozona Basketball Tournament.

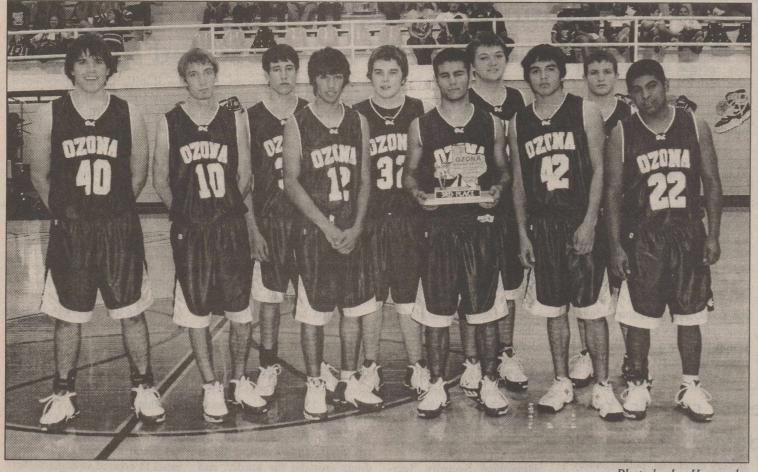


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THE OZONA LIONS PLACED THIRD IN THE OZONA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT THIS PAST WEEKEND. Team members pictured are: (l. to r.) Matt McGuire, Tate Collis, Levi Vargas, Justin Galan, Drew Clayton, Jack Rodriguez, Jimmy Tebbetts, Daniel Cruz, Caleb Mitchel, and Robert DeHoyos.

Lions win third in Ozona Tourney

By MELISSA PERNER **Editor and Publisher**

took third place in the Ozona Justin Galan 2; Nick Perez 2 and Galan 10; Vargas 6; Mitchel 3; Lions was: Vargas 21; McGuire Tournament this past weekend.

Matt McGuire was named to the All Tournament Team. Drew ons defeated Irion County 47- - 11 11 6 9 - 37; Crane - 6 11 Collis 2 and Clayton 2. Clayton received the Sterling- 33. Scoring for the Lions was: 18 13 - 48. Lay Sportsmanship Award.

we haven't found a good groove Coates 2; Robert DeHoyos 2 and Scoring for the Lions was: Mcon offense," said Coach Lenny Mitchel 1. Morrow. "When we do, we'll be a good ball team."

In the first game, Ozona de- 917 - 33. feated McCamey 37-31. Scoring for the Lions was: McGuire 14; ons lost to Crane 37-48. Scoring Jimmy Tebbetts 2.

In the second game, the Li-Vargas 18; McGuire 12; Perez

Score by quarters: Ozona – 3 Perez 4; Collis 2 and Galan 2. 11 25 8 - 47; Irion County - 3 4

In the semi-finals, the Li- -26. Clayton 3 and Tebbetts 2.

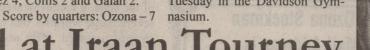
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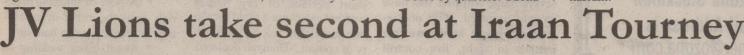
9 9 6 - 31; McCamey - 5 9 4 8

On Dec. 6, the Lions lost to The Ozona Varsity Lions Levi Vargas 12; Caleb Mitchel 5; for the Lions was: McGuire 13; Christoval 69-74. Scoring for the 19; Galan 12; Coates 4; Jack Ro-Score by quarters: Ozona driguez 4; Perez 3; Mitchel 2;

Score by quarters: Ozona In the third place game, the - 14 21 13 21 - 69; Christoval

The Lions are 7-4. They Guire 16; Tebbetts 2; Vargas 5; will play Grape Creek at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Davidson Gym-





By MELISSA PERNER **Editor and Publisher**

beat Irion County 38-34. Scoring 11; Abel Villereal 4; Matt Tur- -35. land 4; Rocky Munoz 8; Mat- In the championship game, we played during this tourna- 2. Also playing was: Smith. thew Garza 8 and Rylee Ramos the Lions fought hard but came ment was great. I could not have and Alan Lozano.

