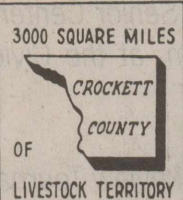


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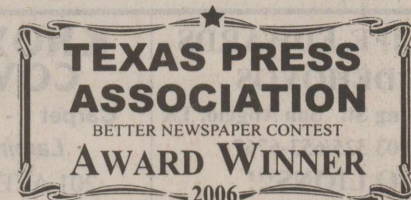
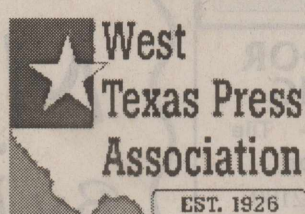
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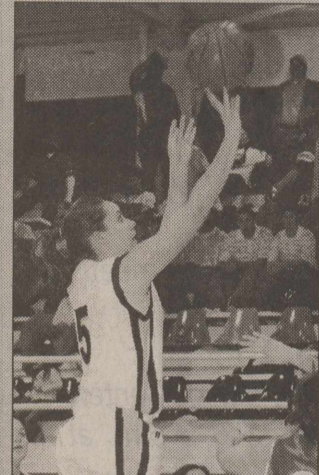
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Sunday	
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Forecast information provided by the National Weather Service in San Angelo

Forming a plan of action

Commissioners discuss courthouse roof, air conditioning system during special meeting

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

What once was used for social gatherings and considered the center of Ozona's social activities now has to have buckets brought in to the second floor courtroom each time it rains.

The symbol of Crockett County is in desperate need of a new roof and a new air conditioning system.

Ideas and plans on how to incorporate these two items, within the proper guidelines of the Texas Historical Commission (THC), were discussed during a Jan. 31 special called meeting of the Crockett County Commissioners' Court.

Members from the THC and Parkhill, Smith and Cooper (PSC) Engineering, of Lubbock, also attended the meeting.

In 2000, PSC designed a master plan for restoring the Crockett County Courthouse. The plan was used in applying to THC's Courthouse Preservation Program.

Crockett County was turned down and funding for the program has changed hands since then. However, the time has come where Crockett County may get another chance.

"Where at the point where something needs to be done," said County Judge Fred Deaton.

The last round of grant mon-

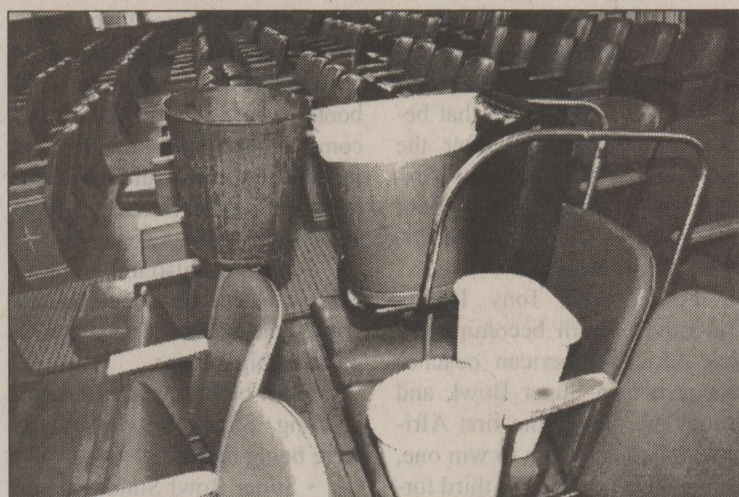


Photo by Joe Hernandez

WHEN IT RAINS BRING FORTH THE BUCKETS: During a recent downpour, the second floor courtroom of the Crockett County Courthouse was filled with buckets to catch the water that was flowing in from the roof that is in great need of repair. The commissioners' court discussed forming a plan with the Texas Historical Commission and Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Engineering Firm during a special meeting on Jan. 31.

ey for the courthouse preservation program was handed out in 2005. Since then, the funding has been under control of the Texas Department of Transportation.

In the current legislative session, the THC has requested \$85 million for the project to continue. If this passes, then Crockett County will be eligible to apply again in 2008.

However, the courthouse remains with a leaking roof and air conditioning system that hasn't worked since May.

The commissioners bud-

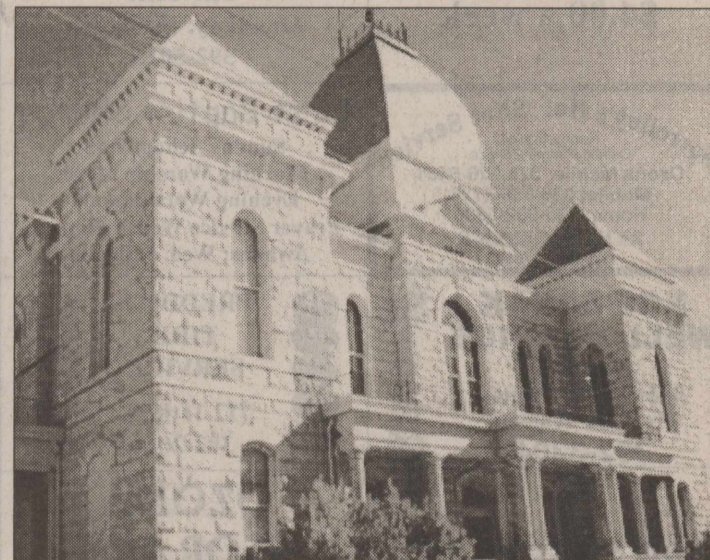
getted \$500,000 in this year's budget for courthouse renovations and \$225,000 for building renovations.

The tricky part in renovating the courthouse is modernizing an air conditioning system under THC rules and regulations.

In the past, THC has usually used a boiler/chill water system. The problem with this system is that there is no one locally that can do repairs and maintenance on this type of system.

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THE HISTORY OF THE CROCKETT COUNTY COURTHOUSE



CROCKETT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Building was designed by Oscar Ruffini in 1902

The first Crockett County Courthouse was a frame building built in 1891.

The building was made from lumber and materials hauled by wagon and team from San Angelo.

This framed building served as a county courthouse until 1902.

Judge Charles E. Davidson made it clear to all concerned that he favored a courthouse that would be distinctive and different from the usual type found in Texas.

For four days and nights, he closeted himself with the architect, Oscar Ruffini, of San Angelo, and diligently went

over various plans and specifications submitted.

Two native stone quarries, one on the Myers estate and the other on the Couch estate, provided the smooth white limestone for the building.

Cost for the building was \$30,000.

The courthouse was an early day community social center. It was often used for cowboy dances, box suppers, Christmas parties and roundup celebrations.

It was recorded as a Texas Historic Landmark in 1966.

- Sources: "A History of Crockett County" book and the Handbook of Texas online.

FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW WINNERS



Photo by Peri Barron Photography

KELBIE RENFROE holds onto her Division Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb at the Fort Worth Stock Show held Jan. 25-28. Allie Black is also pictured holding Kelbie's ribbon and trophy.

Renfroe wins reserve champion with fine wool lamb

By MILES DABOVICH
 CEA-AG/NR

Fort Worth Stock Show 4-H exhibitors did a great job showing their animals.

The show took place Jan. 27-28.

Congratulations to Kelbie Renfroe for her finewool lamb winning Reserve Champion.

Murphy Black placed third in class 1 and LuCinda Birkenfeld placed eighth with

her finewool.

Allie Black placed second and fourth in class 2, LuCinda placed 11th, Kelbie Renfroe placed third in this class also.

Murphy placed third in class 3 and Kelbie placed second in this class. This lamb won Reserve Champion Finewool.

LuCinda placed 11th in class 4 with her meat goat and Kelbie Renfroe placed second in class 10 with her meat goat.

All the animals placed that

were taken to Fort Worth.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents that accompanied the exhibitors.

The next show will be in San Antonio.

The goats will show this weekend and then the lambs the following week.

We will have 3 Wool Judging teams going next weekend. These senior kids will be competing for scholarship money as well.

Prickly pears no match for moths

Editor's note: The following article was printed in the Houston Chronicle on Jan. 7. It has been submitted through the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

By JAMES PINKERTON
 Houston Chronicle

MISSION — First there were fire ants. Then came killer bees.

Now, the voracious South American cactus moth is migrating steadily toward Texas. Scientists and naturalists worry the nondescript invader could decimate the trademark stands of prickly pear cactus that figure in both the landscape and lore of much of Texas.

"If it gets established in Texas, the worst-case scenario is, it would wipe out the prickly pear cactus in South Texas," said Lisa Williams, the Nature Conservancy's director of the Tamaulipan Thornscrub project. "I don't know what other species we have that could replace its ecological function in the brush."