6 12 4 - 34.

The JV Lions brought home ons defeated Iraan 47-35. Scor- and Lozano. the runner-up trophy from the ing for the Lions was: Santos 16; Iraan JV Tournament this past Turland 9; Munoz 12 and Garza 10 15 8 2 - 41; Reagan Co. - 6 9 cord in district." 10. Also playing was: Villereal, 15 9 4 - 43. In their first game, the Lions Smith, Ramos and Lozano.

for the Lions was: Josh Santos 18 15 8 - 47; Iraan - 9 13 8 5 proud of the effort that they put Maldonado 7; Turland 9; Munoz

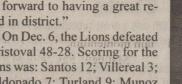
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Score by quarters: Ozona – 6 tough tournament and I am very Lions was: Santos 12; Villereal 3;

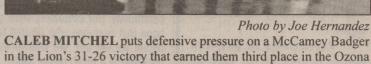
good tournaments and I am look-Score by quarters: Ozona – 6 ing forward to having a great re-

"The guys played a really Christoval 48-28. Scoring for the forth. The defensive game that 7; Garza 6; Ramos 2 and Lozano

3. Also playing was: Josh Smith up short, 41-43, against Reagan asked for anything more from the compete in the Kermit JV Tour-County in overtime. Scoring for guys in the championship game nament this weekend and then Score by quarters: Ozona the Lions was: Santos 8; Justin because we went into overtime start district play against Grape







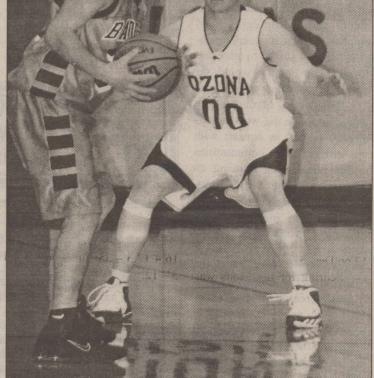


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MATT McGUIRE was selected DREW CLAYTON was se-

for the All-Tournament Team at lected to receive the Sterling the Ozona Basketball Tourna- Lay Sportsmenship Award at the

- 10 8 14 6 - 38; Irion Co. - 12 Maldonado 11; Turland 8; Garza and lost by two but the guys left Creek at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Lions fall to Junc

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to Junction, 11-25, on Dec. 5. Scoring for the Lady Lions

driquez 3; Tashina Lewis 2 and Ashley Anderson 2. Also playing The JV Gold Lady Lions fell Perez, Sam Torres and Crystal Gonzales

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2

going to get to play we also played against their JV. We got behind early and struggled at was: Cici Perez 4; Cristina Ro- 1 6 2 - 11; Junction - 13 4 9 8 the start of the game. We played

great defense in the third quarter "The girls played real well and we just could not finish it was: Abigail Rodriquez, Karly we weren't even sure if we were off," said Coach John Esparza. The Lady Lions are now 1-3. They will return to play on Jan. 9

where they take on Wall.





Photo by Joe Hernandez Friday at the Davidson Gymna- Ozona Basketball Tournament LEVI VARGAS was the high scorer with 18 points in the Lions 47-33 win over Irion County during the Ozona Basketball Tournament.

Lady Lions compete in Ozona Tourney

By MELISSA PERNER **Editor and Publisher**

nament this past weekend.

the All Tournament Team. Ozona lost their first game

Lady Lions was: Rivera 10; Malorie Moran 8; Megan McDaniel rough 4 and Victoria Miller 2. Also playing was: Kasey Gray, Allie Bean and Alysha Lara.

- 15 5 4 13 - 37; Crane - 9 8 17 and Lara.