Since arriving in Florida in 1989, the cactus moth has winged along the Gulf Coast at a rate of at least 50 miles a year, scientists say. The invasive moth has reached

Dauphin Island off the Alabama coast and is expected to reach East Texas sometime in 2008.

In August, the cactus moth also was discovered in Mexico on Isla Mujeres, an island opposite Cancun on the Yucatan Peninsula.

"It's coming from two directions, and Texas is caught in the middle," Williams said. "It is definitely a very real threat."

MANY DEPEND ON PLANT

If left unchecked, Williams added, the moth could devastate the 19 species of prickly pear cactus found across Texas and create a damaging ripple effect on wildlife that depend on the plant for food, shelter or protection.

In addition to preventing soil erosion, the prickly pear — the state plant of Texas — is an important food for a number of birds and mammals, including white-tailed deer, coyotes, rabbits, foxes and javelina. Other creatures, including the bobwhite quail and the cactus wren, rely on the prickly pear for shelter or protection from predators.

The moth's impact also be great south of the border could, where 53 varieties of prickly pear grow and are important cash crops.

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Carrizales receives promtion

CLAUDIA CARRIZALES has been promoted to assistant cashier and junior loan officer at Ozona National Bank. Carrizales has been with ONB for 13 years. She and her husband Israel have three children, Erik, Alejandra and Ariana.

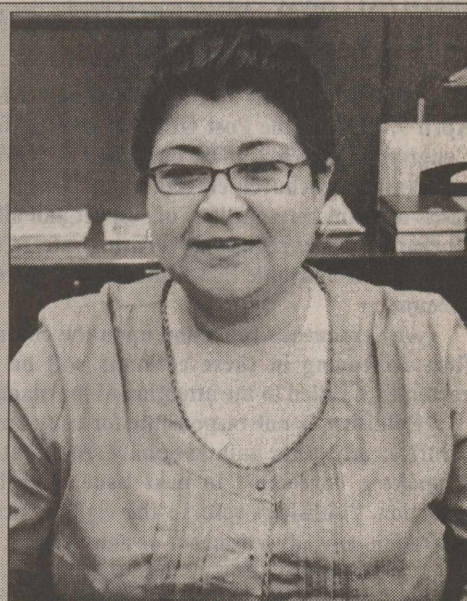


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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Super Bowl facts and factoids

Each year I enjoy sitting back and watching the Super Bowl. This year, I really didn't care who won I just wanted a good game, which it was. However, I noticed that before, throughout and after the game, the so-called sports "experts" kept throwing in these little facts or factoids about this year's Super Bowl. Along with Tony Dungy and Lovie Smith becoming the first African-American coaches to coach in a Super Bowl, and Dungy becoming the first African-American coach to win one, Dungy also became the third former NFL player/coach to win a Super Bowl.

The other two were Mike Ditka, who coached "Da Bears" and played for the Philadelphia Eagles and the Dallas Cowboys, and Tom Flores, who coached the Oakland Raiders and played for the Raiders, the Buffalo Bills and the Kansas City Chiefs.

When the game started, history was made when "Da Bears" Devin Hester, a rookie, ran back the opening kickoff for a 92-yard touchdown. This was a first.

Other firsts:

- Weather - Out of the 29 Super Bowls played outdoors, Sunday's was the first for weather being a factor with the pouring rain in Miami.
- Turnovers - first time there were ever four turnovers in the first quarter of the Super Bowl.
- Missed field goal - first time Colts' kicker Adam Vinatieri has missed a field goal in the playoffs this year. However, Vinatieri still set a record with 49 postseason points.
- Touchdowns - Four touchdowns in the first quarter is the most ever in the opening quarter of a Super Bowl.
- Rushing - for the Colts' Dominic Rhodes it was his first game all year to rush for more than 100 yards. He had 113 for the night.
- Last but not least - (this one is my favorite) for the first time two brothers refereed the Super Bowl.

Okay, why is all this important? I have no idea. I have no idea who even comes up with this stuff. I concluded that it was some poor soul, locked up in a small booth, whose job is nothing but compiling these type of facts and factoids to throw at the sports announcers in order for them to have something to fill up dead air. I guess it's also important in case you ever appear on "Jeopardy" and need to know this to win that big money. Even before the game, non-sporting Super Bowl factoids were being touted:

- Super Bowl Sunday is the second-largest day of food consumption behind Thanksgiving (American Institute of Food Distribution) and the sales of anti-acid increases 20 percent the day after (7-11 stores).
- More people watched Super Bowl XXXIX (133.7 million viewers) than voted in the 2004 Presidential election or went out to celebrate New Year's Eve.
- Super Bowl weekend is the slowest weekend of the year for weddings.
- There are 7.5 million parties on Super Bowl Sunday, with 43.9 million party-goers (National Retail Federation)
- 1.5 million TV sets will be sold the week leading up to the Super Bowl (National Retail Federation)
- Sales of big-screen TVs show a fivefold increase during Super Bowl week (National Electronic Dealers Association)
- Super Bowl is the top at-home party event of year, ahead of New Year's Eve (Hallmark Cards, Inc.)
- On Super Bowl Sunday, Americans consume 8 million pounds of guacamole (California Avocado Commission)
- Estimated 14,500 tons of chips and 4,000 tons of popcorn eaten on Super Bowl Sunday (multiple sources)
- Now, you all know this year's Super Bowl facts and factoids. Keep them handy in case "Jeopardy" gives you a call.

Correction...

The students that participated during the Ozona Lions halftime on Jan. 26 were part of Debbie Arrott's second grade P.E. class not the PIPs program. An item in the Jan. 31 edition of The Ozona Stockman contain this incorrect information.

Letters to the Editor

Mother says 'Thank You' for helping out solider son

Dear Editor,

Tonight, a man I only know as "Pete" proved to me that there are still wonderful, caring people in the country.

My son, had been driving all day from Phoenix, Ariz. to Fort Hood, Texas on his way to report to his next duty station.

He ran out of gas and was able to pull his truck onto Business Loop 210. A 20-year-old young man, with all of his belongings in his truck, he had to leave everything on the side of the road to look for gas.

Pete (the only name you gave my son), picked him up as he was walking, took him to a local gas station, bought a gas can and some gas, took him back to his truck, and then followed him back to the gas station. THANK YOU!!!

As an Army mom, I am getting used to feeling helpless, but to have your child 1,000 miles away and in need is a scary feeling, but a kind, gentle person came to his aid. You told him that your "payment" was for him to help someone in need someday and I know he will.

He is headed to Iraq this fall to defend our country, but your kindness has made a place in his heart, and mine always.

Thank you for showing that there are still kind and honest people in this world and helping my son.

Karen Nygaard
Phoenix, Ariz.

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Community Calendar

- Wednesday, Feb. 7
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Line Dancing Classes, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Beginner's Adult Bible Class, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Friday, Feb. 9
- Ozona Varsity Tennis Team at the Lakeview Tournament in San Angelo.
 - Ozona Lions vs. Alpine, starting at 5 p.m. at Alpine.
 - Mother/Son, Daddy/Daughter Valentine's Dance, 6-9 p.m. at the Civic Center. Sponsored by the Ozona Community Center.
- Saturday, Feb. 10
- Ozona Varsity Tennis Team at the Lakeview Tournament in San Angelo.
- Monday, Feb. 12
- OWL Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale, 6:30 a.m. town square.
 - Ozona Schools Staff Development Day, no school for students.
 - Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Tuesday, Feb. 13
- Afternoon Movie, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Ozona Lions vs. Crane, starting at 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.
- Wednesday, Feb. 14
- Valentine's Day
 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Line Dancing Classes, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Beginner's Adult Bible Class, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

The Weighting Game

Scales have been known to lie.

Back in the old days, before ranchers could send their cattle to an auction market with certified and sealed scales, all sorts of games were played with the weighing devices that determine how much cattlemen are paid for the product of their toil.

In Fort Worth many years ago a crook hid himself under the pit scales and communicated with dealers using a two-way radio. When the dealers bought cattle they'd communicate their intentions to the scoundrel under the scale and he would push up on the beam of the scale so that the cattle would weigh light. Then when those same dealers sold cattle the outlaw in the pit would push down on the beam to give the cattle a heavier selling weight. You have to admit, they were creative crooks!

Their profitable enterprise came to a screeching halt one day when a ringside observer noticed cigarette smoke wafting up through the boards of the scale.

Now days you don't have to worry about being short-weighted for your cattle at the auction but that doesn't mean all shenanigans have stopped out in the country.

The auction owner should have known not to trust anyone named Slick, but he owned a large ranch in the trade area and the auction owner had tried for years to get Slick to consign his cattle to the auction. But Slick always sold his cattle off the ranch, though never to the same buyer. Which should have sent up another red flag.