Lady Lions lost to Fort Stock- 10-28. The Ozona Varsity Lady Li- ton 37-47. Scoring for the Lady Miller, Lara and Moran

> 15 8 12 - 47. Ozona lost their third game

7; Frankie Skinner 6; Sara Dor- by a close margin, 21-28, to So- na - 12 14 11 12 - 49; Christoval nora. Scoring for the Lady Lions: -16 16 8 11 -51. Rivera 11; Dorrough 4; Skinner Score by quarters: Ozona playing was: Gray, Bean, Moran district play against Junction on the ball for the Lady Lions at the

Score by quarters: Ozona sium.

In their second game, the -2685-21; Sonora -576

The Lady Lions played ons competed in the Ozona Tour- Lions was: Rivera 15; Dorrough against Christoval on Dec. 6. 6; Skinner 6; McDaniel 4; Gray Ozona lost by only two points, Celia Rivera was named to 3 and Bean 3. Also playing was: 49-51. Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Rivera 13; Moran 11; Score by quarters: Ozona - 7 Dorrough 8; Skinner 6; Miller to Crane 37-45. Scoring for the 12 7 11 - 37; Fort Stockton - 12 5; McDaniel 3 and Lara 3. Also playing was: Gray and Bean.

Score by quarters are: Ozo-

The Lady Lions are now 2: Miller 2 and McDaniel 2. Also 1-12. The Ladv Lions will start MEGAN MCDANIEL passes

Photo by Joe Hernandez this past weekend.

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Seventh Grade Lady Lions stomp Eagles

By MELISSA PERNER **Editor and Publisher**

The Seventh Grade Lady tion, but the girls came out roaring in the end winning 34-7.

"The girls played their Lions may have started slow in just awesome. They have really egas 1; Jennifer Allen 2; Rebecca - 7 their Dec. 5 game against Junc- come together and are playing Ramos 2; Makayla Badillo 5;

hearts out, they were real tough was: Kristen Mendoza 2; Britni point in the second half that is Chelsea Moore 4; Brenda Ven- 14 3 13 - 37; Junction - 2 4 0 1 ten Mendoza 4. Also playing Christmas and return in January.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Gaby Rodriguez.

on defense, and only gave up one Mitchel 7; Melanie Miller 3; Score by quarters: Ozona – 4

The Lady Lions are now 2great as a team," said Coach John Rea Lynn Arredondo 4 and Kris- 2. They will take a break over

Seventh Grade Lady Lions "B" Team defeats Junction

By MELISSA PERNER **Editor and Publisher**

5-3 on Dec. 5.

was: Mariah Gallardo 2; Leandra Kellie Pilcher.

Hernandez 1 and Layla Perez 2. Also playing was: Roxanne Ta- 2-5; Junction -21-3. The Seventh Grade Lady Li-lamantez, Cristi Smith, Rocio

ons "B" Team defeated Junction Torres, Rebecca Pierce, Robyn again had to play against some Esparza. Slayter, Ashley Lewis, Jaydn eighth graders but they didn't first win and they were real mas and return in January.

Score by quarters: Ozona – 3 proud, I'm real proud as well and they seem to just get better "The girls played hard and every week," said Coach John

The Lady Lions are 1-2-1. Scoring for the Lady Lions Poindextor, Alma Elizondo and back down. This was also their They will take a break for Christ-

Eighth Grade Lady Lions dominate Eagles

By MELISSA PERNER **Editor and Publisher**

The Ozona Eighth Grade 30-24, on Dec. 5.

It was one of the most exciting tion," said Coach Kim Miller. games we've had this year and Lady Lions defeated Junction, They were able to come out on Alex Cruz 6; Brandi Glosson 6; 6-24.

Scoring for the Lady Lions: top and although the game got Vanessa Rodriquez 2 and Kelsey tough fight to win this game. have anyone foul out in Junc- Shelby Ortiz, Brandyn Tebbetts continue play in January.

and Myra Dominquez.

Score by quarters: Ozona they gave everything they had. Jayci Miller 8; Alex Macias 7; -9 4 8 9 - 30; Junction - 6 8 4

The Lady Lions are now "These girls fought a very extremely physical, we didn't Childress 1. Also playing was: 3-1. They will take a brake and

ghth Grade Lions "B" Team defeats Eagles

By MELISSA PERNER **Editor and Publisher**

The Eighth Grade Lions "B"

lost 4-6 to the Junction Eagles on

Nick Hill and David Perez.

-4; Junction -6.

Scoring for the Lions: Aus- battle and our guys played very and heads up play which is very to play in January.

Score by quarters: Ozona not get the ball to go through the said Coach Rick Bachman. hoop. I was very proud of the ef-

tin Whitten 2 and Lane White 2. well but we just could not score encouraging. We will continue Also playing was: K.C. Carson, enough points to win. We had to practice hard and I am certain some opportunities but just could we will continue to improve,"

The Lions are now 2-1-1. "This was a hard fought fort, and I saw some good passes They will take a break and return

Seventh Grade Lions lose close match to Junction

By MELISSA PERNER **Editor and Publisher**

lost 20-26 in a close game against ton and Trey Fierro. the Junction Eagles on Dec. 5.

Scoring for the Lions was:

Also playing was: Stefan Wilson, -26. Kyle Dean, Russell Komechak, The Seventh Grade Lions Eric Talamantez, Andrew Hamil- very well as a team. I was very Box.

Abey Lara 16 and Jose Aguilar 4. 4 9 4 - 20; Junction - 7 5 4 10 were not able to take advantage

proud of the way we play. We Score by quarters: Ozona – 3 defense, but unfortunately we ary.

of them. The guys played their "We did not shoot the ball hearts out," said Coach Levi

The Lions are 1-3. They will caused a lot of turnovers on take a break and be back in Janu-

Grade Lions pounce

By MELISSA PERNER **Editor and Publisher**

The Eighth Grade Lions pounced the Junction Eagles 35-12 on Dec. 5.

Scoring for the Lions was: 3-12. Kurtlan Reyes 14; Jordan Martinez 6; Dylan Castillo 4; Jaron game like this all season to work of passing the ball around and will take some time off and re-

16 4 12 3 - 35; Junction - 4 4 1 tain momentum.

Matthew Fay and Markaus "We have really needed a Galindo both did a great job

Kyle Sewell 2; Josh Ramos 2 and bench. Everyone was able to play ing progress every day and our Nathan DeHoyos 2. Also playing a lot in this game and that will be shooting is getting better, but we was: Matthew Fay and Markaus very helpful down the road when are still not where we need to be we are in a close contest and need and must continue working hard Score by quarters: Ozona - our bench to come in and main- to get better," said Coach Rick

The Lions are now 3-1. They

Vasquez 3; Bailey Badillo 2; on our offense and utilize our assisting others. We are mak-turn in January. Seventh Grade Lions "B" Team loses to Junction

By MELISSA PERNER **Editor and Publisher**

The Seventh Grade Lions tion on Dec. 5. "B" Team lost 2-6 against Junc-

Scoring for the Lions was: dreth, Nick Hill and Caden Ruth- Levi Box.

erford.

-2; Junction -6.

"We good defense, but we David Lee Perez 2. Also playing were just not able to get the ball was: Jayce Logan, Austin Sud- to go in the basket," said Coach

The Lions are 2-1. They will Score by quarters: Ozona return to play in January.

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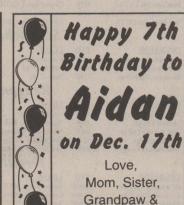


Photo by Joe Hernandez NICK HILL passes the ball in the seventh grade "B" Lions games

Grandma Ortiz

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against Junction.



Youth Center Calendar of Events

Dec. 14 - High School Movie Night, 7-10 p.m.

Dec. 19 - High School Pizza Night, 7-10 p.m.

Dec. 20 - High School Movie Night, 7-10 p.m.