Slick was the kind of guy who would willingly give a buyer a 3 percent shrink but would howl at having to pay a 3 percent commission at an auction where he would enjoy the added advantage of competitive bidding. He always told the persistent auction owner that his cattle would shrink too much on the 50 mile haul from his ranch to the auction.

The auction man had a knack for being able to put weight back on cattle. It was said that given three days he could put ten pounds on a grasshopper, so knowing he could net more money back to Slick he made him a little side bet. "Slick, weigh your yearlings on your scales and send them to me three days before my sale and I'll bet that when they sell they'll weigh more or I'll personally make up the difference out of my own pocket."

Because he had no buyer's left, this was an offer Slick couldn't pass up.

Now, something else our auction owner was good at was guessing the weight of cattle. Only with him it wasn't guessing but the result of 30 years in the business. He could estimate the weight of a canner cow or a stocker calf within 10 pounds, so when he weighed Slick's cattle off-car he didn't need any scales to tell him something wasn't right. Slick said they weighed 795 at home but the auction man knew they'd never seen 700 pounds on their best day. The auction man figured that if Slick's weights were right the cattle had just shrunk 14 percent after an easy haul.

How do you accuse someone of being a crook and still get their business?

The auction owner just happened to drop by Slick's place one day just in time for coffee. Slick, the lucky devil, had somehow conned a real hood-ornament to be his wife and she served up a delectable snack. She was petite thing, without a pound of tallow on her, kept in shape, dressed well but was very vain. After the requisite chitchat the auction owner casually invited Slick and his beautiful wife out to inspect the scales.

To test the scales the auction man suggested that Slick get on them but the scoundrel wanted to make sure he weighed right. Realizing to late that he'd made a fatal error, that left only Slick's petite wife to get on the scales. Slick knew he was had when the auction man slid the weight over the bar, balanced the beam right at 200 pounds and called out the weight.

I've been told the screaming and caterwauling could be heard throughout the county.

Sheffield Boot Camp seeks to expand volunteer programs

By JANE HARBER
Community Relations
Coordinator

The close of an old year and the beginning of a new is always the perfect opportunity to reflect on the past as well as look forward to the future. As we look back, many changes have occurred here at Sheffield Boot Camp. We have come a long way in our efforts at rehabilitating and resocializing the cadets incarcerated here, helping these young men to learn how to lead positive and productive lives upon their release back into society.

As we begin this new year, Sheffield Boot Camp is looking forward to the many opportunities that lay before us. One of our highest priorities will be expanding our mentor and tutor programs. We have several young students who would benefit greatly at having the prospect of one-on-one tutoring in reading and basic math. The lives of others would be significantly enhanced by the influence of an older, wiser and more experienced individual who would be willing to be a mentor to him, helping to provide the cadet with concrete, multi-faceted help as he develops his own vision for the future.

"Statistics show that mentored youth are half as likely to re-offend," said Jane Harber, the boot camp's Community Relations Coordinator. "Mentoring cuts their chances of returning to TYC custody or ending up in an adult prison."

"He really seems to understand my - my feelings, thoughts, what I'm going through," said Greg, a Sheffield Boot Camp cadet who is being mentored. "I really believe he is sincere about what he does here at the Sheffield Boot Camp. Chris said, 'My mentor has made me

realize that there is a purpose in this life. He helps me build my self esteem up. My mentor is the best anywhere in the world!"

There are three types of mentoring opportunities available at Sheffield Boot Camp. Basic mentoring is designed for the development of a trusting, supportive relationship between the volunteer and the cadet, in which the mentor exhibits a good example of a healthy and constructive lifestyle.

Faith-based mentoring will additionally focus on developing spiritual understanding, whereby personal spiritual growth is treated as a core element in the overall development and moral guidance of the youth.

Sponsorship mentoring focuses on assisting the youth to face the reality of his addiction, and on helping him to stay clean and dry from drugs and/or alcohol. All three areas of mentoring are needed at Sheffield Boot Camp.

Harber also said that Sheffield Boot Camp's tutor program is helping students to realize the potential that lies before them.

"Some of our students have never realized how smart they really are. Self esteem gets lifted as their eyes are opened to their true potential. It opens a door of 'hope' for them."

One 16-year-old cadet who did not know how to read at all when he came to Sheffield Boot Camp, said, "That is the problem with all people have. They do not have the purson to tach time to sit down and tech the people that do not no how to read. I did not no how to read when I fust git here but these people tach time to tech me."

(Words, spelling and punctuation are his own. Nothing has been changed.)

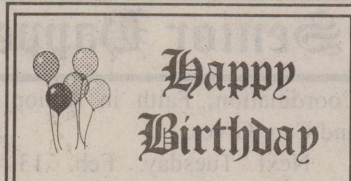
"Even though this cadet still has a long way to go, the fact

that he can now write full sentences after only twelve short weeks of tutoring, is nothing short of a miracle," says Harber. His tutor says of him: "R has had vast improvements in spelling and reading. He is realizing mistakes and is self-correcting," says the cadet's tutor. "His confidence and self-esteem have grown tremendously. He is more and more aware of what is being asked, and more descriptive in his answers. He is even eager to help other cadets."

There is no greater objective than to touch a young person's heart and mind, thereby helping to improve the quality of his life. There is no greater satisfaction than to know you have been a small part in helping a young person turn their life around and direct it on a more positive, constructive and healthy path. One boot camp mentor said, "I feel that I'm contributing positively to my own growth as well as another's."

"We have made a wonderful start in both programs," Jane said. "But there is always room for more volunteers. We have opportunities available in all three areas of mentoring, as well as in our tutoring program, and we would like to share these opportunities with you ... our community friends and supporters. If you or any of your friends or associates would like to be a part of this great mission, we would love to have you! You'll be making a huge difference in someone's life ... and you won't be sorry you did!"

For further information concerning becoming a volunteer mentor or tutor at Sheffield Boot Camp, contact Jane Harber, Community Relations Coordinator, at (432) 836-4624, ext. 2215, or e-mail to jane.harber@tyc.state.tx.us.



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Sonora church to host Beth Moore simulcast Feb. 24

On Feb. 24, renowned author and Bible teacher Beth Moore will speak to tens of thousands of women across North America in a live satellite simulcast based on her new book "Get Out of That Pit."

Lighthouse Community Church in Sonora is hosting the live international simulcast event.

In a special message titled "Straight Talk About God's Deliverance," Moore will discuss the fact that deliverance is for

everyone - no matter how you got stuck, no matter how long you've been down, whether you think you deserve it or not. From her own personal experience, Moore will share the healing to be found in Jesus and will present a message of hope.

"If God could lift me out of the pit and set my feet on sturdy ground, then He can get anyone out," Moore said in a press release.

Presented by the Church Communication Network (CCN)

and Integrity Publishers, the event will be broadcasted live via satellite to hundreds of churches in the U.S. and Canada.

CCN Director of Events Deborah Layman said, "We are excited to have the opportunity to bring Beth Moore's powerful and personal message right into the local church. This will be a life-changing day for women all over North America."

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USDA plans to invest \$1.6 billion in renewable fuels

WASHINGTON - Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced, on Jan. 24, plans to propose \$1.6 billion in new funding for renewable energy, with a focus on cellulosic energy research and production, as part of the Administration's 2007 farm bill proposals.

This funding will support President Bush's goal of reducing gasoline usage by 20 percent in the next 10 years and will complement an array of renewable energy-related efforts underway at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In his State of the Union Address on Jan. 23, President Bush announced his vision for our nation's energy independence, including \$2 billion in cellulosic production loan guarantees.

The President's proposals also include a new Alternative Fuels Standard, which contains a requirement for sources produced by American farmers and ranchers as well as an automatic "safety valve" to protect against unforeseen increases in the prices of alternative fuels or their feedstocks.

"It remains a priority across USDA to support the development of biofuels. We will continue to build on current programs and turn the corner on renewable energy," said Johanns. "With biofuels coming to the forefront, American agriculture faces the greatest opportunity of a generation to lead a future in which we get our energy by the bushel and not by the barrel."

Following are examples of

USDA's projects underway and accomplishments to date:

- USDA issued a formal Request For Information to initiate discussion with private sector partners willing to work with us to establish a bio-fuels pumping station in Washington DC, which would serve the general public and more than 800 flex fuel vehicles in the federal fleet. <http://www1.fbo.gov/spg/>

- In 2006, USDA launched BioPreferred, a procurement program that serves to increase the procurement and use of biobased products by Federal agencies. USDA has developed an easy access online Designated Biobased Product Catalog www.usda.gov/biopreferred as a resource of identifying biobased products.

- USDA spent nearly \$1.7 billion on energy-related programs between 2001 and 2005.

- In 2006 alone, USDA spent an estimated amount of more than \$270 million on these programs in areas such as commercialization, research, infrastructure development, and technical support. Currently, there are 110 operational ethanol plants in 19 states with another 73 under construction and new proposals at an astounding rate.

- In 2005, Secretary Johanns appointed a USDA Energy Council for the purpose of coordinating and examining departmental programs and authorities, ensuring they fit into a comprehensive energy strategy.

- In 2000, USDA estab-

lished the Biomass Research and Development Initiative (BRDI), an interagency working group with the Department of Energy, to coordinate and accelerate all Federal biobased products and bioenergy research and development.

Last October, President Bush offered the keynote address at the Advanced Renewable Energy Conference, hosted by USDA and the Department of Energy. The joint conference brought together the brightest minds in government and industry, as well as key stakeholders from the financial, agricultural and energy sectors, to address the challenges and opportunities to advance renewable energy.

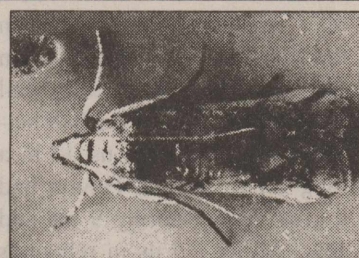
USDA's Agriculture Research Service (ARS) scientists have developed improved fermentation organisms and are making other significant steps toward achieving the technology needed for commercial production of cellulosic ethanol. ARS scientists have genetically modified a strain of lactic acid bacteria, that produces increased levels of ethanol from cellulosic biomass. The research findings demonstrate that metabolic engineering has the potential to create new biocatalysts to convert biomass to biofuels.

Johanns plans to provide additional information about the proposal to provide \$1.6 billion in new funding for renewable energy within the next few weeks when he unveils the Administration's full package of 2007 farm bill proposals.

MOTH: Females produce bright orange larvae with black spots

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In Mexico, the prickly pear pads and fruit are harvested for dye and food. Prickly pear cactus accounts for more than 2 percent of Mexico's agricultural production, according to Barron Rector, a range specialist with the Texas Cooperative Extension in College Station.



UNWANTED PEST

- Common name: Cactus moth
- Scientific name: Cactoblastis cactorum
- Origin: Native to Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil
- Adult moth: Brownish-gray with two wavy bands on wingtips
- Larvae: Reddish-orange body with bands of black dots
- Food: Larvae feed on pads of prickly pear cactus
- Proximity to Texas: Moving west from Alabama, confirmed in Mexico

HOW TO SPOT THEM
Already, Texas plant experts are examining shipments of ornamental prickly pear in nurseries for signs of the cactus moth and following up on a few suspicious sightings by nervous landowners, Rector said.

"My greatest concern is, people don't know what a cactus moth looks like and don't understand what to look for," Rector said. "It could already be here ... and nobody has noticed it."

There is one good way to spot the intruder.

Although the brownish-gray cactus moth is similar to many native to Texas, Rector said the female produces bright orange larvae adorned with black spots. The colorful larvae burrow inside the cactus pads and eat the plant from the inside out.

The cactus moth has been used in the past as a biological agent to control prickly pear cactuses introduced in Australia, South Africa, India and Hawaii. In a little more than a decade back in the 1920s, the moth cleared 80 million acres of prickly pear cactuses in Australia, Rector said.

"The cactus moth is good at what it does — destroying cacti,"

land plants, 12 aquatic plants, 10 mammals, four birds, seven fish and 11 insects, along with 11 crustaceans and mollusks, according to researchers at Texas A&M University.

The red fire ant, another South American native, has spread to a number of Southern states, including Texas, since arriving in Alabama in the 1920s. The aggressive ant kills newborn livestock, and millions of dollars are spent each year to control it.

Africanized "killer" bees, have quickly spread through the southern United States, reaching as far west as Nevada and California since crossing the Rio Grande in 1990. The wild bee has cost beekeepers millions of dollars in lost honey production, and its sting has injured and killed people.

ATTACKING REPRODUCTION

The most promising strategy to stop the advance of the cactus moth, experts agree, is a sterile breeding program, and trials by U.S. Department of Agriculture researchers are under way in Alabama. The federal project raises sterile males for release in the wild.

"If nothing is done, the cactus moth will reach Texas and prickly pear cactus will be devastated," Williams said. "The USDA needs to receive full funding to ramp up the sterile-male release program in order to eradicate the cactus moth."

the range expert said. "But If we do the right things, we'll have a better control over this problem. We think education is the key."

OTHER THREATENING SPECIES

The cactus moth is the latest of a host of invasive species to threaten Texas.

So far, biologists have confirmed the presence of dozens of non-native species, including 67

Hilderbran files legislation to help small business owner

AUSTIN—State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, filed House Bill 1022 and House Joint Resolution 54 which clarify that personal vehicles used for the production of income are exempt from ad valorem taxation.

"Most small business owners and professionals use their personal vehicles for both personal and business purposes," Hilderbran said. "This mixed use should not warrant an additional tax burden. My bill and the accompanying joint resolution will give much needed tax relief to an already overburdened small-business owner in Texas. Everyone from independent lawn maintenance service people to real estate agents to CPAs will benefit from this personal vehicle tax exemption."

During the 2005 legislative session, Hilderbran passed legislation that business owners are

no longer required to render a personal vehicle for ad valorem purposes.

However, since the legislation was passed and signed into law, the Texas attorney general has issued an opinion stating personal vehicles used in the production of income are still taxable unless specifically exempt from taxation in the Texas Constitution.

"This legislation is necessary to clear up any confusion created by the AG opinion that Texans should not pay an unfair tax simply because they use their personal vehicle in the day-to-day 'course of doing business,'" Hilderbran said.

"HB 1022 and HJR 54 are also joint authored by Ways and Means Chairman Jim Keffer (R-Eastland), Rep. John Otto (R-Dayton), Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, (D-San Antonio) and

Rep. Robert "Robby" Cook (D-Eagle Lake).

Hilderbran represents House District 53 which includes the following counties: Crockett, Sutton, Schleicher, Real, Kerr, Kimble, Menard, Mason, Llano, San Saba, McCulloch, Concho, Coleman, Runnels and Callahan.

Hilderbran also chairs the Committee on Culture, Recreation and Tourism, which oversees the regulation and control of hunting and fishing, the preservation of wildlife and fish, operation and control of state parks, development and regulation of the state's cultural and historical resources, and the promotion of international and interstate tourism.

He was recently appointed to the Committee on Natural Resources, which controls the conservation of Texas' natural resources, including the regulation of water use.

Students named to ASU Dean's List

Jared G. Bird, Rose E. Garza and Christina G. Martinez have all been named to the Dean's List for the 2006 Fall semester at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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Lady Lions pounce Van Horn

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lady Lions defeated the Van Horn Lady Eagles, 46-22 on Feb. 2.

Scoring for the Lady Lions were: Meagan McDaniel 2; Frankie Skinner 7; Peyton Fenton 9; Celia Rivera 4; Adrienne Bendele 3; Alysha Lara 6; Alexa Cervantez 2; Morgan Glosson 6 and Jayci Miller 7. Also playing was Farran Wilson.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 5 20 11 10 - 46; Van Horn - 1 1 7 13 - 22.

"We really needed this win. I have never had a team that held their opponent to two points in the first half," said Coach John Jackson. "We played really well as a unit and moved the ball better than I have seen us do in a long time. Peyton Fenton had a great game scoring 9 pts and Jayci Miller led us in rebounds with 6."



Photo by Joe Hernandez

FRANKIE SKINNER goes up for a jump shot for the Lady Lions in their 46-22 victory over Van Horn.

JV Lions fall short to Van Horn Eagles

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lions lost to the Van Horn Eagles, 50-55 on Feb. 2.

Scoring for the Lions was: Steven Silva 20; Johnny Flores 18; Able Villarreal 3; Tommy Longoria 5 and Randy Galindo 4. Also playing was: Jordan

DeHoyos, Fabian Onate, Josh Smith, Devon Diehl, Kyle Sewell and Anthony Medrano.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 12 18 5 12 - 50; Van Horn - 12 9 13 21 - 55.

The JV Lions are 4-10. Ozona will face Alpine Friday at Alpine and Crane Tuesday at the Davidson Gym. Both games start at 5 p.m.



Submitted Photo

SOME OF THE OHS TENNIS TEAM MEMBERS pose for a photo during the West Texas High School Championships this past weekend at San Angelo Central. Julia Henderson (front, middle) won the A division. Full results will be available next week.