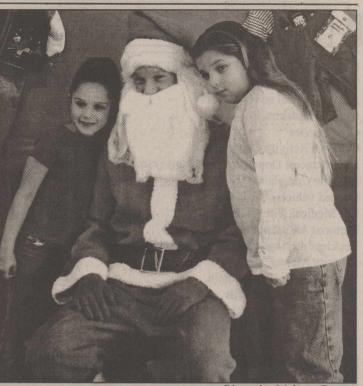


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MADALYN and KRISLYNN HARRIS give Santa a hug Thursday



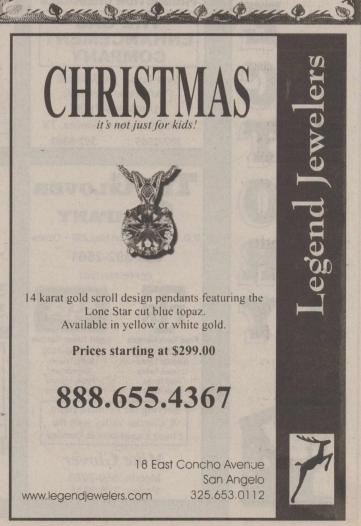
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Photo by Joe Hernandez

THIS 18-WHEELER led law enforcement officials on a wild chase Saturday night. The driver, Gordan Martin of Red Water, Texas, was taken into custody by Pecos County Sheriff's Deputies after being reported for reckless driving at the 323 mile-marker on Interstate-10. Law enforcement officials from Pecos, Crockett and Sutton counties were finally able to stop the truck at the 359 mile-marker in Ozona.

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Ozona - failure to comply with arrested by Sheriff's Deputy, tended vehicle, Class "A" and bond and was released. Driving While Intoxicated 12-10-05 Class "B" Misdemeanor

ony warrants.

of Ozona, Attempted Forgery/ Failure to Appear-Felony

· Luis Aberto Hererra, of San Angelo - Theft- Felony

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ARREST REPORT

Sheriff's Deputy for Reckless County Road 102.

Hilario Hernandez

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12-12-05

· John Daniel Ramirez Jr., 29, of Ozona, arrested by · Mario Najera Aguilar, of San Sheriff's Deputy for Fraudulent

INCIDENT REPORTS 12-08-05

· Sheriff's Office filed an • Felipe Perez-Rodriquez, abandoned vehicle report- a 18, of Ozona, arrested by travel trailer was abandoned on

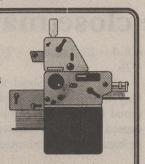
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#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs.	1.20-1.25				
#1 old crop lambs 50-70 lbs.	1.20-1.25				
#1 old crop lambs 70-90 lbs.	1.10-1.15				
Fat ewes	60-65				
Thin ewes	45-55				
Bucks	30-50				
Solid mouth ewes	80-1.00				
Ewe & lamb pairs	55-65/hd				
Baby tooth Angora stocker nannies	80-90				
Solid mouth Angora stocker nannies	65-75				
Stocker Angora muttons	70-93				
Angora kids	1.30-1.40				
Angora kids-shorn	1.10-1.20				
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin)	50-55				
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies	65-75				
Stocker Spanish nannies	85-1.00				
Fat Spanish nannies	65-75				
Fat Spanish muttons	85-1.00				
Fat Spanish billies	1.05-1.20				
Fat yearlings	1.05-1.10				
Fat Spanish kids	1.15-1.25				
Small kids	1.20-1.30				
Thin kids	1.10-1.15				
Spanish nanny & kid pairs	40-45 hd				
Next goat sale - Dec. 19, 2005					
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lets stand Judge charges against DeLay



Senior state District Judge Pat Priest let stand felony charges money laundering and con-

former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, and dismissed other conspiracy charges also leveled by a Travis County grand jury at the Sugar Land Republican.

Charges that stuck allege DeLay and his associates moved campaign donations from Texas entities to Americans for a Republican Majority, his national fundraising committee in Washington, D.C., and the money was returned to Texas as donations to his Austin-based fundraising committee, Texans for a Republican Majority.