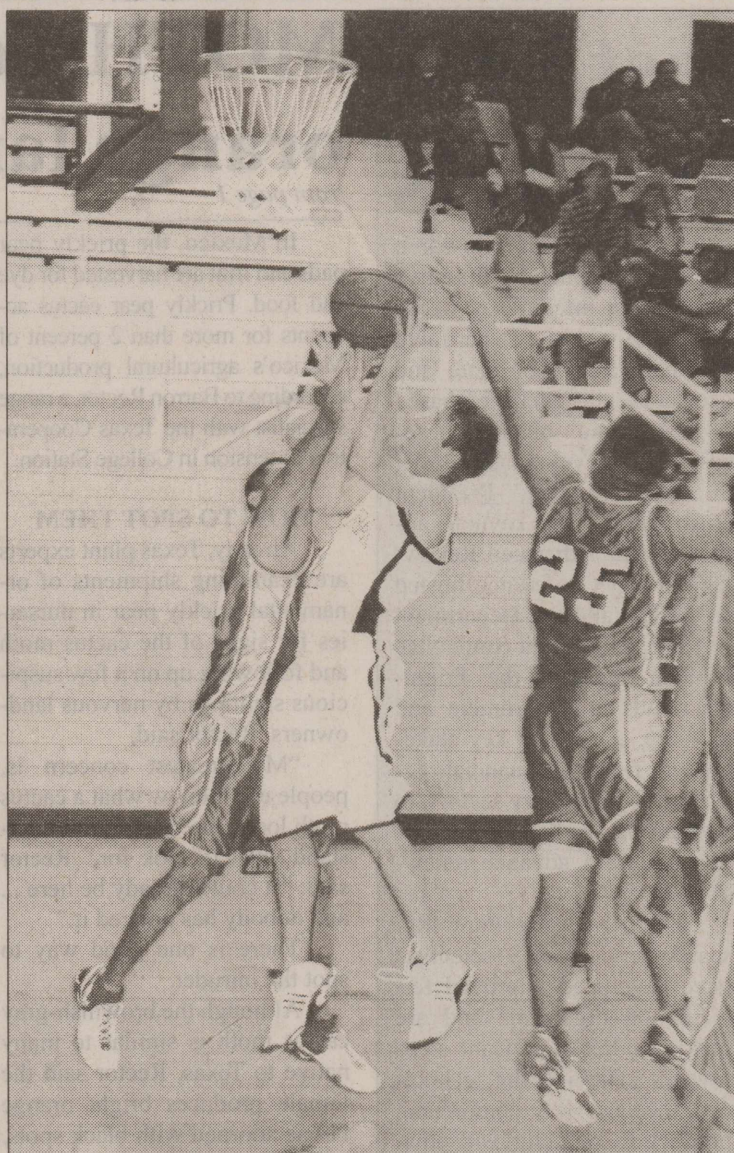


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TATE COLLIS attempts a shot under heavy defensive pressure from the Van Horn Eagles. Collis made both free throws after a foul was called on the play.

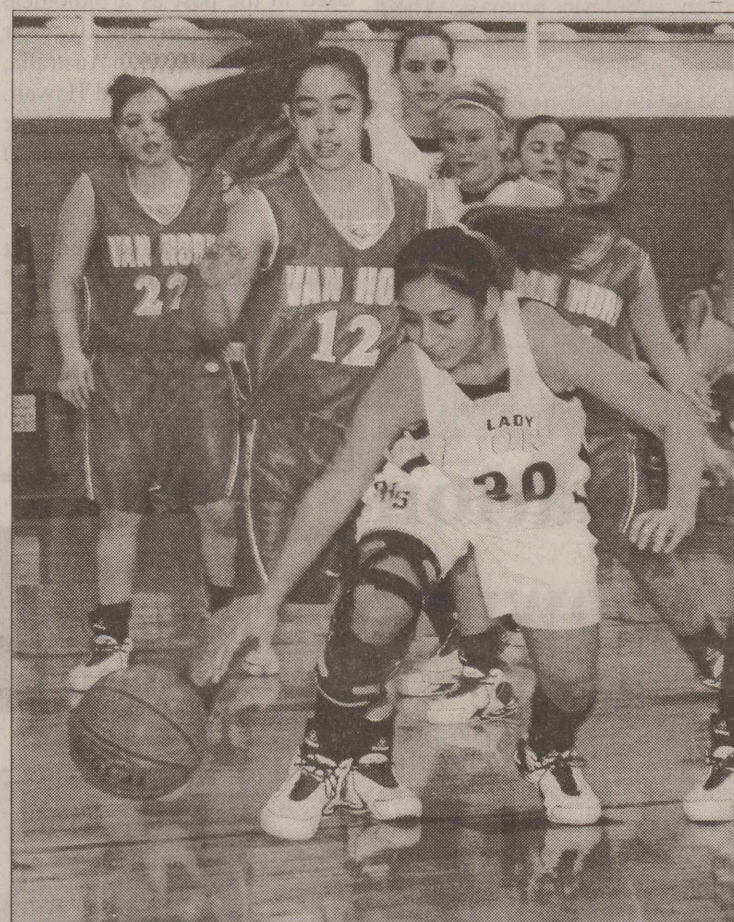


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ALYSHA LARA scrambles after the ball, keeping the flow going for the Lady Lions in their win over Van Horn.

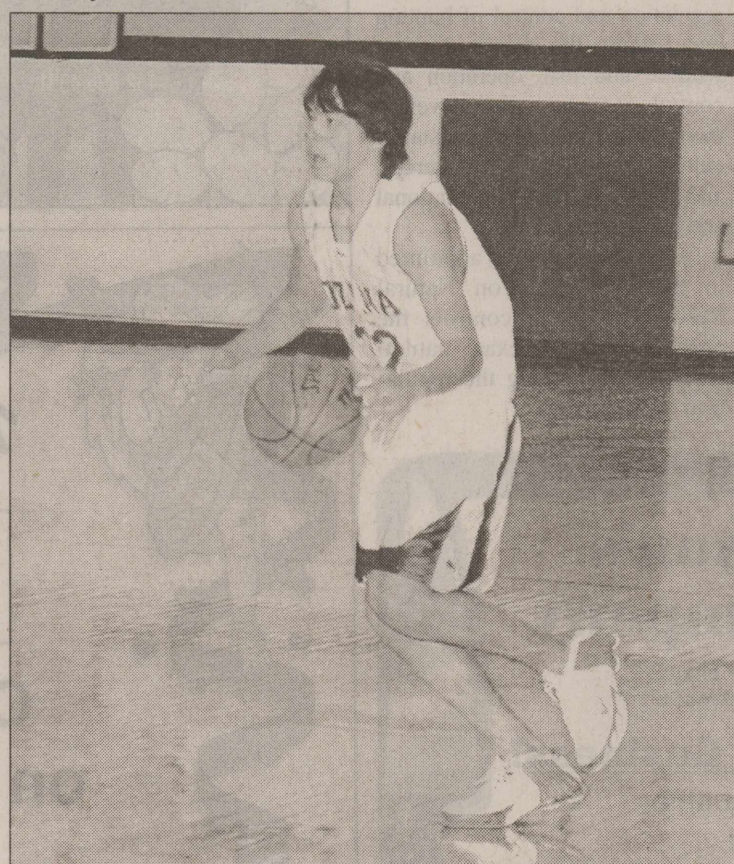


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JOHNNY FLORES works the ball down the court. Flores scored 18 points for the JV Lions in their Feb. 2 game against Van Horn.

Lions defeat Eagles

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions defeated the Van Horn Eagles, 41-34, on Feb. 2.

Scoring for the Lions was: Justin Maldonado 13; Levi Vargas 11; Caleb Mitchel 5; Colby Mayfield 4; Tate Collis 3; Matt Turland 3 and Rylee Ramos 2. Also playing was: Matthew Bul-

lard, Josh Santos and Stevie Vargas.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 14 11 11 5 - 41; Van Horn - 4 8 8 14 - 34.

The Lions are 8-17 overall and 3-4 in district play.

Ozona will face Alpine Friday at Alpine and Crane Tuesday at the Davidson Gym. Both games start at 6:30 p.m.

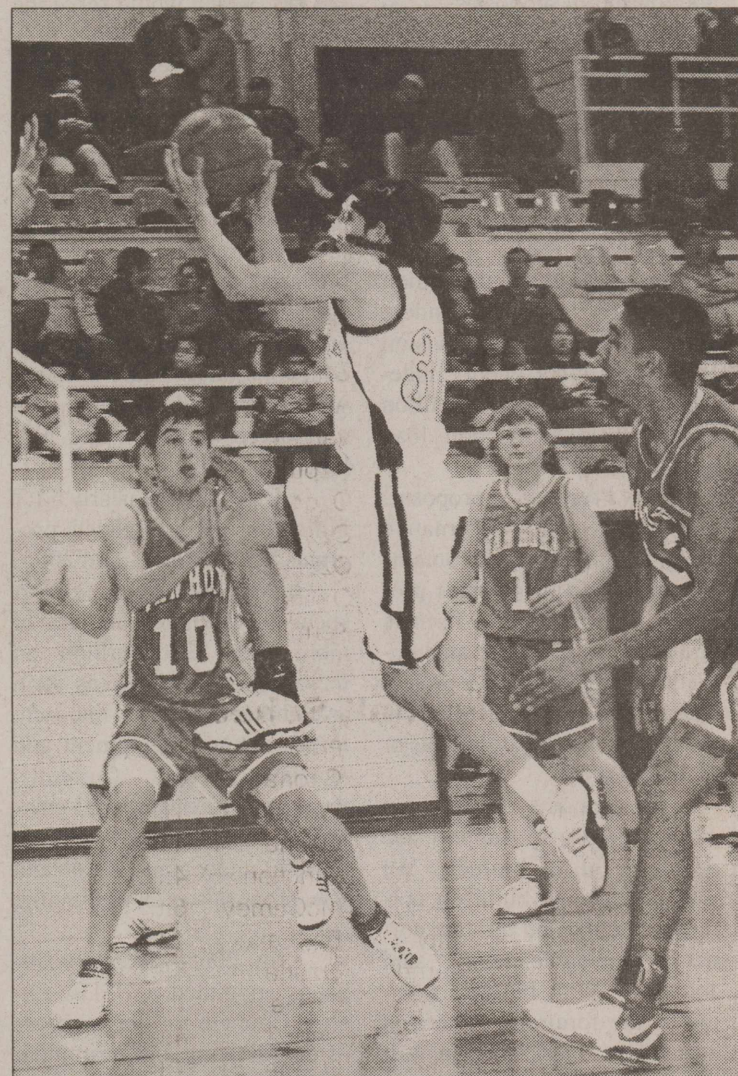


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LEVI VARGAS TAKES TO THE AIR for a great shot in the Lions 41-34 win over Van Horn.

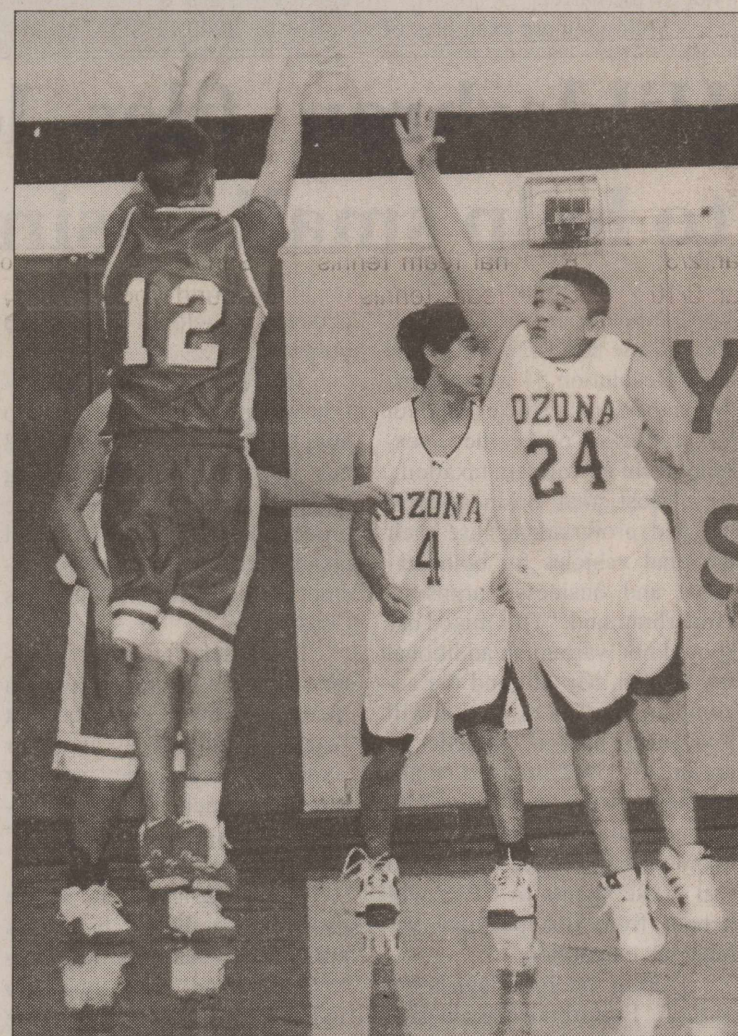


Photo by Joe Hernandez

#24 ANTHONY MEDRANO HUSTLES TO BLOCK A SHOT for the JV Lions in their clash with the Van Horn Eagles. Also pictured is #4 Fabian Onate.

JV Lady Lions fall to Kermit

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lady Lions lose tough battle in Kermit.

The JV Lady Lions played their best first half of basketball of the season on Jan. 30 in Kermit to only see the Lady Jackets pull out a win.

"I feel our girls got tired

in the third quarter and Kermit was able to capitalize on turnovers coming from their full court press," said Coach Justin Holloway. "I was so proud of the girls though for the first half of play and how they continued to fight the entire game. Melissa Miller had 16 points and Alex Macias had 8 points in the loss."

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OHS Track & Field Schedule

Date	Opponent	Teams
Feb. 24	Brady	Girls, V & JV Boys
March 3	Ozona	Girls, V & JV Boys
March 17	Junction	Girls, V & JV Boys
March 22	Sonora	Girls, V & JV Boys
March 29	Iraan	Girls, JV Boys
March 30/31	Angelo Relays	V Boys
April 5	Crane Relays	Girls, V & JV Boys
April 12	District @ Crane	Girls, V & JV Boys
April 21	Regional Qual. (TBA)	
April 27/28	Regional @Abilene	
May 11/12	State @ Austin	

OHS Varsity Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Feb. 17	Grape Creek*	Ozona	12:00
Feb. 20	Eldorado	Eldorado	4:00
Feb. 22/24	Sonora Tourney	Sonora	TBA
Feb. 27	Junction	Junction	7:00
Mar. 1/3	SAY Tourney	San Angelo	TBA
Mar. 8/10	Bangs Tourney	Bangs	TBA
Mar. 13	Miles	Ozona	4:00 (DH)
Mar. 16	OPEN		
Mar. 20	Reagan County**	Big Lake	7:00
Mar. 23	Crane**	Crane	7:00
Mar. 27	Alpine**	Alpine	7:00
Mar. 30	Van Horn**	Van Horn	7:00
April 3	Kermit**	Ozona	7:00
April 5	Reagan County**	Ozona	7:00
April 10	Crane**	Ozona	7:00
April 14	Alpine**	Ozona	1:00
April 20	Van Horn**	Ozona	7:00
April 24	Kermit**	Kermit	7:00

*Scrimmage **District Game

OHS JV Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Feb. 19	Eldorado	Ozona	6:00
Feb. 22/24	Wall Tourney	Wall	TBA
Feb. 23	McCamey	Ozona	4:00
Feb. 27	Junction	Junction	4:30
Mar. 2	McCamey	McCamey	5:00
Mar. 20	Reagan County	Big Lake	4:00
Mar. 22/24	Ozona JV Tourney	Ozona	TBA
Mar. 29/31	Crane Tourney	Crane	TBA
April 4	Kermit	Kermit	4:00
April 6	Reagan County	Ozona	4:00
April 9	Crane	Crane	4:00
April 14	Alpine	Ozona	after V.
April 20	Van Horn?	Van Horn	???
April 23	Kermit	Ozona	4:00

*Scrimmage **District Game

OHS Varsity Tennis Schedule

Date	Tournament	Location
Feb. 9/10	Lake View Invitational	San Angelo
Feb. 16/17	Ozona	Ozona
Feb. 23/24	Big Lake	Big Lake
Mar. 2/3	Regional Team Tennis	San Angelo
Mar. 9/10	State Team Tennis	Round Rock
Mar. 16/17	TBA	
Mar. 23/24	Reagan County	Big Lake
Mar. 30/31	Mason	Mason
April 9/10	District 2-AA	Big Lake
Apr. 25/26	Regional Tournament	Abilene
May 7/8	State Tournament	Austin

OHS JV Tennis Schedule

Date	Tournament	Location
Feb. 15	Ozona	Ozona
Feb. 22	Big Lake	Big Lake
Mar. 20	Lake View	San Angelo
Mar. 22	Big Lake	Big Lake
Mar. 29, 31	Mason	Mason