When DeLay was indicted in September, he stepped down from his leadership post in accordance with U.S. House rules.

DeLay did not deny the campaign funds in question helped a select few Texas House Republicans in their successful 2002 races. Their votes in favor of DeLay's redistricting plan in 2003 helped the GOP pick up five U.S. congressional seats in 2004.

Now, DeLay's attorney Dick DeGuerin of Houston is asking Judge Priest for a couple of things: (1) to speed up the trial date - so DeLay has a better chance of putting the issue behind him before he campaigns for reelection in the coming year - and (2) to move the trial away from Austin.

(Trial) location, location, location

DeGuerin, a Democrat who also donates to Republican candidates, told reporters DeLay can't get an impartial jury and thus a fair trial in the state's capital city, where a jury panel is likely to include more than one or two Democrats.

the proposed constitutional ban on gay marriage back in November.

Meanwhile, Vice President Dick Cheney attended a fundraiser for DeLay in Houston and had to walk within earshot of hecklers to get in. A DeLay aide said the hecklers were "professionals" not from the congressman's district.

Status: DeLay vs. prosecutor

on DeLay's complaint alleging

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Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, a Democrat, illegally goaded grand juries into the indictments.

Agency chief touts Texas coal

Coal will be increasingly important in the next energy boom and Texas has plenty of it, Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams told energy executives at a national meeting in Phoenix, Ariz.

But there is a desperate need for sensible federal and state regulatory policies that balance economic interests with environmental concerns for coal usage, Williams said.

"Our challenge is to tell that story in Washington, D.C., just as we have done in Texas," he said.

Williams said Texas also is the No. 1 coal-using state and the No. 5 coal-producing state.

Either Texas is consuming its own stockpile or it is importing quite a bit of coal, because, Williams said, Texas consumed 103 million tons last year and produced 45 million tons.

Friedman formalizes

candidacy

Hill Country humorist, musician and author Kinky Friedman took a serious step by filing papers with the secretary of state Dec. 8, officially declaring his intention to run as an independent candidate for governor.

In a statewide grassroots effort to earn him a spot on the November ballot, Friedman's camp must collect about 45,540 signatures from registered Texas voters who do not vote in the March 7 state Republican or Democratic primaries.

After filing, Friedman said his main opponent will not be incumbent Gov. Rick Perry, but voter apathy. **FEMA resets**

move-out deadline

Hurricane Katrina evacuees now have until Jan. 7 to move out of Texas hotels and motels, Gov. Perry announced Dec. 8. The same deadline applies to After all, Austin is the FEMA-reimbursed apartment Travis County seat, and Travis leases. In November, Perry was the lone Texas county talked FEMA out of enforcing a "blue" enough to vote against Dec. 1 deadline for the housing assistance. Perry announces corridor plan Gov. Perry is not waiting for federal aid before moving on his Trans Texas Corridor/Interstate 69 plan.

He said the state will proceed to work with the private sector to develop an interstatequality roadway connecting the Rio Grande Valley with the midwestern states.

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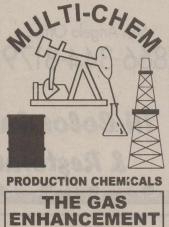
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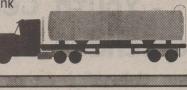
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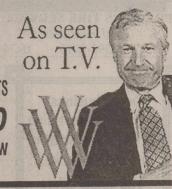
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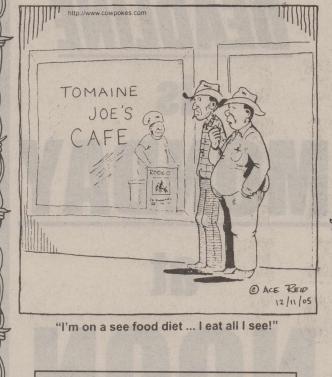
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