OHS Lady Lion Varsity & JV Softball

Date	Opponent	Teams	Place	Time
Feb. 20	Grape Creek	JV/V	Here	5:00
Feb. 22/24	Crane Tourney	V	There	TBA
Feb. 27	Eldorado	V	There	4:00
Mar. 1/3	San Angelo Tourney	V	There	TBA
Mar. 9	Junction	V	There	5:00
Mar. 13	Kermit	JV/V	There	5:00
Mar. 16	Van Horn	JV/V	Home	5:00
Mar. 20	Big Lake	JV/V	There	5:00
Mar. 23	Crane	JV/V	There	5:00
Mar. 27	Alpine	JV/V	Here	5:00
Mar. 30	Van Horn	JV/V	There	5:00
Apr. 3	Kermit	JV/V	Here	5:00
Apr. 5	Big Lake	JV/V	Here	5:00
Apr. 10	Crane	JV/V	Here	5:00
April 14	Alpine	JV/V	There	5:00

All Varsity home games will be played first

OHS Lions & Lady Lions Golf

Date	Teams & Place
Feb. 16-17	Fort Stockton Boys Tournament
Feb. 23-24	Fort Stockton Girls Tournament
Feb. 26	Brownwood Boys & Girls Tournament
Mar. 13	Sonora Girls Tournament
Mar. 15	Sonora Boys Tournament
Mar. 19	Ozona Girls Tournament
Mar. 20	Ozona Boys Tournament
Mar. 26	1st Round District - Fort Stockton
Apr. 2	2nd Round District - Fort Stockton
Apr. 23-24	Regional - Baird
May 7-8	State/Austin

Eighth Grade Lions pounce Warriors

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Eighth Grade Lions defeated Iraan 42-29 on Jan. 29.

Scoring for the Lions are: Abey Lara 9; Eric Talamantez 3; Chris Rendon 15; Stefan Wilson 2; Jose Aguilar 10; Josh Gonzales 1 and Andrew Sanchez 2.

Also playing was: Richard Borrego, David Perez, Kyle Dean, Anthony Gonzales and Russel Komechak.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 9 10 10 13 - 42; Iraan - 4 10 13 2 - 29.

"We played a tough game, these guys showed how tough they were especially in the second half. Especially in the third quarter we got behind and instead of hanging our heads we stepped up to the challenge and then in the fourth quarter we played some of our best defense all year and allowed only one basket," said Coach John Esparza. "I could not have been more proud of how well these young men played."

The Lions will play their final game at 5 p.m. Thursday against Reagan County at the Becky Childress Gym.

7th Grade Lady Lions stomp Iraan

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions defeated Iraan, 37-6 on Jan. 29.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Adrienne Sanchez 4; Natalie Hernandez 2; Johnna Pullig 10; Kelbie Renfro 1; Alex Rodriguez 4; Maria Villarreal 2 and Stacie Quiroz 14. Also playing was: Gabby Gutierrez.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 12 6 9 10 - 37; Iraan - 2 0 2 2 - 6.

The Lady Lions are 12-2. They will play their final game at 5 p.m. Thursday against Reagan County in Big Lake.

Seventh Grade Lions fall short to Iraan

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Ozona Lions lost a close match, 24-27, to Iraan on Jan. 29.

Scoring for the Lions was: Alejandro Mendez 15; Ruben Galindo 6; Andy Trevino 2 and Lane Hale 1.

Also playing was: Brendan Perez, Kramer Hall, Steven Rubio, Craig Fluth, Kent Fluth, Mark Gallardo, Adriel Zamarripa, Mario Sifuentes, Jorge Sarrabia, Erik Carrizales, Austin Perez and Marty Moran.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 7 2 6 9 - 24; Iraan - 8 4 10 5 - 27.

"I know losing has been very hard on the guys, but we are getting better every week. If this group of guys will stick together, they will be very good one of these days," said Coach Levi Box. "This game was proof to how much we have improved over this season. The first time that we played Iraan we were down 18 to 2 in the first quarter. This time we almost beat them. We had the lead in the fourth quarter. We also had a shot barely miss that would have sent the game into overtime. I am very proud of the guys. They never gave up and fought until the very end."

The Lions are 2-8. They will play their final game at 5 p.m. Thursday against Reagan County at the Becky Childress Gym.

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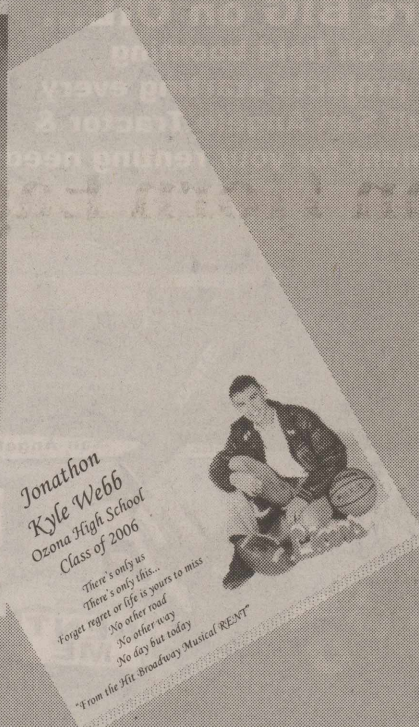
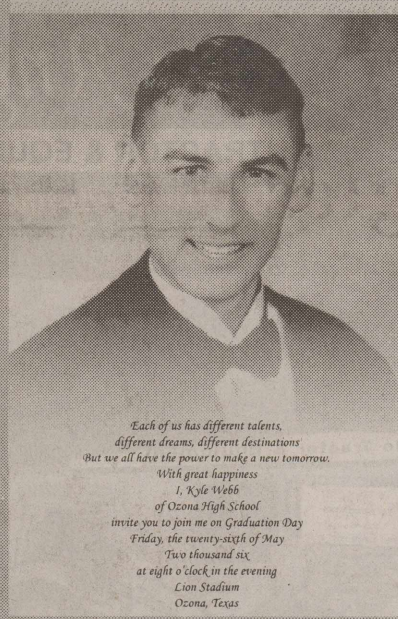
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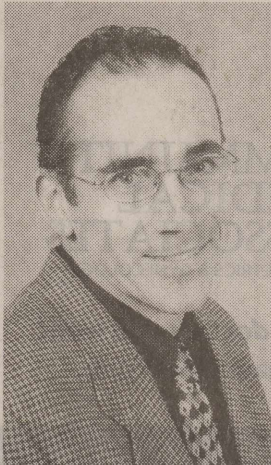
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Youth Center Calendar of Events

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Feb. 12 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

Feb. 13 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

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Marketing seminar Feb. 13 in San Angelo

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- Identifying your target market.
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 - How to identify marketing resources and tools.
- The speaker is Pedro Ramirez. Pedro joined the SBDC in November 2006 as a Business Development Specialist with a specialization in marketing.
- He earned his BBA in International Business from Angelo State University and his Master

of International Business Administration from the University of South Carolina.

In the past, Pedro has worked with Adidas in Germany and Texas Motor Speedways in Fort Worth, Texas.

His expertise resides within marketing, strategic planning, and operations.

Pre-registration is required. Call (325) 942-2098 or to register visit our website at www.angelo.edu/services/sbdc.

Partnership to provide more child ID kits in Texas

Submitted by the Sheriff's Association of Texas

The Sheriff's Association of Texas has joined efforts with the American Football Coaches Association, FBI's National Child Identification Program, Texas Association of School Administrators and the office of Governor Rick Perry to provide ID kits to all Texas children, grades K-6.

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With the help of the Texas Sheriffs and Superintendents, ID kits will be distributed through the public school systems and sheriff's offices.

Students enrolled in the public school system in grades K-6

will receive an ID kit through their superintendent.

Each sheriff in Texas will also receive 600 kits to be handed out on a first come, first serve basis to children who fall outside of K-6 age range or who do not attend public school.

Each kit contains an inkless fingerprinting card, DNA swab and preservation envelope, and a wallet card.

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It is for kids from Pre-K to 5th grades and their parents, grandparents.

The cost is \$6 per couple; \$3 per person. Child must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be snacks and drinks.

There will be a DJ and some raffle items.

Photos will be available for purchase by Donna Herring Photography.

The funds raised will be used for new playground equipment.

For More Information call, the Ozona Community Center at 392-2710.

Free income tax preparation Saturday in Eldorado

Free income tax preparation will take place starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Memorial Building on the courthouse square in Eldorado.

Sponsored by AARP. Ozona tax payers are welcome.

Call Patsy at 853-2574 to make an appointment. Appointments are necessary.

All returns will be filed electronically that day.

Business Plan seminar Feb. 15 in San Angelo

The ASU Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is presenting "The Business Plan," a free seminar from 6-8:30 p.m. Feb. 15 in Room 100 of the Rassman Building at the ASU Campus.

Participants will learn how to develop effective business plans for new and existing businesses.

Receive quick and easy tips for writing your business plan and recommendations from an expert on how to use your plan to obtain financing, focus ideas, identify specific business objectives, and chart and manage growth.

This seminar will be presented by Paul Howard.

Paul joined the SBDC in

September 2005 as a Business Development Specialist specializing in family owned small businesses.

He holds a BBA in General Business from Angelo State University and has small business ownership experience in retailing.

Community projects involving Paul include previous membership in the Downtown Optimist Club and past President of the San Angelo Symphony Choral.

Paul is currently a board member for the San Angelo Symphony.

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COURT: More plans to be presented at Feb. 12 meeting

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The other alternative is a more common, and modern, DX system. The problem with this system is that there has to be a place to put the units, such as on the outside.

Sharon Fleming, with the THC Courthouse Preservation Program, said that while the boiler/chill systems is a very common method, the commission has started to look at the systems on restored courthouses and realize that, particularly with the mechanical equipment, they do not work very well.

Fleming also said that the THC would be willing to work with a DX system if a place could be found for the units that would maintain historically character to the building. One suggestion she made was seeing if the units could be placed in the attic.

"You have very limited space around the building. We need to be open to the range of solutions," she said. "We would rather see you alter the site than alter the building."

"We're looking at the aesthetic appearance on the courthouse," added Lyman Labry, also with the THC.

Air conditioning the second floor would require one unit. Air conditioning the first floor is a bit more complicated. With the variety of offices, more than one unit would be needed resulting in several DX units to find places for.

Laurie English, the 112th District Attorney whose office is located inside the courthouse on the first floor, said there was no sense in trying to air condition the hallway due to it being such a large space.

"To me that is a waste of money," she said. "There is a limited amount of time that people are in and out of there."

"Inside the halls of that courthouse, even in the summertime, I'm never hot. (The building) holds the cool in, even in the summer," added Court Administrator Cathy Carson.

Gary Ferguson with PSC said that his firm would need some

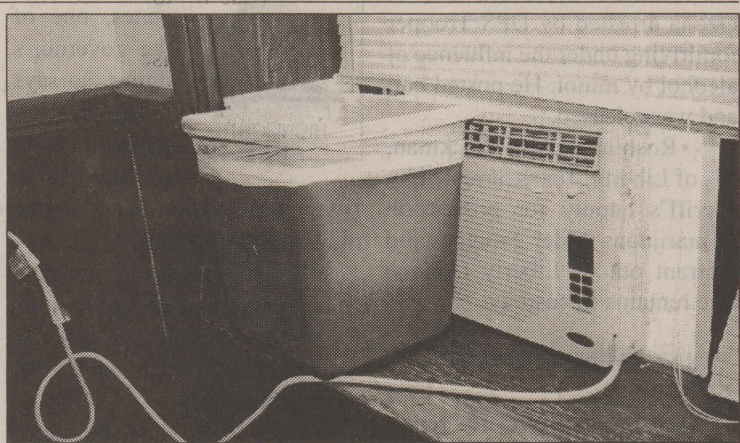


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A BUCKET SITS NEXT TO A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONING UNIT during a 2006 rain in the second floor courtroom at the Crockett County Courthouse. The window unit air conditioners were brought in when the main system crashed in May. However, the window units make so much noise that it diminishes the sound quality inside the courtroom.

time to look at what would be best for a DX air conditioning system.

Some of things Ferguson suggested was to possibly use the attic space to place the units, find some horizontal DX system units that can be concealed or look at trying to find a location on site and hide units with landscape features.

"We haven't contemplated a way to make the DX system fit," said Troy Sweeney, also with PSC. "I'm sure there is a way to do it."

As far as the roof goes, the county originally thought of just replacing the roof itself and renovating the embellishments that are on the roof after the county receives the grant.

Fleming said the county should caution itself from doing this because renovating the decorative work might damage the new roof.

"Let's make sound decisions," she said. "Let's not waste money or make it that much harder to do it."

Deaton said that PSC and the THC need to work together on coming up with a plan for the roof and air conditioning system.

"We don't want to go another year with a roof falling apart. We are looking for some type of agreement and which way we

need to go," Deaton said.

Pedro "Pete" Gomez, 112th District Judge, said that PSC and the THC working together would help Crockett County toward its goal of getting the grant.

"When we are ready to bring them in with the grant, that part is already approved with the THC," he said.

The commissioners unanimously approved for PSC to do a preliminary study with the THC and the court on the courthouse renovations.

Ferguson said his engineering firm would some possibilities to present at the Feb. 12 monthly commissioners' meeting.

Other agenda items approved:

- Authorization and support the request for application and participation of a mental health transformation community collaborative project to develop an alcohol and drug abuse medical detoxifying treatment program with Mental Health and Mental Retardation of the Concho Valley in San Angelo.

- Contract and agreement for the detention of juvenile offenders in Tom Green and Kerr counties.

- Awarding of bid from Capital Aggregate on paving rock.

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Real Estate

FOR SALE: Brown Furniture Company, 906 Avenue E, 20,000 square-feet, concrete building. Large garage and workshop. 2 BR, 2 BA upstairs apartment. Contact Ben Ross at 392-5895 or 226-4431. tfc15

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3,000 square-feet, 4 BR, 3 BA, 2 fireplaces, jacuzzi bathtub, large family room, lots of storage, serious inquires only. 1103 Owens St. \$129,000. Call 392-3554. tfc22

PROPERTY FOR SALE: Highway frontage property with fence and gate for security. Office space - would make a good office for oil field business. 1205 Sheffield Highway. Call 226-4663. 4p02

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For Sale

PICK UP FOR SALE: 2004 Dodge Diesel Quad Cab 3/4 ton, turnover ball, running boards, 90,000 highway miles. Call 392-3285 and leave message or call after 5 p.m. 2c52

BED FOR SALE: Pillow top queen bed, box springs, mattress and frame, \$350, Call 392-2516 after 6 p.m. tfc50

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NASA MEMORY FOAM: Mattress Set. Conforms to body. New in plastic. List \$1399 Sacrifice \$399. Will Deliver 432-349-4043. 4c40

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BOAT FOR SALE: 1999 20ft. Larson Ski Boat, tan and maroon, seats 11, inboard/outboard Chevy 205 motor with Volvo Penta outdrive, Ti Trailer with good tires, excellent shape - covered, \$17,000, Call Mike - Ozona at 325-392-3731 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. M-F. 3c01

FOR SALE: 27-foot Travel Trailer, older model, \$1,200. Call 432-836-4311 or 853-2180.2p01

The Ozona Stockman has Wedding, Baby Shower & Wedding Shower invitations

OZONA STOCKMAN DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT NOON

Miscellaneous

\$500.00 DOLLAR REWARD
 During the past year person or persons unknown have damaged County road signs. The person who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible will be eligible for the \$500.00 reward. Those having information should call Sheriff Shane Fenton. Callers names will remain anonymous. tfc16

NOTICE OF REWARD

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REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidated domestic subsidiaries of Ozona National Bank in Ozona in the state of TX, at the close of business on December 31, 2006.

ASSETS	Dollar Amounts in Thousands
Cash & balances due: Noninterest-bearing balances.....	8,307
Cash & balances due: Interest-bearing balances.....	0
Securities: Held-to-maturity securities.....	10,760
Securities: Available-for-sale securities.....	52,775
Federal funds sold.....	10,900
Securities purchased under agreements to resell.....	0
Loans and leases held for sale.....	646
Loans and leases, net of unearned income.....	68,678
Less: Allowance for loan and lease losses.....	974
Loans and leases, net of unearned income and allowance.....	67,702
Trading assets.....	0
Premises and fixed assets.....	3,165
Other real estate owned.....	0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies.....	0
Intangible assets: Goodwill.....	0
Intangible assets: Other intangible assets.....	0
Other assets.....	2,974
Total assets.....	157,229

LIABILITIES	Dollar Amounts in Thousands
Deposits: In domestic offices.....	136,866
Deposits: In domestic offices, noninterest-bearing.....	43,115
Deposits: In domestic offices, interest-bearing.....	93,751
Federal funds purchased.....	0
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase.....	0
Trading liabilities.....	0
Other borrowed money.....	0
Subordinated notes and debentures.....	0
Other liabilities.....	909
Total liabilities.....	137,775

EQUITY CAPITAL	Dollar Amounts in Thousands
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus.....	0
Common stock.....	400
Surplus.....	600
Retained earnings.....	18,682
Accumulated and other comprehensive income.....	-228
Other equity capital components.....	0
Total equity capital.....	19,454
Total liabilities, minority interest, and equity capital.....	157,229

I, the undersigned CFO (or equivalent) of the named bank, attest that the Reports of Condition for this report date have been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[Signature]
 Signature of CFO (or equivalent)

01/26/2007
 Date of Signature